

Fort Branch 2023

2883 Fort Branch Road, Oak City, NC

July 1, 2023

Friends and Supporters of Fort Branch,

We have been through a “historic” year that has not been especially kind to our country or hobby. We appreciate how much our reenacting “family” has missed each other and wants to get back in the field. The **First North Carolina Volunteers / Eleventh North Carolina Regiment** wants to end the year on a high note. We are pleased to open registration for our annual Fort Branch event and invite you to again support and attend this year’s event! **The dates for this year’s event are November 4 and 5**

The schedule features our traditional morning Saturday tactical, that merges with Saturday afternoon’s spectator battle. Afterwards, we will conclude with our famous BBQ dinner. On Sunday, we will offer an earlier 1:30 spectator battle held on the traditional site reflecting the Foster’s raid on the fort in 1862. Please see the enclosed schedule for a detailed participant program.

All the usual amenities will be provided including drinking water, powder allowance for invited artillery, firewood, porta-johns water, AND our renowned Saturday BBQ dinner. Sutlers will be set up near the federal camp as in past years.

All this takes place in the shadows of Fort Branch, one of the best-preserved, star-shaped earthen forts in eastern America. A portion of the money *you* help us raise by participating at this event goes toward the continuing efforts to maintain and preserve Fort Branch. We believe you will find that Fort Branch is still one of the better “bargains” in the hobby and hope that everyone will continue to support this worthy cause.

Out of respect for both participants and spectators, you are expected to keep ALL non-period items hidden for the entire event weekend. While we all go to events for different reasons, nothing can kill the moment like looking across the camps to see the glow of cell phone, tablets or seeing a meal being prepared on a modern gas camping stove. If you do not want to cook or clean, the fort’s commissary serves delicious and reasonable priced meals for all three meals! It is understood that sometimes an item is accidentally left in plain sight, but we are attempting to portray live in “186x” and it was not always convenient. **We hope you can appreciate the rationale for this and respect this request.**

We are also requesting that everyone who can to **please help us by bringing your federal impression!** We owe those of you who galvanize hearty thanks for your sacrifice and commitment to our hobby. **Your willingness to galvanize allows us to continue to offer a realistic event for both participants and spectators.**

We hope you will be joining us at Fort Branch again this year. Please mail your registration fee of **\$20.00 per participant (military or civilian)** and completed participant roster (enclosed) to the address below postmarked **no later than October 15th, 2023**. ****Walk-on registration fees after this date will be \$30.00** Checks should be made payable to "1st NC Vol's". Registration on site will open at noon, Friday, November 3, 2023.

Should a situation arise which would cause the event to need to be canceled, registrants would be contacted about their fees. This would include government mandated group restrictions on group size, storms, etc.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at the address below, **email (works best)** or see the link on our web site for updates and other information: <http://www.the11thnc.com> or FortBranchcivilwarsite.com. Please make any phone inquiries before 10:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Regards,

Lee Gordon, Event Registration Coordinator

Please mail rosters and registration fees to:

Lee Gordon, Event Registration Coordinator,

383 St. Mary’s Rd., Hillsborough, NC 27278

(919) 819-6565

Email: LGordon3@nc.rr.com (preferred)

2023 Fort Branch Registration Roster November 4-5

Unit Name _____ Portraying : CS ____ US ____

Infantry ____ Cav. ____ Other (describe) _____ Number attending: Military _____ Civilian _____

Arty. ____ (Type and number of gun(s)): _____

Contact Person (for updates/changes, etc) PLEASE Print Clearly!

Name/Rank _____

Address _____

Phone # () _____

Email _____

MAIL TO: *Lee Gordon*
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(919) 732-6986
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Commander's Name: _____

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EARLY registration per participant until October 15th, 2023: \$20.00

Registrations postmarked after 10/15/23 and all Walk-ons: \$30.00

Checks made to: 1st N.C. Vols

Event Staff Use Only: Check # _____ Amt. _____ Date Rec'd _____