

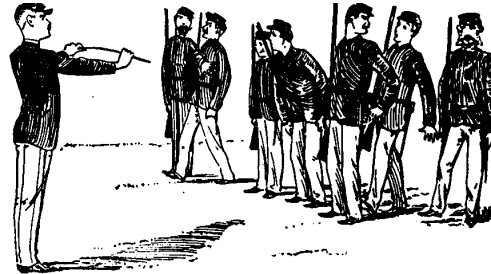
Eighth Conn. Vols, Co.A, Inc
2025 Calendar of Events

- Sat Jan 25 -8CV Annual Meeting, Rockville, Ct.
- Sun Mar 16-St. Patrick's Parade, New Haven, Ct.
- Apr 5-6 – 160th Battle of Sailor's Creek, Rice, Va.
- Sat May 10-Strong Farm Kids C amp, Vernon, Ct.
- Mon May 26-Memorial Day Parade, Glastonbury, Ct.
- Sat Jun 14 – Rocky Hill Hist Soc LH, Rocky Hill, Ct.
- Jun 28-29 – Daniel's Farmstead, Blackstone, Ma.
- Jul 12-13 – Ft. Trumbull S.P. LH, New London, Ct.
- Aug 9-10 – Battle of Cedar Mountain, Rapidan, Va.
- Sat Aug 23 – Ellington Hist Soc LH, Ellington, Ct.
- Sep 20-21 – Wickham Park Event, Manchester, Ct.
- Oct 4-5 – Wallum Lake Event, Burrillville, RI
- Oct 18-19 – Battle of Cedar Creek, Middletown, Va.
- Sat Nov 15 – Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, Pa.



The 8th Conn Vols advance at 140th Antietam Anniv.

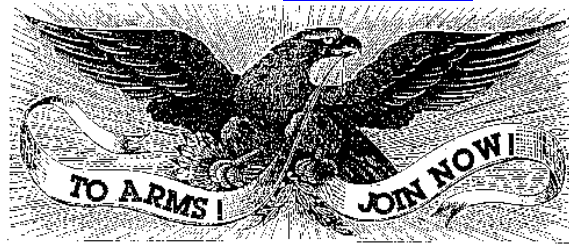
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Eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers,
Company A, Inc.
Organization and Structure

The Eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers, Company A, Inc. was organized in 1996, and has members with many years of experience in Civil War reenacting. The unit is affiliated with the Third Regiment, Inc. organization at the national level. We are organized under a set of by-laws, guiding the operation of the unit, and are governed by an elected Executive Board. We are incorporated and are a not-for-profit organization.

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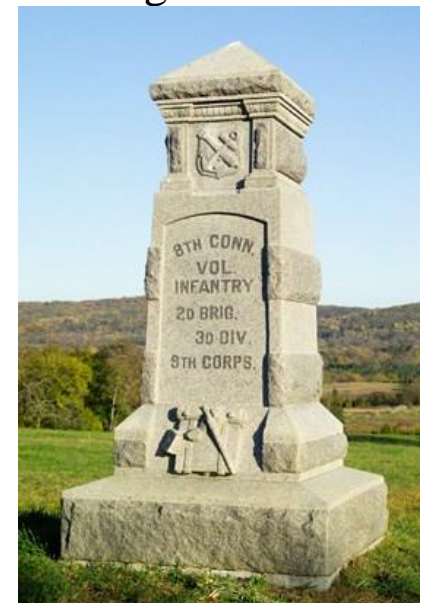
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A Civil War Living History
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8th CONN. VOLS. MONUMENT AT ANTIETAM





ABOUT THE EIGHTH REGIMENT CONNECTICUT VOLUNTEERS, CO. A, INC.

Our group is a living history organization, formed to portray a Union infantry company of the Eighth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers during the Civil War. The purpose of our unit is to educate both members and public alike, and in so doing promote our Civil war heritage.

We are an organization of people with a deep interest in the Civil War, and we strive to accurately portray the unit, its times, and the soldiers who comprised the Eighth. We conduct on-going research and continuously work to improve our portrayals and impressions.

