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**The 33rd New Jersey Infantry marches through an encampment recently at Monmouth National Park in New Jersey.**

## **Local group in Civil War re-enactment**

A local group took part in a recent re-enactment of the Civil War Battle of Antietam in Monmouth National Park, Freehold, N.J.

The 93rd Pennsylvania Infantry, of Lebanon, donned Civil War outfits to help recreate the Sept. 17, 1862, battle. About 1,600 other troops took part in the weekend event.

Lebanon Countian Dennis Shirk lead the Union regi-

ment. His brother James, also of Lebanon, opposed him on the re-enactment battlefield, leading the 3rd Arkansas Infantry on the Confederate side.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 visitors attended the event, according to Michael Strauss of the Family History Research Center in Reading.

The real battle, which ended in a draw, is infamous because in it more men were killed or wounded in one day than in any other battle in American history.