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RANDOLPH, VA –

Historic Staunton River Foundation Set to Commemorate the
152nd Anniversary of the
Battle of Staunton River Bridge

Friday, June 24, 2016

8 pm-Dusk: Wagon Ride Tour of the Battleground

Please join the Historic Staunton River Foundation and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park as they host a wagon ride tour of the Battleground in conjunction with the upcoming 152nd Anniversary of the Battle for Staunton River Bridge on June 25th. Please bring a flashlight and bug spray. The dusk wagon ride tour lasts approximately 45 minutes to an hour and the event is free and open to the public. It will begin at the Fort Hill (earthworks) at the Staunton River Battlefield State Park located 1035 Fort Hill Trail, Randolph, Virginia

Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:00 – 9:30am: Military Service Award Ceremony at Fort Hill near the UDC monument, presented by the Halifax Chapter of the **United Daughters of the Confederacy**. These service awards are presented to veterans who are lineal descendants of Confederate Veterans. If you are a descendant of a Confederate Veteran and served your country in the United States Armed Forces, please contact the Foundation at info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org or phone 434-454-7312.

9:30 – 10:00am: The **Historic Staunton River Foundation** will present commemorative medals to recognized descendants of the participants of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. A **wreath-laying ceremony** will be presented by local heritage organizations. If you are a descendant of a Confederate soldier or a descendant of the known and infamous “Ole Men & Young Boys” who fought to defend the Staunton River Bridge, please contact the Foundation at info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org or phone 434-454-7157.

10:30 – 11:30am: Dr. H. Rondel (Ron) Rumburg, President of the Society for Biblical and Southern Studies, will present a program on “The Friendship of Robert E. Lee and ‘Stonewall’ Jackson. Dr. Rumburg furthered his education at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida, where he graduated with a Th.M. degree and received his Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Rumburg is known to many as he recently served as Past National Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of the

Confederate Veterans and is an active member and Past Commander of the Forrest Camp #1435 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He has authored numerous essays, articles and sixteen books relating to religion and the Confederacy. His weekly articles to newspapers and conferences about the subjects of religion and the Confederacy afforded him the opportunity to provide forwards to numerous publications and edited works. Currently, Dr. Rumburg and his wife reside in Spout Spring, Virginia and he continues to serve as the Minister of Sovereign Grace Baptist in Farmville, Virginia. A table of his works will be made available for purchase and autographs. The lecture is free and open to the public and will take place in the Conference Room of the Clover Visitors Center.

11:30am: Guided Battlefield Tour & Narration will begin at the Staunton River Bridge. Parking is available at Roanoke Station in Randolph and at the Clover Visitors Center.

Throughout the day: Living History Encampment presented by Confederate re-enactors from the **14th Virginia Infantry, Co. K** and **Oliver's Battery, 21st Virginia, Co. C** will be located next to Fort Hill (earthworks). Prisoner demonstrations, camp life, weapon demonstrations, interpretive demonstrations, and Confederate recruitment will be shown for public participation.

This is a “tentative schedule” and every effort has been made to maintain and keep it accurate. If you or someone you know is a descendant, please inform a representative from the contacts below. Let us know if you are interested in helping plan or volunteer for this or one of the Foundation and Park’s many other events held throughout the year. For more information of the Battle Commemoration and upcoming events, please visit the Foundation’s website at www.historicstauntonriverfoundation.org, visit our Facebook Page (Historic Staunton River Foundation), email info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org, or call the Staunton River Battlefield State Park at 434-454-4312.

The Staunton River Battlefield State Park straddles Charlotte and Halifax Counties. The physical address of the Clover Visitors Center (Halifax entrance) is 1035 Fort Hill Trail, Randolph, Virginia 23962. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation manages the award-winning Virginia State Park System. For more information about Virginia State Park activities, please call 800-933-PARK or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.