

Unit History

The **16th Louisiana Infantry Regiment** was organized at Camp Moore in Tangipahoa Parish and mustered into Confederate service on September 29, 1861. It was comprised of ten companies of volunteers from East Feliciana, St. Tammany, Caddo, Livingston, Rapides, St. Helena, Avoyelles, Bienville and St. Landry Parishes.

The Unit had its first major engagement in April of 1862 at the Battle of Shiloh, serving in General Ruggle's First Division. As part of the Army of the Mississippi they went on to fight at the Battle of Perryville in October of 1862. After this engagement, the Army of the Mississippi became Polk's Corps and Hardee's Corps of the Army of Tennessee. The 16th went on to fight with distinction at the Battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga and Nashville, finally surrendering to Union forces at Gainesville, Alabama on May 8, 1865.

In the nearly four years of its existence, the **16th Louisiana Infantry Regiment** wrote the story of its deeds in the Western Theater of the Great Conflict with its blood and that of its adversaries. Its history is that of unquestioned courage on the field of battle and honor to its native State.

