

BORA Bulletin

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Eighth annual event

Living History attracts 600

Approximately 600 students from Madison and surrounding counties attended the eighth annual Living History program May 21-22 at Battlefield Park.

Nearly 400 students were on hand for the first day of the Battle of Richmond Association (BORA) event coordinated by Clark-Moores Middle School teacher Sharon Graves. She was assisted by some 45 students from her social studies classes.

Among the activities and demonstrations at the event were Civil War music, period clothing, stories about War-Between-the-States personalities, medicine and a period baseball game. Students attending were fourth- and fifth-graders.

Special presentations featured Michael Crutcher portraying Frederick Douglass and Robert Preston as Union Gen. William (Bull) Nelson

Monument honors Texas regiments

“Today we’re gathered to honor those brave Texas veterans who fell in the Bluegrass, but any words we speak must prove inadequate,” Civil War Historian Doug Lippman told a crowd of 100. “No mere words or phrases can do as much to dedicate this hallowed ground as the actions of those soldiers of yesteryear.”

Speaking at the May 23 monument dedication honoring Texas Cavalry regiments who fought in the 1862 Battle of Richmond, Lippman emphasized that “almost a century and a half later, we stand on this battlefield and do homage to those who gave their last full measure for a cause they believed worth dying for.”

The eight-foot tall monument, provided by the Texas Historical Commission, is located on a paved walkway near the Battlefield Park ravine known as Churchill’s Draw. Constructed of sunset-red granite, the monument lists the Texas units involved in the Aug. 30, 1862 flanking action that resulted in a Richmond victory that was the most overwhelming Confederate triumph of the entire Civil War. Each unit’s role in the conflict also is provided.

The \$10,000 monument was made possible by private donations solicited by the historical commission and is the first such memorial on the Richmond battlefield.

Re-enactment set for Aug. 29-30

Another “Thunder in the Bluegrass” is scheduled Aug. 29-30 as BORA conducts its Eighth Annual Battle of Richmond Re-enactment weekend.

Approximately 300 re-enactors, a Civil War book fair and another original period play are in the annual lineup honoring the 1862 Battle of Richmond. All activities take place at Battlefield Park located on Battlefield Memorial Highway (U.S. 421) just south of Richmond.

Battle re-enactments are scheduled both days at 2 p.m. with all events and activities open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All re-enactment and living history activities are free of charge.

Approximately 10 authors of Civil War books will be available on Saturday (Aug. 29) to sign their volumes and Rose Barn Theater will present “Silent Witness, the Surrender at Appomattox” on both days. The original presentation was written by BORA Director Ed Ford and will be directed by Rose Barn’s Rusty Rechenbach with special projection illustrations provided by Larry Bobbert.

The Saturday-Sunday Civil War event will include presentations on typical military encampments, period medicine and music, and blacksmith skills. An annual Civil War tea will be conducted for lady re-enactors at the Pleasant View Estate Saturday morning. Call Paul Rominger at 859/248-1974 for more information.

Golf tourney leads off weekend

Player and team enrollments are being accepted for the Battle of Richmond Association’s Preservation Classic Celebrity Golf Tournament scheduled Aug. 28 at Battlefield Golf Course.

Registration and a continental breakfast are set for 8 a.m. with a celebrity auction continuing until 9:30. A shotgun start is at 10 o’clock. The tournament leads off BORA’s Re-enactment Weekend.

The best-ball scramble includes a putting contest throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded to teams, individuals and sponsors at an awards presentation following the tournament.

Celebrities will be assigned to each team. A number of Eastern Kentucky University sports alumni, former University of Kentucky athletes and current coaches and broadcasters are among the participating celebrities.

The entry fee of \$90 per individual and \$350 per team covers golf cart, green fees, two mulligans, lunch, beverages and putting contest. Proceeds from the tournament support the Battle of Richmond Association and the Roy and Sue Kidd Scholarship Fund. Entry fees must be received by Aug. 21. For more information, see “[Golf Tournament](#)” on this web site or call George N. Ridings at 859/661-3289.

BORA member of new group

The Central Kentucky Civil War Heritage Trails Association has become a state-wide organization for the purpose of educating the public about the varied Civil War heritage of the Commonwealth.

The new organization, The Kentucky Civil War Sites Association, Inc., became effective July 2. The Battle of Richmond Association is a founding member of the organization and Managing Director Paul Rominger is president-elect and a director of the new group.

The change from a regional to all-Kentucky association has been in the process for several months, according to President Mary Kozak, and came at the suggestion of Roger Stapleton, military heritage director of the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Stapleton, she said, suggested that a state-wide group be formed to facilitate promotion of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, scheduled 2011-15. With the change, new bylaws and articles of incorporation have been approved.

The initial 10 members of the Central Kentucky Civil War Heritage Trails Association are the foundation for the new organization, which will be open to all Civil War battlefields and sites in Kentucky. Membership is open to Civil War site anchors (major battlefields and sites), smaller developed sites and emerging sites. Kozak said annual membership for anchor locations is \$250, \$100 for smaller sites and \$50 for emerging locations.

Visitor praises Richmond effort

“We found the Richmond community effort, which has saved and protects the hallowed ground of the Richmond battlefield, to be extraordinary,” Susan L. Burke of Springfield, Ill., has stated.

Mrs. Burke, who spent three days recently in Richmond with her family, is a volunteer for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield. Her family has visited Civil War battlefields, museums and historic sites extensively during the past 10 years.

In a June 13 letter that appeared in *The Richmond Register*, Mrs. Burke wrote that “the battlefield visitor center has been well-developed with informative and interesting displays.....I commend the dedication and foresight of the Battle of Richmond Association, Madison County and Richmond area community leaders and volunteers who recognized the importance of preserving this hallowed ground.”

Bugle reports BORA activities

The Battle of Richmond Association is among the advertisers and supporters of *The Kentucky Civil War Bugle*, a recent online electronic publication.

BORA events and activities appear regularly in the publication, which focuses on Civil War happenings throughout Kentucky. The Bugle seeks to inform, preserve, interpret, entertain and promote the Commonwealth's Civil War history and heritage.

The Bugle can be viewed at www.thekentuckycivilwarbugle.com.

Hours extended through August

Visitors to Battlefield Park will find facilities more available this summer.

The Visitors and History Center at 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway just south of Richmond (U.S. 25/421 split) is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays. Pleasant View, the pre-Civil War home at the park, is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays through August. It's located approximately one mile south of the Visitors and History Center.