

2nd New Jersey



Are you someone who:

- Enjoys history?
- Likes camping?
- Is drawn to things military?
- Likes the comradery of good people?

If the answer to any of these is "YES", then the 2nd New Jersey may be for you!

Experience History:

If you have a desire to experience what a Civil War soldier would have felt, please contact one of our recruiting officers. Our unit can equip individuals who would like to try the hobby before joining. There are local events throughout the spring, summer and fall.

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Honoring the
Jerseymen who
struggled to preserve
our great country
through the Civil
War

The 2nd Regiment New Jersey Volunteer Infantry

History:

The State of New Jersey played a major role in the American Civil War, or War Between the States (as it was called at the time). New Jersey contributed 4 Militia regiments at the onset of the war and during the course of the 4 year struggle raised Forty full regiments. Some of these regiments were enlisted for 9 months, but most signed on for three years.

At the onset of the Civil War, President Lincoln called for Militia units from each state in the Union. These were the 90 day units. New Jersey was required to raise three units and the number of volunteers who flocked to Trenton was so great that four units were sent to Washington.

Shortly after the Militia units were sent to the front, a call for four Regiments of three year enlistments was issued. There were still many eager Jerseymen who stayed in the Trenton area and the 2nd Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers was raised immediately after the call for three year enlistments was issued.

(During the Civil War a regiment was made of approximately one thousand men.) They mustered into service at Camp Olden, just outside of Trenton, the state's capital. The 2nd New Jersey Regiment was comprised of men who lived throughout New Jersey.

During the initial three year regiment enlistment period, four regiments were raised and sent off together as a Brigade. This became known as the First New Jersey Brigade, and consisted initially of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Regiments of New Jersey Volunteers.

As the war continued, the First NJ Brigade's strength was renewed by the addition of units raised from New Jersey. The 1st New Jersey Brigade is unique in that it was the only brigade to consist of regiments from one state throughout the war. The 1st NJ Brigade was also among the hardest fighting brigades in the war.

Today:

The members of the current 2nd Regiment New Jersey Volunteer Infantry are Living Historians who seek to learn as much as possible about the lives of civil war soldiers,

especially those from the great state of New Jersey. Increasing our knowledge allows us to experience the life of the soldier and to educate the public about the great price that was paid for the preservation of our nation. The 2nd NJ participates in the following aspects of Re-enacting.

Living Histories: Allow us to interact with adults and children and teach about the Civil War. The 2nd New Jersey has done living histories at local townships, schools and Scouting events.

Re-enactments: Weekend events, typically during the spring and summer, which allow the public to witness small skirmishes to large battles. They are highly planned events where many re-enactors gather to get the experience of drill and battle.

Full Tacticals: Weekend events where re-enactors who are looking for a more authentic experience spend their time living as an army of the 1860's would have. The general rule is: "If you can't carry it, you won't need it."