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**RANDOLPH, VA –**

151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge

Friday, June 19, 2015

**7:00-8:00 P.M.:** Please join the Historic Staunton River Foundation and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park as they host Colonel Greg Eanes, USAF (Retired), the author of *Virginia's Black Confederates: Essays and Rosters*. Col. Eanes' book is a compilation of essays with rosters and service records of over 1,600 names of Africa-Americans in Virginia who rendered service to the Confederate War effort. He will present a lecture on his book, a "Heritage of Honor" lecture series of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, with special attention being given to the heroic acts of Black Confederates from Charlotte, Halifax, and Mecklenburg Counties and the Staunton River Battlefield. Col. Eanes' is no stranger to the Foundation or State Park, as he is also the author of *Destroy the Junction: The Wilson-Kautz Raid and the Battle for the Staunton River Bridge* and active in helping develop regional tourism infrastructure through historic preservation and interpretation activities to include the Lee's Retreat and Virginia's Retreat regional consortiums, the Wilson-Kautz Raid Civil War Trails Driving Tour. The event is free and open to the public and will be held in the Conference Room of the Clover Visitors Center at the Staunton River Battlefield State Park at 1035 Fort Hill Trail, Randolph, Virginia.

**8:00 P.M.-Dusk:** Please join Col. Greg Eanes, the Historic Staunton River Foundation and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park as they host a "historic" wagon ride tour of the Battleground in conjunction with the upcoming 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Battle for Staunton River Bridge on Saturday, June 20. Please bring a flashlight and bug spray. The dusk wagon ride tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and this event is free and open to the public and will begin at Fort Hill at the Staunton River Battlefield State Park at 1035 Fort Hill Trail, Randolph, Virginia.

Saturday, June 20, 2015

**9:00 – 9:45 A.M.: Military Service Award Ceremony** at Fort Hill near UDC monument, presented by the Halifax Chapter of the **United Daughters of the Confederacy** and the Historic Staunton River Foundation. 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](mailto:info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org) or phone 434-454-7157.

**9:45 am – 10:30 am:** 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.

**Lunch**—BBQ, Baked Beans, and all the fixings provided by **Mr. Dean Duffey**. We invite you to visit the Picnic Shelter to purchase a delicious lunch.

**12:30pm – 1:30pm:** **Ms. Teresa Roane**, Archivist at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Headquarters in Richmond, will give a presentation on Black Confederates. The presentation will take place in the Conference Room of the Clover Visitors Center.

**Throughout the day:** Living History Encampment presented by Confederate re-enactors from the **14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Co. K** and **Oliver’s Battery, 21<sup>st</sup> Virginia, Co. C** will be located next to Fort Hill. Prisoner demonstrations, camp life, weapon demonstrations, interpretive demonstrations, and Confederate cooking 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](http://www.historicstauntonriverfoundation.org), visit our Facebook Page (Historic Staunton River Foundation), email [info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org](mailto: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](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov).