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## Attention, Company!

By Capt. Nick Nichols

***Holiday Greetings to the soldiers and civilian members of the 19th Alabama. With pride and in the tradition of the Civil War, I would like to wish each of you a "Merry Christmas," and a prosperous "New Year!"***

***I'm so very proud of the company and its accomplishments during this campaign year. Much can be said of our growth in the ranks, and the attention given our company on and off the field. Our Civilian and Military Camps were seen as the standard for the hobby. This does only one thing, honor those that came before and those that serve today. Thank you seems so little but means so much.***

***To the new soldiers I bid you welcome to the best Infantry company in the reenacting hobby today. I was told by General Bill Rambo, we fielded the largest company at Chickamauga in both the Army of Tennessee and the Army of Northern Virginia. Not only were we the largest, but were complemented on our drill and professional bearing in the ranks. This is a tribute to the NCO's and the discipline you enforced. You have raised the bar for those who look at us from afar, again thank you.***

***Our Holiday Dinner was a great success and due to my furlough to Scotland, it was overseen by 1Lt Jerry West, 1Sgt Jim McCall and Mayor Bill Hoover. I wish to thank them for their hard work.***

***Your Obedient Servant,***

***Robert Nichols***

***Captain, Co I 19th Alabama Infantry***

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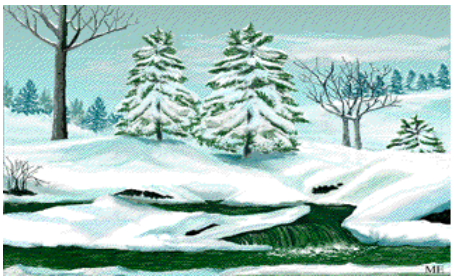

## From the Right Flank

By 1st Sgt McCall

***It is with great honor and deepest respect that I write to each of you of the outstanding dedication and devotion that you have shown on and off the battle field this year. I personally, am very gratified with our missions and outcomes that we as a company have done to preserve the history and to honor our fallen brothers and the 19th Alabama Company I.***

***From the intense battles we engaged, to the camp comradeship that we shared, no man shall ever take away from our hearts and souls.***

***Our soldiers are to be commended for their dedication and willingness to perform their duties on and off the field. To the cadre, I want to give you special thanks for all you do and the dedication that you have shown to me and the officers of this company.***

***The Battle of Chickamauga was a fierce fight but we continued to fight as if there were no tomorrow. Our company stood strong and valiant and each man held his ground. Casualties were minimal and victory was in sight. We managed to climb the hill time and time again until we were ordered to retreated back down the hill to join forces with our counterparts and attempt a full maneuver to overtake the enemy at hand. In mine eyes victory was ours.***

***Bi Centennial Mall was a great living history and time to enjoy each other while educating the public in the school program. To the 4th Kentucky, my hats off to you for participating with us and a fine job you all done.***

***In closing, again I want to thank each and everyone for another memorable year and if I do not see you until next year, have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.***

***Your Obedient Servant,***

***First Sergeant McCall***

### *A STANDING REMINDER TO THE COMPANY*

GENTLEMEN,

Just a reminder to the fellows with borrowed gear. Please try to get your personal gear as best you can. We have several new fellows coming in and are running out of both personal and company loaner gear to get new folks started (this is actually a good thing!) As you get your own items, turn in what you have been loaned. Some of the loaner gear is for sale (at good prices I might add.). If you're interested in buying any of the kits provided, please pay as soon as you can. We then can purchase replacement equipment.

This helps us to keep outfitting new recruits to help them get into the hobby.... I think everyone is coming along but at this point, extra equipment is getting tight.

Thanks and Merry Christmas, as always, your servant,

-Lt. Jerry West

# Chickamauga After Action Report

By Pvt Mark Sharp

September 19-21, 2008 – What an honor and a privilege it was to be present and participate in the reenactment of the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. Those of you who were fortunate enough to attend know exactly what I mean. The weather was beautiful and the 19th was well represented.

The event was advertised as a national event and it did very well in living up to its billing. Those who were fortunate enough to do so arrived early Friday and were able to take in some of the scenery and participate in the school days part of the event. The magnitude of the event becomes apparent when you consider that Vice President Dick Cheney took time to stop by on Friday to speak in celebration of the festivities and in honor of all those men who so gallantly fought there. His visit was covered on many news stations and in many of the area newspapers.

