

# History being preserved in Green County



Photos by Brooke Gup-ton

On Sunday September 12th, the crew was as follows, David Williams, Ammunition Box, Gary Buckner gives commands, Kevin Combs and Steve Gup-ton work the back of the cannon, while Mark Graham and Josh Gup-ton are pictures working the front of the cannon.

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Don't be surprised if you hear the sounds of cannon fire in and around Green County. The reason why? Enter, Patton's Revenge, an original Civil War Cannon dating back the 1860's. The presence of this original field artil- lery piece is made pos- sible by a group of dedi- cated men and women who are committed to keeping history alive in Green County.

Josh Gup-ton states that he and a group of his family and friends had been looking for an artillery piece to use for reenactments and living history events after several of them had been trained on how to fire field artillery. "You can find everything for sale on Facebook," states Gup-ton. The particular piece they acquired came from the Civil

War museum in Bard- stown, and was found by Gup-ton's father on Facebook Marketplace. Gup-ton said "We knew that we could give it a good home and ensure its history continued on for many years to come."

Gup-ton went on to say that he got involved with the hobby thanks to his cousin-in-law Kevin Combs II. Combs has been reenacting for most of his life and is well versed in military and artillery history from all time periods. "At the time we thought we were purchasing a Blakely cannon, but once received we consulted some artillery manuals and discovered that it is an original smoothbore cannon designed and produced by Norman Wiard from Canada." Combs went on to state that it is believed that there were only 2 of this type of cannon in existence. The cannon

has been named after Combs' son, James Pat- ton, who's name pays homage to the late Gen- eral George S Patton of the United States Army.

Gup-ton and Combs, along with their spouses Brooke Gup-ton and Zoi Combs, as well as Gary and Tasha Buckner, Mark Graham, Steve and Pam Gup-ton, Co- rey and Kate Rutlidge, Josh Stilts, and David Williams as well as their families make up the team that will work to keep the cannon pre- served and to attend Living History and Re- enactment Events in the state of Kentucky and other surrounding states. The group will be well versed in reenact- ing and will be portray- ing members of the 4th US Battery M and the 2nd Alabama Waters Battery

The group debuted their cannon at the Civil War Living History event

in Carrollton, KY April 17 and 18 and has since presented at the Green County Middle School, and attended the Battles For the Bridge in Mun- fordville, KY Septem- ber 10th-12th. As seen in the photographs, the group along with some of their families set up camp, attended period specific church services,

the ladies' participated in a ladies tea, and were active participants in battle reenactments with fellow reenactors from across Kentucky and surrounding states.

Their next re-enact- ment event will be Tebbs Bend Battlefield Night Ride, Friday October 22nd in Campbellsville.

Gup-ton states that

"We hope to continue to have more living history presentations for our community in the future. We are working to bring back the Glovers Station Rendezvous next year and hope that if there is anyone that would like to be a part of that they will contact us."

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Brooke, Pam, and Lexi Gup-ton attended a Ladies Tea at the Battle for the Bridges in Munfordville. Pam Gup-ton sewed the dresses.

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