

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful job each and every one of you did this last weekend! Fort Mims Commemoration for 2011 was a huge success!! It reflected the dedication that you have for bringing deserved recognition to Fort Mims. I hope I hugged every one of you and said 'thank you' many times!!! The combined efforts of each of you made for a fantastic weekend.

The county along with FMRA and volunteers, had the fort looking great to start with and the sound system was set up along with other technical support.....then on Friday the scene began to take shape. Let me try to name everything---- the encampment area with tents, campfires and period correct clothing and weapons, crafts including blacksmithing, wool spinning and pottery, displays, the plant tour, the 'doctor's tent', the super job by our musicians--KRACKER DAN, the quilters, plenty of food vendors, books by three authors (Dr. Waselkov, Lou Vickery and Charles Bryant), the beautiful arrowhead display, the Indian tents and toys, Veteran Arms and the supplies of Flintlock and other blackpowder weapons, the mellow and mood setting Indian Flute music, the speakers covering historical topics...the memorial service, the dedication, the presentation of awards and the raising of our new 15-star flag at the new monument/flagpole site plus the excellent blackpowder salute by all reenactors...The Burnt Corn Reenactment was the BEST EVER...and then that was topped by the Fort Mims Reenactment--plus, there was excellent narration for both. The Tomahawk Throw was popular and a young man from Dothan who was reenacting won the beautiful Blackhawk! Church was icing on the cake!!

EVERYTHING looked beautiful, went smoothly and was well attended by many. (The tent and the fan helped with the breeze).

What a wonderful addition to our new project to 'Sponsor A Log' for the Blockhouse when Military Order of Stars and Bars donated a log, the 6th Alabama Cavalry donated another--and the Descendants of Edward Steadham, a Fort Mims Survivor, donated 7 logs with another on the way!! How exciting. We are well on our way toward financing this rustic addition to Fort Mims! Thanks to all of you!!

The Board of FMRA worked together and coordinated things in all the different areas: The excellent job at the gate to greet our guests, camping for the RV's, providing vendors, delicious food, displays and artists, props for the battle area and our major project, the Raffle for the beautiful Flintlock Rifle!! (A member of the MOSB won and he was present and delighted!) --

Those at the gate think about 700 adults, a few hundred children, and over 100? or so re-enactors were present. That puts our total attendance at over 1000 for the weekend! Wow!! There were many Friends who helped with emails, posters and flyers and personal invitations!

Please know how much you are appreciated. Without the dedication of each of you, this would not have happened.

Way to go!! Great job! Bravo! Excellent!...

**Warmest Regards to all of you,
Claudia '2G' Campbell, President
Fort Mims Restoration Association**