The USV
APPOMATTOX 2015
150 YEARS LATER
Three Days of USV Activity

A Reenactment - Federal Camp & Living History Event

A Cavalry Battle – “The Battle of Appomattox Station”

An Infantry Battle – “Gordon’s Last Attack”

The Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia

“The First Act of a Healing Nation” (Two parts)

“The Stacking of Arms”

USV March to Appomatiox Village

“The Stacking of Arms” finale
APPOMATTOX 150th

Have you participated in the 150th reenactments?
Were you at 1st Manassas 150th in 2011?
Gettysburg 150th in 2013?
If so, where should you be April 10-12, 2015?

APPOMATTOX COUNTY, VA

There is only one reenactment within a stone’s throw of the McLean House
On grounds travelled by Gen Gordon and Gen Ord

BE PART OF THE LONG ROAD HOME

Activities throughout the weekend in Appomattox County

For more information & registration forms:
www.appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org

“We would like to thank you for your unavailing hospitality throughout the week-end. We all agreed that throughout our years of attending Civil War reenactments, we have never seen such detail and focus to make reenactors feel comfortable and welcome. Never have we seen events as efficiently run. Your class is a lesson on how to efficiently run a class reenactment.”

(Comment from participant in 2014 reenactment)
Reenactment Site
A Photographic Review of Appomattox 150th Reenactment site

The entrance to the site is through a locked gate at the top of a long dirt road running down into a gradually sloping valley. Once inside the entrance one sees a gentle valley surrounded by wooded areas. The valley runs downward then rises up on the opposite side to reveal another large field beyond. The valley also runs to the left toward a creek bed.
Looking back uphill toward gate (looking SE)

The distant field (north field)
Plateau Field   (looking east)

South Woods   (at entrance)
On 8 Apr. 1865, Gen. Robert E. Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia, retreating from Petersburg toward Pittsylvania County, reached the hills to the northeast. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and his Federal army, pursuing Lee to the south, blocked him here. At dawn on 9 April, Palm Sunday, Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon's corps with Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's cavalry assaulted the Union line. Initially successful, the attempted breakout failed when additional Union infantry arrived on the field. That afternoon, Lee rode through the lines here to surrender his army.
Note – long road on google map does NOT exist
Two Battles

The Battle of Appomattox Station

Friday evening 4:00 PM

Gordon Last Assault

Saturday 11:00 am
The final attack of the campaign.
The Reenactment April 10-11-12
Schedule

Friday, April 10, 2015
AM - Military Camps open for USV arrival and setup
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Living History Demonstrations – six different stations
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Authors and Artists speak and display their wares
4:00 p.m.- Battle of Appomattox Station (Cavalry & Artillery action)

Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30 a.m. Camps open to public
10:00 a.m. Fashion Show
11:00 a.m. Battle of Appomattox Court House
   2:00 p.m. Meeting of Generals Lee and Grant
6:00 pm “The First Act of a Healing Nation”
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. Period Dance
9:00 p.m. Cannon night fire

Sunday, April 12, 2015 (There will be NO gun or cannon firing as this is a day of silent reverence and remembrance)
10:00 a.m. Camps open to public
11:00 a.m. Stacking of Arms, Crossover and Welcome Back
1:00 pm Boarding of USV Busses
1:00 p.m. Camps close to public
The USV March to Appomattox Village

A march of the assembled USV regiments with flags and brigade designated musicians plus cavalry escort along the old Lynchburg-Richmond stage road Into the Appomattox Village for participation in the grand finale “Stacking of Arms”. USV Regiments will proceed other assembled Federal participants in the line of march.
Route 24

Old Richmond Lynchburg Road

Route 24

Confederate Cemetery

McLean House

Rebel Camp Stacking Area

Union Camp

NC Drop off 1.4 miles from McLean House

Grant Dropoff

Park Road (Gordon Dr)
After unloading, All troops will have weapons checked AGAIN by NPS staff and will form in marching order in the fields behind the drop off location.

