



**7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Florida Volunteer Infantry  
Company K**












**OFFICIAL BULLETIN for December, 2011**

*“The trouble with the commanders of the Army of the Potomac was that they never marched out to ‘lick’ anybody; all they thought of was to escape being ‘licked’ themselves.”*

*Union Major General Phillip H. Sheridan*

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## ***Presidential Pontifications***

Dec. 2011

No one gets to camp on Egmont Key, except Company K. For the second year in a row we had the rare pleasure of camping in period on a stunningly beautiful island in the Gulf of Mexico and presenting our period living history. The weather was perfect. The campfire with a dark sky full of stars and good friends made Egmont a magical weekend. But my favorite part was when our stalwart Leader, the trusted Lt Van Leuven, ordered bayonet charges on the crowds drawn for demonstrations! I guess Keith was in need of entertainment. As an added benefit, the Park allowed black powder demonstrations! If we are invited back next year, I urge you to add this event to your calendar.



Brooksville and Olustee are fast approaching. I look forward to seeing the entire Company at Roll Call!

On a personal note, during the Holidays our thoughts turn to family and friends. I know Skip and his family are in my prayers, I hope they are in yours too.

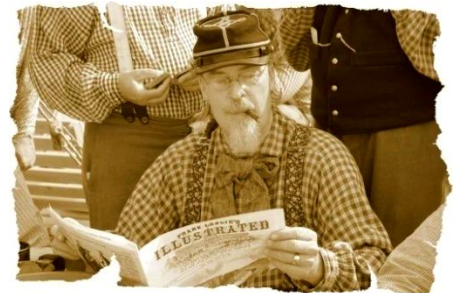
Dave Hendrix  
President



## ***The Captain's Desk***

Dec. 2011

First of all, Beverly and I would like to thank the company for their concern and prayers for our youngest daughter, Meghan. She was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma the Tues. before the Suwannee event. Burt collected a fee for the meals he cooked and Jodi sold candles. They both donated the money to Meghan to help pay for her chemo treatments. She had the first one the day before Thanksgiving and the side effects weren't too pleasant the following two days. We are keeping positive about a good outcome to this life trial. I've said before that our company is like family and we try to take care of our own. Thanks again and please continue to keep Meghan and her son, Dominick, in your thoughts.



As of this writing, I have not received any new nominations for the positions of Capt., 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt., or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt. If there are none before Brooksville, the current position holders will be unopposed. If you wish to run for one of those military positions please contact me ASAP.

Since I am mentioning elections, don't forget that the 2012 dues are due at the first of the year or, at the latest, Brooksville. If by some chance you may be in a financial situation that makes it impossible to pay at this time, please contact a member of the Executive Comm. We don't want to lose members because we are a family and we help each other when the need arises, every member is part of our special family.

We also have the election for the Executive offices coming up at Brooksville. These offices are the Pres., V.P., Sec., Treas., and QM. If you would be willing to run for any of these positions, please let the Pres. or other members of the current committee know your desire.

Now for Shiloh. A few of us attended the meeting at Suwannee held by the Dept. of the Gulf. Though there is still some discussion going on between the Georgians, I feel VERY CONFIDENT that we should go ahead and register for the event that is being sponsored by the Blue-Gray Alliance. We would be under Gen. Jack King and have a prominent bargaining position for action in the scenarios. The plan is to be Confederate Fri. night and Sat. Those willing to would sleep on arms in the field Fri. night and engage the Union at dawn or just before. There would be a static camp for those that don't want to rough it Friday night. They would organize in the morning, but I'm not sure whether they would arrive on the field for the dawn fight. We will stay in the field ALL DAY and not return to camp until after the main battle. Sunday, we will galvanize to provide a massive Federal force. Buell's troops that repulse the Confederates. Col. Bowman and Gen. Jesse will not be attending, but they support this event. The battalion will be in the capable hands of Lt. Col. Permane.

I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe until we meet again.

Your Obt. Srvt.  
Capt. S. Fletcher

 ***The 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's Journal***

Men of Company K,

Our recent adventure attempting to protect Egmont Key was, once again, a very successful experience. Those who ventured out to the island were treated well by the citizens and served with great honor and distinction. Unfortunately, that cursed Union blockade forced us back to the mainland after only 36 hours, but we departed with our dignity intact. I am hopeful that we will attempt to take, and maybe hold, the island again next year.

