



Rally for Norlands: Civil War Reenactment June 4 & 5, 2011 Livermore, Maine

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Don't miss this historic event with a wide variety of living history demonstrations, exhibits and engaging activities remembering the first months of the Nation's Civil War in the Spring of 1861.

Living historians interpreting Confederate and Union infantry and artillery will scrimmage on the grounds of the 19th century settlement, the Norlands. The 6th Maine Battery will be on hand to fire their Parrott Rifle. A battle will be staged each day in the hay fields, old orchards and wooded areas on the 445 acre site.



The event is organized by the 3rd Maine Company A and 15th Alabama Company G to benefit the



Washburn-Norlands Living History Center (Norlands), Maine's oldest living history farm and museum. The rolling hills surrounding the Washburn's historic 1867 Italianate-style mansion, gothic granite library, 1853 Universalist meeting house, farmhouse, sap-house and one-room schoolhouse make Norlands an ideal place to experience the battles once fought in similar communities to the south and the impact of war on families who

remained on the rural home front. The setting is about as true to a step back in time as you'll find.

Friday: Reenactors arrive after 2 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Grounds Open to the Public

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Sunday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Grounds Open to the Public

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The extravaganza includes exhibits by historical societies, the Fifth Maine Museum, J.R. Robinson Merchantile, TopHats Sutlery and basket makers from Kovaishuvik Local Living School.

Throughout the weekend, watch for entertaining skits portraying the temperance movement, skirmishes, post-battle care at the surgeon's tent, field musicians and much more!

This is a fundraising event for the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, dedicated to preserving the heritage and traditions of rural life in Maine's past, to celebrate the achievements of Livermore's Washburn family, and to use living history methods to make values, issues and activities of the past relevant to present and future generations. www.norlands.org 207-897-4366 290 Norlands Road, Livermore, ME 04253



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Historian and author Kerck Kelsey will speak on the roles of the Washburn brothers in the Civil War. His books include "Israel Washburn Jr.: Maine's Little Known Giant of the Civil War".



We are in the beginning stages of planning a possible evening lamp-light guided tour of the camps. Something for all ages!

Local restaurant owner, Grant-Lee's 20th Maine Tavern and Grill will offer a historic sandwich menu. Nineteenth century treats will also be available. A Saturday supper of smoked, slow-cooked beef brisket and pork will be served with all the fixin's. Tickets for the supper sell fast – available at the discounted rate for reenactors with your registration form. On Saturday night, don't miss the lively contra dance under the big tent with twirling hoop skirts, fine gentlemen and fiddlers, the Racket Factory.



Visitors can take a self-guided walk to the Waters Hill cemetery where local Civil War veterans are buried and honored. The historical society will be on hand with a roster of local veterans. You can learn more about the remarkable Washburn family and their contributions during the Civil War on our website www.norlands.org. Join us at the Rally for Norlands, as we remember the sacrifices Americans made to preserve freedom for all people.



Watch for developing details on our website, where reenactors will find registration materials and directions: www.norlands.org or phone 207-897-4366. Plan your 19th Century vacation right here in Maine, just 90 minutes from Portland; 3 hours from Boston.



Will you be there?

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