

GREYS GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Guilford Greys, Co. B, 27th North Carolina Regiment
and
The 14th U.S. Regular Infantry Regiment
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Engaged at First Manassas!

The weekend of July 21-23 found the Guilford Greys forming a company with the 23rd and 21st North Carolina regiments and portraying the 5th Virginia Infantry at the 145th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of First Manassas.

An unofficial estimate had the number of troops on hand at over 7,000. The variety of uniforms present reflected well the variation that was found among the 1861 troops. Attired in our early-war battle shirts being worn in the picture below, the Greys survived the heat and humidity with the aid of a couple of brief showers and the consumption of large quantities of old-fashioned water and those "period sports drinks."



Photo courtesy of W. G. Faulk

The battles fought on Saturday and Sunday resulted in glorious victories both days for the Southern troops. Under the able command of Captain Rahlo Leonard, morale among the fighting men of the combined units was high following our victories, as evidenced by the singing in the ranks on the return to camp. Folsom Prison Blues never sounded better.

Upcoming Events . . .

For 2006 . . .

September 8-10 – Battle of Zachary Hill – This is the second year for this event at Snow Camp on highway 87, south of Graham. We will be Federal here. Until August 15 registration is \$6 a person. It increases to \$8 thereafter. To register at the lower rate, **let Gary know before August 11** if you plan to go.

September 15-17 – Two events are going on this weekend. Details are below.

- **Sharpsburg Medical Living History** – This is with Rex Hovey and the 13th NC. Some of us did this last year and had a great time. Let Gary or Ed know if you want to go this year.
- **Allison's Woods** – The annual event in Statesville has been moved to September this year. Gary has registration information if you want to go.

Jeb Stuart – October 6-8 – We will be Federal here. The first two early registration periods have passed. Registration is now \$12 a person until September 1. From September 2 until the day of the event it is \$15. If you want to go but have not yet registered contact Gary to be added to the unit registration.

Greensboro Historical Museum – November 4 – We are talking with the Museum about participating in their Civil War Living History Program on this date. We would setup a small encampment, answer questions from the public, etc. They will also have a field hospital setup. More details will follow.

Secessionville – November 10-12 – Note the corrected dates for this event. It is the weekend before what we were showing earlier. We will be Confederate. A link to the event website has been posted on the calendar page of our website but no registration details have been posted yet.

And in 2007 . . .

January 6, 2007 - 1st NC Battalion, 4th Regiment ANV Annual Meeting, Hillsborough, N.C.

January 13, 2007 – Guilford Greys Annual Meeting

February 24-25, 2007 - Carolinas Campaign, Aversboro, NC

Additional registration details on all events will be added to our website as we receive them.

Looking for a Few Good Old Photos: Confederates at Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Chancellorsville

You might have read in the latest issue of "Camp Chase Gazette" or heard elsewhere that the folks at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park are looking for additional images of Confederate soldiers who served in that area during the late unpleasantness. They will be part of a new exhibit being created at the park. Additional details and information on how to submit an image appear are on the next page.

Guidelines for Submitting Photographs for the “Faces of the Civil War” Exhibit

The National Park Service welcomes new photographs of soldiers and their families for its “Faces of the Civil War” exhibit. The soldiers must have fought in at least one of the four Fredericksburg-area battles. If you would like to add your ancestor’s image to the exhibit simply send a wartime image of the individual to the following address:

Donald Pfanz, Staff Historian
Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park
120 Chatham Lane
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

You may also send the image digitally, addressing your email to donald_pfanz@nps.gov. (Note the underscore line between the names “donald” and “pfanz.”)

To use a soldier’s image in the exhibit we must know his name and regiment. (e.g., 3rd New York Light Artillery, 69th Pennsylvania Infantry; 12th Virginia Cavalry). In addition, please supply as much of the following information as possible:

- The highest rank he obtained during the war
- His birth date and death date.
- His place of residence when the war began
- His occupation, before and after the war.
- His date of enlistment
- Was he killed wounded, or captured? If so, when and where?
- The date he mustered out of service
- Did he survive the war? If so, what was his date of death?
- Did he suffer from his Civil War service later in life?
- Any other interesting information

A typical submission might read: John Doe, born January 10, 1840, was a sergeant in the 23rd New York Infantry. He enlisted as a private on May 23, 1861, in New York City, and was promoted to sergeant on February 7, 1863. He was shot through the right arm at Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863. Doctors amputated his injured limb, and he was discharged from the service on December 12. After the war he married Sarah Jones and had six children. He worked as a shopkeeper in Poughkeepsie, New York, and served one term as mayor of the town. He died on August 5, 1905 at the age of 65.

We will use the information that you give use to write the caption that will accompany the soldier’s photograph. We will keep the information on file and share it with visitors who inquire about the individual.

You may submit more than one image for this exhibit. By submitting an image you agree to allow the National Park Service to use that image in its exhibit and to share any information about the soldier with the public.

The National Park Service cannot guarantee that pictures submitted for this exhibit will be used. If they are used, the National Park Service guarantees that they will remain on display for at least one year. The criteria for selecting images for the exhibit appear below. Photographs submitted for this

exhibit will be kept on file by the National Park Service unless the owner specifically requests that they be returned.

This exhibit is financially self-sustaining. Each application for the “Faces of the Civil War” exhibit must be accompanied by a check for fifty dollars. The money will be used to pay for production of the exhibit panel. If the National Park Service chooses not to use an image in the exhibit, the application fee will be returned.

Selection Criteria

Photographs, paintings, and other types of images are accepted. Preferably soldiers should appear in uniform, although images of them in civilian clothes may be accepted if the image was taken immediately before or after the war. Selection will be based on the quality of the image.

The National Park Service will accept images of either soldiers or members of their family. Photographs of small family groups are welcome (a soldier and his wife and/or children; two brothers; a mother and her son, etc.). Applicants may submit photographs of more than one individual.

Images should depict individuals as they appeared at the time of the war. Photographs of aging veterans will *not* be accepted. Soldiers must have participated in at least one of the four following battles: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, or Spotsylvania Court House.

Thank you for your interest in the “Faces of the Civil War” exhibit. If you have additional questions about the exhibit or about the application process, please contact Staff Historian Donald Pfanz at 540-372-3031 or Curator Janice Frye at 540-786-0605.



*Photo courtesy of
W. G. Faulk*

“Our rifles are here, so we’re here . . .”

At left, the arms of our compadres in the 23rd N.C. are stacked in camp at First Manassas prior to forming for battle on Sunday afternoon.

The rifles’ owners had not yet returned from Sunday services when this photo was taken.