

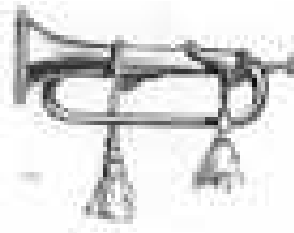


## **Walker Tavern 2010**

**5th Texas Volunteer Infantry Co E.**

**USS Michigan Marine Guard**

**Historic Walker Tavern**



Present

## **“Dixie Blues Junction”**

**Battle of Fredericksburg**

May 15-16, 2010

Battles Saturday and Sunday, Tactical Course Sunday

Usual Amenities (Straw, Firewood, Potable Water)

Food Vendors and Sutlers On-Site

## **Contact Information**

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### **Directions:**

Walker Tavern is located at 13220 M-50 in Brooklyn, Michigan at the cross roads of US-12 and M-50

Event signs will be posted on the route to Walker Tavern.,

### **General Rules and Policies:**

The hosts wish to thank you for your participation and cooperation. This event, in conjunction with historic Walker Tavern, is to provide an educational experience as well as enjoyable weekend for both civilian visitors and re-enactors.

Please take the time to answer any questions or concerns of the public.

Please note that we will have a person assigned to observe, at random, any non-period articles visible to the public during Event hours. Please try and keep non-period items out of view and if asked to hide or disguise them, please comply.

**Pets:** No pets will be allowed to reside in the re-enacting camps. If you wish to have your pets at the event you can keep them at a modern campsite, please.

### **Emergency Phone Numbers**

Emergency Contact: Walker Tavern, (517) 467.4401

**Real Emergency (Medical, etc.) at the event.** Call 911

### **Registration:**

Pre-registration is not required. However we will limit registration to the first 300 Confederates and 300 Union re-enactors

We request that you contact the appropriate Civilian, Confederate, or Federal Military Contacts to express your desire and intent to attend the event.

Within two weeks of the event, please contact the appropriate Contacts and indicate how many participants will attend and how many tents of which size and with our without a fly.

Walk on registrants will be welcomed if space allows. All participants must register individually and sign a release form (at the site) before they will be allowed to participate.

Parents or legal guardians must sign a release form for minors.

*Registration will be at the main gate on M-50 and will be conducted as a drive through.*

Registration will be open Friday May 15 from 3 pm until Midnight. It will re-open from 7:00 am until 8:30 am Saturday.

### **Ice**

Ice will be available for purchase. Ice runs will be made daily twice on Saturday and once on Sunday morning. Contact your Camp Coordinator for information on how to order ice. The ice will be delivered to your camp site by the host units.

### **Recruiting Tent Set-up**

We encourage any Unit to set up a Recruiting Tent in the designated area.

### **Camp Set-up**

All units are welcomed to set-up their camp sites, starting Thursday, May 14th from 9:00 am until park closing.

We will be having a School Program on Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. You will not be allowed to set up your camp site during this time. You may resume set-up after 3:00 pm on Friday, once we are sure the area is cleared of buses & school children.

Please keep roads and camp streets clear while unloading. Tear down is after the event beginning after 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

No modern vehicles will be allowed in the camp areas after 8:30 am on Saturday except for a Medical emergency.

### **School Presentation**

Any unit wishing to participate in the School Presentation may set-up for this until 8:30 am on Friday. **Absolutely no set-ups between 9:00 am-3:00 pm.** Note: This doesn't mean that you must participate in the School Presentation to set-up on Thursday.

If you would like to participate in the School Presentation, please contact your Camp Coordinator for scheduling and the topic you will demonstrate.

### **Re-enactor Parking**

All re-enactors will be required to park in the designated parking areas. The primary Parking Area for re-enactors will be at the church on M-50 across from the Walker Tavern main entrance. Please park only in the area designated for re-enactors. The Church is doing this as a big favor to the re-enactors. If you park in an area where you are not supposed to be, you will be asked to move your vehicle.

Please keep roads clear while unloading. Tear down is after the event. It begins after 4:30 p.m. Sunday. No modern vehicles will be allowed in the camp areas after 9:00 am Saturday. Unless it is a Medical emergency.

**Visitors Parking:** In Designated areas only.

### **Conduct:**

All participants (civilian and military) must be dressed in period style clothing when in the authentic camps. Noise should be limited in all camps during evening hours. Any participant, who does not maintain good conduct or act in a safe

manner, will be asked to leave the event. No Alcohol is permitted. Children must be supervised at all times.

