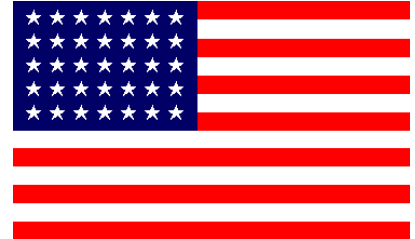
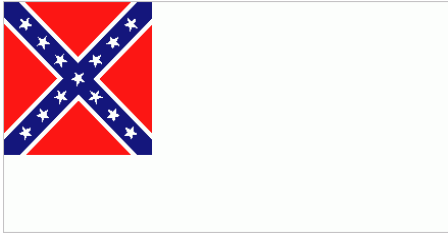


3rd FLORIDA/35th MASSACHUSETTS HERITAGE, INC.

Respect and Honor



CAPTAINS LETTER

MARCH 2010

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

Members of the 3rd F1/ 35 Mass had the privilege to sponsor Troop 37 Boy Scouts of America at the Battle of Olustee. These young men where introduced to Civil War living history under extreme conditions. The temperature dropped to the mid 20s, rain with sleet poured down for hours and the roads leading into camp became impassable until the Park Service could get heavy equipment in to push back the mud and level them out. Then they had to endure constant drills from our NCOs to learn the role of a “solder” and how to safely handle the rifle musket. In addition, they had to learn how to wear the uniform and the accoutrements while all the time trying to stay warm and dry, and yet, they did it with humor and without complaint. This was truly a situation of “baptism under fire”. Despite all the obstacles the Scouts performed magnificently on the battlefield.

It is the actions of these young men that restore our faith in the future of our Country. For I gave them every opportunity to back out of the Olustee event and go home, and yet, in the spirit of a determined American soldier ,

they closed ranks ,faced the challenge and made the best of a bad situation .

As luck would have it, the weather on Saturday and Sunday was beautiful and the event turned out to be a real success.

As many of you know, our Company has made an investment in uniforms, weapons, and accoutrements to remove the financial burden that would keep many interested young men from participating, who would otherwise join this remarkable tribute to our heritage.

As I reflect on the performance the young men from the 37th, our investment is well spent and I welcome them to continue to participate and encourage them to invite other young men to step forward and share in the experience.

Many thanks to Scout Master Roy Forest and his troopers for a job well done.

In the words of “Gen. Douglas MacArthur

“The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training – sacrifice

See you on the Field of Honor.

Captain Short.

Photos on the Battle of Olustee can be found on the Web at JACKSONVILLE .COM

Welcome Home Will Tindle: William has completed his service in the US Marine Corp. and comes home safe and sound. Thank You for your Service and God Bless You .

DUES: Please note that dues will be do at the Olustee Event \$10.00 for membership and \$10.00 for Insurance. Family membership is \$20.00 with \$10.00 for each family member if you elect to take the \$1,000,000 insurance coverage

If you were unable to pay your dues at Olustee, please forward your check to me as soon as possible. Make the check out to

3rd Fl /35 Mass. Heritage Inc. (not to me). Mail your check to Dennis Short, 2955 Gobbler Road, and Middleburg Fl 32068

Note: I am required by Florida Law to re-register our Not For Profit Corporation status in March 2010. Your dues help keep us going.

Treasury Report: \$485.00 Balance

Uniforms and Weapons Request_: If you have a friend that would like to try Re enacting please let me know prior the event. This will ensure that we have enough uniforms, powder, and equipment to meet the need. For just a \$35.00 donation to the Company, a novice can be fully outfitted to experience Civil War Living History.

Website – Photos needed: Robert Dyer our new recruit from Mississippi, and history teacher, has volunteered to set up a website for the company.

We will need Photos of company members to put in the Website.

You can email or send hard copies to me and I will pass them on to Robert to display.

Fort Clinch Monthly Garrison: Please note that the first weekend of each month Fort Clinch is open for Federal Re-enactors to garrison the fort. If you are interested in manning the Fort and learning more about military protocol of the 1860s, for a weekend, then email me and I will setup a Garrison Living History Weekend. This is a great opportunity to prepare for up and coming re-enactment events. Need at least 12 soldiers. Details will be provided for those interested.

