

# EVENT RESOURCE GUIDE



## West Virginia Civil War and Statehood Sesquicentennial

Compiled by the West Virginia Division of Tourism



The West Virginia Division of Tourism is frequently contacted by regional, national, and international media outlets seeking to feature West Virginia events and attractions. In addition, the Division sends out media kits and press releases to group tour operators and other travel publications based on information provided to us. **It is very important that you share your events and attractions to help the Division of Tourism best represent your destination.** Tap into the promotional opportunities offered by the West Virginia Division of Tourism.

### **Free Event Listings:**

Use the online form found at [www.wvtourism.com/listings](http://www.wvtourism.com/listings) to send in your Civil War event and/ or facility listing to be included on the Division of Tourism's website.

### **Tourism Advertising Partnership Program:**

The Tourism Matching Advertising Partnership Program (MAPP) is a reimbursable partnership program that provides matching funds for innovative and effective direct advertising projects that increase visitation and travel expenditures in the State of West Virginia impacting the economic growth of the travel industry. [www.wvtourism.com/info](http://www.wvtourism.com/info)

### **West Virginia Cooperative Advertising Opportunities:**

The Division of Tourism offers you the opportunity to gain regional or national exposure at a reduced expense by offering cooperative advertising opportunities with print and online publications. Visit [www.wvtourism.com/info](http://www.wvtourism.com/info) and click on "Advertising & Programs." You may contact the Division's ad agency: Stonewall Marketing Group - (304) 957-9313.

### **West Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Grant Program:**

(Offered by the West Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission)

The West Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission of the American Civil War has established a fund to help local communities and organizations plan and host events to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and West Virginia statehood. Grants are available up to \$5,000. Find the grant application online at: [www.wvcivilwar150.org](http://www.wvcivilwar150.org).

### **Brochure Distribution at West Virginia Welcome Centers:**

Tourism related literature is available to the public at all staffed Welcome Centers. To obtain approval for display and distribution see our policies at [www.wvtourism.com/info](http://www.wvtourism.com/info) (Click on "Welcome Center Policies") or contact Vicki Vaughan at 304.957.9225 or [Vicki.I.vaughan@wv.gov](mailto:Vicki.I.vaughan@wv.gov).

## **Helpful Civil War Event Resources:**

### Promotional & Listing Resources:

- WV Division of Tourism Civil War Page: [www.civilwarwv.com](http://www.civilwarwv.com)
  - Free listings at [www.wvtourism.com/listings](http://www.wvtourism.com/listings)
- WV Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission: [www.wvcivilwar150.org](http://www.wvcivilwar150.org)
- National Park Service (Civil War): [www.nps.gov/civilwar](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar)
- Facebook – Search & Join: “Civil War Sesquicentennial Network”
- LinkedIn – “Civil War Sesquicentennial Network”

### Civil War Living History Resources:

- WV Humanities Council: [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org)
- WV Reenactors Association: [www.wvra.com](http://www.wvra.com)
- WV Division of Culture and History: [www.wvculture.org/history/civilwar.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/civilwar.html)

### Complete List of West Virginia History Groups and Associations:

- [www.wvculture.org/shpo/preslink.html](http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/preslink.html)

### Civil War Research Links:

- WV Tourism Civil War Page: [www.civilwarwv.com](http://www.civilwarwv.com)
- Civil War Trails Program: [www.civilwartrails.com](http://www.civilwartrails.com)
- WV Division of Culture and History: [www.wvculture.org/history/civilwar.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/civilwar.html)
- WV Encyclopedia: [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org)
- Civil War Preservation Trust: [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org)
- National Park Service (Civil War): [www.nps.gov/civilwar](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar)
- George Tyler Moore Center for the study of the Civil War: [www.shepherd.edu/gtmcweb](http://www.shepherd.edu/gtmcweb)
- WV in the Civil War Website: [www.wvcivilwar.com](http://www.wvcivilwar.com)

## **West Virginia Group Tour Contacts:**

Find a list of West Virginia Group Tour Companies through the West Virginia Division of Tourism website. Visit the Division’s “Travel Trade” page at [www.wvtourism.com](http://www.wvtourism.com) – Click on the “Travel Trade” link on the left-hand side under Special Interests or contact Kathy Johnson at 304.957.9334 or [Kathy.a.johnson2@wv.gov](mailto:Kathy.a.johnson2@wv.gov).

