



OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD
Citizens Support Organization
P.O. Box 382, Glen St. Mary, Florida 32040



**STATEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE CONFEDERATE
FLAG BY THE OLUSTEE BATTLEFIELD CSO**

July 7, 2015

For almost 40 years the private, nonprofit Olustee Battlefield Citizen Support Organization has been providing historically accurate re-enactments of the battle, which took place in February of 1864, less than 50 miles from Jacksonville, FL.

Our member/historians would be derelict in their mission if this three day re-enactment of this Civil War battle did not include historically accurate and authentic materials, weapons, uniforms, and indicia to include the flags of both the Union and Confederate troops used at that time.

The 20,000+ guests, who come to watch this nationally recognized, historically accurate event would be disserved in their goal of witnessing a living re-enactment of a significant Civil War battle if it was not presented in the most authentic manner possible.

In 2003 the Olustee Battlefield Support Organization received the Veteran's Brain Trust Award from the Congressional Black Caucus in recognition of the African American soldiers who fought in this battle, on the Union side.

For more information about this annual event, please visit our website at battleofolustee.org

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