Why They Fought

the Legacy of Stones River

Saturday, March 20, 2010

A Symposium at the Rutherford County Courthouse and Stones River National Battlefield, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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Morning Agenda
Rutherford County Courthouse, Public Square
(intersections of E. Main and Church and W. Main and Maple)

Continental Breakfast 8:00–9:00 a.m.
Registration 8:00 a.m.–Noon
Welcome 9:00 a.m.
Stuart Johnson, Stones River National Battlefield

Session 1 9:15 a.m.
Sam Davis Elliott, Independent Scholar
“The Battle of Stones River’s Effect on the Leadership of the Army of Tennessee”

Session 2 9:45 a.m.
Keith Bohannon, University of West Georgia
“Virginian in Blue: George H. Thomas and the Civil War in Tennessee”

Break 10:15–10:30 a.m.

Session 3 10:30 a.m.
Kenneth Noe, Auburn University
“Reluctant Rebels: The Confederates Who Joined the Army After 1861”

Questions and Discussion 11:00 a.m.

Book Signing 11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Teacher In-service, “Choosing Sides” 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon Agenda
Stones River National Battlefield and Cemetery
3501 Old Nashville Highway

Fighting for Home and Hearth 1:30 and 3:00
Join a ranger for a short walk on the battlefield and discussion of the motivations of middle Tennessee soldiers at the Battle of Stones River.

Southern Boys in Blue 1:30 and 3:00
Watch the Ninth Kentucky Infantry, U.S.A., drill and fire their muskets, and discover how and why these southern boys became Union soldiers.

About the Symposium
As we approach the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, we turn our thoughts to the men who fought and their leaders. What were their motivations and experiences? Choosing sides often did not come easily, particularly in a divided Upper South state such as Tennessee. We will look at the decisions men made and the challenges they faced on the battlefield.

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Symposium Registration Form
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The Legacy of Stones River: Why They Fought
Symposium registration fee: $10
Registration deadline: March 12, 2010
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