



Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

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Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Launches New Website

Frederick, MD - In celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week (May 2-10, 2015) and Preservation Month (throughout May), the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) announces the launch of a newly redesigned website, www.heartofthecivilwar.org.

The website offers visitors many channels for exploring the Heart of the Civil War, allowing them to search for destinations by theme (On the Home Front, In the Heat of Battle, and Beyond the Battlefield), historical events (via the Timeline), and geographic location (through the Interactive Map). A comprehensive calendar of Events and a brand-new blog, Bugle Call, offer additional ways to discover the Heritage Area.

Another new portion of the site is devoted to stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations and local governments, who qualify for grants, tax credits, and other benefits through the Heritage Areas program. HCWHA will be hosting website launch events for stakeholders in each of the three Heritage Area counties:

- **Washington County:** Monday, June 15th – 10:00 AM @ Rural Heritage Museum, 7303 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro
- **Carroll County:** Tuesday, June 23rd – 3:00 PM @ Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, Westminster (large meeting room)
- **Frederick County:** Monday, June 29th – 10:30 AM @ National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 East Patrick Street, Frederick

These meetings will serve as an opportunity for stakeholders to navigate the new website and better understand how to leverage the benefits of being within the Heritage Area. Registration is encouraged but not required. To RSVP or for more information, contact Auni Gelles at agelles@fredco-md.net or (301) 600-4031.

The Heart of the Civil War, one of Maryland's 13 certified heritage areas encompassing parts of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, seeks to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life in our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

The website has been financed in part with State funds from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, an instrumentality of the State of Maryland. For more information, contact the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area at info@heartofthecivilwar.org or (301) 600-4031.

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1865: WAR'S END
Mark the 150th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War with special events, exhibits and programs throughout the Heritage Area.



ON THE HOME FRONT

IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE

BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is ideally positioned to serve as your "base camp" for driving the popular Civil War Trails and visiting the battlefields and sites of Antietam, Gettysburg, Monocacy, South Mountain, Harpers Ferry, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

BUGLE CALL < >



Experiencing History in the Great Outdoors: Where Recreation & History Intersect
The stunning natural landscape sculpted by the Piedmont plateau and foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains provides an ideal setting for outdoor enthusiasts of all types.

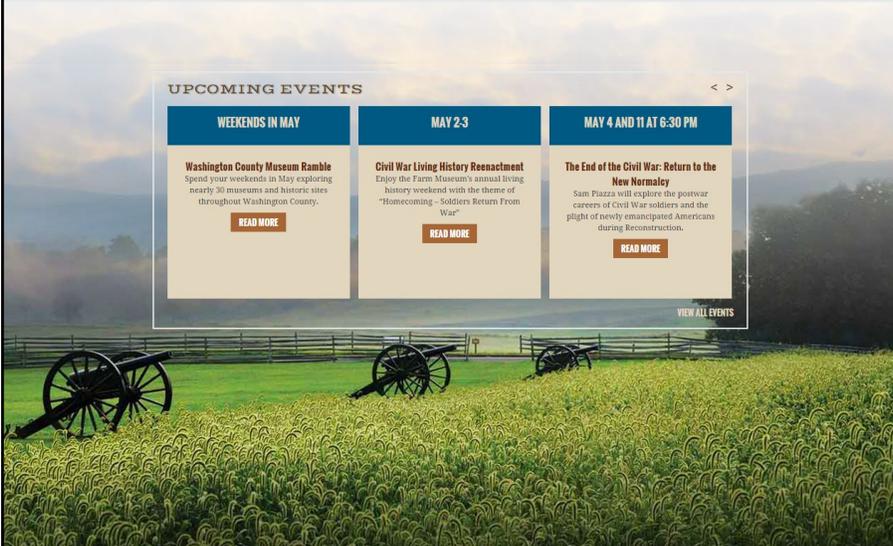
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UPCOMING EVENTS < >

WEEKENDS IN MAY	MAY 23	MAY 4 AND 11 AT 6:30 PM
<p>Washington County Museum Ramble Spend your weekends in May exploring nearly 30 museums and historic sites throughout Washington County.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>	<p>Civil War Living History Reenactment Enjoy the Farm Museum's annual living history weekend with the theme of "Homecoming - Soldiers Return From War".</p> <p>READ MORE</p>	<p>The End of the Civil War: Return to the New Normalcy Sam Piazza will explore the postwar careers of Civil War soldiers and the plight of newly emancipated Americans during Reconstruction.</p> <p>READ MORE</p>

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<p>QUICK LINKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan Your Visit Events Bugle Call About 	<p>STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>Information for Stakeholders Grants and Other Benefits Participating Municipalities HCWA Mini-Grants MHAA Project Grants Management Plan Action Plan</p>	<p>CONTACT US</p> <p>151 S. East Street Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 600-4031 info@heartofthecivilwar.org Contact Us Today</p>	<p>STAY IN TOUCH</p> <p> </p>
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