

# The Monthly Muster

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## 2025 Fall Schedule

This month, we will be highlighting the 2025 Fall Campaign. Company K plans to participate in four events between October and December, two in Florida and two in Georgia. Please review the schedule and read the reports below for more information about each of these events.

**October 10-12** Fort Clinch Confederate Garrison, Fort Clinch State Park, *Fernandina Beach, FL* (CS Impression)

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**November 14-16** Dade City Raid, Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, *Dade City, Florida* (CS & US Impressions)

**December 12-13** Fort McAllister, *Savannah, Georgia* (US Impression)

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## Captain's Desk

*Captain David Hendrix*



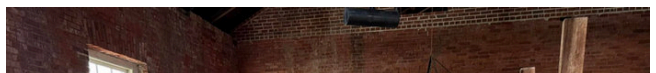
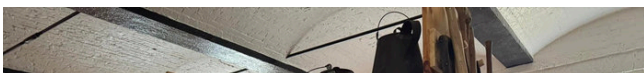
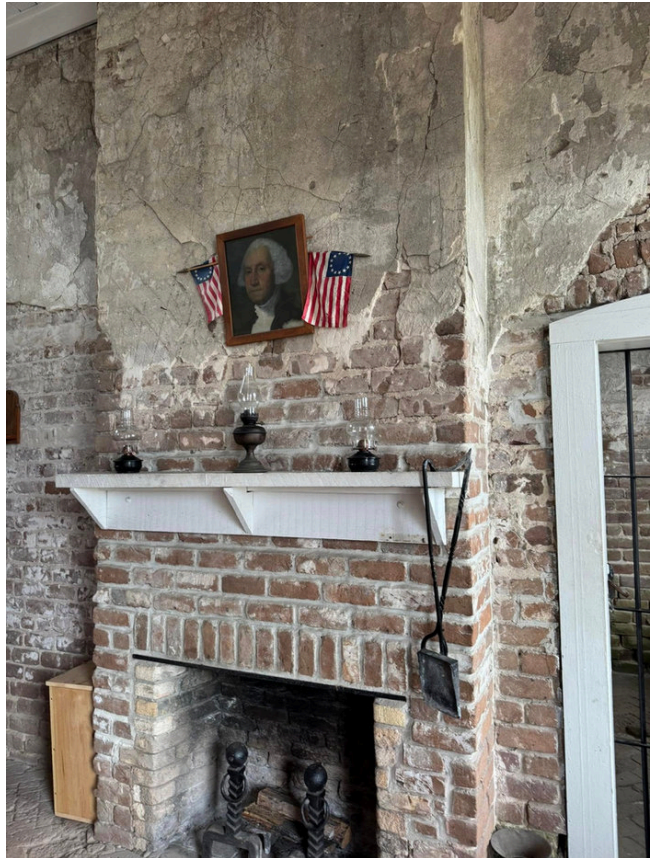
On October 10-12 The Florida Battalion is hosting a Confederate Succession Garrison of Fort Clinch. Our Company plans to attend in force. This is an opportunity to sleep in the barracks of an actual Civil War Fort, drill on the Parade Ground, eat all of our meals cooked in the Fort's kitchen, walk the Fort's walls and fortifications which are on the Atlantic ocean with views of whales and passing US Nuclear Submarines. We will be in very early war local Militia succession impression.

Ft Clinch was garrisoned a month prior to South Carolina forces firing on Fort Sumpter by local Militia. Construction began on Fort Clinch in

November 1847 by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Fort was designed to guard the Cumberland Sound, St Mary's River and the Amelia River which were all vital commercial waterways.

On January 10, 1861 Florida seceded from the Union. The Governor of Florida ordered local Militia to seize all forts and arsenals held by the US Army in Florida, including Fort Clinch. The Fernandina Volunteers with 167 Officers and Men were called upon to seize and garrison Fort Clinch. No shots were fired and the garrison was not attacked while it held Fort Clinch. General Robert E. Lee was, at the time, the Department Commander of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida ordered the coastal forts abandoned in February 1862. Union troops occupied the Fort in March 1862 and held it for the balance of the war. The Union forces finished construction of the Fort and brought in 29 artillery pieces making Fort Clinch a formidable coastal presence. (Source; Images of America Fort Clinch by Frank A. Ofeldt III).









## First Sergeant's Report

*First Sergeant Lawrin Ellis*



During the Civil War, the Tampa Bay Area was a strategic port for the Confederacy, facilitating supply routes. Local to Tampa, Dade City served as a strategic supply depot and troop movements for the Confederacy, facilitating logistics. The town's proximity to railroads supported the transport of goods and supplies. Residents often had divided loyalties, with some supporting the Confederacy and others the Union. Regardless, during the war, Confederate forces utilized local resources, including food supplied from local agriculture and materials from local merchants, to support their campaigns. Confederate leadership sought to recruit local men into their ranks. So, local militia units



were formed to defend against Union advances, aiming to control the region to support operations in Florida.

The area saw notable skirmishes and troop movements throughout the war, reflecting its importance in the conflict. In 1864, Union forces attempted to capture Tampa but were unsuccessful. This included Union raids targeted at Dade City to disrupt Confederate supply lines and gather intelligence.

