

# 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Galveston Reenactment

## On the Strand

### Galveston, Texas

### January 14 – 15, 2012

#### Schedule of Events

##### Friday, January 13, 2012

5:00 p.m. Onsite registration and check-in opens and camps open for reenactor setup  
10:30 p.m. Registration and check-in closes

##### Saturday, January 14, 2012

6:30 a.m. Reveille  
7:30 a.m. Onsite registration and check-in opens  
10:00 a.m. Camps open to the public  
TBD (late a.m.) Federal landing at the *Elissa* and march to Customs House  
2:00 p.m. Battle of Galveston  
6:00 p.m. Camps close to public

##### Sunday, January 15, 2012

6:30 a.m. Reveille  
10:00 a.m. Camps open to the public  
TBD (late a.m.) Federal landing at the *Elissa* and march to Customs House  
1:00 p.m. Battle of Galveston  
5:00 p.m. Camps close to public

#### General Information:

The 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Galveston reenactment will be hosted by the 1st Texas Infantry and the Galveston Historical Foundation. The reenactment portrays the attempt by Confederate Major General John Bankhead Magruder to retake the Federal occupied City of Galveston early on New Year's morning of January 1, 1863. The event will be held on the same urban streets where the actual battle was fought. The Confederate forces will portray the 20th Texas Volunteer Infantry of Elmore's Regiment and the Federal forces will portray the 42nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Additional event information can be found in the Galveston Historical Foundation's website at <http://www.galvestonhistory.org>, under the Special Events Menu. Information updates will also be posted on the Red River Battalion website at [RedRiverBattalion.org](http://RedRiverBattalion.org) as such information becomes available.

#### Registration:

Registration is the responsibility of each individual, or by company if desired. There will NOT be a battalion registration for this event. All participants must register with the Galveston Historical Foundation. A registration fee of \$10.00 must accompany each signed registration form. Pre-registration is NOT required, but is HIGHLY encouraged and appreciated so that the event organizers

can have an accurate count of anticipated participants. Pre-registration forms may be downloaded from the website listed above and should be mailed to:

Galveston Historical Foundation  
502 20<sup>th</sup> St.  
Galveston, Texas 77550  
ATTN: JAMI DURHAM

Onsite reenactor registration and check-in is at the 1861 Customs House, located at 502 20<sup>th</sup> St. (Corner of Post Office St. and 20<sup>th</sup> St.). Please see the schedule above for onsite registration and check-in times.

#### Amenities:

Firewood, bedding hay, and Port-a-Johns will be available on site. Rations will be issued. There are also numerous restaurants and other establishments located in The Strand area. **No sutlers** will be in attendance at this event.

#### Battles and Other Activities:

There will be two battles during the weekend; one on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and one on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Both battles will take place on Strand St. between 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Reenactors not camping on site should plan on arriving **in camp** at least one hour before each battle, so as to ensure participation. A "disembarkment" of the Federal troops from the tall ship *Elissa*, and subsequent march to the Customs House, will take place both days sometime in the late morning; exact time yet to be determined. Those wishing to participate in the *Elissa* scenario should plan on arriving **in camp** at least by 9:00 a.m. There will also be numerous other non-reenactment activities taking place throughout the weekend in the Strand area, including lectures, walking tours, Segway tours, and demonstrations, all related to the Battle of Galveston. Please visit the Galveston Historical Foundation's website (above) for more information regarding times and fees.

#### Company Assignments:

Co. F 9<sup>th</sup> Texas, Co. K 6<sup>th</sup> Texas, and the Texas Rifles will portray the Federal troops for the weekend. Co. C 1<sup>st</sup> Texas and Co. L 1<sup>st</sup> Texas will portray the Confederate troops.

## Uniform and Equipment:

This is a Texas mid-war event. Impressions of each side should reflect such. Federal impression is standard Western (no **Zouave uniforms**). Federal uniform guidelines can be found at [http://www.galvestonhistory.org/pdf/battle2011/Federal\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.galvestonhistory.org/pdf/battle2011/Federal_Guidelines.pdf). Confederate uniform guidelines can be found at [http://www.galvestonhistory.org/pdf/battle2011/Confederate\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.galvestonhistory.org/pdf/battle2011/Confederate_Guidelines.pdf). Any member of the battalion participating as confederate will fall in with one of the 1st Texas companies for the battles. A minimum of 100 blank cartridges will be needed for the two battles.

## Camping and Parking:

All camps will be static for the duration of the weekend. The Federal camp will be located adjacent to the Galveston Historical Foundation (The Custom House) at 502 20<sup>th</sup> St. The Confederate camp is at the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> St. and Market St., close to the train station. Parking for both camps will be in parking lots across the street from the camps. It's asked that no one park on the streets directly next to the camps, so as to preserve as much a period setting as possible. "No Parking" signs will be posted. Campfires will be allowed. **The Galveston Fire Marshal requires that a fire extinguisher be kept near each campfire. Each company is responsible for providing fire extinguishers and concealing them in some manner.** As always, all modern items should be kept out of site; concealed in your shelter, stored in your vehicle, or left at home. Please refrain from bringing any unnecessary items.

## Tentage:

A-frames, tent flies, and shelter halves are all acceptable forms of shelter for the weekend. Please be prepared for any type of weather.

## Rations:

Rations sufficient for all meals will be issued to all troops by the event host.

## Suggested Readings:

The following is a list of suggested readings available for more information and accounts of the battle:

Battle on the Bay: The Civil War Struggle for Galveston, by Edward Cotham, Jr, the University of Texas Press, 1998.

A complete history of the battle with maps, and period photos of the city.

Texas and Texans in the Civil War by Ralph A. Wooster, Eakin Press, 1995.

## Directions:

The battle and camps are located in The Strand Historic District of Galveston.

Take I-45 to Galveston Island. I-45 turns into Broadway St. in Galveston after crossing the Galveston Causeway Bridge. Stay on Broadway until you reach 20<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left onto 20<sup>th</sup> St. and continue on until you reach the Customs House, located on the corner of Post Office St. and 20<sup>th</sup> St.

