

Information for event vendors, exhibitors and speakers

Thank you for commitment to being part of our event; “The Passing of the Armies” taking place at Hartwood Acres on June 26, 27, 28, 2015.

We have worked hard to bring a quality Civil War event to Western Pennsylvania and your participation is greatly appreciated. Please read the following information which will help you prepare for what is to come.

What you need to know

The site is located in Hartwood Acres Park near the performance stage. GPS this address;

4094 Middle Road, Glenshaw PA 15101

The only entrance is from Middle Road, *do not go onto Saxonburg Road or follow any signs to the Mansion, you will get lost.* The easiest route is to follow Rt. 8 either south from the Pa Turnpike or north from Pittsburgh. Look for the traffic light at Harts Run Road, turn there and follow about 1 mile to the stop sign which is Middle Road. Turn left on Middle Road for a half mile, the park is on your right.

Re-enactor and other registration opens Friday June 26 at noon. If you would like to set up your table after that time you may do so. Otherwise we would like you to be set up and ready by 9am Saturday when our event formally opens.

- If you come Friday to set up you will see an entry sign on Middle Road directing you to the sign-in area. That vendor/exhibitor entrance will remain open until 9am on Saturday.
- If you come after that you will have to wait in the general event entry line with spectators who are allowed to enter the site at 9 am.
- After signing in you will be directed to the event area and receive instructions for parking.
- If you have staff entering after 9 am on Saturday you can use copy the parking pass included in this packet to allow them to enter without charge.
- Those who enter after 9 am Saturday will be directed to the general parking area.
- Vendor/exhibitors who arrive before 9 am Saturday will be directed to a reserved parking lot which is close to the activity area.

Exhibitors and speakers will be stationed in the large event tent. You will find 8' tables there; your name will be on one. We provide the table and chairs; you must provide table covering or any other props. You will be responsible for securing the material on your table on Saturday night, there will be no security.

Consider bringing an ice packed cooler with plenty of drinks and as well as food. We hope to have food vendors on site but lines might be long.

Bugs and stuff

Be on the lookout for ticks, mosquitoes, poison ivy and other pests that are found in nature. Take care to keep hydrated and have proper protection from the sun as the event days are the longest of the year.

Schedule of events

Please check our website the week before the event for the latest updates including the schedule for presenters; www.soldiersandsailorshall.org

Scope of the event/background information

Soldiers and Sailors Memorial and Museum Trust along with Allegheny County will host the community event which will focus on re enactments of Civil War tactics and battles using land at Hartwood (Acers), Park, County of Allegheny Department of Parks, in Hampton Twp. Peripherals wrapped into the event will expand the theme, i.e. live music, vendors, and demonstrations.

“The Passing of the Armies”, will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War marking the return of soldiers back home to begin the process of national healing. The event will bring awareness to Western Pennsylvania’s participation in the war, the end of the conflict and the close of the 150th anniversary commemoration cycle.

*The theme of the event, “*The Passing of the Armies*”, is taken from the title of a memoir by Maj. Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain who commanded the 5th Army Corps and whose old division was chosen to represent the Union Army at the formal surrender ceremony held at Appomattox, Virginia on April 12, 1865. Chamberlain was known not only for his aptitude as a commander but for his literary prose. The following is his moving account of looking into the faces Confederate soldiers who had halted in front of his men, then turned to face them for the surrender.

“Before us in proud humiliation stood the embodiment of manhood: men who neither toils and sufferings, nor the fact of death, nor disaster, nor hopelessness could bend from their resolve; standing before us now, thin, worn, and famished, but erect, and with eyes looking level into ours, waking memories that bound us together as no other bond; - was not such manhood to be welcomed back into a union so tested and assured?”

- Authentic camps will be open for public to see how soldiers lived in the field while moving from battlefield to battlefield
- Several times during the day Confederate and Union re enactors will demonstrate military drill from the period, showing the basics of tactical movements which were used in battle from 1861 to 1865.
- Each day will feature a scheduled battle re enactment, employing the tactics demonstrated in drill performances.
- Artillery demonstrations daily.
- Re enactors portraying civilian life of the Civil War era will participate in camp life and other scenarios.
- Sunday’s event will close with a re-enactment of the surrender of Lee’s Army at Appomattox including an appropriate ceremony commemorating the 150th anniversary of the return home of the Union army.

Vendors

- Period “sutlers” selling reproduction and original Civil War necessities.
- Food vendors
- Craft vendors

Music

- Civil War music performed by The Wildcat Regiment Band and David Kincaid will take place on stage Saturday 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Both are exceptional acts, the Wildcat Regiment Band plays period music on original brass instruments. David Kincaid is a nationally known recording artist who will perform the music of the Irish American soldier in the Civil War.

Nearby hotels restaurants etc.

Hampton Township has a variety of places to stay overnight. They include:

- Quality Inn & Suites, 5137 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044 (724) 444-8700
- Days Inn Butler Conference Center, 139 Pittsburgh, Road, Route 8, Butler, PA 16001 (724)287-6761
- Route 8 Lodge, 5055 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044 (724) 443-5912

Restaurants:

- Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub, 3400 Harts Run Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116 (412) 767-3500
- Greek Stop, 3392 Saxonburg Blvd, Glenshaw, PA 15116 (412) 767-4002
- Andora Restaurant, 599 Dorseyville Road, Indiana Township, PA 15238 (412) 967-10=900