On the weekend of November 15th, we have the distinct opportunity to recreate a journey into Florida Civil War with living history demonstrations at the Florida Pioneer Village in Dade City, Florida, including period camp life, weapons and tactics, military morning colors, battle reenactment, and more! This is our opportunity to join this exciting event and once again enjoy camaraderie around the campfire and recreate history! Looking forward to rejoining you all there.



# A Letter From the Sergeant Major

*Sgt. Mjr. Chris Hendrix*



Members of Company K,

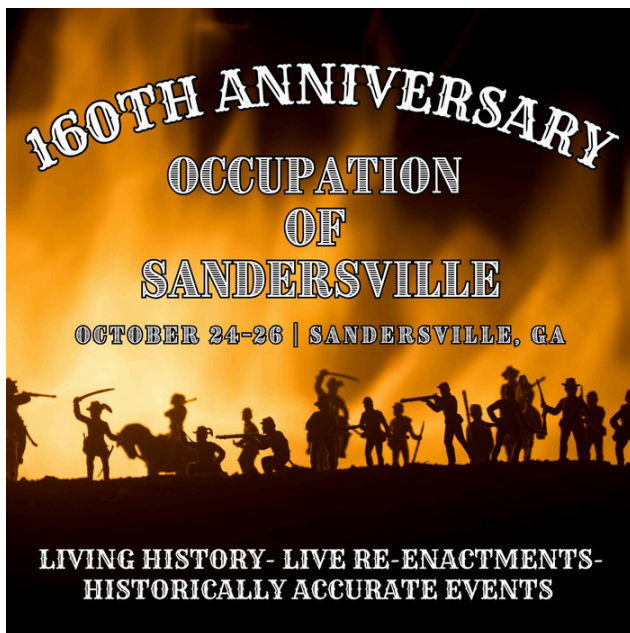
This fall we have a unique opportunity to participate in not one, but two out of state national events. The first will be the Occupation of Sandersville. Our Captain has been asked by the Colonel to raise a company to march on Sandersville on October 24 & 25. This event will be held in Sandersville, Georgia, and will involve a marching battle through the town, recreating the engagement that occurred along the exact rout on November 26, 1864. As part of Sherman's March to the Sea, the advance units of Sherman's left wing engaged Confederate cavalry under General Joseph Wheeler. The rebels fought the advancing Federals through the town, but were unable to stop Sherman's men.



The Occupation of Sandersville will be a marching battle, and those participating in the march will be sleeping under arms on Friday night. That being said, the event will be providing busses from the camps to the battlefield for those who do not wish to sleep under arms. The Florida Battalion will be portraying Yankee Bummers from the 14th Corps. For those of you who have participated in Resaca as a Federal, you will recognize the 14th Corps red acorn badge donned on the uniforms.

The second event is the attack on Fort McAllister, near Savannah, Georgia. Fort McAllister marked the last bastion of defense outside of Savannah, Sherman's ultimate goal in his March to the Sea. On the evening of December 13, 4,000 Federals descended on the fort's 230 man garrison, capturing it and its garrison in only 15 minutes. This event will take place on December 12 & 13, and we will be portraying Federal infantry from Sherman's right wing.

While the maximum participation events this fall will be those highlighted by Captain Hendrix and 1st Sergeant Ellis, The Occupation of Sandersville and Fort McAllister are two very cool events many in the company will be attending, and I encourage any who are able to join us attend. Sandersville only happens once every five years, and both are fun and unique scenarios where we portray Sherman's army.



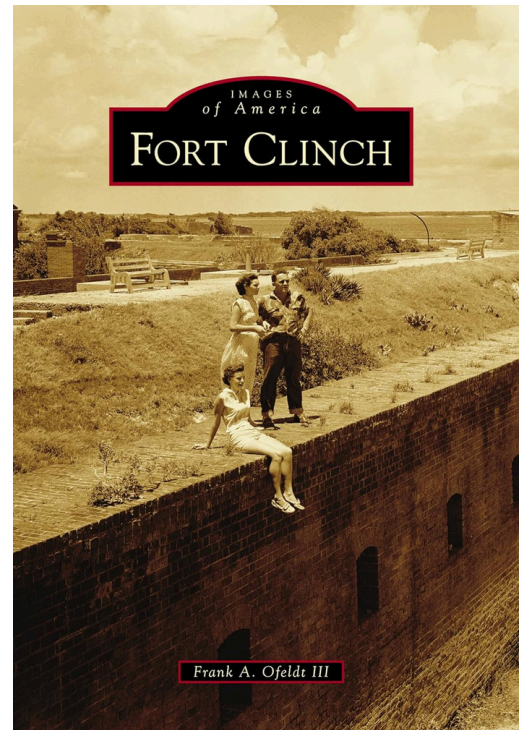
160th McAllister Video

## Book Recommendation

### *Images of America, Fort Clinch*

Frank A. Ofeldt III

Like all books in the Images of America series, Fort Clinch offers a large amount of images spanning the history of the fort, with descriptions and information about each. This one is written by one of the historians at the fort, and is a great resource for anyone going to visit or present history at Fort Clinch. I highly recommend grabbing a copy and reading it if you are planning on attending the October Garrison.



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