### **Camp Fires**

Camp Fire should be placed at the head of the camp site on the camp street. **-No fire will be left unattended. Adult supervision is required.**

### **Safety**

All participants are required to perform good safety behavior during the weekend. There will be no unauthorized discharge of any type of weapon in any of the camps. Safety Inspections will be held before the Battles and the Sunday Tactical in the Federal and Confederate camps. All troops must report to their respective camps for inspection. No one will be allowed to participate in the battles unless he has registered and passed a safety inspection.

All troops must carry correct period military weapons. 3-band Enfields or Springfields are preferred. 2-band muskets and other short barreled weapons are to be discouraged in the ranks. Only officers, cavalry and artillerymen may carry side arms.

### **Safety Rules for Field**

1. Ramrods are to be kept in the pipes. They are not to be removed at any time on the field.
2. Halfcock on the lock must be functional at all times and inspected prior to engagements.
3. Only officers and NCO s may carry swords.
4. Bayonets are to remain in their scabbards during all combat scenarios.
5. Only officers, cavalry, and artillerymen may carry side arms.

### **Hand-to-Hand Engagements**

No soldier may engage in hand to hand fighting unless it has been approved by the overall Union and Confederate Commanders and has been thoroughly scripted in advance. All hand-to-hand engagements are the responsibility of the unit's commanding officer to ensure safety.

### **Ammunition: Maximum Powder Loads**

Two or three band musket, rifle & shotgun 60 - 70 grains (FF or FFF powder)  
Pistols (20 - 30 grains FF or FFF powder) (no unapproved wadding for pistols)

### **Minimum Age**

All battlefield re-enactors must be 16 years or older. This requirement may be waived for functioning field Musicians.

### **Drill**

There will be company drill for both the Confederate and Union participants both Saturday and Sunday. At the discretion of the over-all-commanders for the event,

there may also be Battalion drill both days. Fields have been set aside for drills. Please use these fields for that purpose.

### **Battles**

There will be two battles for the spectators, one each on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a tactical course that will be run on Sunday morning. Because of this we are asking that each participant bring 200 rounds of authentically rolled cartridges to the event. **No penny wrappers or the like, staples, plastic, or taped cartridges may be used.**

All unattached individuals will be assigned to a company for the battles. We also ask that soldiers do not clear their weapons independently after the battle. The company officers will reform their commands and clear pieces at that time.

### **Camping Sites**

Camps have been established for the Confederate and Union military as well as the civilians attending the event. Military and Civilian camps must be policed by company officers and we ask that all non-period items be hidden from view when the camps are open to the public.

### **Tent Requirements**

**Military Camps:** A-Frame tents or shelter tents are to be used in the military camps. No wall tents will be allowed on company streets. Wall tents will be allowed only for commanding officers. Campaign style camps are encouraged in both military camps. For historical accuracy, Confederates are recommended to use shebangs or tent flies as opposed to shelter halves. Before the battle of Fredericksburg not many Confederate troops were issued tents:

*The Confederates suffered the most, having the fewest supplies. Some were without shoes, most lacked adequate clothing, and none had yet been issued tents.*

*“They manage to eke out some kind of shelter, either with oil cloths [rubber tarps], or a blanket over poles, or brush-wood covered with leaves,” wrote Gen. William Nelson Pendleton. “And by dint of good out of doors fires, and many lodging together they are enabled, I hope, to sleep in tolerable warmth. At best, though,” he admitted, “it is a rough business.” - Before the storm, peaceful interlude Part seven of a series on the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg by Donald C.*

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**Civilian Camps:** Wall, A-Frame and/or period style tents are permitted as long as they are of period materials and design.

**Modern Camping:** A very limited number of sites are available for modern camping. If you desire a modern camp site, please contact your Camp Coordinator. No water/electrical or sewer hookup are available.

### **Cleanup**

All participants in all camps are required to clean up their campsite after the battle on Sunday and before they leave. All trash must be picked up, straw raked into piles, and all fires extinguished and pits re-sodded. No digging of garbage pits, please use trash containers. **Pile unused firewood back in the main pile.** Please leave the area as you found it.

Note: It is the Company Captain's responsibility to make sure this is done in the Military Camps. The same is expected in the Civilian camps as well.

### **Noise Curfew**

There will be a noise curfew in all camps beginning at 11:00 p.m. on both, Friday and Saturday nights.

### **Women in the Ranks**

In keeping with historical accuracy, women discovered in the ranks will be removed as would have happened in the time period being portrayed.

### **Civilians**

This event has opportunities for civilians to participate in certain activities. We ask that any civilian interested in participating in first person activities please express their interest at the time of registration. No Flags for Display Please.