Roll at Egmont Key: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. K. Van Leuven, Sgt. D. Hendrix, Pvt. M. Poteat, Pvt. T. Hendrix, Pvt. C. Hendrix, Pvt. G. Newman, Pvt. P. Poropat.



How Many Confederates Does it Take to put up a Dog Tent?  
And it still fell down 8 times.





To see us in action, please check out the following link:

[http://youtu.be/6n0\\_T3nizUQ](http://youtu.be/6n0_T3nizUQ)

With My Highest Respect,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Van Leuven



## ***The Quartermaster's Report***

Greetings All!

We have had our first events of the season and there has been a steady request for equipment so far. Mostly it has been for rifles, tents, and blue pants. All the equipment is accounted for and in clean condition (smells purty too with the dryer sheets placed in with them). When items are borrowed, if you decide to wash them, do the wool items in cold water and let air dry to avoid shrinkage. For borrowed rifles it would be nice to make a cleaning attempt before we leave the site. Even running water down the barrel until it drains out clean, would be a good start. I do the rest when I get home anyway. If you have any requirements, make sure you e-mail me in time before an event. Since retirement, I have started to leave early for events on Thursday or Friday.

As always, we are in need of donations to keep our ever-popular raffles going. I am collecting the donations in between our campaigns and up to a business meeting. There is a large amount of powder (\$14) still available and caps (\$11 or \$8 from Skip) are on order, so please contact me for your re-supply.

For further supplies, we need suspenders, x-large blue pants (and coats) and hats. I am seriously thinking that we need to get the western style hats that will work for both Confederate and Union (x-large of course). I have already galvanized this year and came close at a few other events. I am caught up with equipment for maintaining the rifles, but will probably need to get more material in the spring. For pre-rolled cartridges we have about 110 ready to sell for \$4 per 12.

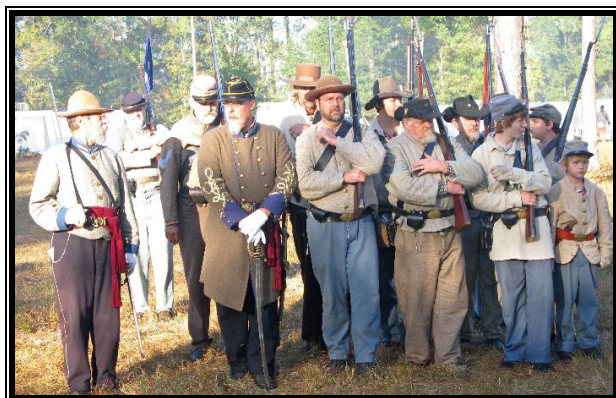
Thanks, I will see you all soon.

Regards,  
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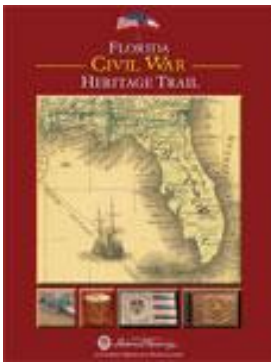
 **The Raid on the Suwannee**

*The following were taken by and forwarded to me by Mrs. and Private Oglesby and are presented with my gratitude – Editor.*





## Florida Civil War Heritage Trail



*I found this on Col. Niepert's Florida Reenactors Online and ordered a copy. It is well done and a valuable asset for anyone with a hankerin to explore our Florida and remember the War Between the States. It is free and I ordered mine online, via the email address at the bottom. It was in my hands less than a week after placing the order – Editor.*

The 80-page Florida Civil War Heritage Trail guidebook examines the state's role in this epic period of American history. The guidebook includes a background essay on the history of the Civil War in Florida, a timeline of events, 31 sidebars on important Florida topics, issues and individuals of the period and a selected bibliography. It also includes information on more than 200 battlefields, fortifications, buildings, cemeteries, museum exhibits, monuments, historical markers and other sites in Florida with direct links to the Civil War.

