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2ND FLORIDA LIVING HISTORY GAZETTE

The 2nd Florida Volunteers Living History Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) based out of Orlando, Florida. We are a non-profit, educational corporation who routinely participates in reenacting events, living history demonstrations, and other educational events throughout Florida and selected events in other parts of the US. We are dedicated to reenacting the period of US history from 1861-1865 better known as the Civil War. Our ranks consist of participants in living history presentations both military and civilian in nature. We strive for authenticity and detail out of respect for those soldiers and civilians, both North and South, who gave their 'last full measure of devotion' to the country and cause in which they believed.

CHAP'S CORNER

As Easter approaches, it seems appropriate to recall Jesus' admonishment to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion: "Watch and pray..." (Matthew 26:41).

The Christian soldier is compelled to constant guard duty. He is faced with an enemy who never sleeps, who is always alert, and who is ever prepared to take advantage of the fortunes of war. Watchfulness is a fundamental principle of Christ's warriors. They cannot dare to be asleep at their posts. Such a lapse brings them not only under the displeasures of the Captain of their salvation, but also exposes them to added danger. Watchfulness, therefore, is a necessity for a soldier of the Lord (from The Power of Prayer by Confederate Chaplain E.M. Bounds).

As Christian soldiers and disciples of Christ, may we be found faithful in prayer for each other and never asleep while the Master agonizes alone on our behalf!



Ladies Chat

Please be advised that some of our new members are being criticized by others outside of our unit. We need to step in and put a stop to this! As we have all been there and know that as a new reenactor there is a lot to learn about style, materials and layers. If you should hear snide remarks or that a new member is frustrated from being put down, please reassure them and guide them in the right direction.

Thank you



A WORD FROM OUR CAPTAIN

Hello Everyone! We have *just* wrapped up our 16th year reenacting season! And what a successful season it was! By all accounts, Company E has established itself as consistently the largest and fastest growing reenacting Unit in Florida! We are all very proud of this. Despite the lower numbers of active participants within the hobby as a whole, 2nd Florida continues to grow and thrive. Going into next season, we intend to continue being the example to others in the areas of recruitment and enthusiasm within our State. We have also established ourselves as “1st Company” within the newly established “Florida Brigade”, commanded by Col. Clay Kearney. With that, we have caught the attention of other Units who have shown great interest in being a part of this growing collaboration. In short, the future of 2nd Florida is as bright as it has always been! Thank you to ***EVERYONE*** who has contributed to our past and present success. You are all part of something very special. It is a privilege to captain such a fantastic group of men and women. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting this summer!

~Capt. Wayne Alonzo

CONGRATULATIONS
TO
JEREMY “WOLF” GRIFFIN
ON HIS PROMOTION TO
REGIMENT QUARTERMASTER



Bob Valentine

Scott Andrews

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

In the spring of 1866 the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia, passed a resolution to set aside one day annually to memorialize the Confederate war dead. Mary Ann Williams, the association secretary, was directed to pen a letter inviting ladies associations in every former Confederate state to join them in the observance. Their invitation was written in March 1866 and sent to all of the principal cities in the former Confederacy. The actual date for the holiday was selected by Elizabeth Rutherford Ellis. She chose April 26, the first anniversary of Confederate General Johnston's surrender to Union Major General Sherman at Bennett Place. For many in the Confederacy, that date in 1865 marked the end of the Civil War.