

Latest News- 8/12/11

- Nine brave souls endured the 115 degree heat index to travel to Manassas for the 150th anniversary event. Those attending were:
 - Dale Beasley, Ross and Peyton Burkenstock, Andrew Daire, Dennis Neal, Andrew Pecquet, Mike Pretus, Joey Ricci and Bob Watkins
- The 2nd Mississippi looked excellent, had an excellent campsite and functioned well as a military organization for the weekend
- Close to 9,000 reenactors participated in Saturday morning's battle and the sites were reminiscent of long past spectacles at Chickamauga and Shiloh
- In spite of noble intentions and a good cause, I think all attendees concluded that weather such as this was not conducive to enjoying the hobby. The discomforts went way beyond personal acclimation and were downright dangerous. Numerous cases of heat exhaustion were reported and numbers for Sunday's battle were anemic compared to the Saturday exhibition.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN

- We will discuss our upcoming Fall Campaign at the summer meeting (date still to be determined) but the most likely coming events are
 - Audubon/Oakley Plantation, St. Francisville, LA- October 15-16
 - Camp Moore, Tangipahoa, LA- November 19-20
 - Winter Bivouac, site to be determined- January 2012

SPRING PREPARATION

If you signed up for the Shiloh event, NOW is the time to go back to the site and read the specifics of our impression.

<http://westernindependentgrays.org/shiloh150/index2.htm>

IGNORANCE OF WHAT IS EXPECTED IS NOT AN EXCUSE. READ THE ABOVE GUIDELINES AND ASK QUESTIONS OF VETERANS IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

For the most part, anyone with a basic Federal kit will need to make only minor adjustments to have what they may need for this event. Most notable, breastplate brass for your cartridge box sling, a U.S. plate for your cartridge box and a Hardee Hat. Be on the lookout for a Bully Buy on the Authentic Campaigner website for a good deal on Hardee Hats. Tim Bender makes an excellent Hardee Hat with good delivery time for those of you not wanting to wait.