



February 22, 2019

Ronald J. Cink
County Administrator/Budget Director
Baldwin County Administration Department
County Commission Office
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Mr. Cink,

As you may be aware, each spring Historic Blakeley State Park stages a special day of living history events commemorating the Battle of Fort Blakeley (April 9, 1865). This year's event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 6, 2019. It will be one of our largest public educational events of the year, and draw visitors from throughout the region and beyond. In addition to the reenactment of the battle in the afternoon, we will have artillery and small arms demonstrations, guided battlefield tours, a special boat excursion, and a lecture and exhibit at our event center.

I am writing to respectfully request the County Commission allow the Park use of two small BRATS buses and drivers in shuttling guests from the main parking area to the venues in which events will be taking place during the event. We have a team of volunteers which will be assisting with parking cars and various other logistical details during the day. If you are able to consider this request, I believe two medium-sized (approximately 22-passenger) buses and drivers would be all that is needed. We would hope they could be made available from 8 AM to 4:30 PM that day. The park would gladly pay for one of the two and respectfully asks the Commission to consider donating use of the other.

Please let me know if there is any further information you may need in order to consider this request.

Respectfully,

Mike Bunn
Director
Historic Blakeley State Park