

Voices of the Confederacy



Our **living history group** is called **Voices of the Confederacy**. Please feel free to visit our Facebook page by searching for our group name.

We are primarily a **teaching camp**, therefore are not set up as a military reenactor camp would. We have **displays, antiques and handouts**, all designed to engage the public in conversations about **Civil War history**, specifically as it relates to the Confederacy.

Today, there are efforts all over our country to abolish the historical symbols of the Confederate South because of their misrepresentation and misuse in movies, publications, and advertisements or by hate groups. Society often now dismisses the American Civil War as a war fought only over the issue of slavery. Few know that the War Between the States was over 60 years in the making and is also called the war of brother against brother!

What issues divided our nation, destroyed crops, cities, and railroad lines, and claimed the lives of 618,000 Americans?

What was the name of General Robert E. Lee's horse?

If slave labor was so important to the Southern economy in 1860, then why did only 15% of all Southerners own slaves?

Who was called the Cleopatra of the Secession and the Siren of the Shenandoah and how did she earn her nicknames?

If the North went to war only to end slavery, then why did slavery continue in the North... in Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, and Washington, D.C.?

What was General J.E.B. Stuart's favorite song?

Why did President Lincoln permit West Virginia to enter the Union as the last slave state on June 20, 1863, over six months after he issued his Emancipation Proclamation, which allegedly freed all slaves?

Voices of the Confederacy is a non-profit and volunteer living history group whose primary mission is to educate the public on the true history of the American Civil War. Most of our Members portray persons who lived and supported the Southern cause, including actual ancestors, civilians or particular military figures. We invite and welcome you to visit our encampment where you will be able to take home free educational handouts; hold a replica rifle; participate in drill practice with a bayonet dummy; view authentic and museum-quality era antiques and artifacts; learn and/or debate the causes of the War, the poor leadership and presidency of Abraham Lincoln, and the meaning of states' rights; declare your position...unionist or secessionist; discuss ladies' fashion wear and etiquette; learn about everyday life in the North and South; listen to 19th century minstrel music; and much more!

In 1860, division in our nation went far beyond farming cotton! This is your opportunity to visit our encampment, ask questions, and learn what you were never taught in school! We believe that a better understanding of this nation's most controversial conflict will put an end to racial strain and enhance the respect deserving of our Civil War soldiers, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice.

From Mark Kinan, Pittsburgh, PA, Voices of Confederacy

Note: Voices of Confederacy will be our special guest at the Civil War Encampment and Living History on October 7-8, 2017 at Laurel Hill