

## FAQ s

The FAQ's below may help you get started.

**Q. Who is eligible?**

*A: If you have an ancestor who participated with the Confederate 2nd Corps army during the Battle of Chancellorsville (May 1863), the Battle of Mine Run (Nov 1863) or the Battles in the Wilderness area (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 applicant must document (1) the line of descent from the ancestor and (2) the ancestor's historical participation in one of the battles or residency in the Wilderness.*

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

*A: You provide the soldiers name, state served, and regiment, if known, FOWB volunteers will perform a simple military records 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: Membership in FoWB is not required prior to applying for recognition. A successful application, however, will automatically entitle the awardee to a one year membership.*

To honor ancestors who fought in

**The Battles in the Wilderness area**

or lived or visited

**Ellwood Manor**

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 includes a complimentary one year membership at the individual (\$30) level.



**Heritage  
Programs**

*Wilderness  
Brigade*

and

*Wilderness Legacy*

[WWW.FOWB.ORG](http://WWW.FOWB.ORG)

# Honor Your Ancestor

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

### *Specifically:*

- 1) Early May, 1863, Gen Jackson led the Confederate 2nd Corps through the Wilderness to the Wilderness Tavern. From there he launched a surprise attack against the Union troop's right flank. Descendants of any CSA participant military unit are eligible for recognition in the Wilderness Brigade award.
- 2) Late November, 1863, Gen Meade ordered the Army of the Potomac (AoP) forces from their camps at Culpeper to move to the southeast in a move against the Army of Northern Virginia (ANV), located around Orange Courthouse. Descendants of either of the AoP or the ANV force members are eligible for recognition in the Wilderness Brigade award.
- 3) Early May, 1864, Gen Meade, upon direction of Gen Grant, ordered the Army of the Potomac (AoP) to move to the southeast from their Culpeper camps and attempt a flank of the Army of Northern Virginia (ANV) and beat them to Army to Richmond. The action taken by the AoP resulted in General Lee's ANV intercepting Gen Meade's forces in the Wilderness forests in what became known as the Battle of the Wilderness. Descendants of troops of either the AoP or the ANV forces involved in this battle are eligible for recognition in the Wilderness Brigade award.

### *Wilderness Legacy*

Descendants of any local Wilderness family directly impacted by the above military engagements, and living there at the time of the battle, are eligible for recognition in the Wilderness Legacy award. The geographic area is the roughly 70 square miles defined by the US Government.

The successful applicant descends from an ancestor either direct (grandparent) or collateral (uncle, cousin, aunt) who lived or worked at **Ellwood Manor** or visited there as a guest, prior to 1977 at which time the NPS took possession of the manor.

## How do I Join ?

1. Go to [www.fowb.org](http://www.fowb.org). In the banner click on the heritage program tab and then the application tab. Print complete, then mail.

2. Email [membership@fowb.org](mailto:membership@fowb.org) for more information.

3. Send this form to : F o W B Heritage Program, P. O. Box 576, Locust Grove VA 22508

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in :

- Wilderness Brigade
- Wilderness Legacy

