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Agenda Item

County of Hanover

Board Meeting: May 14, 2014

Subject: Presentation – North Anna Battlefield Park 150th Commemoration – Hanover Sesquicentennial Committee

Summary of Agenda Item: Mr. David Deal, Executive Director of the Hanover Tavern Foundation and Chair of the Hanover County Sesquicentennial Committee, will provide the Board of Supervisors an overview of the North Anna Battlefield Park 150th Commemoration scheduled for May 24, 2014.

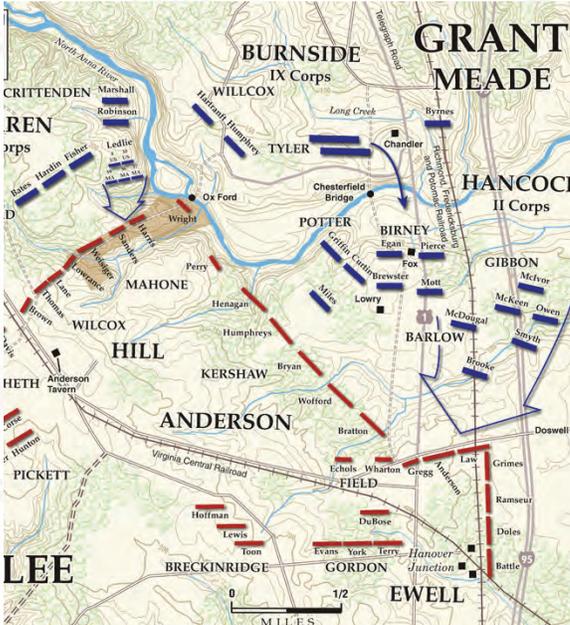
The informational brochure is attached.

County Administrator's Recommended Board Motion: N/A

NORTH ANNA 150TH COMMEMORATION

MAY 24, 2014

THE HANOVER COUNTY CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND THE HANOVER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ARE HOSTING THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF NORTH ANNA, MAY 21 - 27, 1864 AND DEDICATION OF THE NORTH ANNA BATTLEFIELD PARK. THIS OFTEN OVERLOOKED BATTLE AT THE NORTH ANNA RIVER WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE 1864 OVERLAND CAMPAIGN, WHICH CONSISTED OF MAJOR BATTLES AT THE WILDERNESS, SPOTSYLVANIA, NORTH ANNA AND COLD HARBOR LEADING TO THE SIEGE AT PETERSBURG. THIS CAMPAIGN WAS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT PITTED GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT AGAINST GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND REPRESENTED A CHANGE IN OVERALL UNION MILITARY TACTICS TO A WAR OF ATTRITION, LEADING TO AN ESCALATION OF CASUALTIES, AND AN EVENTUAL HASTENING OF THE END OF THE WAR AND REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. THIS BATTLE INVOLVED OVER 100,000 UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND WAS THE TURNING POINT IN THE CAMPAIGN AS GRANT'S PULLOUT AND MOVEMENT TO THE EAST PUT HIS ARMY WITHIN A DAY'S MARCH OF RICHMOND AND LIMITED LEE'S ABILITY TO MANEUVER AS HE HAD TO DEFEND RICHMOND, KEEPING HIS ARMY BETWEEN GRANT AND THE CAPITAL.



THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER WILL BE NOTED CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR GORDON C. RHEA. THE DAY WILL FEATURE THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE, DEDICATION OF THE PARK INCLUDING THE NEWLY ADDED 90 ACRES AND 2 - 3 MILES OF NEW TRAILS, THE UNVEILING OF A NEW "CIVIL WAR TRAILS" MARKER, TOURS, LIVING HISTORY, ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATIONS, EXHIBITS, AND THE VIRGINIA SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORYMOBILE. THE TWELVE INTERPRETIVE MARKERS ON THE NEW TRAIL ARE SPONSORED BY THE BLUE & GRAY EDUCATION SOCIETY. THE PARK CONTAINS SOME OF THE MOST PRISTINE CONFEDERATE AND UNION EARTHWORKS AND INTERPRETIVE TRAILS IN THE COUNTRY.

EVENTS AT THE PARK BEGIN AT 10:00 AM. ACCESS WILL BE BY SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE ONLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. REMOTE SHUTTLE BUS PARKING IS AT THE OLD DOSWELL SCHOOL/RURITAN PARK ON (ROUTE 1) LOCATED AT 16433 WASHINGTON HWY DOSWELL, VA 23047. THE PARK ADDRESS IS 11576 VERDON ROAD, DOSWELL, VA 23047.

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