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Civil War Weekend Returns to Historic Sully

On Saturday, August 16 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., experience the sights, smells and sounds of the Civil War at Sully. The Haight and Barlow families lived at Sully where Confederate and Federal troops patrolled between 1861 and 1865. They requisitioned a wagon and team, took livestock, and Mrs. Barlow sold them hay. Wounded soldiers were left in the care of Sully's residents and officers dined here.

Skirmishes each day illustrate military maneuvers of the period. Reenactors demonstrate the varied work of the army including drill, camp life and medical care. Get a close up view as artillerymen load and fire the cannon. Share in the excitement of the cavalry "running the heads and rings" and hear about the importance of horses in battle. Visit with Lee's Lieutenants to find out the strategies behind the battles. See the recruiting officer and then fall in and learn to march while carrying a wooden musket.

Civilian reenactors recreate the daily experiences of Northern Virginia residents during the early years of the Civil War. Play historic games and enjoy music on the lawn performed by local duo, Evergreen Shade. See clothing styles of the day and find out what it took to stay in fashion. Visit the sutler and purchase the same goods soldiers would have found at these traveling merchants' tents.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children. Included in this program is a guided tour of the first and second floors of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle of Robert E. Lee. On view in the house will be rarely seen 19th century artifacts, including a top hat that, according to oral tradition, was worn by Jacob Haight at Abraham Lincoln's inauguration. The last house tour begins at 4 p.m.

Sully Historic Site is located in Chantilly off Route 28, one quarter mile north of Route 50, five miles north of Route 66 or five miles south of the Dulles Toll Road. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit us on the web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

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