

## FORT SUMTER EVENT UPDATE:

We have received an update from the event coordinators and National Park Service in South Carolina regarding the Fort Sumter event.

We have learned that this event will now be more of a “Hard Core” total immersion Campaigner type event rather than what we were told in the beginning. The schedule of events will include long days of 5 to 6 one-hour demonstrations, including two dress parades a day. As I understand there will be very little to no down time. A 24-hour guard mount duty will now be required, and I understand that the sleeping conditions will not be the best. No straw for ticks. In addition, strict food restrictions have been put in place. Reenactors will not be allowed to bring any food into the fort. All food will be provided by the event at a cost of \$5.00 a day (as of right now-that might change), and a \$15.00 fee per person to the NPS for firewood and water. All fires will be outside of the fort.

In order to maintain exact historical accuracy, the event will be serving meager actual rations and portions served back then and open casements to sleep in. No cell phones will be permitted in the fort. Emergency Contact numbers will be given following registration to leave with your family members.

I believe you all are aware of the strict uniform requirements. If you arrive and the NPS does not approve of your kit **you will be asked to leave.**

While the Staff and I believe that this event will be an “outstanding” experience for the campaigners in our organization, we do not feel the challenging requirements and physical demands will be suitable for the majority of our membership. As you all are aware, the FVB will not sponsor events that will not meet all the needs of our membership in this organization. That being said; regrettably, the FVB cannot sponsor this event.

However, we **STRONGLY** encourage all those who feel that they can meet the requirements to attend this historic event---as it should be one for the memory books... But please understand, you **must register on your own and provide your own transportation.** The FVB insurance will **not apply** at this event, as it is not a FVB sanctioned event.

If you have pre-paid for this event, refunds will be sent back to you. A check will be sent in 7 to 10 business days from the date of this posting. Please contact me directly if you have any questions; please phone me at the shop (717) 337-9669 or my cell (717) 968-4012. To get more information and to register, contact NPS at <http://claudesinclair.com/Palmetto-Batallion/Firing-on-Fort-Sumter-home-page.html>

I remain in high respect your servant and friend,

Brg. General

Ron Palese

Commanding The FVB