

## Shiloh 2012 Update

WOW, If you thought TR good ground, wait till you see this place.

Way over 2000 acres and still growing. Almost completely flat. Woods separating high battle fields, Roads all through the site,

Twenty eight CS and three federals converged on the site on Thursday with 5 tractors and numbers of chain saws, and various trimmers.

My personal thanks to Col. Don Gross and Capt. Pete Yurkonis as they were the only other Federals who showed up to help clear US camps and battle areas as well as battle plans.

The US camps are set and the FB and DCB sites are ready for occupation. The remainder of our camps are set and entrance to them is cleared but will require your folks to bring tools if you wish to further clear them for your folks.

The entire site has been mowed and the County will do a burn in a few weeks which means the fields will be in near perfect pristine condition by the end of March.

We walked every bit of the site and with the help of local historians who have over 60 years of experience and knowledge of the original battlefields we set the scripted battles on property the according to their words "almost exactly like the actual land of the original battle" and with in a very short distance. The camps and most of the field are on land that the two armies actually traversed. There are NO modern intrusions what so ever. All fences are removed within the boundaries of the site and the perimeter is the only fences.

We also have over 300 acres (originally thought it was 80 acres) of the original (yes original) Fallen Timbers battle site. This is pristine and absolutely beautiful. It adjoins the site and is separated only by a small road. We will begin fighting on this site Thursday as we already have commitments from a great number who will be bivouacking there in preparations for a big fight. This site contains the exact location that the CS hospital was on. You will be camping, if you so choose, to sleep on arms Thur. night as well. Imagine standing on the actual ground that Nathan Forrest was wounded at where both armies stood and fell. This may very well be the last time any reenactor can lay claim to such historical experience.

Col Fullwood is arranging for a CS cavalry escort for a contingent of CS infantry that will be marching from Corinth to a location about 4 miles from this site and they will all march in together.

Roads were placed, ingress and egress were laid out with back up roads should the weather fail to cooperate completely. NO ONE will have a problem. It is basically all high ground and the two exceptions will have gravel laid and drainage pipes in place as additional back up. The CS

camps are at the far end (South) and the Fed camps are at the North. The Fed will have limited march as the CS will have the brunt of it.

All Sutlers , Modern vendors, parking and any NON period activities are on the far East side of the property and completely hidden from any and all military camps and all battles. Federal parking is very close (approx. 200 acres ¼ mile from camps) and also completely hidden from all military camps.

Artillery camps are adjacent to the civilian locations along the gravel road near two of the three major battlefields. Easy excess from camps to the battle area and close enough that ALL tow vehicles can be placed back in camp and out of site from any military actions. It is imperative that ALL tow vehicles are informed early enough to move guns and return ALL vehicles in plenty of time.

Mixed civilian camps are within a hundred yards from camps and about the same from the sutlers and YES, completely hidden from all military camps, they are connected by newly constructed roads and bridges through a heavy wooded area.

The period correct town or Purdy is located closer to the CS camps but a large (neutral) field is next to it so access to both armies is available. It sets within a flat wood surrounded area and is next to the neutral wagon camp. I have been informed that the Mayor is relatively certain that they will have a saloon as well as a couple other pleasantries for all.

The three main battlefields are very, very large.

We will be doing the following SCRIPTED battles: The Hornets' Nest, Battle of Shiloh, and The battle of the Peach Orchard. Scripted Battle times are as follows:

Saturday 7:00 AM

Saturday 2:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 NOON

NON SCRIPTED will begin:

Thursday PM

Friday AM

Since some lesser known battles were actually happening at the same time as these three were happening, we will most likely include a couple of them as well. This, combined with major Thursday and Friday battles NON Scripted will make for a true living history experience. All NON scripted battles will follow actions that took place either just before or just after the actual battle.

WE have contracted for over 140 cords of premium firewood; locations have been cut into wooded areas adjacent to each camp for portalets, as well as water supplies. We will have wagons running nonstop and a team (dedicated and paid) to keep all supplies coming to insure

no one has a shortage of anything. Our Quartermaster will be working full time to insure and supervise all aspects of all amenities.

WE discussed the actions between any planned battles and will implement whatever means necessary to insure that NO horses will be allowed to enter ANY camp at anytime. There will be pickets and vignettes posted a distance from each camp on all sides and they will be subject to intrusion around the clock. Each Brigade will be supplying soldiers to secure this plan and will be implemented through our AIG, NO exceptions. They will NOT be chasing anyone all over the site for any reason, but will be guarding our perimeter at all times.

I would implore each of you to begin total and complete communication of all information to EVERY person you can reach. This is THE 150<sup>th</sup> event of 2012 and your folks need to know all we can provide for them. A couple extra days of vacation should not be a problem for most and they can cancel some small events between now and then to be a part of this magnificent historical National event.

Don't forget our friends who will be marching in from Pittsburg Landing and the paddlewheel boats, the soldiers who will be coming in on Union Pacific Vintage train cars and the CSS HUNLEY (REPLICA) WHICH WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE MODERN AND SUTLER AREA

Site map will follow shortly.

Brig. General

Terry Crowder, Commanding