

Resident Reviewer Johnny Reb Recommends:

Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade

By Deryl P. Sellmeyer

Over the years, there have been many books written about the Missouri Campaign, and General Joseph Orville Shelby. In my estimation, this is the best I have read. Factual, hard hitting and free of many of those exaggerations and suppositions found in most Civil War books. Author Deryl P. Sellmeyer, has meticulously researched the exploits of this southern "Iron Brigade." The Brigade, in which, author Sellmeyer's Great, Great grandfather served as a private, spent most of its time in Missouri and Arkansas. At the end of the War, the unit split and several hundred crossed the Rio Grande, retiring their flag on the way. You may want to read of a last favor they did for the state of Texas on their way south. Very, Very readable...It would be a fantastic companion book to "Quantrill of Missouri" by Paul Peterson. Remember the title, "Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade" by Deryl P. Sellmeyer. Pelican Books of Louisiana.