

2ND FLORIDA LIVING HISTORY GAZETTE



4th of July Facts:

1. The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every **4th of July** to honor the 13 original states.
2. The first public **4th of July** event at the White House occurred in 1801, Thomas Jefferson was President.
3. Three presidents died on **July 4th**: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on **July 4**, 1826...exactly 50 years after the first Independence Day. James Monroe died **July 4**, 1831.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY JULY 30, 2022

10:00 AM -2: 00 PM

OCALA CONSERVATION CENTER

AND YOUTH CAMP

7325 NORTHEAST 170TH AVE

SILVER SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34488





COLONEL'S COMMENTS

Dear Fellow Historians,

I am delighted to announce that Mr. Living Historian himself, Larry French, has stepped forward to serve as Instructor for the Camp Life segment in the upcoming Camp of Instruction, August 20 at Mt. Dora. Larry began re-enacting in 1973 and has always set the standard for authenticity. Thank you, Larry, I look forward to your instruction with great excitement!

On the Florida Brigade level, the next two events will be the Camp of Instruction on August 20, 2022 at Mt. Dora from 10 AM - 4 PM then the 160th Sharpsburg Re-enactment at Gettysburg, September 16-18, 2022. I am particularly looking forward to our tour of the 17 witness trees on the battlefield. Should be enlightening, indeed.

I look forward to seeing everyone July 30 at the 15th Annual 2nd Florida Annual Meeting on Ocala! Keep your gear clean and your powder dry. Until then, I remain

Your servant,

Col. Clay Kearney
Florida Brigade

A Word from our Captain

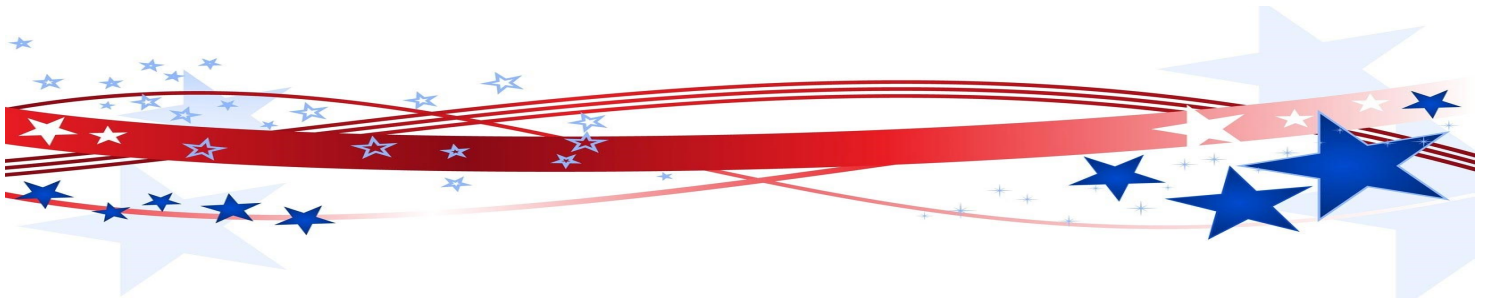
Hello again everyone!

I hope this finds you well and prepared to celebrate the birthday of our Glorious Republic this 4th of July!

As well, I hope everyone is making plans to attend our next event which will be our **Annual Meeting**. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 30th**. The meeting will be from **10:00am until 2:00pm**. Note the change in location from previous years. The meeting will be held at the **Ocala Conservation Center and Youth Camp (7325 Northeast 170th Ave., Silver Springs, Florida 34488)**, run by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. We plan to have a full agenda, as well as time for camaraderie and great food! Donations are appreciated so come with a dish, a bag, or anything you'd like. We will provide sandwiches and water. The agenda will contain a film, reports, trivia, elections, and decisions made on events for next season (to name a few). Stay tuned to your email as I will be sending out details as well as an agenda the closer we get.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting! Until then, God Bless!

~Captain Alonzo



Chap's Corner

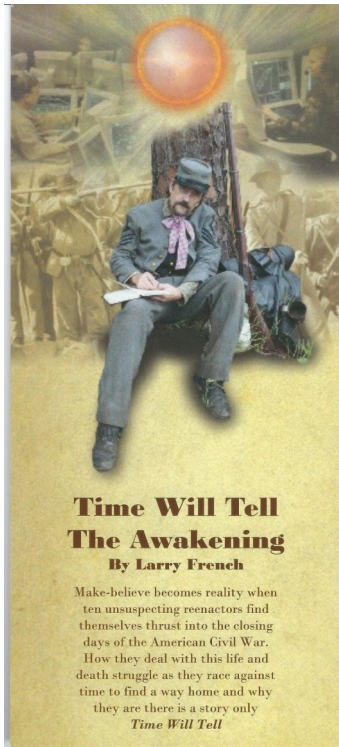
Abraham Lincoln often spent time in prayer and sought divine guidance during the war-torn years of his presidency. Recorded below is a statement he made to Union General Dan Sickles following the battle of Gettysburg:

Well, I will tell you how it was. In the pinch of the campaign up there when everybody seemed panic stricken and nobody could tell what was going to happen, oppressed by the gravity of our affairs, I went to my room one day and locked the door and got down on my knees before Almighty God and prayed to Him mightily for victory at Gettysburg. I told Him that this war was His war, and our cause [was] His cause, but we could not stand another Fredericksburg or Chancellorsville. And after that, I don't know how it was, and I cannot explain it, but soon a sweet comfort crept into my soul. The feeling came that God had taken the whole business into His own hands and that things would go right at Gettysburg and that is why I had no fears about you. (<http://members.tripod.com/~greatamericanhistory/gr02000.htm>).

As the old hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," affirms: *Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer!* Prayer still changes things. Or as a dear friend and fellow pard once inscribed on a wooden cross presented to me following his salvation, "Prayers work."

Enjoy reading?

Pick up a copy of our own Larry French's book and see if you recognize any of the characters. You may also find it on Amazon.



Pvt. Logan Davis represented the 2nd Florida at the Dade City living history event. A job well done!



REMINDER

Dues need to be paid to Steve Keck prior to the annual meeting to be eligible to be an officer!

**Check payable to
2ND FLORIDA LIVING HISTORY, INC**

Mailing address:

**Steve Keck
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Parrish, FL 34219**

Did you know?

Edwin Francis Jemison enlisted at age 16 on May 11, 1861. Barely a year later he was killed at the Battle of Malvern Hill when his unit were ordered to advance on the strong Federal position. This portrait of the youthful Jemison, sad and solemn, has become one of the iconic photographs of the Civil War, symbolizing a generation of young men who went off to war, many of whom never returned.



**Private Edwin Jemison
2nd Louisiana Infantry CSA
Born: December 4, 1844
Died: July 1, 1862**