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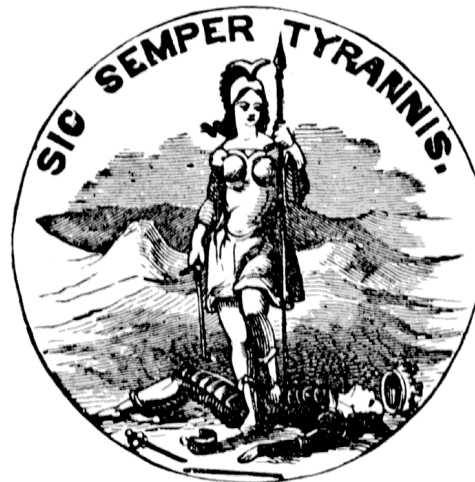
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**VIRGINIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
COMPANIES A-K**

Living Histories
Reenactments

1858-1865 soldier & civilian
impressions at their best!



Who We Are

We are a recreated War Between The States infantry unit that participates in living history programs and battle reenactments. This organization was founded in 1972 and incorporated in 1985. We are a "campaigner" unit and take authenticity seriously, in our appearance, camp, and drill.

Testimony to the quality of our organization lies in the fact that Gettysburg National Military Park and Richmond National Battlefield Park invite the 23rd Virginia to perform battle anniversary living histories in their parks each year. We carry the trust and confidence of The Park Service in front of literally hundreds of park visitors every year.

Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to present the life and times of typical Virginia citizen-soldiers of the historical period covered by the years 1858-1865 inclusive, in as accurate and realistic a manner as the availability of items, financial consideration and contemporary research will allow: to promote and to stimulate further interest in all aspects and phases of army life for the infantry of both sides of the period and the war itself.

History of the 23rd Regt. Va. Vols.

In late May, 1861, the 23rd Regiment was organized in Richmond and began a program of drill and instruction at Camp Lee, located on the Richmond Fairgrounds. The regiment was accepted into Confederate States service 1 July 1861, with ten companies, which had previously enlisted in State service for one year. The regiment and companies reorganized 21 April 1862.

Co. A, Louisa Rifles, Louisa County

Co. B, Jetersville Grays, Amelia County

Co. C, Amelia Rifles, Amelia County

Co. D, Louisa Grays, Louisa County

Co. E, Brooklyn Grays, Halifax County

**Co. F, Goochland Grays,
Goochland County**

**Co. G, Fredricks' Hall Grays,
Louisa County**

**Co. H, Richmond Sharpshooters,
Richmond City**

**Co. I, Central Guards,
Prince Edward County**

**Co. K, Keysville Grays,
Charlotte County**

History (Cont.)

The 23rd served under Generals Stonewall Jackson, Ewell, and Early. Some major battles in which the 23rd saw action are Corrick's Ford, Kernstown, McDowell, Cedar Mountain, 2nd Manassas, Sharpsburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Payne's Farm, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, March to Washington, Ft. Stedman and Appomattox Courthouse. There were about 1100 men who served during the course of the war. A little more than one in five died during the war of wounds or disease. Fifty-five men surrendered at Appomattox Court House on 9 April 1865.

Recruiting

Are you interested in the history of the War Between the States? Do you enjoy reading about the WBTS? Do you enjoy visiting the battlefields or watching reenactments? Do you enjoy researching the era? Would you like to walk in your ancestor's shoes?

If you answered yes to any of these questions why not relive the days of honor and pride, experience the life of a War Between the States soldier or civilian, be a part of Our Great Virginia Heritage.