

# The First Campaign of the Civil War



150th Anniversary Commemorative

# TOURS

# 6-8 JULY 2011

# ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA

RICH MOUNTAIN  
BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION  
P.O. BOX 227  
BEVERLY, WV 26253



  
Rich Mountain Battlefield  
304-637-RICH / www.richmountain.org



## Directions & Facilities:

Find the town of Elkins using the map above.

Activities will begin at the Randolph County Community Arts Center, at the corner of Park Street and Randolph Avenue, Elkins, WV. Randolph Avenue is the same as US Rt 219/250/33 through Elkins.

The Arts Center is one block east of the statue of Henry G Davis on his horse, and one block west of the 3rd Street stop light.

Consult the information below to arrange lodging during the tour. Accomodations range from simple motel rooms to the splendor of Graceland. If you have questions or special needs, consult the Convention and Visitors Bureau, or contact the Beverly Heritage Center.

### ELKINS LODGING

- Days Inn: (304) 637-4667
- Elkins Motor Lodge: (304) 636-1400
- Graceland Inn: (304) 637-1600
- Hampton Inn: (304) 630-7500
- Holiday Inn: (304) 630-2266
- Super 8: (304) 636-6500

### ADDITIONAL LODGING INFORMATION

Tourist Information Center in Elkins: (800) 422-3304  
*(Randolph County Convention And Visitors Bureau)*  
Monongahela National Forest: (304) 636-1800  
*(Developed Modern Camping with hookups)*

## FIRST CAMPAIGN TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Clip and return with payment to RMBF - PO Box 227 - Beverly, WV 26253

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration before June 1, 2011 = \$170  
Registration after June 1, 2011 = \$195  
Registration includes bus transportation for two days of guided tours, lunch both days, reception, keynote presentation, and concert.

# of persons \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation" or "RMBF."

Questions? Call 304-637-7424 (637-RICH) or email: [info@richmountain.org](mailto:info@richmountain.org)

# THE SESQUICENTENNIAL TOURS

## 6-8 JULY 2011



Walk in the footsteps of the First Campaign of the Civil War with comprehensive battlefield tours of Philippi, Laurel Hill, Rich Mountain, Corrick's Ford, Cheat Summit Fort, Fort Marrow at Camp Elkwater, and Beverly's Mt. Iser Confederate Cemetery.

Tours will include selective living history including demonstration and original cannon by Loomis Battery. Opening reception will feature a special Civil War Art Exhibit at the Randolph County Community Arts Center. A. Wilson Greene of Pamplin Historical Park will be the keynote speaker, with a Friday evening concert of Civil War music provided by Philippi's "Blue & Gray Choir". This exclusive tour will lead up to the 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Rich Mountain July 9-10, concluding with a memorial service on the 150th Anniversary of the battle, on July 11, 2011.

## Tour Guides

### Hunter Lesser

...has had a thirty-year career as an archaeologist and historical interpreter. His writings on American's past span topics from ancient Native American sites to Kentucky moonshine stills. A lifelong student of the Civil War, he is author of *Rebels at the Gate: Lee and McClellan on the Front Line of a Nation Divided*.

### Richard A. Wolfe

...is a retired Marine Corps Officer. He is a long time student of the Civil War and West Virginia. He is a member of the West Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and president of Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation.

## Schedule

### July 6

4 – 7 pm Registration  
7 – 8 pm Overview of the First Campaign  
8 – 10 pm Welcome Reception

### July 7

9:00 am Philippi  
10:45 am Laurel Hill  
1:15 pm Rich Mountain  
3:15 pm Beverly Heritage Center  
4:30 pm Free Time  
8:00 pm Speaker Will Greene

### July 8

9:00 am Corricks Ford  
11:15 am Living History Demonstration Beverly  
12:45 pm Cheat Summit Fort  
2:15 pm Elkwater  
3:15 pm Mount Iser  
4:30 pm Free Time  
8:00 pm Blue & Gray Choir Civil War Concert

## Civil War Firsts

- \* First enlisted man in United States service killed by a Confederate soldier: T. Bailey Brown, May 22, 1861.
- \* First campaign of the Civil War: Federal troops under General George McClellan enter Virginia, May 27, 1861.
- \* First tactical use of the railroad to move troops to battle: Grafton, June 2, 1861.
- \* First land battle of the Civil War: Philippi, June 3, 1861.
- \* First amputation of the Civil War: James E. Hanger, June 3, 1861.
- \* First Union "Restored Government" established in a Confederate state: Wheeling, June 20, 1861.
- \* First use of the telegraph by an American army in the field: June 1861.
- \* First telegraphic cipher used by an army in war: June 1861.
- \* First general killed in the Civil War: Robert S. Garnett, CSA, July 13, 1861.

## Western Virginia 1861

# THE FIRST CAMPAIGN

Before the Battle of First Manassas a campaign was being conducted in Western Virginia. On May 22, 1861 the first clash between Union and Confederate soldiers resulted in the death of T. Bailey Brown. Three days later the burning of two Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridges precipitated the invasion of Western Virginia by Union forces.

The early military actions proved to be a training ground for future Civil War leaders. The results that General George B. McClellan and General Robert E. Lee achieved in the mountains would not be the same later in the war. Logistics played a big role in Western Virginia. Many lessons were learned by the challenges of moving and feeding a large number of troops in the mountains with the existing road system. These new soldiers would be introduced to trains, telegraph, rifles, and modern artillery. The result of the First Campaign was the securing of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the Union and setting the stage for West Virginia Statehood.



## Features

### A. Wilson Greene

is the President of Pamplin Historical Park & National Museum of The Civil War Soldier. He worked formerly as a historian and manager of the National Park Service. Mr. Greene is also a former President of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. He has given numerous lectures, and has written extensively on the Civil War era. Among his books are: *Civil War Petersburg: Confederate City in the Crucible of War (A Nation Divided)* and *The Final Battles of the Petersburg Campaign: Breaking the Backbone of the Rebellion*.



### Loomis Battery



Battery A First Michigan Light Artillery was the first battery organized from Michigan during the Civil War. It was present at the Battle of Rich Mountain and soon after received six of the first Parrott Rifles deployed in the Civil War.

The Loomis Battery, a living history group, will return one of these original Parrott Rifles to the artillery emplacement at Camp Elkwater for the first time in 150 years. (See: <http://www.museumandcollector.com>)

### Blue and Gray Choir



The Blue & Gray Community Choir has been presenting quality performances of Civil War music since 1989. The Choir is composed of over fifty amateur volunteer singers from around north-central West Virginia. Dr. Judson Bracey has directed the choir since

2003, along with accompanist Mrs. Michele Moore. Their concerts of Civil War period music and other patriotic pieces are a feature of the annual Blue & Gray Reunion held in Philippi. We are delighted to have them join us for the First Campaign Tours.

### Civil War Art Exhibit

The Randolph County Community Art Center is hosting an extensive exhibit of Civil War topic paintings in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the First Campaign.

