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Commemorating the Civil War at 150

April marks the 150th anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter and the beginning of the Civil War. For nearly four years, the Heinz History Center has worked closely with a statewide coalition of partners including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and the Pennsylvania Heritage Society to develop educational programs related to the Civil War's sesquicentennial.

During the war, Pennsylvania mustered more than 340,000 of the three million enlisted soldiers, the second highest total in the Union army. In addition to human contributions, the Keystone State upheld its name during the Civil War by producing 80 percent of the iron for the Union efforts, 2,000 cannons at the Fort Pitt Works, and 40,000 bullets each day at the Allegheny Arsenal. Pittsburgh became the "Arsenal of the Union."

Recently, the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 partners launched a new website commemorating the state's impact on the Civil War. Visitors can learn about upcoming Civil War-related events, browse hundreds of historic photos, learn about the efforts of women, immigrants, and African Americans in the war, plan trips



Renderings portray the Civil War Roadshow that will visit the History Center May 6–8.

around the Commonwealth, and share Civil War history with others. Make sure to visit www.pacivilwar150.com to explore it for yourself.

Since Fall 2010, Pennsylvania has been engaged in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War through a variety of events and programs including a U.S. Colored Troops parade and cemetery dedications and remembrances.

Throughout the weekend of May 6-8, the History Center will be the first stop on a statewide tour of the Pennsylvania Civil War Roadshow traveling exhibit. A

53-foot tractor trailer will set up outside the History Center to encourage visitors to learn more about Pennsylvania's role in the War Between the States. Inside the History Center will be costumed re-enactors, lively period music, and tent encampments that will resemble those used during the war. The weekend should be a fitting start to the commemoration of the epic battles that changed our nation forever.

The History Center is also developing a special Civil War traveling exhibit (free to host organizations) that will showcase Western Pennsylvania's efforts during the war. Featuring lifelike museum figures and artifacts, the exhibit will be enhanced by

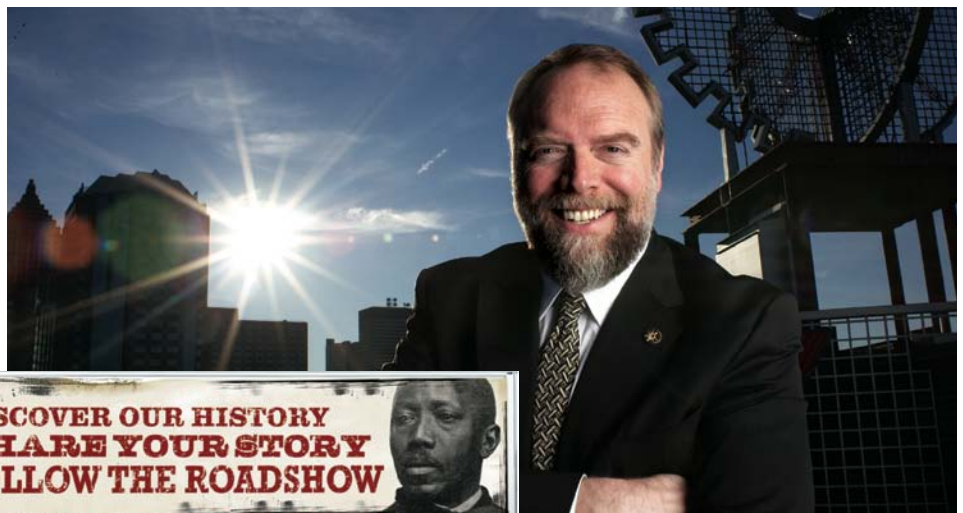


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collections and stories provided by host historical societies, libraries, and schools throughout Western Pennsylvania, including many of the 126 member organizations in the History Center Affiliates Program.

In 2012, the History Center will publish the first of two special books chronicling this seminal era in American history. The first, *The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History*, will be a collection of rare and never-before-seen images highlighting Pennsylvania's role on the battlefield and on the home front. The second, *The Civil War in Pennsylvania: The African American Experience*, available in 2013, will examine the stories of African American soldiers and civilians during the war.

In the four years leading up to the 2015 culmination of the 150th anniversary celebration, visitors can expect to see information about a new educational curriculum, digital Civil War collections, special exhibitions, lectures, films, reenactments, and commemorations across the state, so stay tuned.

The History Center looks forward to bringing new attention to Pennsylvania's historic commemoration of 150 years of the Civil War. ☀

Left: Three members of the Pennsylvania Emergency Militia of 1862 as they appeared during the Antietam campaign. Very well uniformed and equipped, each soldier is armed with a breech loading Sharp's Rifle.

Right: Sgt. James Fullerton, pistol and saber at his side, fought throughout the Civil War in Battery B 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery from Lawrence County. Both Michael Kraus collection.

The image shows a screenshot of a website dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Civil War. The website has a blue header with the '150 Pennsylvania Civil War' logo and navigation links. Below the header, there's a section for 'From the frying pan into the fire: Immigrants' featuring a portrait of a man and a quote. Further down, there are sections for 'Follow the Civil War Road Show', 'Experience the Civil War' with interactive links, 'Events Calendar', and 'Resources'. The bottom of the page shows two historical photographs: one of three soldiers in uniform and another of a soldier standing with a rifle.