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If you have a desire to not just learn history, but to live it, we want you to join us! We even have a limited amount of clothing and equipment to lend to you to help you get started. Contact one of the people below for more information.

Change, Arms !



The Union Volunteer leaving his "Old Arms" for the "New Minnie."

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BRINGING AMERICAN HISTORY TO LIFE...AGAIN

The Organization

The 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Co. B, is an organization devoted to preserving the history of the American Civil War by portraying the activities of the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Army of the Potomac in mid-1863.

To this end, members of the 116th portray military and civilian life through participation in battle reenactments, living history demonstrations, school presentations, parades and other ceremonial events - even an annual formal ball. We occasionally travel to out-of-state events. Authentic equipment and clothing is required for both soldiers and civilians, including correct uniforms, musical instruments, weapons, camp equipment, personal items, &c, so as to realistically portray the era. We continue to actively research the period to improve our impression.

We also portray the 4th California Volunteers, Co. D. This unit garrisoned forts on the eastern edge of Oregon's Coastal Indian Reservation from late 1861 to 1865, including Ft. Hoskins, near Kings Valley, and Ft. Yamhill, near Grand Ronde.

What We Do

For much of the Civil War, the 116th was part of the famous Irish Brigade in Hancock's Second Corps. The Irish Brigade in general were well-trained soldiers, especially considering they were volunteers. The 116th was noted for being well-disciplined and exceptionally free of rowdyism and philandering.

In keeping with this, we strive to depict the setting associated with our unit, as well as hundreds of other volunteer infantry companies. Authentically-clad soldiers of the 116th participate in drills, battlefield maneuvers, parades, and the daily and often monotonous routine of camp life, including authentic food and shelter. On the battlefield, we demonstrate some of the more common Civil War battle tactics.

Civilian members work hard to portray life in Pennsylvania circa 1863. Wearing authentic clothing, civilians develop personas from a variety of historical examples, including school teachers, cooks, munitions workers, doctors, nurses, undertakers, politicians, and reporters. Some members work together to portray authentic relief organizations, such as the Philadelphia Ladies Aid Society, the Sanitary Commission, and the Christian Commission.

Children in the 116th have perhaps the easiest time of all members. Half of their persona is already formed - they're already children! They participate in 1860s's period games, chores, and school scenarios.

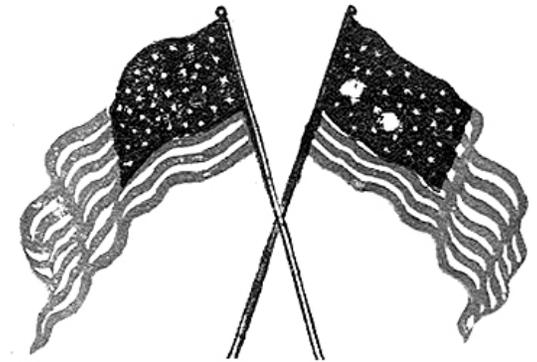
Musicians utilize period instruments to provide a cultural thread that helps to connect us all - military and civilian - to 1863. Whether it be period singing, a performance by a folk ensemble, or something much more organized, like the Oregon Fife and Drum Corps or the battalion brass band, music is a big part of stepping back in time successfully.

All of these elements serve to intensify the living-history experience for both

reenactors and spectators. The best way to learn history is to experience it.

Who we are

Members of our organization come from all walks of life. Some members have small children, while others have none. Some families participate together, while others only have one or two active family members. We have modern-day soldiers, real estate agents, doctors, firefighters, professors, computer professionals, teachers, and custodians in our ranks. Our members have a variety of reasons for being involved: Civil War ancestors, a love of history, a desire to step outside of time briefly, a wish to honor forgotten veterans, or simple camaraderie.



These Colors won't run.