

THE PITTSBURG RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Pittsburg Relief Committee is the civilian contingent of the 9th Pa. Reserves Co. A and Co.H 30th North Carolina. We portray the civilians who were affected by the American Civil War 1861-65 including nurses, soldiers family members, Sanitary and Christian Commission Officials, refugees, laundresses and other roles documented to the Civil War. We have members who do first person impressions of historical characters including, Mary Todd Lincoln, Jane Grey Swisshelm, Confederate spy Rose O'Neil Greenhow, Elizabeth Van Lew and a vivandiere. This is to demonstrate that civilians were profoundly affected and influenced by the war and just as important as any battle the armies were engaged in.

There are many roles available for a civilian re-enactor to portray. Your choice of roles will influence the type of clothing you wear and what you are permitted to do at events. You always need to be prepared to answer the question "What are you doing here and who do you portray?" A partial list of appropriate roles include:

- A family living near the battle site or near where the army is camped
- Civilian contractors drumming up business from the army
- A representative from the US Sanitary or Christian Commission
- Soldiers Family visiting the camp
- Nurse
- Laundress
- A widow
- First person impressions of historical personalities

We hope to spur your interest in our family oriented organization. If you have questions about the Pittsburg Relief Committee of the 9th Pa. Reserves, please contact Joanne Shelby @ 724-327-0517 or via e-mail at Jpsmtl@aol.com. Please feel free to visit our website to gain additional information.