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*The 11<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Volunteer Infantry Regiment Partners with the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department for Civil War Drills at Towne Park near Foristell on May 4.*

## Sign up to Participate in Civil War Re-enactment at Towne Park

**St. Charles County, Missouri** – We need you! Step back in time to take part in the historical Civil War Re-enactment at Towne Park, 100 Towne Park Dr., (off Highway 61 near Foristell) from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4. Hosted by the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department, the 11<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Volunteer Infantry Regiment, a veteran living history organization in the Metropolitan St. Louis area, is looking for a few good men and women interested in participating in fun 19<sup>th</sup> century military infantry drills throughout the day. While participation is limited, interested persons must be at least 16 years of age to engage in these unique Civil War workshops, which provide a hands-on experience of what life was like as a Civil War soldier living in an encampment. No experience or special equipment is necessary to participate. Spectators are also welcome to observe while participants re-enact the drills.

There are two free workshops for participants; a morning session from 9 – 11:30 a.m., and an afternoon session from 1 – 3:30 p.m. Participants will engage in company, individual and bayonet drills; learn how to load 19<sup>th</sup> century firearms, learn about basic equipment used during that period and much more!

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During the Civil War workshops and drills, the historical 1830s restored homestead will also be open to the public to tour. Donated by the late Mrs. Betty Towne, the property was to be preserved and turned into a public park. For its efforts to restore the homestead, the Parks Department was recognized at the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City by receiving the 2007 McReynolds Award from the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation.

To register for a workshop, contact Captain Clay Goser of the 11<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Volunteer Infantry Regiment at (314) 691-7109 or Private Barry Barfield of the 11<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Volunteer Infantry Regiment at (314) 922-6007.

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