Voices From the Past: Men are made of mind and soul as well as body. It is not possible to separatecourage, fortitude, self-command.....from the physical; because in truth, these enter largely into the exercise and administration of manhood.

Gen. Joshus Lawrence Chamberlains – Union Army

Rides needed for Natural Bridge Event:

Those that are going to participate in the Battle of Natural Bridge please let me know. We have several members who would like to share a ride. Email me if you are going and I will pass it on to those needing ride. Remember we are going as Federal Troops only for this event so bring the Blue.

3rd Florida /35 Mass. Calendar of Events

March 5, 6, 7, 2010. 144th Anniversary of the Battle of Natural Bridge (33 reenactment) - Woodville, Fla. (Near Tallahassee) Sponsored by the Leon Rifles, Florida Park Service and the Natural Bridge Historical Society. Battles both days/ very relaxed event. No participant fees. Hay and firewood available. There will be a great dance Saturday night. Sunday's opening ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. The battle begins 2:30 p.m. no fees. This reenactment of the 144th Anniversary of the 1865 Civil War battle which defeated the Union takeover of Tallahassee, the only Confederate capital east of the Mississippi which didn't fall into Union hands. It is fought on the actual battlefield. The state has acquired more land and we are hopeful it will be ready for use this year. THIS IS A DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF EVENT

**March 20th & 21st 2010. 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville: www.bentonville145.com. Must pre-register for this event. No walk ons. This is a DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF EVENT. Check the website for cost and registration dates
CLOSED APPLICATIONS FOR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS –**

THERE ARE A FEW OPENINGS FOR UNION SOLDIERS STILL AVAILABLE.

March 26, 27, 28, 2010. The 17th annual Battle at Narcoossee Mill. St. Cloud Fla. southeast of Orlando by Kissimmee. Sponsored by the Jacob Summerlin Camp #1516 Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Battlefield is on 150 acres of open and wooded. A 3rd Flay Event More information, pre-registration <http://www.jacobsummerlin.org/ed2007.pdf>

May 14, 15, and 16 2010: The Battle of Resaca/Atlanta Campaign: 146 Anniversary For registration information go to www.georiadivision.org. This is a Department of the Gulf Event.

November 19, 20, 21, 2010. Raid on the Suwannee River. Live Oak, Florida. Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. New Re-enactment. Maximum Effort Hardee Corps Event. Usual amenities, plus RV hook-ups (electric and water - no sewer) and cabin rentals. General store, restaurant, and showers on site. Battlefield clear of modern intrusions. Original Confederate earthworks nearby. This park offers everything a camper could ask for. Way too much to list here. Special cavalry information: Cavalrymen make sure you read all the items about mounted cavalry. There are some different cavalry requirements at this event. When you arrive at registration with your horse, you will have to pay a \$25 per horse refundable barn stall fee. At the end of the event (Sunday) if your stall is cleaned, your \$25 fee will be refunded. No picket lines are allowed and all horses must be kept in their barn. There will be a \$15 bounty paid for each horse used in the battles. All redactors must pre-register through the US Mail. A special website has been set up for the Suwannee Raid. You can print out registration forms and find out a lot more about this event at <http://www.floridareenactorsonline.com/SuwanneeIndex.htm> Check out the Park's website for additional details at

<http://www.musicliveshere.com/> Directions: From I-10, take exit #283 and go north on US 129 for 4.5 miles. From I-75, take exit #451 and go south for 4.5 miles. Look for the signs - "Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park". The park is located between I-10 and I-75. The park's address is 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Florida 32060.

National Events to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States. We will be participating in many of these events. If you have a preference let me know.

150th Anniversary of the War Between the States

Schedule of Major Events

July 2011	1st Manassas	Manassas VA
April 2012	Shiloh	Shiloh TN
August 2012	2nd Manassas	Manassas VA
November 2012	Perryville	Perryville Key
July 2013	Gettysburg	Gettysburg PA
September 2013	Chickamauga	Chickamauga GA
May 2014	Spotsylvania	Spotsylvania Co. VA
May 2014	New Market	New Market VA
November 2014	Franklin	Springhill TN
October 2014	Cedar Creek	Middletown VA
March 2015	Bentonville	Bentonville NC
April 2015	Sailors Creek	Sailors Creek VA
April 2015	Appomattox	Appomattox VA

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