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## **John G. Riley Center/Museum presents the 2015 U.S. Colored Troops Reenactment Unit's "Walk-through History" Parade and Festival**

TALLAHASSEE, Florida – This Saturday, May 9, 2015 the John G. Riley Museum in partnership with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment United States Colored Troops (USCT) Reenactment Unit and Living History Association will present its **2015 Walk-through Living History Parade and Festival**

Those looking for a little something different to do this Saturday, May 9th, 2015 are sure to enjoy the U.S. Colored Troops Reenactment Unit's "Walk through History" from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Speed Spencer Stephens Park, hosted in partnership with John G. Riley Center/Museum. This event offers patrons FREE ADMISSION into the park (located at 1907 Saxon Street), and features local food trucks, prize giveaways, presentations by living descendants of the Black Seminoles, Civil War and Buffalo Soldier Re-enactors, other live entertainers and horse rides for kids!

The Reenactment Unit and Living History Association of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment USCT, was created in collaboration with the John G. Riley Museum and the Natural Bridge Historical Society to ensure the authenticity and accuracy of historical reenactments. Its guiding mission is to preserve protect, educate, promote, and interpret the accomplishments of the original soldiers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment USCT, and their families. The unit's motto, "*Knowing one's history is to believe in it, but seeing history presented in a living history forum is to truly conceive it,*" exemplifies its commitment to sharing African American contributions to the Civil War.

The Season of Emancipation will culminate on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with the fifth annual Emancipation/Abolitionist Ball at 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the Augustus Turnbull Center. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased directly from the Riley Museum. Other highlights of this year's Emancipation and Abolitionist Ball will include the Unit Quadrille, a dance from the Civil War era, and live music by the Leon Anderson Jazz and Blues Band with lead vocalist Ms. Avis Berry.

The Riley Museum's regular hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Fridays Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. For more information on the upcoming events or to schedule a group tour, please contact the Riley Museum at (850) 681-7881 or log onto [www.RileyMuseum.org](http://www.RileyMuseum.org).

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