

Czech American Civil War Association invites you to

# Battle of Chancellorsville

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Reenactment of the Daily Life of Common Soldier  
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Jackson's Flank Attack on the XI Corps at Chancellorsville

## Battle of Chancellorsville

*On May 2<sup>nd</sup> around 5 AM we heard shooting, but as we get already accustomed to it, we ignored the shots and continued with preparing coffee. However, when we wanted to drink the beverage, skirmishers showed up and rebels following on their heels. We camped approximately one-shot distance from the woods where rebels came from. As the skirmishers reached our position, rebels were already at the end of the wood, and shooting started all around, bullets flying over our heads.*

*Soon we received an order to fall back, which we accomplished in good order. Unfortunately, three other regiments behind us could not hold enemy's fire (or just did not like the whistling of bullets) and took flight. Rebels were too numerous and we were forced to do the same. Czech boys fought bravely, each one of us shot at least ten times at the rebels before running away.*

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One of many Union camps just before the start of Chancellorsville campaign

### What you can look forward to

- Uniformly build tent camps on both fighting side
- Authentic day of a soldier in field camp
- Field post and letters from home
- Distribution of hard-tack and authentic looking blank ammunition (10 shots for each man)

### Arms, ammunition and safety

- Weapons are restricted according to the laws of Czech Republic
- We recommend to bring 60 rounds of ammunition per soldier
- Using ramrods and bayonets during the battle is prohibited for safety reasons
- Using plugs for cannon shooting is prohibited; cannon rounds can be wrapped only in foil





Typical look of tent camp with camp streets and separated tents for officers

## How should we look?

- Non-authentic outfit (e.g. Indian, trapper, cowboy) is prohibited
- Please, try to avoid uncommon uniforms (e.g. zouave, cavalry), which look disruptive in normal infantry companies; whole units in such uniforms are welcome
- Union infantrymen should wear standard equipment including sky blue trousers, dark blue sack-coat or frock-coat, black leather equipment, canteen, black haversack and forage cap (as typical headgear in the Eastern Theater of the Civil War)
- Soldiers should be prepared for full marching order (with knapsack or blanket roll)
- Camp equipment and cooking utensils need to look authentic – no Ikea stools etc.
- Number of regimental colors will be limited

## Other equipment

- Both Union and Confederate troops should use standard A-tents

## Let's create authentic experience

- Visible modern items such as plastic bags or cigarettes are prohibited
- Use your cell phone only in privacy
- Follow basic military etiquette: salute to officers etc.
- We recommend you to bring along items such as play cards, dice, bibles, authentic press copies etc.

## Event schedule

- Thursday: arrival of reenactors, building camps.
- Friday: arrival of reenactors, building camps, individual drill of units. Officers meeting at 17 hours. Start of joined camp regime.
- Saturday: starting with First Call - Day of common soldier will begin. Battle at afternoon followed by joined dressparade.
- Sunday: end of event at 9 hours. Cars can arrive to camp again. Dismantling of camp, departure.



Union officers playing dominoes at improvised mess table

## Organizer information

- Located at Arnoltice near Frýdlant, GPS: 50°57'06.5"N 15°06'20.1 "E
- Arrival with car possible from September 1<sup>st</sup> 5 PM
- Water, toilets, firewood and straw provided; canteen near both camps will open from Thursday to Friday and in Saturday evening



This soldier and his family enjoy a relative luxury of fixed camp. Our reenactment aims at short-lived camp life in the middle of military campaign.



Soldiers writing home to their friends. Outside winter camps and barracks, common soldiers usually lived without any furniture.

## Registration

- Registration form is available at <http://www.cacwa.cz/en/>
- Send the forms on e-mail address [cacwa@cacwa.cz](mailto:cacwa@cacwa.cz)
- We would appreciate if you send the registration forms until the end of June

## Participation fee

- Soldiers paying in advance (when sending the registration form): 13 €
- Soldiers paying at the spot: 17 €
- Adult civilians in authentic clothing: 4 €
- Children: free
- If possible, send the payment for whole units
- Domestic transfers to bank account: 205077052/0300
- International transfers to bank account: 7491434594  
IBAN: DE76600501017491434594  
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