

# OLUSTEE OBSERVER

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## Editor's Corner

One thing you can be sure of – I'm going to mention the weather. Since this is a quarterly newsletter, you shouldn't get too bored with it, but let me know if you do. It keeps the out of state members amused.

I went on about the extremely cold weather we were having in January, and blissed out on the heavenly weather we had in April. As for July, you know the saying, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" - well my version is "Hell hath no temperature to rival Florida." It was downright hot, hot, hot and miserably humid, which may explain why the snowbirds left so abruptly. August however, has brought in rain, rain, and more rain and a preview of lower temps to come.

This is a pretty slow time for all things civil war right now. In Florida, things are just slow, period - it's too hot to move.

We have a few new tidbits for you, so keep reading, and look forward to Fall!

*Cris*

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- The Olustee Expo will be held on September 26, 2009 at the park.
- The Reenactment Committee will meet on September 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the park and the Board meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Members!

Donald D. Bowman of Zephyrhills, Florida

Donna I. Hackett of Summerfield, Florida

## Articles Of Interest

- Please visit the Battle of Olustee website at <http://battleofolustee.org/> for up to date applications, forms, regulations and schedules for the 2008 Olustee.
- DVD's of the Battle of Olustee are now available for \$20.00 .
- Research materials are available for public use in the Forestry Park Offices.

**New Additions to Website  
by Tom**

- I continue to add Official Reports related to the Battle of Olustee to our Web site. I added another one today and there are more in the queue.

However, I took some time today to work on a project I have wanted to do for some time. Since we are now adding the CSO newsletters to the Web site, I dug out the ones I did for five years as the editor. I added five from 1998 and 1999 to the site today and it was interesting to read about what we were doing 10 years ago.

See

<http://battleofolustee.org/cso.htm>

I have 11 more from 2000-2002 that I will be adding as time allows.

- Indications are that this might be a bad year for several mosquito-borne illnesses. Eight counties already have Mosquito-Borne Illness Advisories and a number of horses have been euthanized for eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). So wear long sleeves and pants when you work outside and also use repellent. Remember, millions of soldiers came down with malaria during the War of the Rebellion. Many died. If you contact EEE, you will wish you had died.

See

<http://entomology.ifas.ufl.edu/pestalert/arbovirus/arbovirus.htm> for information on repellents.

Thomas R. Fasulo

**Odds & Ends**

- Please! Use your Volunteer Log Book. It's the only way to show those long hours you put in service.
- Also, **did you know** that if you fill in your booklet of volunteer hours and reach 500 hours, the park service in Tallahassee will give you a free family park pass for 1 year!
- **Membership dues** need paid? Send to Olustee CSO. Membership, P.O. Box 382, Glen St. Mary, FL 32040
- **Change of address?** Notify Cris Giddens at [Chifos@aol.com](mailto:Chifos@aol.com) or send notification with your next dues payment.

## Web Log Analysis Monthly Report – Battle of Olustee - June 2009

For the last 12 months ending June 30, 2009, the site had 205,824 page views, 69,871 visitors and 43,990 unique visitors.

Page Views	9,556
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### Visits

Visits	3,284
Average Visit Length	00:03:21

### Visitors

Unique Visitors	2,649
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### Top 10 Countries Visitors are from

USA, unknown, South Africa, Canada, Great Britain, Spain, Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, Netherlands Total countries = 57

### Top 10 Pages Viewed

- main menu
- 54<sup>th</sup>\_mass\_inf.htm
- battle.html
- reenactment.html
- /uniforms/uniforms.html
- /forms\_docs/minor\_permission\_with\_medical\_authorization\_2009.pdf
- confederate\_order.html
- fl\_map.html
- events.html
- new.html

### Top 10 Search Keyphrases

- Battle of Olustee
- Olustee
- 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry
- Olustee Reenactment
- Cone Brothers
- Olustee Battlefield
- Lewis Douglas
- Chatham Artillery Punch
- The Battle of Olustee
- Oliver Norton

## **OLUSTEE CSO BOARD MEMBERS - 2010**

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*Reenactment Committee*

**Cris Giddens**  
*Newsletter & Membership*

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Ben Faure, FPS**

**Susan Kett, USFS**

**Frank Loughran, FPS**

**Elaine McGrath, FPS**