### **Motorcoach Companies/Tour Operators in WV:**

1. Advantage Coach, Charleston, WV – [www.advantagecoach.com](http://www.advantagecoach.com)
2. American Destinations, Inc., Clarksburg, WV – <http://americandestinations.com>
3. Cav's Coaches, Charleston, WV – [www.cavcoachco.com](http://www.cavcoachco.com)
4. Country Roads Tours – Coach USA, Clarksburg, WV – [www.coachusa.com](http://www.coachusa.com)
5. Fellowship Tours LLC, Huntington, WV – <http://gofellowshiptours.com>
6. Heartbeat Tours, Charles Town, WV – 304.728.6760
7. Mountain State Coach, Morgantown, WV – 304.292.7490
8. Mountaineer Coach – Coach USA, Beckley, WV – [www.coachusa.com/mountaineer](http://www.coachusa.com/mountaineer)
9. Park Tours – Coach USA, Parkersburg, WV – [www.coachusa.com/parktours](http://www.coachusa.com/parktours)
10. Spring Valley Charter, Huntington, WV – 304.733.4074
11. USTours, Parkersburg, WV – [www.ustours.biz](http://www.ustours.biz)

### **List of WV (and Regional) Civil War Re-enactment Groups\*:**

*\*This list is provided for informational purposes only. The West Virginia Division of Tourism does not endorse or share in the views of any of the following reenactment groups.*

1. West Virginia Re-enactors Association (<http://www.wvra.com>):
  - A. First West Virginia Infantry  
Contact Mark Tennant at 304.363.0935 or at [mtennant6wv@yahoo.com](mailto:mtennant6wv@yahoo.com)
  - B. First West Virginia Light Artillery and The Danville Artillery  
Contact Sam Krafft at [cwarcapt@yahoo.com](mailto:cwarcapt@yahoo.com) or at 304.269.7658
  - C. 6<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Cavalry and 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry  
Contact Porter Stiles at [brrstiles@aol.com](mailto:brrstiles@aol.com) or at 304.288.8997
  - D. 25<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry  
Contact Bill Brisendine at [bealwv@suddenlink.net](mailto:bealwv@suddenlink.net) or at 304.464.4542
  - E. Trans-Allegheny Soldiers' Aid Society  
Contact Tonya Daft at [rebeld4h@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeld4h@yahoo.com)
2. Stephen Cassle as General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and does Civil War drawings, paintings, reproduction prints and handcrafted figurines.  
Contact at [stonewall2ndcorps@msn.com](mailto:stonewall2ndcorps@msn.com) or website at <http://2ndcorpsheadquarters.homestead.com/Index.html>
3. 7<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry Company A.  
Contact at [dmellott53@gmail.com](mailto:dmellott53@gmail.com)
4. 33<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Infantry Company A.  
Contact Captain Tony Morgan at [darnrebel@msn.com](mailto:darnrebel@msn.com) or 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Craig Anderson at [gnwking@ntelos.net](mailto:gnwking@ntelos.net)
5. 36<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Company A "Buffalo Gaurds"  
Contact Captain Mike Sheets at 304.525.5065 or Steve Teeft at [Steve@DixieResearch.com](mailto:Steve@DixieResearch.com).
6. 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry  
Contact [captgray@13thva.com](mailto:captgray@13thva.com)
7. 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry Company G "The Staunton Rifles"

Contact Capt. Rick and Anita Henry at 304.222.0787 or at [mrslieutenant@hotmail.com](mailto:mrslieutenant@hotmail.com) or [captainrickcsa@hotmail.com](mailto:captainrickcsa@hotmail.com)

8. 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Company F  
Contact [tim7thva@hotmail.com](mailto:tim7thva@hotmail.com)
9. 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry Company F  
Contact [patton@neumedia.net](mailto:patton@neumedia.net)
10. 37<sup>th</sup> Virginia Volunteer Infantry  
Contact [jeeryrparsons@hotmail.com](mailto:jeeryrparsons@hotmail.com)

