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An Exhibition from the Tennessee State Museum on Display at Bristol's Slater Center

Hoofbeats in the Heartland is a traveling exhibition organized by the Tennessee State Museum and funded in part by a grant from the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area to generate awareness, disseminate knowledge, and to provide an educational opportunity to the citizens of Tennessee and surrounding states. The exhibition will open in Bristol's Slater Center on Monday, June 3, 2013. Terry Napier, Director of Parks and Recreation stated, "This is the second exhibition the state has loaned to Bristol. We had a great response from the first exhibition and feel that this exhibition will only prove to be even more popular. The exhibition enthusiasts who visited the first display are aware of the quality and are sure to come back." Napier continued, "There is no charge to the public for the viewing of this exhibition. This is a limited engagement, so get out early and see what will prove to be an extraordinary visit." The exhibit will be open Monday and Wednesday from 10AM-3PM. It will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 4PM-7PM. Opening Day will be Monday June 10 with July 25 as the closing day.



The exhibition *Hoofbeats in the Heartland* is divided into eight areas which are as follows: (1) **The Introduction of Mounted Warfare in 1861**-This section lays the ground work for understanding the mounted soldier, the development of Union and Confederate cavalry commands, and the evolution of cavalry tactics in the Civil War. (2) **The Leaders**-Cavalry attracted colorful leaders and their personalities affected the development of mounted warfare in Tennessee. (3) **The Troopers**- This section discusses the typical Civil War cavalry trooper from both the Union and Confederate armies and explores the uniforms, weapons, and equipment utilized by both sides. (4) **The Cavalry Horse**-The distinctive role of cavalry relied on the mobility provided by the use of thousands of horses. (5) **Spies, Scouts, Partisans, and Guerillas**-Irregular warfare occurred throughout Tennessee. Both sides used mounted spies and scouts to gain intelligence about the opposition. This segment of the exhibition focuses on this war within a war which swamped Tennessee in



violence throughout the period. (6) **Occupation and the Homefront**-Mounted warfare affected every county of Tennessee resulting in the homefront becoming the frontlines. Union and Confederate forces alike occupied areas with hostile populations as both sides attempted to protect vital transportation routes by rail, river and road. (7) **The Battles**-Highlighted in this area are some of the most significant actions occurring in Tennessee. 8) **The Legacy**-Most cavalry soldiers returned home after the war and attempted to readapt to civilian life.

For more information on the exhibition, please contact Terry Napier, Director of Parks and Recreation at 423-764-4023 or email, tnapier@bristoltn.org.

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