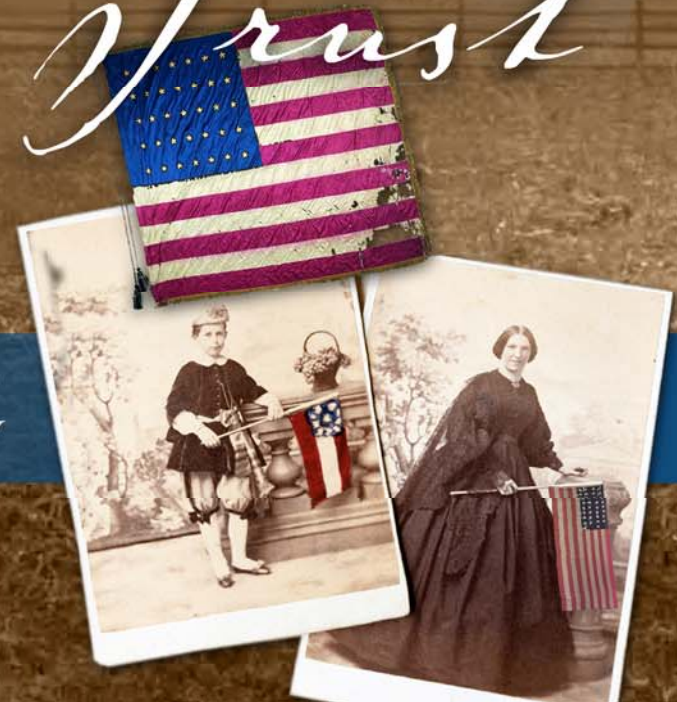




Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a battlefield of that war.

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## *America's #1 Battlefield Preservation Group*

- CWPT is the number one entity protecting Civil War battlefield land in the United States.
- We have helped to preserve more than 23,000 acres in 19 states.
- Since 1999, CWPT has protected Civil War battlefield land at three times the rate of the National Park Service.



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## *How Do We Protect Land?*

- CWPT protects land through outright purchases and conservation easements from willing sellers.
- We work in partnership with federal, state and municipal officials and local preservationists.
- CWPT leverages private donations from our 70,000 members with government matching grants.



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## *Preserving Virginia's Civil War Heritage*

- CWPT has protected more than 11,000 acres in the Old Dominion.
- This year, we have saved land at Fredericksburg, Glendale, Deep Bottom, and Port Republic.
- Since 1999, CWPT has secured \$18 million in federal battlefield grants for Virginia sites.
- Just last month, Interior Secretary announced \$2 million grant for Slaughter Pen Farm.

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## *Promoting Appreciation of History*

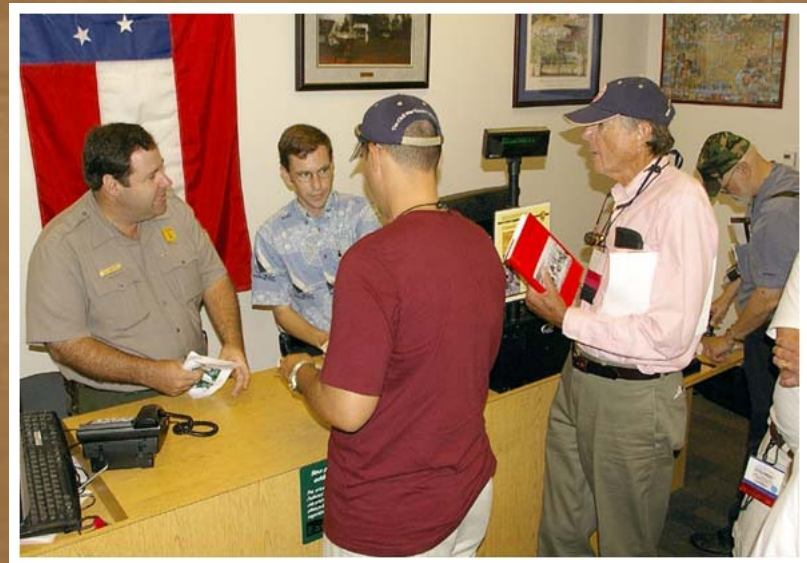
- In addition to preservation, CWPT promotes appreciate of Civil War history.
- Developed a Civil War history curriculum that was adopted by the state of South Carolina.
- Hosts popular annual Teachers Institute.
- Outreach programs that encourage tourism and volunteerism.



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## *Economic Benefits of Preservation and Tourism*

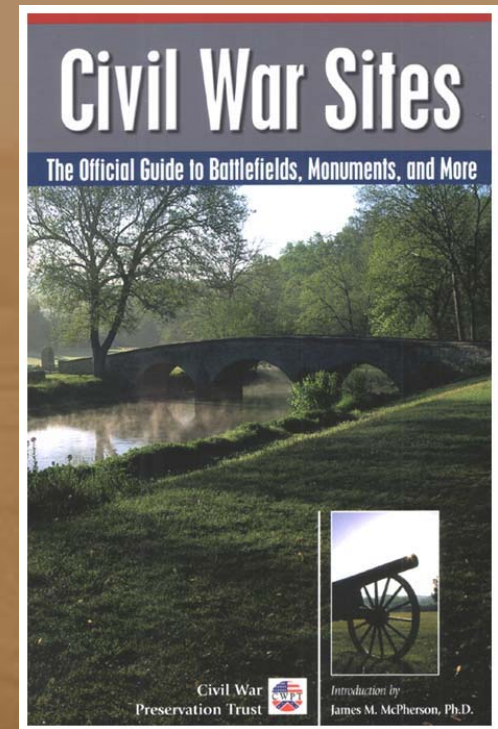
- Heritage Tourism is a low-impact economic engine.
- Civil War visitors to Virginia tend to stay for 4.1 nights and spend \$547 per visit.
- Spotsylvania battlefields tourists spent \$20.5 million in 2004.
- More land preserved translates into longer visitor stays.



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## *Positioned to Help Promote Sesquicentennial*

- Largest national membership of a Civil War-oriented organization.
- Network of 600 Civil War sites in 32 states and three foreign nations.
- 65 of these Civil War Discovery Trail sites are located in Virginia.
- Ability to reach hundreds of thousands through award-winning publications and website.



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## *CWPT Plans for Civil War Sesquicentennial*



- Encourage further federal and state funding of battlefield preservation.
- Encourage visitation to Civil War battlefields and historic sites.
- Ramp up acquisition efforts in high-risk states like Virginia.
- Promote anniversary through news media and partnerships with National Geographic, History Channel, and NPS.



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## *Preparing for Sesquicentennial in Virginia*

- Only 5 years left to pursue meaningful battlefield preservation in many parts of Virginia.
- CWPT intends to pursue additional funding for new Virginia Civil War Historic Preservation Fund.
- Will be seeking state grants to interpret Civil War sites -- this encourages longer stays at battlefields.



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*Committed to Preserving Virginia's Heritage*