### **Additional Living History and Reenactment Resources**

- Guest Speaker at Rowlesburg Civil War Reenactment in May 2010: Dr. Michael Workman, professor of History, West Virginia State University. Contact at [m2338ickey@yahoo.com](mailto:m2338ickey@yahoo.com)
- Master Gunsmith, John G. Zimmerman, repairs and defarbs reproduction Civil War era firearms at eastern theater Civil War reenactments and possesses a collection of original Civil War era gunsmith tools and stamps. He owns a shop in Harpers Ferry, WV. Contact: John Zimmerman at 304.535.2558.
- The Federal General Corps does reenactments of officers, enlisted men, politicians and civilians and provides information about the Civil War, battles and those that served. Contact at Jim and Chris Opdenaker at [opgraphics@comcast.net](mailto:opgraphics@comcast.net) or at 717.572.25557. Jim also makes Civil War prints, custom Civil War flags, t-shirts and other works.
- Birney's Division, one of the largest Civil War reenacting organizations in the US, portrays soldiers serving in the federal cavalry, artillery and infantry. They will already be on East Coast for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War. Contact [clsmith@5thohio.com](mailto:clsmith@5thohio.com) or through an email form on their website, <http://www.birneysdivision.org/>
- The Federal Volunteer Brigade portrays lifestyle of the period. Includes a variety of units that reenact different aspects, weapons, skills and people of the Civil War. Contact: Brigadier General Ron Palese at [rpalese@supernet.com](mailto:rpalese@supernet.com).
- 7<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry SUVCW is based in Petersburg, WV and has participated in reenactment events in Rowlesburg, Canaan and Harpers Ferry. Contact Randy Ours at 304.257.4707.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Regiment aka "The New River Rifles." Contact President Len Jarrett at [homebody13@juno.com](mailto:homebody13@juno.com) or Captain Frank Moseley at [moselea4@gmail.com](mailto:moselea4@gmail.com)
- First Virginia Cavalry reenacts soldiers mounted and dismounted, civilians, families, battles and camp life. Contact: Wayne Nalls at 540.662.5363 or at [gasn44@aol.com](mailto:gasn44@aol.com)
- The Camp Chase Fife and Drums is an authentic recreation of a Civil War period regimental fife and drum corps. They perform around the country for commemorations,

reenactments and musical programs. Contact by phone at: 740. 775.7215 or by email at [talkuhn@roadrunner.com](mailto:talkuhn@roadrunner.com)

- First Regiment Maryland Volunteer Infantry participates in demonstrations, encampments, lectures and battle reenactments across the Mid-Atlantic Region. They portray soldiers and civilians and take part in programs in national and state parks. Contact: [webmaster@firstmdus.net](mailto:webmaster@firstmdus.net)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Companies A-K portray citizen-soldiers and civilians from the period of 1858 to 1865. They are affiliated with other units such as the Independent Volunteer rifles, which includes more battalions. They consist of men, women and children. Contact: Robert Moss at [earthworksinc1@verizon.net](mailto:earthworksinc1@verizon.net)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Cavalry depicts the Federal Cavalry of the Civil War in living history demonstrations and reenactments. Contact: [mainecav@mainecav.org](mailto:mainecav@mainecav.org) or [sgttodd@mainecav.org](mailto:sgttodd@mainecav.org)
- Civil War Outpost: Relics, Antiquities, Books and Military Artifacts. Travels to shows across the Southeast and participates in the Ohio Civil War Show each year. All relics are guaranteed authentic. Contact: [civilwaroutpost@comcast.net](mailto:civilwaroutpost@comcast.net) or at 770.514.9974.
- The Grand Army of the Republic Memorabilia is a group of collectors of Civil War Veterans Memorabilia. They participate in the Ohio Civil War Show. Contact: [gkane1@prodigy.net](mailto:gkane1@prodigy.net)
- The National Battalion, made up of the Confederate States Naval Department and the Confederate States Marine Corps National Battalion is home based in Albright, WV and has participated in events in Fairmont, Clarksburg, Kingwood, WV and other areas in the state. Contact: [tharpfarms@gmail.com](mailto:tharpfarms@gmail.com)
- The Grayson Blue/Gray Society of SW is a reenacting association made up of nine infantry and artillery units. Contact: [csartillery@gmail.com](mailto:csartillery@gmail.com)
- 51<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company B recreates daily life, camp and battles. Some of the members have given presentations on the life of a soldier to schools and civic groups. They have attended local and national events. They have a Civilian Ladies Group, which is very active in portraying civilians during the Civil War. Contact: Sgt. Eric Muehlenbein, who is president, at [emuehlenbein@sssnet.com](mailto:emuehlenbein@sssnet.com) or Capt. Mark Gaynor, who is field commander, at [mark@indianrivergraphics.com](mailto:mark@indianrivergraphics.com).

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