The Florida Civil War Heritage Trail was produced by the Florida Association of Museums, with the support of historic preservation grant assistance provided by the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, assisted by the Florida Historical Commission. For more information about the Florida Association of Museums, visit [www.flamuseums.org](http://www.flamuseums.org).

This guidebook is the newest addition to the Florida Heritage Trail series, which includes the *Florida Spanish Colonial Heritage Trail*, *Florida Native American Heritage Trail*, *Florida World War II Heritage Trail*, *Florida Cuban Heritage Trail*, *Florida Black Heritage Trail*, *the Florida Jewish Heritage Trail* and *the Florida Women's Heritage Trail*.

- Copies of the publication have been distributed by the Florida Department of State to public libraries throughout the state, and will be made available to educators, students and interested citizens. **To place an order:** [shunt@dos.state.fl.us](mailto:shunt@dos.state.fl.us)
- Discover other [Florida Heritage publications](#).



## Upcoming Events

**December 10, 11, 2011. 10th Annual Raid on Fort Pierce.** Fort Pierce, Florida. Hosted by the 8th Florida Co. C. and the 75th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Battles Saturday at 2:00 PM and Sunday at 1:00 PM. Location: Savanna Recreational Area, 1400 East Midway Road in Fort Pierce. Additional information, contact Jim O'Dell at [thejdwg569\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:thejdwg569_2000@yahoo.com) or call 772-318-8258.

**January 21, 22, 2012. Brooksville Raid,** Brooksville, Florida. Hosted by the Hernando Historical Museum Assoc. and North Pinellas Scout Sertoma Club. The Raid is held at the Sand Hill Boy Scout Camp on US Hwy 50. The battle is 10 miles West of Brooksville. The entrance is on Hwy 50. Take Hwy. 50 West. Go through Brooksville, keep going west about 10 miles, and look for the signs. Event web site <http://www.brooksvilleraidreenactment.com/>

**January 28, 29, 2012. Battle of Bowlegs Creek.** Fort Meade, FL. Battles will take place on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM. For more information contact David Hackel at 321-554-6570 or Priscilla Perry at the Historic Fort Meade Chamber of Commerce at 863-285-8253 email [ftmeadechamber@yahoo.com](mailto:ftmeadechamber@yahoo.com) or check their website at [www.fortmeadechamber.com](http://www.fortmeadechamber.com) Location: 1 1/2 miles east of down town Ft. Meade on U.S. 98/Co. Rd. 630 at the Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area, just past the Peace

River. Directions: From the East and West take St. Rd. 60 to Bartow 17/92 turns in to U.S. 17 south to Ft. Meade; turn left on to U.S. 98/Co. Rd. 630 go 1 1/2 miles east the Ft. Meade Outdoor Recreation Area will be on your right. From the south: Take US 17 north to Ft. Meade, turn right on to U.S. 98/Co. Rd. 630 go 1 1/2 miles east the Ft. Meade Outdoor Recreation Area will be on your right.

**February 4, 5, 2012. Battle at Townsend's Plantation** (Renningers Market at Mt. Dora). Sponsored by the law offices of Clay Townsend, Esq. and hosted by the 37th Alabama Co. H. Battle 3pm Saturday and 2pm Sunday. This event is north of Orlando on Hwy 441 just a couple of miles from Mt. Dora at 20651 U.S. Hwy 441, Mt. Dora FL, 32757. As you start down the big hill, look for the Renningers flea market and battle sign on East side of road. Contact: Wayne Vaughn at [colvaughn@cfl.rr.com](mailto:colvaughn@cfl.rr.com)

**February 11, 12, 2012. Fort Zachary Taylor**, Key West, Florida. Fort Taylor was a Union held fortress (one of three in Florida). It served as headquarters for the Union Navy's East Gulf Coast Blockade Squadron. Directions: Take US 1 south to mile marker 0 and turn left on Southard Street. Turn left and follow the signs to Ft. Taylor State Historical Site. For additional information and registration check their website at [www.floridastateparks.org/forttaylor](http://www.floridastateparks.org/forttaylor)

