

**SESQUICENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Chairman Walt Brown called the meeting to order and discussed the goal of including the history of all persons who served during the Civil War. Teresa Preston was asked to take minutes.

Several suggestions were offered on how our committee could promote the coming of the History Civil War Mobile November (Monday – Wednesday) 14th ,15th , & 16th , 2011 to the Southampton County Fair Grounds.

Chairman Brown passed out folders to everyone with blank copies of the History Civil War Service Support Check List and the Support Agreement concerning the business connected with the History Civil War Mobile. He thanked Teresa Preston for preparing these for the group. The Host Services Check List and the Host Service Support Agreement needs to be filled out. The forms were discussed.

Chairman Brown asked Barbette Porter if she would get information to him relevant to the Host Service check list regarding the number of cars that can park at the fairground and the number of handicap parking spots and the approximate distance from the handicap parking lot to the exhibition area; to include bathroom facilities.

Barbette Porter suggested that the Sesquicentennial Committee reserve a booth at the Franklin/Southampton County Fair in September to promote the History Civil War Mobile visit to Southampton County. Barbette offered to contact Lee Ann Alexander to reserve an educational booth.

The Franklin Fall Festival was also noted as an event that could promote the History Civil War Mobile Museum. Dam Howe agreed to check on this possibility.

Chairman Brown stated that he would like as many of the committee members to attend upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday morning, 8:30 a.m. on June 27, 2011, when he announces that the county will be hosting the History Civil War Mobile Museum. The committee will need funding for lodging for the History Civil War Mobile staff, and other related expenses as outlined in the Host Service Support Agreement. The Board of Supervisors is expected to approved the visit at Monday's meeting as the Host.

Grants are available for this event and Amanda Jarrett agreed to begin work on the grant for marketing. Funding for memorial markers and trails was mentioned.

Amanda Jarrett volunteered to be the media point of contact and she volunteered to get the contact information for all newspapers, radio, magazines and TV to Chairman Brown. All press releases have to be cleared with the History Civil War Mobile Museum POC in Richmond.

Rickey Blunt volunteered to work with the public and private schools, and to get the Home Schooling list from the Courtland Library. Rickey Blunt and Gerry Green will also work with getting re-enactors with for the United States Colored Calvary (USCC) and the United States Colored Infantry (USCI) by way of the Buffalo Riders. Rickey Blunt agreed to organize a reenactment with the Buffalo Riders as part of opening day.

Colonel (Ret.) Gerry Green volunteered to research the names and units of Union forces that had participation from Southampton county VA; which includes USCC and USCI. Chairman Brown loaned him the book by Daniel Croft titled "Old Southampton in Society and Politics".

Rick Francis and Lemuel Brown agreed to research Confederate names and units that had participation of people from Southampton County VA. They also volunteered to work with getting re-enactors for both Confederate and Union Forces for opening day ceremonies on November 14, 2011.

Dan Howe agreed to canvass the Franklin area for volunteers for this three day event.

Jay Felts was going to look up the Confederate names of those in the Southampton area.

The question was raised as to how to involve other historically related organizations such as the Southampton County Historical Society and the Daughters of the Confederacy. Chairman Brown had announced today's meeting at the Southampton County Historical Society meeting on Sunday, June 12, 2011. We were hoping for more interest from these groups.

Opening Day Ceremonies were briefly discussed. The list of invited persons was to be extended to all school children, school administrators and principals in the surrounding counties of Surry, Isle of Wight, Greenville, Sussex, Gates and Northampton Counties, NC and elected state and local officials. The three TV channels that serve the area will also be invited. The suggestion was made to include the school officials in the adjoining counties in North Carolina.

The next meeting will be July 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the county board room.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa B. Preston
Recorder