

Fort Branch 2026

2883 Fort Branch Road, Oak City, NC

August 15, 2026

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 40th annual battle at Fort Branch. **The dates for this year's event are November 7 and 8.**

As you may be aware, a very large oak tree fell across the tree fell across the entire museum building causing significant damage to the entire building and a small part of the Commissary building. The artifacts in the museum have been removed and securely stored off site. We are now working to clear the debris and eventually reconfiguring the structures to again serve as a place for the safe display of those artifacts. This will NOT deter us from hosting the event this year. It is our hope that we will have even more participants who will help us raise funds to restore the facilities there as quickly as we can. As you can imagine, this will not be a small undertaking and we hope that everyone will join us to support this worthy cause.

The schedule features a 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 invited artillery, firewood, porta-johns, AND our renowned Saturday BBQ dinner. Sutlers will be set up near the federal camp as in past years.

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 **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 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 15th, 2026**. Children under 10 are free.

****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 6, 2026 and will be in the area of the pavilion.

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 9:00 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: lee.gordon6565@gmail.com (preferred)

2026 Fort Branch Registration Roster

November 7-8

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*

383 St. Mary's Rd

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LGordon3@nc.rr.com

Commander's Name: _____

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EARLY registration per participant until October 15th, 2026: \$25.00

Registrations postmarked after 10/15/26 and all Walk-ons: \$35.00

Checks made to: 1st N.C. Vols

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