The facilities were very well thought out. There was plenty of parking, more than enough water available, and enough portable toilets for everyone. I might mention regrettably that there was no soap or hand-sanitizer, but then again, I don't think my great-great-great grandfathers who were there probably found any either. During the battle times, water wagons were all over the place insuring that the troop's canteens never ran dry.

Saturday morning saw the arrival of the remainder of our participating troops. Our officers commented frequently that they could not recall the last time we were blessed to have so many troops at one engagement. Once we assembled on the parade field, we were rewarded with what we had been hoping to see. From end to end, the parade field was almost not wide enough to accommodate the number of confederate troops assembled in two ranks. You could get a sense of historic pride and camaraderie as units would pass by and other units would salute, yell, and wave urging them on. One of the best aspects of this event is that the adrenalin and excitement made two hours of drill time seem like nothing. It felt like the shortest we have ever done it.

Before we knew it, the battle was on. It's hard to take in the scenery full-measure when you are marching to cadence, keeping your distance, and listening for commands. However you couldn't help but notice the grandeur of what was going on. Cavalry were flying around with a sense of urgency, cannons were being shuttled back and forth, and wagons were going full speed. There are some things that history books just can't tell you. You couldn't help but think that this was probably as real as any of us could ever expect to get.

After being brought on line to the battle, we eventually helped to push the Yanks back across Chickamauga creek. The fact that their attempt to burn the bridge was foiled was a welcomed sight. This was going to be the first event all year where maybe we would get through the event dry! As we pushed them further back, it became apparent quickly that the creek turned and required us to cross in another place, minus the bridge. I guess we really don't want to kill the streak and lose our "Amphibious Division" title anyway. Having completed this assignment and feeling the exhilarating coolness of the water, we focused our attention on the enemy. As the battle advanced, we were forced to reposition and cross the creek yet again. On the bright side, most of all of our uniforms now have character and look like we've actually been in a battle somewhere! All of that was quickly forgotten when we heard the raucous crowd answer our final "rebel yell" with cheers as their heroes claimed the victory and successfully defended Chickamauga that day.

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## Chickamauga After Action Report (cont from page 3)

**By Pvt Mark Sharp**

That night we were fortunate to participate in a rare opportunity. We were engaged in a night battle beginning at dusk. Of course at night neither army could see what the other was doing at that distance, but it was a friendly reminder that they were still there. I cannot imagine how either army would have slept any at all (and of course they didn't) when such activity persisted all night. As the firing began, the cool air caused the smoke to settle near the ground, creating an eerie fog effect. Pyrotechnic explosions were going off overhead and you could see the continual flash fire of the guns. The event was worth attending for this reason alone as it is not customary to engage so late.

Those hardened, brave souls that could do so stayed and fought Sunday. There were a few incidences at the event where men over-exerted themselves and just couldn't go. Three battles in one weekend are more than we are usually engaged in. Though the pride of most re-enactors runs deep, our forefathers were made of harder stuff than we.

Aside from the celebrations and excitement of the event itself, the most rewarding part of the event is trying to make a spiritual connection with what it was like for those men who were actually there 145 years ago. We complain because we get a little wet or muddy or because we don't feel like walking a few feet to the water spigot. We complain because the ground is hard and something was sticking in our back last night or because it was a little too cool for our liking. Our forefathers were willing to do it for not just a couple of days, but for months and years. As I ate my biscuit and took some jerky out of my haversack, it occurred to me that there were many who perhaps would have been envious to have had that. The mortal danger they faced was very real. There was no packing up and going home Saturday or Sunday. This battle was the last celebration and the last golden moment that this great Confederate army would ever know. It is a deep, haunting, bittersweet reflection. Regardless of whom they were or even where they were from, they were all fighting for what they believed in and they should all be honored and remembered for it. That's what we do our best to do every time we go out regardless of the colors we wear.

The ranks of the 19th continue to seem to grow lately. It was apparent at this event that we are getting a reputation in the hobby and are well respected. I think it speaks very highly of our commanders and the effort they put into it. As privates, we get the fun part. Just show up and shoot. Every time we go out, let's put forth the effort that pays proper tribute to the sacrifices of the men who really did this and let's thank our officers for getting us all on the same page and into the line of battle.