### **Sutlers**

Will be available. (Sutlers please see or contact Larry "Red" Fifield for set-up location which is by the barn and running along the area parallel with M-50.)

### **Horses**

Registered Documents as required by the State of Michigan are required. For 2010, the bounty will be \$20 per horse up to 10 horses.

### **Artillery**

Bounty for 2010 will be \$150 for the first 3 pre-registered full- scale Cannon.

# Activities

## ***Civilian Camp Activities***

### Saturday

9:00 Camps open to public, Homesite competitions starts

10-4 Dixie Blues Ladies Aid Society Fair Opens (quilt show and bazaar

1:00 Childrens Games

3:00 Baking Contest, Adult Activities(games) N/S tug of war, frying pan toss, fast shoot, wet chemise contest

4:00 Pie Auction

5:30 Box Social

7:00 Night tour

### Sunday

9:00 Camps open to public

10:00 Church Services

11:00 Quilt show opens to public

12:30 Ladies Tea

1:00 Childrens games

## ***Descriptions***

### Saturday

**Homesite competition-** We will be looking at all the campsites throughout the weekend and judging them for the competition. We will be looking for sites that are kept modern item free and sites that represent a home or business for the time period. The winner of the contest will be announced at the Ladies Tea.

**Dixie Blues Ladies Aid Society Fair-** Quilt Show, Bake Sale, Bazaar and much more. We invite all reenactors to enter your quilts. We will have different areas (hand sewn, machine sewn, hand and machine sewn tops only-ones not yet finished. Winners will be announced at the Ladies Tea.

The Bazaar will be open to all units that would like to sell items. We ask that the items you sell will be of period use. Your unit will set up your own tables and man them for the length of time that you will be selling your items. Any money your unit gets from your bazaar item will stay with your unit.

**FOR THE QUILT SHOW- PLEASE BRING THE QUILTS TO THE BARN ON FRIDAY NIGHT OR EARLY SAT MORN. SO WE CAN GET IT SET UP BEFORE 9:00 AM. I WILL HAVE YOU REGISTER YOUR QUILTS SO THAT WE GET THEM BACK TO THE CORRECT OWNERS.**

3:00 **Baking contest-** All civilian reenactors are invited to bake a desert of your choice for the contest. We ask that when you enter it, you please enclose a copy of the receipt with it. Please try to have one that is period correct.

4:00- **Pie Sale-** Pies that have been donated for this will be auctioned off at this time.

5:30 **Box Social**- All of the ladies are invited to make a picnic basket with dinner for 2. We will then raffle off yur baskets to the highest bidder. The winner of your basket will shar your dinner with you. We encourage all ladies to participate in the box social. Think of all the hungry men in the military that would enjoy a good home cooked meal.

### Sunday

10:00 **Church**- services will be held in the activities area in front of the barn. Please bring your chairs.

12:30 **Ladies Tea**- We invite all of the ladies and young girls to the Tea. We will be serving tea, punch and have deserts for you pleasure. We will be announcing the winners of the Quilt Show, Home Site Contest and the Baking Contest. We have this to thank all of the ladies for the hard work that they do all weekend long and to give you a little time to relax and socialize with your neighbors. So please join us.

## **Lantern Tour**

There will be a candlelight lantern tour Saturday night starting at dusk. Company commanders will be informed of any portrayals that they are encouraged to participate in.

## **Historic Setting**

In 2010 we will be portraying the battle of Fredericksburg.

## **Event Waiver**

The event waiver is on the following page. If you'd like you can fill out, sign, and bring with you to the event to save registration time.

**CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT AND LIVING HISTORY WAIVER**

Please complete ALL items that pertain to you and print legibly. Thank you.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MINORS ONLY**

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ If under 18, parent/legal guardian signature required for all minors attending

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian Please circle

I recognize that, because of the potentially hazardous nature of this activity, I may suffer Injury, death, and/or loss, damage to personal property. In the event of such an injury to a minor under my supervision or myself or if my designated emergency contact cannot be reached, I grant permission to an attending physician to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay usual and customary charges for such treatment.

My signature releases the sponsors, 5<sup>th</sup> Texas, Co. E, U.S.S. Michigan Marine Guard, State of Michigan Department of Museums and Historical Walker Tavern, its employees and assigns, from or having a relation to my participation, or the participation of a minor in my care, in this activity. I understand that this release applies to any present or future injuries and that it binds my heirs, executors, and administrators. I understand that participants may be photographed/videotaped during this activity and such film/prints may be used for non-commercial publication.

I have read this release and agree to its terms. I sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_