**February 18, 19, 2012. The Battle of Olustee**, Olustee Battlefield State Historic Site, Olustee, Florida. The reenactment takes place on the actual site where the Battle of Olustee (Ocean Pond) was fought. First time visitors and reenactors to the event should read the listing of activities at: <http://battleofolustee.org/> The battlefield is located just fifteen miles east of Lake City on Hwy. 90 from I-75 and 50 miles west of Jacksonville. Take I-75 to Hwy. 90 exit. Go east on Hwy. 90. Drive slow, the signs at the entrance for reenactors have been small and hard to see in the past. Contact the Olustee Battlefield Historic Site at (386) 758-0400 or email [olusteecso@yahoo.com](mailto:olusteecso@yahoo.com)

**February 25, 26, 2012. Fort DeSoto**, The 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Re-enactment Regiment, in cooperation with the Pinellas County Parks Department and Fort DeSoto Park, will host an American Civil War Weekend Encampment and Historical Battle Reenactment at the Fort DeSoto Park located in Tierra Verde on the Southern-most tip of Pinellas County, Florida. Battle reenactment each afternoon at 1:30 PM. Information: contact Tom Stanton at [youngtom50@yahoo.com](mailto:youngtom50@yahoo.com)

**February 29, 2012 through March 4, 2012 Pioneer Park Days**. Zolfo Springs, FL at the Pioneer Park. This event will include Living History (Thursday through Saturday), reenactments (Saturday and Sunday), meet and talk with spectators and Confederate vendors. Authentic camping is welcome and you can set up your camp on Wednesday through Friday night. Free supper will be available for all reenactors on Friday and Saturday. Sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, The United Daughters of the Confederacy and reenacting units (USA and CSA) of Southwest Florida. The Pioneer Park is located at the intersection of Hwy 17 and SR 64 at 2822 Museum Drive, Zolfo Springs, FL. 33980. Reenactors contact Tom Geffert at [poniu1@aol.com](mailto:poniu1@aol.com)

**March 3, 4, 2012. The Battle of Natural Bridge**. Natural Bridge Battlefield State Historic Site (Florida). A full military skirmish will be conducted on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, at approximately 1:00 PM, opening ceremonies will honor the combatants of the Battle of Natural Bridge which will immediately be followed by the Battle of Natural Bridge reenactment. Directions: Drive south from Tallahassee for about eight miles to the community of Woodville. As you reach the elementary school at the southern edge of Woodville, turn left onto Natural Bridge Road. Travel approximately six miles east to the battlefield site. Authentic soldiers and civilians contact Captain Chris Ellrich at [cellrich@hotmail.com](mailto:cellrich@hotmail.com)

**March 10, 11, 2012. Battle at Crystal River**, FL. Civil War Battles take place at 2:00 PM Saturday and Sunday with pyrotechnic blasts for effects. Directions: Seven miles northwest of Crystal River along US 19/98, site is on the west side of the road. Site entrance signs will be on the highway. From Dunnellon, take CR 448 west, turn north on US 19/98; or SR 40 west to Inglis, turn south on US 19/98. From Orlando, take the Florida Turnpike north to I-75, exit at first exit at Wildwood (SR 44) to US 19, turn north to Crystal River and follow the signs. As you pass over the railroad tracks, get in the left lane. go about a mile and turn left into the small one lane entrance road. GPS position: N28.59.281 W082.38.889 [www.crystalriverreenactment.org](http://www.crystalriverreenactment.org)

**March 24, 25, 2012. Battle at Narcoossee Mill**. St. Cloud Fla. (southeast of Orlando - Kissimmee St. Cloud area. Sponsored by the Jacob Summerlin Camp #1516 Sons of Confederate Veterans. The park is located at 4700 Chisholm Park Trail, St. Cloud, Florida 34771. Take Hwy 192 (Irlo Bronson Hwy) to Hwy 15. Go 2mi North on Hwy 15, look for the park sign. Another way to get there (from the North) is to take I-4 to the toll road 528 (Beachline Expressway) go east and get off on Hwy 15 exit (Narcoossee Road) go South on Hwy 15. GPS position: N28.16.448 W081.15.020 Contact the SCV Camp at <http://www.jacobsummerlin.org/> or Don Williams at [warthog1146@aol.com](mailto:warthog1146@aol.com) More information, pre-registration <http://www.jacobsummerlin.org/ed2007.pdf>

