

FEDERAL *Generals Corps*

“Preserving History through Living History”

After Action Report: Clarksburg 2011

The Harrison County Civil War 150th Anniversary event was held on May 13-15th. The event was sponsored by state and local historical societies and businesses as the kickoff event for WV's sesquicentennial celebration. The committee spent a full two years in planning and organizing this very successful event.

Held at Veterans Park next to the Veterans' Hospital and Nursing Home complex, the event provided a total immersion presentation for the public with everything from “Meet the Generals” presentations by the Federal Generals Corps and Lee's Lieutenants, to field hospital demos, civilian life, cannon firing, military drill, and a debate between Lincoln and Davis over the causes of the Civil War. The public visited Union and Confederate camps to talk with both reenactors and living historians about Civil War history.

Saturday evening's program included the performance of “A Soldier in Gray”. Lee's Lieutenants and FGC officers processed onto the amphitheater stage. As the confederate officers knelt and held the Rebel flag, Union officers touched the shoulders of their counterparts; a very emotional scene indeed.

Other attractions included a Saturday night fireworks show, hot air balloon rides, horse drawn carriage rides, plenty of food concessions, and concerts.

On Friday night, the event committee and the volunteer membership of the Waldomore Mansion hosted a buffet dinner at the Mansion for the FGC, Lee's Lieutenants and guests. We also participated in a saber arch at the close of the opening ceremonies, and at a CW wedding on Sunday morning. On Sunday morning, the FGC and Lee's Lieutenants visited the VA hospital to thank the veterans for their service.

Overall, the weekend was a great event for participants and public.