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**THE CIVIL WAR COMES ALIVE! AT BARTOW HISTORY MUSEUM
AND BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM ON APRIL 27TH**

The Cartersville Museums partner to honor the Civil War Sesquicentennial

CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA – Throughout the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, two Cartersville museums, Bartow History Museum and Booth Western Art Museum, are partnering to produce an event, **Civil War Comes Alive!** each April, through 2015. Meant to teach visitors about all aspects of the Civil War, this year's event will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Bartow History Museum and Booth Western Art Museum.

Visitors will experience life on the home front, listen to authentic music, chat with soldiers from the Union and Confederate armies, view Civil War art and artifacts, watch cannon demonstrations, and so much more! **Civil War Comes Alive!** will feature medical practices, blacksmithing, and signaling, plus infantry, sutler, and cavalry camps. An artillery camp will also be set up on the Booth Museum grounds and will demonstrate cannon firings at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm.

"We are excited to announce this educational event, not only because it coincides with the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, but also because Bartow County has so many ties to the war," said Bartow History Museum Executive Director Trey Gaines. "We had the Battle at Allatoona here in Bartow County, and also produced several Officers from this area. **Civil War Comes Alive!** will be an opportunity for visitors – of all ages – to experience the various aspects of the war and hopefully gain a better understanding of, and appreciation for, the men who served."

New to the entertainment schedule this year, visitors will have the opportunity to witness the production of Bull Run/Manassas by actors Kathy Kaemmerlen and Scott Depoy at 10:30 am. President Abraham Lincoln will recite the Gettysburg Address at 11:30 am and at 2:00 pm. The 8th Regiment Band will play music from both the Confederate and Union armies at 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm. Another new addition includes recital of Letters Written by Members of the U.S. Colored Troops at 1:30 pm. Additionally, attendees are encouraged to tour the Booth Museum's Civil War art gallery, *War is Hell*, and visit Bartow History Museum to see their exhibitions highlighting life in Bartow County from before the Civil War, through present day.

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On Friday, April 26, the Museums will present a special one-day event for students in grades 3-12. From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, students will embark on a journey that will bring history to life through special performances, live demonstrations, and exhibitions inside each museum. Cost is \$5.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults, and Free for classroom teachers. Reservations are required. Call 770-387-3849 to register.

On Saturday, April 27, admission to **Civil War Comes Alive!** is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$7 for students, \$3 for children 12 and under, and free for Booth Museum members, Bartow History Museum members, and active military with ID. Prices include access to the Booth Museum festival grounds, as well as admission to Booth Museum and Bartow History Museum. For more information about **Civil War Comes Alive!**, including more details about the school program on Friday, April 26, please visit www.boothmuseum.org or www.bartowhistorymuseum.org, or call 770-387-1300.

About Bartow History Museum

Bartow History Museum opened in 1987 and is presently located in the historic 1869 Courthouse. Artifacts, photographs, documents and a variety of permanent exhibits focus on the settlement and development of Bartow County, Georgia, beginning with the early nineteenth century when the Cherokee inhabited the area. Early European settler life, the iron ore and bauxite industries, Civil War strife, Post war recovery, the Great Depression era, early textile industries and notable figures are depicted through interactive exhibits in the permanent gallery space. Additionally, the Museum offers a wide variety of education programs, lectures and membership opportunities. For more information, visit www.bartowhistorymuseum.org.

About the Booth Western Art Museum

Booth Western Art Museum, an Affiliate to the Smithsonian Institution, is a 120,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia, where guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch, an interactive children's gallery. Open since August 2003, the Booth Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Southeast and is the second largest art museum in the state of Georgia. To learn more about Booth Western Art Museum, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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