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Greetings Mr. Bateman,

On behalf of the Florida Park Service, Hillsborough River State Park, Fort Foster Historic State Park and Honeymoon Island Administration I would like to thank you and Company A of the Confederate States Marine Corps Reenactors, Infantry and Artillery Divisions, for your continued volunteer service. In past years your group has assisted in the complete restoration of a Second Seminole War era Mountain Howitzer at Fort Foster Historic State Park, participated in four Halloween in the Park special events at Honeymoon Island State Park, assisted in a beach clean-up at Caladesi Island State Park and participated in living history events at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park and Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park. Your efforts are extremely valuable in that you have saved the Florida Park Service several thousands of dollars, provided quality living history education to hundreds of park visitors and assisted each of these parks in achieving their management goals. Florida State Parks are managed and preserved for enjoyment by this and future generations through providing appropriate resource-based recreational opportunities, interpretation and education that help visitors connect to ...*the Real Florida*. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Marines and appreciate your dedication to the Florida Park Service and its mission.

Sincerely,

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