## *!! ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE !!*

***Don't forget the ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 17, 2009***

***Rippavilla Plantation, Spring Hill, Tennessee***

# 19th ALABAMA INFANTRY REGT., Co I 2009 DRAFT

## 19th ALABAMA INFANTRY REGT., Co I 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT & LOCATION | IMPRESSION | UNIFORM | EVENT COOR. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 17 2009 | **19th Ala Annual Meeting , Rippavilla Spring Hill, TN** | | Modern | Capt Nichols |
| Jan 16 2010 | **19th Ala Annual Meeting** | | Modern | Capt Nichols |
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| Feb | **Coy Inventory / Soldier Kit Maintenance** | | | 1Sgt McCall |
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| Mar 7 | **NCO School & Cadre Training: Huntsville, Burritt** | Light Campaign on the March | CS Confederate | 1Sgt & Capt |
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| Apr 3,4,5 | **Shiloh NBP, TN** "BN COI & LH" | Garrison Camp | CS Confederate | Capt Nichols |
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| May 15,16,17 | **Battle of Resaca, GA** "Brigade Max Effort" | Heavy Campaign Camp | US Federal | Capt Nichols |
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| Jun | Muster; School of the Soldier & Company Picnic (HHSP) | Light Campaign on the March | US Federal | 1SGT & Capt |
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| Jul | | | | |
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| Aug | No Events Scheduled | | | |
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| Sep 4,5,6 | Battle of Atlanta, GA "Brigade Max Effort" | Light Campaign Camp | CS Confederate | Capt Nichols |
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| Oct 23,24,25 | **Bi-Centennial Mall, TN** "Coy Max Effort" | Medical & Garrison Camp | US Federal | Capt Nichols |
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| Nov | Coy Inventory / Soldier Kit Maintenance | | | 1Sgt McCall |
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| Dec | **Holiday Dinner** | | | 1Cpl Stegmaier |
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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
# NINETEENTH ALABAMA INFANTRY REGIMENT, C.S.A., Inc.

I (We) voluntarily enlist in the 19th Alabama, Company I for the period _____ to_____.
(Please Print)

**Class "A" Members:** (Type Membership: S - Soldier, C - Civilian, R – Regular, V – Veteran/Reserves) List all family members who want a separate vote at the annual meeting.

| NAME & AGE | TYPE MEMBERSHIP (circle one) | | | | Co. I Dues* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| _____ | S | C | R | V | $25.00 |
| _____ | S | C | R | V | $12.50 |
| _____ | S | C | R | V | $12.50 |
| _____ | S | C | R | V | $12.50 |

ADDRESS: _____
(Street/City/State/ZIP)

HOME PHONE: _____WORK: _____ CELL: _____

E-Mail's: H: _____ W: _____

If you were recruited by a current member of the 19th Ala please give his/her name: _____

I (We) have read and fully understand the By-Laws of the 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. Inc., provided and do hereby submit my (our) application for the above type of membership. You must be at least 16 years of age to be a soldier in the ranks. Children 15 and under must have a parent or legal guardian present at each event.

Upon acceptance of my (our) application, I (we) do agree to abide by all articles of the By-Laws applicable to the membership classification indicated above. I (we) further agree that membership in the 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Inc., is to be considered a privilege, and no contract rights shall accrue as a result of my (our) membership in this organization. I (we) further agree that my (our) membership in this organization may be terminated at any time by the Board of Directors acting in accordance with the By-laws of this not-for-profit corporation. I (we) agree to hold the officers, members, and dependents of the 19th Ala Infantry Regt, Inc., free from liability for any injury or property loss I (we) may sustain as a result of participating in unit functions.

**List the date for each member that joined the 19th Alabama Infantry:** _____

**Signatures of each member:** _____ _____

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**MAILING ADDRESS FOR APPLICATION AND FEES:**
**19th Alabama Infantry**
**PO Box 4323**
**Huntsville AL 35815**

**Total Paid:** _____

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
## NINETEENTH ALABAMA INFANTRY REGIMENT, C.S.A., Inc.

