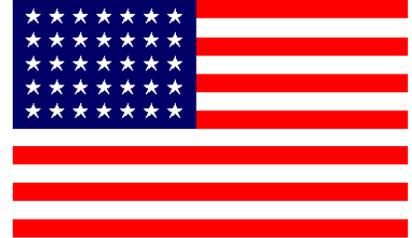
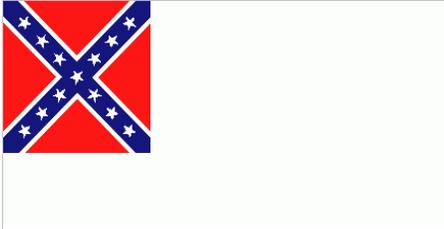


3rd FLORIDA/35th MASSACHUSETTS HERITAGE, INC.

Respect and Honor



CAPTAINS LETTER

The PBS **CIVIL WAR** aired in 1990. At the time noted author, Shelby Foot, remarked: *“Any understanding of this nation has to be based, and I mean really based, on an understanding of the Civil War (War Between the States). I believe that firmly. It defined us. The American Revolution did what it did. Our involvement in European wars, beginning with the First World War, did what it did. But the Civil War defined us as what we are and it opened us to being what we become, good and bag things. And it is very necessary to understand the American character in the twentieth century, to learn about the enormous catastrophe of the mid-nineteenth century. It was the crossroads of our being, and it was a hell of a crossroads. “*

We as members of the 3rd Florida/35 Mass, as we drive head long into the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War, must approach this once in a life time opportunity from three vantage points. One, living history and the enjoyment of re-enacting the various battle scenarios and encampments. Two, education, were we read and venture through the various pages of history to know more about the conflict and the men and women who played vital roles in that tumultuous period. And three, to take what we experienced and learned and then apply them to ourselves. This give us a comparison to re-evaluate ourselves with the knowledge that our disappointments and challenges should be met with the same courage and determination that our ancestors exhibited in those dark days of war and deprivation. Our hobby, as I said so many times, is like no other. It is not about fun in the sun or achieving a better score; it’s about appreciating our past, honoring those who came before and strengthening our confidence as Americans. No matter how bad things look for us now, there was a time when it was so much worse. In the words of Emerson “What lies behind us and what lies before us, is minute to what lies within us. So our flag still flies and we are still a nation under “God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all. See you on the field of honor – Capt Short

Words from Thomas Paine: **These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.**

**Visit our New Website for 3rd Fl /35 Mass Heritage Inc.
3rdfloridainfantrycsa.yolasite.com.**

Car Pool: Ok, Gas is high so let's take measures to reduce the price by half. Double up or triple up by car pooling. If you are seeking a rider or need a ride send me (Captain Short) your request, (please include phone numbers) and I will send out a list to all members. Via e-mail . Then it's up to you to make the connection.

The Soldier Kit Update: The Soldiers Kit is a complete soldier's outfit for both a Union and Confederate presentation. The goal is to provide the necessary equipment for hands on experience at minimum expense. If you have a friend that would like to try Re enacting, please let me know at least **one week prior the event. This will ensure that we have enough uniforms, and equipment to meet the need. **We ask for a \$25.00 donation to the Company for the Kit. For an additional \$10.00, caps and cartridges will be provided.** We have enough equipment to fully equip 20 soldiers. Let us try to fill each one at every event. We also have 7 tents available at no charge.**

Cartridges available at each event: Jeff Mathis continues to provide pre-rolled cartridges for members of the company. This provides an enormous service for all of us. The cartridges are prepackaged 40 round per pack at \$5.00. However, all members should be able to "**roll your own cartridges**" if the need arises. Powder will be made available and instructions will be provide at each event.

**All reenacting participants at State & National Parks Events must be 16 years old to fire a rifle musket. Those under the age can participate in the battle but will not be allowed to shoot.
Remember, this is only for those events under State or Federal Control. All other events the age remains 15 years old unless otherwise advised.**

Dues and Insurance: \$10.00 for dues and \$10.00 for insurance. Family membership is 20.00 plus \$10.00 for insurance for each family member fighting on the field. Make Check out to 3rd F1/35 Mass. Heritage Inc.

Insurance cards have been received and will be distributed at the next events or mailed to participating members. A Red Dot stamp will be attached to the card. The Stamp is to be applied to the back of your dog tag as proof of insurance.



Dog Tags: If you wish to purchase a period style dog tag (metal disc with a chain or leather strap), please contact First Sgt. Joe Drost. The dog tag will have your name and the Company's name on the front face with your insurance destination on the back. The Dog Tags is only \$3.00.

Period Soap available for Sale: To add to your Civil War impression and also keep you hygienically favorable to your tent companion, we now have period soap bars for sale. The soap is made by Cpl Brett Bee man's mother. It's packaged in the 1860's style. So for less than \$3.00 you can use the soap for display as well as use it to keep the BO away. The Company will have several bars on display/for sale at the next event.

Treasury Report: \$735.00 – The sale of cartridges, dog tags and the leasing of the Soldier Kits have provided operational funds for the company. This makes it possible to provide rations, purchase equipment and make repairs, keep the gun cleaning kit supplied, and replace and clean the Soldiers Kit. The memberships dues help cover the operational functions of the company; paper, stamps, annual registration for 501c3 corporate status and the printing of brochures. If you have not joined or renewed your membership I ask that you do so. Your dues are an important investment in the Company.

