

FAQs

The FAQs below may help you get started.

Q: Who is eligible?

A: If you have an ancestor who participated in the Battle of Chancellorsville (May 1863), the Battle of Mine Run (Nov 1864) or the Battle of the Wilderness (May 1864), or who has a historical connection to the Wilderness during the Civil War years (1861—1865), you may be eligible.

Q: What are the requirements?

A: The descendant must document (1) the ancestor's historical participation, and (2) the line of descendency from the ancestor.

Q: I know my ancestor was in the Civil War, but how can I find out if he or she was a participant in the above battles?

A: If you provide the soldier's name, state served, and regiment, if known, FOWB volunteers will perform a simple search.

Q: If I provide my family names, will FOWB volunteers perform the genealogical search?

A: No. Due to limited resources, FOWB cannot provide genealogical services, but we can offer guidance.

Q: What if I am not a member of FOWB?

A: FOWB membership is a requisite. A one year membership is complimentary at the individual (\$30.00) level.

To honor ancestors who fought

in

The Battles in the Wilderness

or lived or visited

Wilderness Residences

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield offers an opportunity for descendants to become a member of either the

**Wilderness Brigade
or the
Wilderness Legacy**

The application fee of \$50.00 includes a complimentary one year membership at the individual I (\$30.00) level.



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Honor Your Ancestors

FoWB offers two heritage programs based on ancestral connections:

Wilderness Brigade

And

Wilderness Legacy

These programs strive to honor your ancestor by memorializing their respective lives. Equally as valuable is the recordation of information shared by the descendant through the application process, providing in-depth and oftentimes poignant histories of these very men and women who shaped the direction of American history.

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Eligibility Guidelines

Wilderness Brigade

The successful applicant descends from an ancestor, either direct (grandparents) or collateral (uncle, cousin, aunt), who participated in any of the battles of the Wilderness. Participants are defined as those who were engaged in battle or served as non-combatants.

The Wilderness Brigade has recently been expanded to include additional classifications of eligibility:

- Descendants of combatants who were wounded during the Battle of Chancellorsville, May, 1863, the Battle of Mine Run, November, 1863, and the Battle of the Wilderness, May, 1864, and were treated during and after the battle at one of the Confederate hospitals located at the "Wilderness".
- Descendants of non-combatants who served in these same hospitals.
- The "Wilderness" area is defined by the boundaries established by the CWSAC for the Battle of the Wilderness.

Wilderness Legacy

The successful applicant descends from an ancestor either direct (grandparents) or collateral (uncle, cousin, aunt) who lived or worked in the Wilderness area, or visited there as a guest, during the years 1861—1865.

How do I join?

1. Go to www.fowb.org. Go to Support Us. Go to Heritage Program. Click on Join Heritage Program.
2. Email membership@fowb.org for more information.
3. Mail this form to: FOWB Heritage Program, P O Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

I am interested in:

Wilderness Brigade

Wilderness Legacy