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Massive Gettysburg 145TH Civil War Reenactment will feature exceptional numbers of troops, artillery and horses

More than 12,000 reenactors, 450 mounted cavalry and 100 full size cannons are registered to come together in Gettysburg this July 4th weekend to create one of the largest Civil War reenactments held in many years.

According to Gettysburg Anniversary Committee event spokeswoman, Andrea DiMartino, "the reenactors are traveling from across the United States and many foreign countries including Canada, England, Ireland, Belgium, Germany and Australia. One domestic case in point are the 1,100 reenactors from Texas based "Hood's Division" traveling two days and 1,500 miles with horses, artillery and wagons to march into battle at Gettysburg on July 4, 5 and 6. In addition to the Mid-Atlantic region, Florida, California, New England, North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi will also be well represented."

There will be six major battles during this three-day event including a massive Pickett's Charge on Sunday, with all 100 cannons on the field. Extensive pyrotechnics during all of the battles will add to the drama and enjoyment. Two dedicated cavalry battles will provide a very rare opportunity to view hundreds of horses and mounted cavalry actively engaged in combat with charges and counter-charges. Friday's 1:30 p.m. battle, *Struggle At Willoughby Run*, will provide a perfect balance of infantry, artillery and cavalry. The daily battles will be complimented by two very popular Living History activities tents that feature a variety of continuous programs, a Living History Village, a large and diverse Sutler Village and military camps open to the public.

One day prior to the reenactment, on Thursday July 3rd, the Texas Confederates will reenact pre-battle history in Gettysburg when Gen. Jubal A. Early's Division, on their way to destroy the Susquehanna River bridges, rode into the town of Gettysburg demanding supplies, merchandise and cash.

The Gettysburg 145TH National Civil War Reenactment is an all-day family event that will be held on the Redding Farm just three miles north of Gettysburg on Table Rock Road. DiMartino describes the event as a "living history visual smorgasbord that will stimulate all of your senses and bring history to life." Gates open at 8:30 a.m. each day and reserved seating is available in advance. Complete event information and tickets are available at the official event website www.gettysburgreenactment.com or by calling the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee at 717-338-1525. Tickets should be ordered in advance as seating normally sells out prior to the event.

This premier Gettysburg reenactment is the perfect event for families and civil war enthusiasts alike. A truly ideal summer vacation can be spent in historic Gettysburg while you stay over in the comfort of the country. The Gettysburg Country Inn & Suites by Carlson is located just a short drive from the fields of the Redding Farm, home of the annual reenactment. The Country Inn & Suites serves a free deluxe continental breakfast, access to an indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center, and is located just off of

Routes 97 & 15, on the site of the Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg. For more information about The Gettysburg Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, please contact Bryan Johnson by phone at (717) 337-9518 or by e-mail at b.johnson@cisgbrg.com. Also, feel free to visit our website at www.countryinns.com/gettysburgpa