The march will begin by having State Troopers close road for crossing. The March led by music and flag bearers will cross and enter the remains of the old Richmond – Lynchburg Road (which runs through the Appomattox Village)

View from Unloading location – Confederate cemetery on right
Halfway There
Meanwhile, participating Confederate Units will travel on Route 656 (Horseshoe Road) to designated parking and assemble along the Appomattox River.
The Stacking Ceremony April 12, 2015

Upon arrival at the stacking areas, The USV regiments will take positions adjacent to the formations of the “invited” NPS Federal troops filling the edges of the Stage Road on both sides of the Village Circle.
Meanwhile, participating Confederate Units will travel on Route 656 (Horseshoe Road) to designated parking and assemble along the Appomattox River.
Meanwhile Confederate Units will form along the Lynchburg-Richmond Stage Road for their march to the village. The April 12, 1865 stacking occurred in Division sequence beginning With the II Corps – Gordon’s Division – Stonewall Brigade
The Stacking of Arms
April 12, 1865

Recreated
April 12, 2015
Formal SURRENDER PARADE

April 12, 1865
CSA - Major General John Gordon, Commanding
23,512 officers and men

II Corps - Major General John Gordon, commanding

Gordon's Division - Brigadier General Clement Evans, commanding
   Terry, Evans, & York Brigades
      Va   Ga   La
Grimes Division - Major General Bryan Grimes, commanding
   Battle, Grimes, Cox, & Cook Brigades
      Al   NC   NC   Ga
Early's Division - Brigadier General James Walker, commanding
   Johnson, Lewis & Walker Brigades
      NC   NC   Va

IV Corps - (Reassigned to II Corps April 8)

Johnson's Division - Major General Bushrod Johnson
   Wallace, Moody, Wise & Ransom Brigades
      SC   Al   Va   NC
**III Corps** - Major General Harry Heth, commanding

Heth's Division - Major General Harry Heth, commanding
Davis, Cook, McCrae, & McComb Brigades
   Ms    NC    NC    Tn

**Wilcox's** Division - Major General Cadmus Wilcox, commanding
Thomas, Lane, **McGowen**, Scales brigades
   Ga    NC    SC    NC

Mahone's Division - Major General "Billy" Mahone, commanding
Forney, Weisinger, Harris, Sorrel & Finegan Brigades
   Al    Va    Ms    Ga    FL

**I Corps** - Major General James Longstreet, commanding

Kershaw's Division - Major General Joseph Kershaw, commanding
Dubose, Humphrey & Simms Brigades
   Ga    Ms    Ga

"Hood's" Division - Major General Charles Field, commanding
Perry, Anderson, Benning, Greg & Bratton Brigades
   Al    Ga    Ga    Tx    SC

Pickett's Division - Major General George Pickett commanding
Steuart, Corse, Hunton & Terry Brigades
   Va    Va    Va    Va
“The First Act of a Healing Nation”

When Robert E Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox April 9, 1865 his ragged soldiers had gone without food and supplies for several days. The first action of General Ulysses S Grant, the Union Army commander was to distribute meals to the defeated Confederate soldiers. In commemoration of this event, a recreation of the this act of compassion will occur prior to the stacking of arms ceremony. The Federal command will distribute biscuits, ham and coffee as part of the event.
Sharing of Rations
Alred Waud April 10, 1865
“The First Act of a Healing Nation”
Part I

6:00 PM - Distribution of provisions to Confederate Soldiers at the USV campsite by Quartermaster Corps and USV Civilian Committee.

Tables with ham and biscuits will be provided with hot coffee cooked on tripod Pots. Union & Confederate Soldiers will intermingle. Music and social interaction

Third Regiment has proposed a creative plan to integrate a parole system as well as distribution of “hardtack” in boxes and other features into the reenactment.
“The First Act of a Healing Nation”
Part II

Sat, April 11
1800    Wagons, crates of food arrive, staged near in Clover Hill Tavern

Sun, April 12
0630    USV staff arrive onsite, begin to set up
0700    Soldiers march in, receive rations
0800    Breakfast ends, clean up begins

Ham and Biscuits will be distributed on porch of Tavern Bar building
Coffee will be kept warm in Visitor Center and transported to front fence
The Clover Hill Tavern
Register NOW!

USE THE REGISTRATION FORM FOUND AT .......
www.appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org/150th.htm

Register before March 1 to assure lowest costs and guarantee U.S.V. maximum attendance

Individual AND regiment registrations are being taken. Later supplemental registrations can be sent.