



## **CUSHINGS' / TAYLORS' BATTERY**

**CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

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**A MILITARY REENACTING GROUP ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.**

- **H**istorically, Cushings' is a Union battery, the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Artillery Battery named for Alonzo Cushing, its West Point educated commander. The unit had been stationed in Indian Territory before being called to fight in the Civil War's first major engagement, The Battle of Bull Run. This battery is still in existence today and is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- **H**istorically, Taylors' is a Confederate battery, took it's second commander's name, and served with General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, Longstreet's Corps, Alexander's Battalion through the entire war. The battery was surrendered by LT John Waddel on April 6, 1865 after Captain Taylor refused to surrender to Gen. George Custer's Cavalry force and was shot dead.
- **T**hey are the only battery in the state to reenact with horses and cannon. They traditionally travel with five Belgian horses, a limber and cannon plus twenty five members.
- **A**ll activities are carried out in the authentic uniforms and accouterments of an Artillery Battery.
- **T**heir civilian members participate in all reenactments. They include a newspaper reporter of the era, school teacher, cook, laundress, sanitary commission, all in period clothing.
- **T**hey live, demonstrate, and talk about the Civil War and the people who lived during that time.
- **A** living history program is set up with period tents and shelters. They demonstrate various aspects of the war, display authentic and reproduced items and put on cannon and rifle firing demonstrations and do other things associated with camp life and life in general of the time.