

Honoring Andrews Raiders



Saturday, June 23, 2012 at McComb, Ohio

Commemorating the first soldiers to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor

Please save the date!

On June 23rd, 2012, there will be a signal event in remembrance of the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War. This will be held in McComb, Ohio, an all day event for the entire family, commemorating the Northwest Ohio Union soldiers who volunteered to secretly slip down into Georgia and take a train, with the plan being to drive it north, up to Chattanooga, Tennessee, burning bridges behind them. The leader was James Andrews, a civilian. Various things occurred which frustrated the plan and all were caught.

Andrews and seven of the soldiers were hanged in Atlanta, accused of being spies. Some later escaped and made their way back to Union lines, going back into the war. In recognition of their bravery in going on such a dangerous mission, our government awarded them the Medal of Honor, the first to be given.

Come to McComb and see an actual original Medal of Honor, the one issued to William Bensinger. There will be a parade with reenactor soldiers from the 21st OVI., and other units at 10 AM out to the McComb Union Cemetery for a ceremony at the graves of two of the Raiders, and in the afternoon, demonstration firing of muskets and Civil War era cannon. The soldiers will be camped Friday night near the American Legion Hall in typical Civil War style. The movie "The Great Locomotive Chase" starring Fess Parker will be shown at 1 PM and at 2:45 PM. Pictures of each raider will be in a Hall of Honor as well as various artifacts of the era. 'Living History' characters will be on hand portraying important people of that time period.

This event features people from our communities in northwestern Ohio, and recognizes deeds of valor in the struggle to save our Nation. There is no charge to attend this premier memorial event of the Ohio 150th.

Plan to come to McComb next June 23rd!

An event sponsored by the Village of McComb, Ohio and the Greater Toledo Civil War Roundtable

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