

# *Florida Living History, Inc.*

## *Gazette*



March is upon us and our last event of the season is to be held at Narcoossee. May the luck of the Irish be with you as you prepare to defend our land and families.

A big thank you to all of our officers for their hard work in making this season a great success

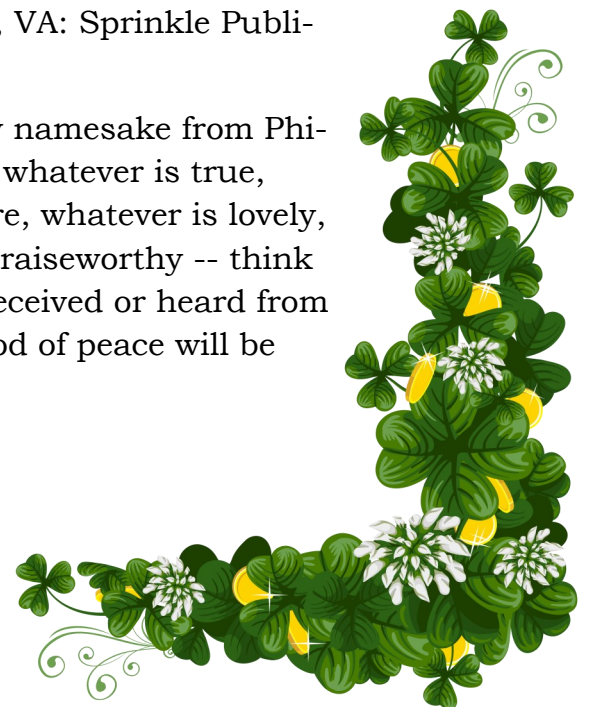


## *Chap's Corner*

As I write the final column for our newsletter before my resignation at the end of this month, it's bittersweet to think that I won't be camping and fighting beside you at future reenactments. However, I look forward to reconnecting around your campfire during upcoming national events and pray God's richest blessings upon you as we travel through time together but in separate states keeping history alive!

Similar to Stonewall Jackson who wrote to his wife on April 25, 1857: "It is a great comfort to me that although I am not with you, yet you're in the hands of One who will not permit any evil to come nigh you. What a consoling thought it is to know that we, with perfect confidence, commit all our friends in Jesus to the care of our Heavenly Father, with an assurance that all will be well with them!" (Mary Anna Jackson, *The Life and Letters of General Thomas J. Jackson*, Harrisonburg, VA: Sprinkle Publications, 1998, 101)


Likewise in closing, I leave you with the words of my namesake from Philippians 4:8-9 (NIV), "Finally, brothers [and sisters], whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me -- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you [always]."





As the changing of the seasons, so is the changing of our lives. As we say farewell to several of our faithful members and friends, so we must also say our farewells. We are leaving my home state of Florida to move to Steve's home state of Ohio to be closer to both of our families. But do not be dismayed as Steve has already done his research and we will be better able to travel along the 2nd Florida boys path as they continue fighting the federals (AKA Yankees). So along with his reports and maps, we hope to include photos to bring a clearer image of 160 years ago. We look forward to joining you this summer at Gettysburg as we time travel along the Black Horse Tavern road.





## An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart and home.  
May good and faithful friends be yours,  
wherever you may roam.  
May peace and plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures.  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you and yours!