

Battle's For New Berne March 5th & 6th 2016



Held On The Historic Bellaire Plantation Farm

1100 Washington Post Rd.
New Bern, NC 28562

Saturday's Battle, Battle of New Berne March 14th 1862

Sundays Battle, Battle Of Batchelder's Creek Feb. 1st 1864

**Hosted and Organized by the SCV Rains Brothers Camp 1370 & The 5th North
Carolina State Troops Co.D &
7th North Carolina State Troops Co.F**

Mission Statement:

- 1. That North Carolinians/Tar Heels came in defense for the Old North State at New Berne to defend the town against the invading Federal army during the 1st Battle Of New Berne. We were protecting our homeland for The Old North State.**
- 2. To educate the public that more than one battle was held in Craven County, NC during the War Between the States.**
- 3. To educate the public that while Confederate Battle Flags were not flown at the First Battle of New Berne, they were flown at other battles later in Craven County during the War.**
- 4. To educate the public on the importance of the Battle of Batchelder's Creek of 1864 and its importance in the attempt to retake New Berne by the Confederacy.**
- 5. To educate the public on the events surrounding the capture of the *USS Underwriter*.**
- 6. Proceeds to eventually to go to with the hopes of acquiring land for a monument for all Battles Fought in Craven County in the future.**

The Re-enactment will be held on historic Bellaire Plantation, eight miles east of New Bern on Highway 43. It is the last and largest brick plantation country house of the 18th century in North Carolina, the Bellaire Plantation (c. 1734) is a majestic three-story brick building approached from Highway 43 N. by two long driveways, one lined by lavish old cedars. Georgian handcrafted woodwork greets visitors at the imposing eight-paneled door and continues through the main rooms. Original family furnishings are still in the house, probably because Bellaire was specifically guarded from harm during the occupation of Federal Forces during the Civil War by order of Gen. Ambrose Burnside. The written order, dated March 20, 1862, still hangs on the wall at Bellaire. The basement holds the cooking fireplaces with crane, tools and ironworks of the period.



Directions to Bellaire Plantation:

1100 Washington Post Rd.
New Bern, NC 28562

Coming from Raleigh, NC:

Coming in from Raleigh, take Highway 70E and drive towards New Bern. At the Vanceboro exit off of HWY 70, about 7 miles west of New Bern, Take EXIT NO. ____ towards Vanceboro, NC. Follow Highway 43 approximately ____ miles and follow the signs to Bellaire Plantation which will be on your right.

Coming from South Carolina:

Take Interstate I-90 North to Highway 70 E. Turn East on Highway 70 East and drive towards New Bern. At the Vanceboro exit off of HWY 70, about 7 miles west of New Bern, Take EXIT NO. ____ towards Vanceboro, NC. Follow Highway 43 approximately ____ miles and follow the signs to Bellaire Plantation which will be on your right.

Coming from Virginia:

Take highway I-95 South from Richmond towards North Carolina until you reach Highway 70 E. Turn East on Highway 70 E and drive towards New Bern. At the Vanceboro exit off of HWY 70, about 7

miles west of New Bern, Take EXIT NO. ____ towards Vanceboro, NC. Follow Highway 43 approximately ____ miles and follow the signs to Bellaire Plantation which will be on your right.

Coming from Elizabeth City, NC:

From Elizabeth City, North Carolina, take Highway 17 South and follow it towards New Bern. At Vanceboro, turn off of highway 17, onto Highway 43 South and follow it about 10 miles. Follow the highway across the Neuse River Bridge at Weheyerhouser and follow the signs to Bellaire Plantation. Bellaire Plantation will be on your left about 4 miles after crossing the Neuse River Bridge.

Coming from Wilmington, NC:

From Wilmington, North Carolina, take highway 17 North through Jacksonville, north towards New Bern. Approximately 10 miles east of Pollocksville, turn left on Highway 43 North at the stoplights towards Vanceboro and Greenville. Follow highway 43 North through the exchange of Highway 70 E to Highway 43 North and follow the signs to Bellaire Plantation which will be on your right.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for Re-ENACTORS

1. Bounty of \$100 for first 10 artillery
2. Free Admission and hay for fist 15 Cavalry with horses (Must provide Coggins paper work on same horse) Doing the research both battles were not large Calvary engagements. However there were some Calvary and Scouts involved
3. Free Admission and \$5.00 per rifle to first 50 Federals to register must Camp Federal
4. Pre-Registration is \$10.00 if mailed by February 15, 2016.
5. Walk on Registration is \$15.00
6. Children age 12 and under are free.
7. Saturday night dinner provided to all re-enactors
8. Saturday night period dance provided.
9. **Since this is a 1st year event no charge for Sutlers** (small donation would be appreciated but not required)
10. Porta-Johns, water, straw, and wood will be provided on site.
* Straw and Ice sold at cost to reenactors*

THIS WILL BE A PRELUDE EVENT TO THE 155 ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF NEW BERNE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2017. THIS IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN THE NEW

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