

# *Florida Living History, Inc.*

## *Gazette*



Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late **19th century** and became a federal holiday in 1894.



Here are a few photos from this years Camp of Instruction. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to watch the video either on the website or on YouTube.





## A Word from our Captain

As a recap to a highly successful “**Camp of Instruction**”, I want to thank each member of 2<sup>nd</sup> Florida who attended. We were well represented in both attendance as well as the ranks of those presenting. It was a privilege to be amongst reenactors from all across Florida – representing many different organizations and reenacting groups. The subjects that were presented are rarely ever discussed in “mixed company” as they were yesterday. Everyone walked away having learned something new – and perhaps a new appreciation for the beloved hobby of ours. It proves that even after 16 years of enjoying this hobby together as a group, there is much we can still learn from one another.

Special thanks to our own Colonel Clay Kearney for organizing this event, arranging the subjects and presenters, and facilitating .... *All* on the day that he'd celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Happy anniversary, to those “Kids”! Thank you, Colonel! We are already seeing the fruits of your labor.

Our next event will be next month, **September 16-18** for the **Battle of Sharpsburg/Antietam**, held in **Gettysburg, PA**.

Thereafter, the next **local**, Florida event will be **Sep. 30-Oct. 2 – Parrish Train Raid** (Parrish, Florida).

Stay tuned for more information as we get ready to kick off yet another exciting season of history and camaraderie!





## *Chap's Corner*

As several of our unit head off to Gettysburg later this month for the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Sharpsburg also known as "Bloody Antietam," my thoughts turn to the significance of blood in the Bible and its sacrificial aspect in the Old Testament. Hebrews 9:22 declares that "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (NASB). The term "baptism in blood" was used symbolically by those who fought and wrote about the horrors of the Civil War. The following quote gives more insight into its origin and deeper meaning among soldiers on both sides of the bloody conflict:

*For the Civil War to achieve its messianic destiny and inculcate an ongoing civil religion, it required a blood sacrifice that appeared total. While the term "baptism in blood" did not originate in the Civil War, it enjoyed a prominence in the war rhetoric of both the Union and the Confederacy that had no precedent. Speakers and readers came to accept the term literally as the lists of war dead continued to lengthen and civilians watched their lives and properties being destroyed by invading armies. The Civil War was indeed the crimson baptism of our nationalism ...For the unbeliever, both blood sacrifices seem irrational. But for the true believer, blood saved. Just as Christians believe that, "without the shedding of blood there can be no remission for sins," so Americans in the North and the South came to believe that their blood letting contained a profound religious meaning for the collective life as nations (Herman Norton, *Rebel Religion*, 52-53).*

Antietam has often been referred to as "the bloodiest day in American history." Whether or not you are attending this upcoming reenactment, may we solemnly reflect upon the gospel message that without the shed blood of Jesus, there would be no hope for a lost world. The blood of Christ and his resurrection are the identification marks of the Christian faith. In the words of the old hymn by Elisha A. Hoffman, "Are You Washed In the Blood?"





## **ATTENTION!**

**Parrish Train Raid**

**Sept 30—Oct 2, 2022**

**Get your gear ready for there is a payroll to protect from the invading Yankees!**

### ***ANNOUNCEMENT!***

***JEAN CICHLAR IS OUR NEW TREASURER  
CONGRATULATIONS JEAN!***

### **HELP WANTED**

Volunteers needed to roll paper tubes. Please contact Ord. Sgt. Andrew Sealing if you can assist.

### **Ladies**

Come and join us for a fun filled weekend aboard the Parrish Train where past and present comes together for a ride full of entertainment.

Remember that those in period attire ride free, so get out the hoops and parasols and get ready for action!



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**Thursday, September 22**