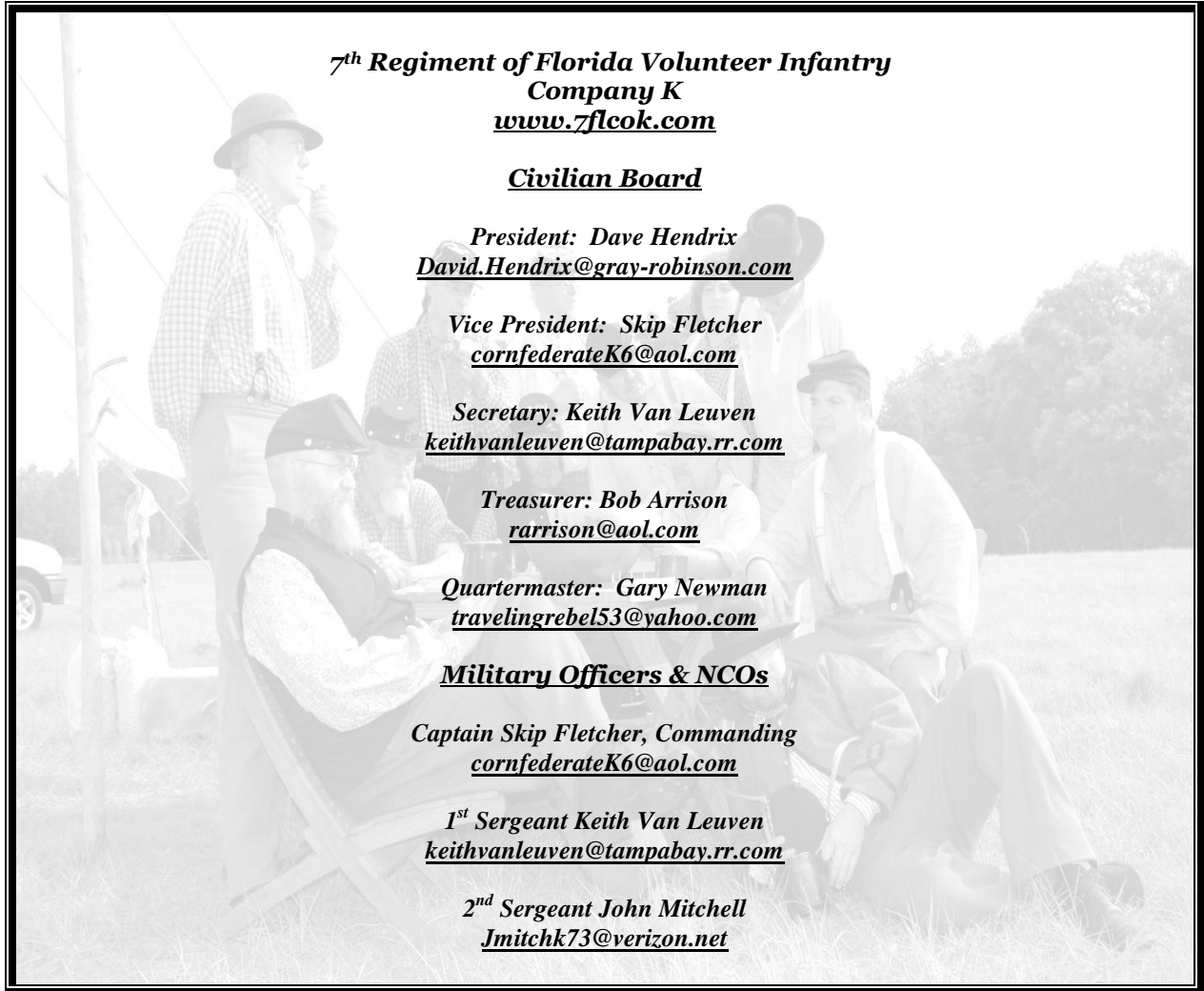
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Please see our website ([www.7flcok.com](http://www.7flcok.com)) for a complete listing of events.



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