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RANDOLPH, VA –

148th Anniversary of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge

Friday, June 22, 2012

8:00 P.M.-Dusk: 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 148th Anniversary of the Battle for Staunton River Bridge on June 23rd. Please bring a flashlight and meet at Fort Hill. The dusk wagon ride tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and this event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, June 23, 2012

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 or phone 434-454-4312.

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.

10:30 am: Guided Battlefield tour and narration will begin at the Staunton River Battlefield Bridge. Parking is available at Roanoke Station in Randolph and the Clover Visitors Center, and a bus will be provided for transportation.

Lunch – Hotdogs, BBQ, chips and beverages will be available for purchase at the Picnic Shelter at the Clover Visitors Center. **Members of the Sappony Indian Nation** will be serving

lunch. In addition, Sappony merchandise will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Sappony Indian Nation.

12:30pm – 1:30pm: Major Ken Sewell and Paul Smith with the 1st Division of the Army of Northern Virginia will present a lecture on the plans for a reenactment of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge. The reenactment will take place in June 2014 on the 150th anniversary of the battle. The lecture will be held in the Conference Room of the Clover Visitors Center. If you are interested in helping organize or would like more information on the upcoming 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Staunton River Bridge and the planned reenactment, please make every effort to attend this presentation.

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. 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, email info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org, or call the Staunton River Battlefield State Park at 434-454-4312.