Fort Branch 2024

2883 Fort Branch Road, Oak City, NC

July 1, 2024

Friends and Supporters of Fort Branch,

The First North Carolina Volunteers / Eleventh North Carolina Regiment wants to extend an invitation to you and your organization to attend the 38th annual AND 160th anniversary of the battle at Fort Branch. The dates for this year's event are November 2 and 3

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 raid by Col Jones Frankel's raid on the fort in 1864. Please see the enclosed schedule for a detailed participant program.

All the usual amenities will be provided including drinking water, powder allowance for <u>invited</u> artillery, firewood, porta-johns, AND our renowned <u>Saturday BBQ dinner</u>. 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 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! 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 <u>please help us by bringing your federal impression!</u> 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 this year. Please mail your registration fee of \$25.00 per participant (military or civilian) and completed participant roster (enclosed) to the address below postmarked no later than October 15st, 2024. **Walk-on registration fees after this date will be \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to "1st NC Vol's".

Registration on site will open at noon, Friday, November 1, 2024 and will be in the Fort's Museum building.

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

<u>Please mail rosters and registration fees to:</u> Lee Gordon, Event Registration Coordinator,

383 St. Mary's Rd., Hillsborough, NC 27278 (919) 819-6565

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

2024 Fort Branch Registration Roster November 2-3

Unit Name	Portraying : CS US_	
Infantry Cav Other (describe)	Number attending: Military Civilian	1
Arty (Type and number of gun(s)):		
Contact Person (for updates/changes, etc) PLE Name/Rank Address	MAIL TO: Lee Gordon 383 St. Mary's Rd	
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Event Staff Use Only: Check #_____ Amt. ____ Date Rec'd ____