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Manassas History Weekend – Aug. 24-26

City of Manassas. . . On Aug. 24-26, the City of Manassas will host the first-ever Manassas History Weekend. This year, the City will honor the service of veterans from past and present, focus on this region's wartime and peacetime military history, and include activities for all interests and ages.

One of the capstone speakers for the weekend is Manassas National Battlefield Park Superintendent Brandon Bies. During a special talk on Sunday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m., Bies will speak about the recent discovery at the National Battlefield of the remains of two Civil War soldiers and a battlefield surgeon's pit.

The free weekend will kick off with a tour of the Manassas Cemetery, 9317 Center St. at 8 p.m. The tour will focus on veterans who have been laid to rest at the cemetery. Friday evening features a Civil War-era dance at the Harris Pavilion. All ages are welcome to take a spin.

Saturday highlights at the Manassas Museum include:

- At 10 a.m. Author Garrett Peck will discuss his book, *The Great War in America: World War I and Its Aftermath*
- At 11 a.m. Author Marc Leepson will talk about, *Saving Monticello*
- At Noon Historian Ken Weiler, author of a series of World War II histories, will speak about the war-time home front
- At 1 p.m. Author Richard Quest will speak about his work, *Return from Shan Gri La*, a WWII rescue story
- At 6 p.m., visitors can take part in a bourbon tasting
- Artillery firings will happen throughout the day
- Children's activities include code breaking, period games and face painting
- Displays from the "Tank Farm," part of the Americans in Wartime Museum, and displays from the Freedom Museum and the Cold War Museum will be featured on the Manassas Museum lawn.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. an honor guard from American Legion Post 10 and the Osbourn High School marching band will honor all veterans with an opening ceremony that will lead into meeting with veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and more recent campaigns. Veterans of all eras are encouraged to join in.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the historic 1825 Liberia House and grounds will be open. Liberia House was once headquarters to both Confederate and Union forces at differing times. At Liberia House Civil War living history will be featured. This includes displays on Victorian Age medicine and apothecary practices, a Civil War-era Balloon Corps, and appearances by Elizabeth Keckley, Matthew Brady, and Abraham and Mary Lincoln. The house will be open for tours all weekend. Visitors for the weekend events can visit both sites by using the free wagon ride system as parking is limited at Liberia House.

Visit www.manassascity.org/historyweekend for more information and schedules.

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