



“The great event in all our lives has at last come to pass. A war of gigantic proportions, infinite consequences, and indefinite duration is on us, and will affect every man, woman, or child, lofty or humble, in this country.”

*William M. Daniel, Editor
Richmond, Virginia*

Civilian Reenacting in the Third Maine Volunteer Infantry

*Welcome to the fascinating and educational avocation of “Living History”! This information is offered to help those of you who are interested in the reenactment of a cataclysmic period of American history; to join others of like mind and spirit as we discover and memorialize the events and the people who made them happen over 140 years ago...the **AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**.*

*The **Third Maine** is proud to offer this wonderful learning experience to All of our members, young and old, male and female. The **Third Maine** is unique in that it has a “crack” infantry unit, renowned for its skill and military discipline; an exemplary Fife & Drum Corps which gives us the distinction of being the only Maine regiment which has a unit of field music; and a growing population of “civilian” members. This wide array of interests allows not only male and female individuals an opportunity to participate in different aspects of this fascinating hobby, but entire families can “join the fun” of Civil War reenacting.*

*The **Ladies of the Third Maine**, by their active participation and dedicated efforts, are providing the public with a new perspective and greater understanding about the roles women and children had during this terrible time in our nation’s past. We attempt to portray how women, and even children, had such a tremendous impact on the war; not only while they were at “the home-front”, but also in military camps, hospitals, and even on the battlefield.*

*During the warmer months, civilian members of the **Third Maine** participate as equal members in all **Third Maine** unit events and activities; such as the monthly business meetings, parades, receptions, demonstrations, encampments and educational events. When the unit is in “winter quarters”, the ladies usually meet following each monthly unit meeting (while the infantry is practicing drills) in order to share information, ideas, and sources on a wide variety of topics that are pertinent to the mid-19th century era we portray. We also have workshops and go on “field trips” as we continually research the life and roles of women during the Civil War. We constantly strive to improve our portrayals and presentations in order to better enhance our unit’s overall impression to the public.*

