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***23rd Regiment
of
Virginia Volunteer
Infantry
Companies A - K[®]***

Living History
Reenactments

1858 - 1865
Soldier & Civilian
Impressions at Their Best!



Who we are

We are a recreated War Between the States Infantry Unit (23rd Va.) that participates in living history programs and battle reenactments. This organization was founded in 1972 and incorporated in 1985.

Name and Purpose

The name of this organization shall be the 23rd Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Companies A – K (inc. ®)

The purpose of this organization shall be to present the life and times of the typical Virginia citizen-soldier of the historical period covered by the years 1858 - 1865 inclusive, in as accurate and realistic a manner as the availability of items, financial consideration and contemporary research will allow. To promote and stimulate further interest in all aspects and phases of Army life for the infantry of both sides and of the War itself.

The nature of the services offered by this organization shall be volunteer. No payment for offered services shall be solicited by members or officers of this organization.

History of the 23rd Regt. Va. Vols.

In late May, 1861, the 23rd Regiment was organized in Richmond and began a program of drill and instruction at Camp Lee, located on the Richmond Fairgrounds. The regiment was accepted into Confederate States service 1 July 1861, with ten companies, which had previously enlisted in State service for one year. The regiment and companies reorganized 21 April 1862.

Co. A, Louisa Rifles, Louisa County
Co. B, Jetersville Grays, Amelia County
Co. C, Amelia Rifles, Amelia County
Co. D, Louisa Grays, Louisa County
Co. E, Brooklyn Grays, Halifax County
Co. F, Goochland Grays, Goochland County
Co. G, Fredricks' Hall Grays, Louisa County
Co. H, Richmond Sharpshooters, Richmond City
Co. I, Central Guards, Prince Edward County
Co. K, Keysville Grays, Charlotte County

The 23rd served under Generals Stonewall Jackson, Ewell, and Early. Some of the major battles in which the 23rd saw action are Corrick's Ford, Kernstown, McDowell, Cedar Mountain, 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Payne's Farm, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, March to Washington, Ft. Stedman and Appomattox Courthouse. There were about 1100 men who served during the course of the war. A little more than one in five died during the war of wounds or disease. Fifty-five men surrendered at Appomattox Court House on 9 April 1865. The war was finally over for the 23rd Regiment of Infantry, Virginia Volunteers.

Recruiting

Are you interested in the history of the War Between the States? Do you enjoy reading about the WBTS? Do you enjoy visiting the battlefields or watching reenactments? Do you enjoy researching the era? Would you like to walk in your ancestor's shoes?

If you answered yes to any of these questions why not relive the days of honor and pride, experience the life of a War Between the States Soldier or Civilian, be a part of Our Great Virginia Heritage.