**COMPANY I DUES & REGISTRATION FEES: $25 per year for the first dues-paying member and $12.50 for each additional dues-paying family member.**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 19TH ALABAMA INFANTRY**

*** In addition to the annual dues, there is a one-time $5.00 new application fee for the first year of membership per family. Annual dues are payable no later than January 31st each year. New members joining after January will pay only for the months remaining in the calendar year, at the rate of $2.00 per month for the first dues-paying member and $1.00 per month for each additional family dues-paying member (plus the $5 new application fee).**

***Based on reenactments selected for the campaign year, collection of registration fees will be made at the beginning of each year from those members attending the proposed reenactments. The Captain will be responsible to identify the amount to be collected for the reenactments.**

**Class "A" members are voting members of the company.**

**S - Soldiers must meet the requirements of the By-Laws, and take the field as an active member in the ranks.**

**C - Civilians must meet the requirements of the By-Laws, and participate in LH's as an active member in camp.**

**R - Regular members do not camp or take the field, but are required to meet the By-Laws Rules of Conduct.**

**V - Veteran members are soldiers or civilian members who no longer camp or take the field in the ranks.**

## DONATIONS to the 19th Alabama

Have you ever considered donating to the 19th Alabama? If you have a desire to do so, please use the form provided below. Every little bit helps us make the unit better.

### NINETEENTH ALABAMA INFANTRY REGIMENT, C.S.A., INC.

*In support of programs to develop and build a stronger 19th Alabama Civil War Organization;*
*I hereby authorize a contribution of: $_____ to be paid as follows:*

One Time ☐ Annual ☐ Semi-annual ☐ Quarterly ☐ payments of: $_____

***Signature*** _____ ***Date*** _____

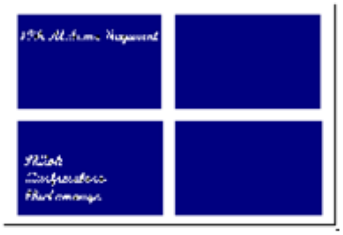
Firm Name _____ Phone _____

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to: **Nineteenth Alabama Infantry Regiment, C.S.A., Inc.**
Mail donation to: **P.O. Box 4323, Huntsville, AL 35815**
Nineteenth Alabama Infantry Regiment C.S.A, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3), charitable organization with the tax ID number of 63-0914743. Your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Consult your tax advisor.



17 Jan 2009 DRAFT

# Nineteenth Alabama Infantry Regiment CSA, Inc.
## Estimated Budget for 2009

| | Budgeted Dollars |
|---|---|
| 1. Web Site, Domain and Software | $350 ($175 Company C) |
| 2. Public Relations & Recruiting, Marketing & Advertising | $100 |
| 3. Telephone | $0 |
| 4. Postage and Office Supplies | $150 |
| 5. Printing and Reproduction | $75 |
| 6. Licenses, Insurance, and Bank Service Charges | $0 |
| 7. Special Event Expenses | $200 |
| 8. BCM Living History | $100 |
| 9. Awards & Special Gifts | $200 |
| 10. Annual & Special meetings & Holiday Dinner | $400 |
| 11. Camp Equipment & Repairs | $0 |
| 12. Powder/Caps | $0 |
| 13. Historical Preservation & Scholarships | $0 |

Note: $1,000 Restricted Funds to be dispersed in Campaign year 2009

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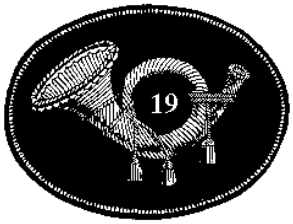
| Budgeted Dollars | $1,400 |

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//

Robert Nichols
President / Captain
Company I
19th Alabama Infantry

Approved Annual Meeting

19TH ALABAMA
INFANTRY, CO. I

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http://charliesboatworks.com/Hardtack_Coolers.htm

PRINT THE BELOW FORM AND PUT ONE IN YOUR CARTRIDGE BOX AND GIVE ONE TO THE COMPANY 1SG

## 19th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Company I

Emergency Contact Information

NAME _____ Rank _____

Address_____ City, ST, Zip_____

Age _____Cell Phone _____Home Phone _____

Medical Condition / Medications _____

Insurance _____

Who to Contact in case of Emergency

NAME _____ Relationship_____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Special instructions _____