

DURING THE CIVIL WAR

Mustered into Union service on March 21, 1862, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota's Second Battery of Light Artillery never made "big" history. Its men neither made wild charges, nor were they among the first to reach the crest of a ridge. The Second Battery simply did what thousands of other military units did in the Civil War: its duty.

The Battery was made up of ordinary men who were proud of their unit. After doing their part to see the Union preserved, the men went home to live as ordinary citizens, just like thousands of others who had served, but never made headlines.

BECOME A MEMBER

Join the 2nd Minnesota Battery of Light Artillery! New members are always welcome! From Civil War enthusiasts to history newbies—the Battery comes together in our shared interest in the Civil War. The unit meets monthly to plan events and take care of Battery business as well as providing a time to share Civil War research and information. History novices and experts welcome!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

PARTICIPATE LOCAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

FRONT-LINE SEAT TO HISTORY

FRIENDS & FUN!

WORRIED ABOUT GETTING STARTED? THE BATTERY HAS A LENDING LIBRARY OF HISTORICALLY ACCURATE CLOTHING TO TRY OUT WHILE YOU BUILD YOUR OWN WARDROBE.



WHO ARE WE?

Organized in 1976 during the Bicentennial and incorporated in 1985, the Battery comes together to educate, inform and inspire an interest in the Civil War and America's history.

Based in Red Wing, Minnesota, the Battery is comprised of volunteer members who come from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.



CONTACT INFORMATION

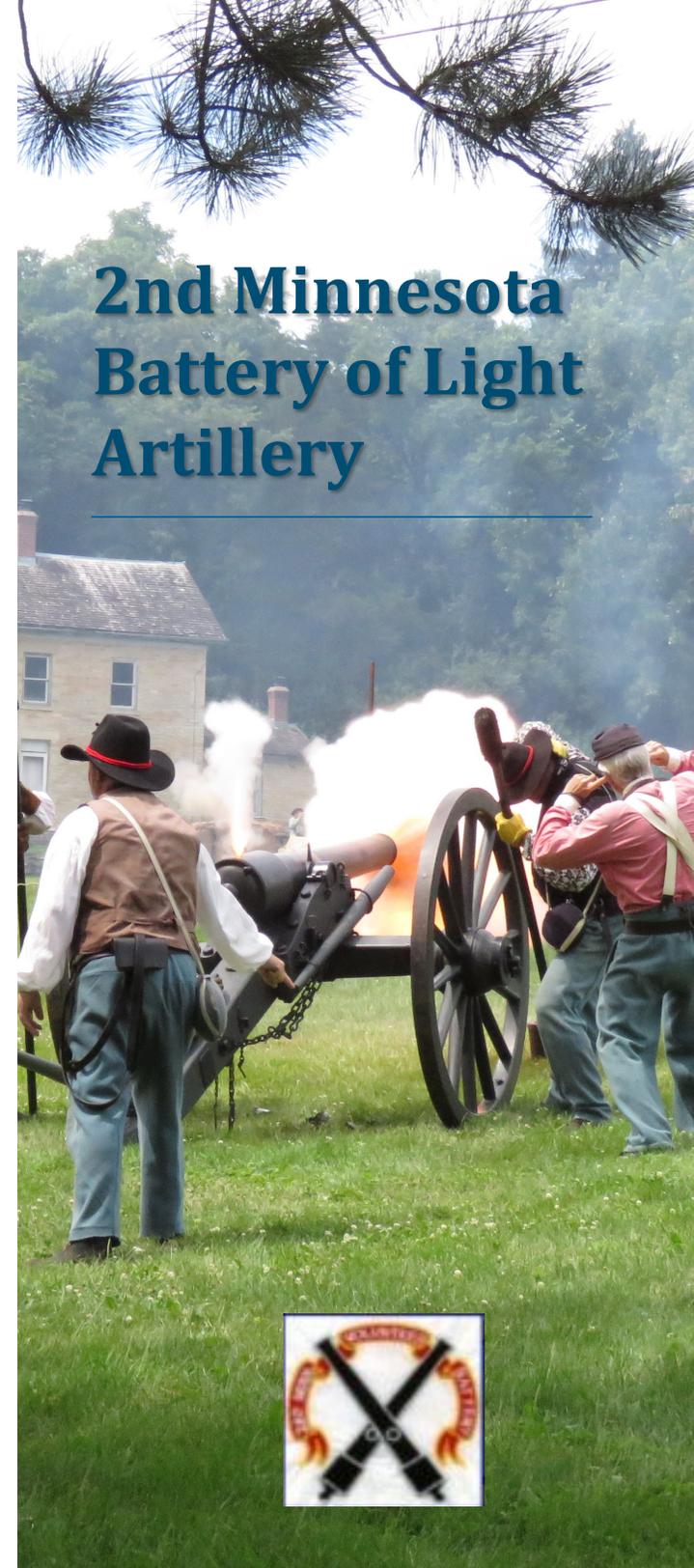
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PROGRAMS & SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS



The 2nd Battery of Light Artillery seeks to make learning about life during the Civil War more accessible to all. We provide a number of different programs geared to all ages. Contact the Battery for date availability and program fees.

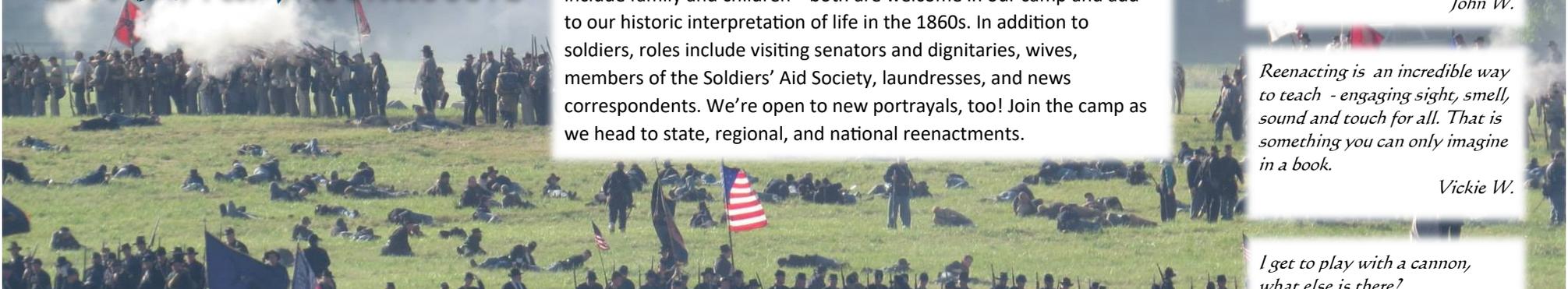
LEARNING STATIONS AVAILABLE

- ◇ Apothecary—medicine and cures
- ◇ Bugle Calls
- ◇ Delphic Oracle
- ◇ Firing a Cannon
- ◇ Officer's—flags & artifacts
- ◇ Small arms and weapons
- ◇ Soldiers' Aid Society
- ◇ Soldiers' Life
- ◇ Women's roles: spies, nurses, laundresses



My son was three when we joined and is now a history teacher. Being members gave us so many great family memories!
Ken C

Civil War Reenactors



Members of the Battery individually research the roles that interest them, portraying civilian and military roles. Some of these roles include family and children—both are welcome in our camp and add to our historic interpretation of life in the 1860s. In addition to soldiers, roles include visiting senators and dignitaries, wives, members of the Soldiers' Aid Society, laundresses, and news correspondents. We're open to new portrayals, too! Join the camp as we head to state, regional, and national reenactments.

There is a passion and love within the group that makes you want to better yourself and makes the War Between the States come alive.

John W.

Reenacting is an incredible way to teach - engaging sight, smell, sound and touch for all. That is something you can only imagine in a book.

Vickie W.

I get to play with a cannon, what else is there?

Jay O

MEMORIALS:

Between 2002 and 2017, the group placed 29 markers on graves of original Battery members who had no marker.

There are still 19 original Battery members whose graves we cannot find at this time—but we haven't given up. We are still looking, and if they are found unmarked, we will do everything possible to get them marked.



MEET OUR CANNON—BARBARA "BABS"



The Battery purchased this full scale Model 1861 10 pdr Parrott tube in 2003. Used in the film *Glory*, this gun has been outfitted with a No. 1 field carriage and complete set of implements. Babs has gone with the Battery to events all around the country.