Company and Battalion drills on the WEB: Learn the drills on line then practice them at the events: Go to this web site and get an overview of the various drills that we will be using at the re-enactments - www.10tbattalion.org/school.php



Battle Plan

Confederate Encampment – Boys Scout Camporee : May 12-15, 2011: We have been invited to attend the BSA Camporee located approximately 5 miles south of Camp Blanding on US 21. Refer to website for more detailed information

<http://nfccamporee.org/> . There is a color map in the website. We are located in the red circle marked “western world”.

The grounds are extremely suitable for camping with lots of grass and trees. I have picked out a very nice location. We will be camping away from the main Boy Scout Camp, yet close enough for the public and the Scouts to come by and view our activities as we portray Confederate Soldier in an encampment.

Water and port o lets will be provided by the Scout Council. 3rd Florida will provide firewood and meals for the weekend to all members who participate. It is expected that the Camporee will attract approximately 2000 scouts. The Scouts will be coming from all over the state. This will be a great opportunity for us to tell our story, give out pamphlets and put on a living history program. The theme is **CIVIL WAR - CONFEDERATE ENCAMPMENT 1863**. We will be flying the 2nd National Garrison Flag.

Our basic schedule will include the following: (subject to change)

- > Drill - Battlefield maneuvers
- > Period Cooking
- > Bayonet Drill
- > Firing of the rifle muskets - By file from the right, by company, by rank
- > Soldiers life (Uniform, knapsack packing, food and tents)

- > School of the Flag
- > School of the Bugle
- > Civil War Music
- > Cannon firing
- > Learn to roll cartridges

Now that the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War is getting underway, we may find ourselves being a big attraction. All members who participate will be an ambassador of the company, so bone up on the history of the Civil War. You will be the center of a lot of attention and your photo will be taken by hundreds of scouts and spectators.

You may start coming into camp on Thursday. I would like to have at least 20 soldiers participate in this event. In addition, there will be several members of Boy Scouts falling in with us.

A meeting was held at the Dade Battlefield among all the Companies of the Department of the Gulf. It was agreed that in order to improve the hobby, the "Department" will support 7 events. This means that all Department member companies are encouraged to attend these events, thus presenting a united front. Those events are indentified by the (DOG) indication.

Resaca Event:

The Battle of Resaca is scheduled for May 20, 21, 2011. General Poythress will be commanding and all personnel are asked to galvanize Federal for the weekend under his command. See schedule below for website.

http://www.georgiadivision.org/bor_reenactment.html

We will be portraying Union Troops at this event and going in campaign style. I have 14 knap sacks if anyone would like to try their hand at campaigning. Not to worry, bring your tent if you must. However, one supply tent will be setup with rations, water and ice and the company fly available if necessary.

Resaca: On Saturday is an all day engagement. Fighting in the woods, trenches and open ground. You will be fighting on the original battlefield. DOG

The Battle of Bull Run – Manassas

July 21-24, 2011; [Battle of First Manassas](#), Manassas, Virginia.

<http://www.manassascivilwar.org/> : **IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED DO SO IMMEDIATELY. THE NUMBER OF OPENINGS IS CLOSING FAST.**

The Sesquicentennial Begins – The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Bull Run – First Manassas

Join us **July 21 through July 24, 2011** to commemorate the 150th Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and the Battle of First Manassas (Bull Run) in Old Town Manassas, Virginia. This 4 day event will feature living history demonstrations, speakers, art, music, and many other historical commemorations and activities for the family. DOG

Note: There will be no bus trip to Manassas however, For all future 150th events a notice will be submitted to all members in August to start signing up for Shiloh and Perryville . A minimum of 40 soldiers is needed to Charter a Bus to keep the cost around \$125.00 for a round trip. Pick up locations will be Orlando and Jacksonville.

Battle of Marianna: September 17-18, 2011 (DOG) More details coming

Confederate Garrison: Fort Clinch: October 8th and 9th, 2011 DOG
The entire Department of the Gulf all 7 companies will participate in the event. This is not a milita gathering, but Confederate regulars. We will come together to drill and sharpen our impressions. You stay in the barracks of the fort or camp outside the walls.

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch>

November 19th & 20th: The Battle of Suwannee River Raid (DOG)

March 5-6, 2012; Battle of Natural Bridge, Near Tallahassee, Fl. (Sponsored by Leon Rifles and CSO) DOG

<http://www.nbhscso.com/gpage1.html>

OTHER BATTLES FOR 2011-12 SUPPORTED BY THE DEPT OF THE GULF

Suwannee River Raid _ Details later
Brooksville - Details later
The Battle of Olustee _ Details later

Future 150th Events to consider

150th Anniversary Battle of Shiloh

—A Blue Gray Alliance Event
—March 31- April 2, 2012
—Land already acquired
—Immediately adjacent to the Shiloh National Military Park
[www. Cleburnes-division.com](http://www.Cleburnes-division.com)

150th Perryville – The Invasion of Kentucky October 5, 6 and 7

www.southerndivision.org or www.parks.ky.gov

This re-enactment will be held on the actually battlefield. It also has particular interests to the 3rd Florida and 1st Florida. They were actually there.

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