



**Sesquicentennial Commission**

*Tampa Bay*

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# **Military Flag Presentation Ceremony**

## **Tampa Bay's Sunny South Guards**

**September 17, 2011**



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## THE HISTORY

- *150 Years Ago*
- *“Darlings” of Tampa Town -100 Men*
- *Formed “Sunny South Guards” - would become 4<sup>th</sup> FL Infantry, Co. K*
- *Ladies of Tampa Presented Unit Flag*
- *Location - Fort Brooke*
- *September 1861 - 150 Years Ago*
- *Historical Account - D.B. McKay - Tampa Tribune*



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## THE PEOPLE

- *Company Formed by Capt. John T. Leslie, would become Tampa Mayor, buried in Historic Oaklawn Cemetery - Father, Leroy Leslie - Seminole War Veteran, Founder of 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church in Tampa*
- *Many Prominent Names, including Florida Governor Henry L. Mitchell, Thomas K. Spencer, who's Newspaper was the origin of the Tampa Tribune, Brandon Brothers - founders of Brandon and many more*
- *16 KIA, 15 POWs - Florida Veterans*



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## THE EVENT

- *20 Minute Historically accurate Re-enactment per McKay article*
- *“Sunny South Guard” formation/drill - with musket firing*
- *Recognition of Descendants*
- *Possibility Living History before or after - military cannon, tents and civilians in correct period attire*



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## BENEFITS

- *Historical Tourism - capitalize on Sesquicentennial (History Channel programs, re-enactments and other observances around the Country)*
- *Community Service - Honoring Veterans and remembering our predecessors*



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- *Opportunities Available for Named Sponsorship or for supporting membership*