The unit is and has been involved in a wide spectrum of activities and Civil War events, including:

- living histories and first-person impressions
- reenactments, battle scenarios, tactical battles
- drills, parades, school programs
- memorials and commemorative events
- research and discussion groups
- historic preservation activities

The unit is active year-round, but especially during the “campaign” season from April to October. We travel to many historic locations from New England to Virginia. We have fought on and near original battlefields, at original garrison forts, and State and National Parks and Battlefield Monuments. We also participate in a good share of community events in and around Connecticut.

We are always interested in new membership inquiries. We encourage anyone with interests in history, the Civil War, the Union Army, and the shaping of this nation, to contact us for more information. Get involved in a rewarding and unique hobby with us. Please visit our website, or email us for more details.

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HISTORY OF THE ORIGINAL EIGHTH REGT. CONN. VOLS.

This Eighth Regiment was organized at Camp Buckingham, Hartford, in September, 1861. It was first commanded by Col. Edward Harland of Norwich. The regiment left Hartford Oct. 17, 1861. It held a camp of instruction at Jamaica, Long Island, and there received its colors. It proceeded to Annapolis, where it spent the fall. Early in January, 1862, the Eighth sailed with the Burnside Expedition to North Carolina as part of the Ninth Corps. It was held in reserve during the battle of Roanoke Island.

It was engaged in the battle of Newberne, N.C. March 14, 1862. The Eighth then participated in the successful siege of Fort Macon, N.C., April 1862. From there the Eighth proceeded to Fredericksburg in July, 1862. On September 1st, the Eighth accompanied the Union Army to Washington, and on September 8th, joined the Maryland Campaign, including action at South Mountain.

The Battle of Antietam on September 17th, 1862, resulted in a greater number of casualties for the regiment than any other engagement of the war. Along with other regiments of Harland's Brigade, the Eighth marched downstream from Burnside's Bridge, and crossed the Antietam at Snavelly's Ford. They proceeded up the slopes towards Sharpsburg to attack the Confederates, finally being repulsed by reinforcements under Gen. A.P. Hill at the close of the day's fighting.

After Antietam, the Eighth stayed in Pleasant Valley till marching back to Fredericksburg, with the Army of the Potomac, assuming their old camps at the Lacey House. Soon it was involved in the contested crossing of the Rappahannock, the Battle of Fredericksburg on

December 13th, 1862, and was held in reserve during the bloody repulses that followed.

Following their participation in Burnside's Mud March, the Eighth took leave of the Ninth Corps early in 1863, and went to Newport News, then to Suffolk, Virginia. They participated in the siege there for several months. It was there that the Eighth, now under Col. John Ward, attacked Fort Huger and took it by surprise in a daring raid. The regiment remained in the Portsmouth area during the summer, and participated in the “Blackberry Raid” demonstration in force.

In December 1863, the Eighth re-enlisted 310 original members, and in January were home on veteran furloughs.

The year of 1864 found the Eighth returned to southeastern Virginia and had now been transferred to the Eighteenth Corps. There they participated in the battles of Walthall Junction, Fort Darling, Drewry's Bluff, Cold Harbor, and the siege of Petersburg. In September, they served on Bermuda Hundred, and across the James River. September 29th, they fought at Fort Harrison and Chaffins' Farm, which was their last engagement of the war.

The Eighth was with the Union Army in the final advance on Richmond in the spring of 1865. After Gen. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, the Eighth moved to Lynchburg, Virginia where it performed police and provost duties until it was mustered out of service December 12th, 1865, serving a longer term than all but two other Connecticut regiments.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

Newberne, N.C., March 17, 1862; Fort Macon, N.C., April, 1862; Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 11 and 13, 1862; Fort Huger, Va., April 11 and 19, 1863; Walthall Junction, Va., May 7, 1864; Fort Darling, Va., May 12 to 16, 1864; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1 to 10, 1864; near Petersburg, Va., June 15 to 17, 1864, and June 17 to Sept. 28, 1864; Fort Harrison, Va., Sept. 29 to Oct. 24, 1864.

CASUALTIES

Killed in action,	72	Died of disease,	132
Died of wounds,	40	Disch. prior to muster out,	610
Total,		854	