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10th Annual Liberty Days! October 7 & 8, 2022

WE WANT YOU!



Living History Timeline

You are invited to participate in a living history timeline at the **Stars and Stripes Museum** in Bloomfield, Missouri on **Friday and Saturday, October 7 & 8, 2022**, please plan to come and join us as we share the history of the United States from the Revolutionary War to the present at our 10th Annual Liberty Days celebration.

In our first 9 years, we have really grown and would like to continue to do so.

In 2019, we shared our country's history with over 1200 students from area schools. In 2021, we had over 15 area schools. Some were through live video to area classrooms. We are open to the public on Saturday. Since Covid was an issue, we spread out more over the 36 acres for presentations, social distanced, and wore mask in the museum.

For pictures from Liberty Days 2020 go to:
<https://turnerbrigade.org/event/20201002a/>

This year we plan on about 1500 students attending on Friday or joining us from the classroom by live video and we hope for even a bigger community turn out on Saturday. If Covid is still an issue in the fall, we will take the necessary precautions.

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We would like a bigger participation from Civil War era reenactors in our living history timeline this year and in the coming years. We, hopefully, can expand to

the point of possibly including a Civil War weekend event with a skirmish beginning in 2022 or 2023.

The first *Stars and Stripes* newspaper was printed in Bloomfield, Missouri during the Civil War on November 9, 1861, by Union troops after they took possession of the Bloomfield Herald Newspaper office. The Museum has an original *Stars and Stripes* on display. We want to share this area's Civil War history with present generations and preserve it for future generations. Bloomfield has a rich Civil War history with markers designating events that happened during the Civil War.

Another reason we really want more participation from the Civil War era reenactors is that Southeast Missouri from Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Marble Hill (Dallas); west to Fredericktown, Pilot Knob, Greenville, Patterson and south along the Mississippi River to Belmont, New Madrid and along the Arkansas line over to Doniphan was the scene of a lot of military action during the Civil War in Missouri and it is history worth sharing and preserving.

Save the Dates!

Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th, 2022, to participate in the Living History presentations and you all are welcome to set-up camp as early as, Wednesday, October 5th and you may stay over through Monday, October 11th. This will give you time to visit the museum and other area Civil War sites, before or after the living history on Friday and Saturday. You will need to be set-up for the school groups Friday by 8:00 a.m. and the camps will close to visitors at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday the public hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00. Sunday there is usually a church

service for reenactors and if enough reenactors can stay. Also, an early afternoon event may be added.

Sponsors: Stars and Stripes Museum, Crowley's Ridge Black Powder Club, The Turner Brigade and The Wake Foundation.

Details: Liberty Days at the Stars and Stripes Museum is an annual educational event and fundraiser for the museum. Visitors can experience the past as reenactors show how uniforms, weapons, a soldier's daily life, and military tactics have evolved from the 1770's to the present. The event includes living history military encampment areas and civilian areas with reenactors sharing the history and activates of their time period.

The following is provided for reenactor participants:

Sanitary facilities	Garbage and Trash Facilities
Drinking water	Emergency Medical Response
Straw for bedding	Saturday Night Supper and possibly lunch on Friday
Firewood	Outdoor and indoor presentations depending on weather

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Restaurants: check out <http://visitdexter.com/restaurants/>

Hotels: Travelodge by Wyndham (573) 891-1789; Hickory House Inn (573) 624 3566; Econo Lodge (573) 624-7400; Dexter Inn (573) 624-7465. Others are available within 30 minutes' drive at Sikeston to the east and Poplar Bluff to the west and 40 minutes north in Cape Girardeau. The four hotels in Dexter are located less than a 15-minute drive to the Stars and Stripes Museum.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact:

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Sheila Porter or Corporal Andrew Porter, Members of the Turner Brigade, and the Liberty Days planning committee

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For more about the **National Stars & Stripes Museum and Library** check out their website: <https://www.nssml.org> and like them on Facebook at Stars and Stripes Museum, Bloomfield, MO <https://www.facebook.com/nationsmilitarynewspaper>

*would like to be notified Ahead of time if attending
Can come on site early if want*



Amenities Provided wood straw Porta Potty's

Food vendors and other entertainment will be included during Liberty Days.

Location: We are located next to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield, Missouri, in Southeast Missouri, just north of the junction of U.S. Highway 60 and Highway 25. The cemetery is located on 65 acres of the historically significant and scenic Crowley's Ridge. The Stars and Stripes Military Newspaper Museum and the cemetery share an entrance off Highway 25 at 17357 and 17377 Stars and Stripes Way. The museum has 36+ acres access behind our building and across Highway 25 to utilize during Liberty Days if needed.