

# FEDERAL *Generals Corps*



“Preserving History through Living History”

## **After Action Report: Gathering of Civil War Eagles**

Once again members of the Federal Generals Corps and Lee's Lieutenants met for the Gathering of Eagles at the Old Court House Civil War Museum in Winchester, Virginia on June 3-5, 2011. The weather cooperated better than predicted to the relief of all of us in wool, and ladies in their long dresses or ball gowns.

The title of programming this year was "The Gathering Storm" with programs that concentrated on the start of the Civil War and events during 1861, this being the first year of the sesquicentennial.

There was a reception with entertainment by Stan and Cathy Clardy on Friday evening. Saturday featured a Ladies Tea Party, Civil War authors signing books, demonstrations of games popular during the conflict, a lecture on Civil War medicine with complete medical kits from both sides, Confederate navy ship models by Commander Farrand (Calvin Ashwell, and talks and speeches by Presidents Lincoln and Jefferson.

"The Gathering Storm" featured scenarios of sad partings and what each general was doing in June 1861. This year's Meet The Generals featured why the Union generals stayed in the Union army, and why their Confederate counterparts resigned their commissions to join the Confederate army. Saturday evening's program included the performance of "A Soldier in Gray" by the Clardys.

Sunday morning featured a Civil War church service, followed by a month by month time line exercise for 1861-1862, where all the Union and Confederate officers telling the audience where they were at the time if involved in a significant event. After the session Union and Confederate officers joined in friendly and heartfelt conversations, each looking forward to meet at the upcoming event at Gettysburg on July 1-4, 2011.