Civil War Remembrance Weekend

What is freedom? What is liberty? What is the role of government? Questions like these split our young country in the 1860s and remain deeply relevant today. Civil War America is remembered for the scorched-earth division between North and South and the uncompromising differences that drew 3 million to the battlefield and an estimated 750,000 to their graves—the equivalent of 7.5 million today. Though shaped by battle and loss, the story of this pivotal era is best told by examining how Americans lived as they faced events that would set the stage for today’s ongoing civil rights movement.

Spend Memorial Day weekend immersed in living history as soldiers, civilians, musicians and expert historians provide demonstrations, exhibits and special commemorations. Taste hardtack and discover an authentically reproduced Civil War-era horse-drawn coffee wagon providing warm comforts to war-weary soldiers. Strike up a conversation with one of dozens of living history experts wearing meticulous reproductions of historic clothing for an impromptu lesson on topics from fashion to medicine.

Plan to stay late on Saturday night for a concert featuring the Michigan Cavalry Brigade Mounted Brass Band on their own white horses, uniformed musicians entertain soldiers, civilians and guests with 19th-century arrangements of popular music on period horns.

From the battlefield to the parlor, the heroism and tragedy of the Civil War are brought to life throughout Greenfield Village. Join us in honoring the sacrifices and achievements of all those who bravely fought and continue to fight in defense of the American spirit.
Civil War Remembrance Weekend Map

Fall in! Marching and Drill Practices
Village Green
Sat. 10:30-12:00, Mon. 9:30-11:30
Rayonet Drills
Village Green
Sun. 11:30

Military Tactical Demonstrations

Ceremonial Firing of Civil War Cannon
Market District
Sat. 10:00-10:30

Sons of Confederate Veterans Flag Raising
Market District
Sat. 9:00-9:30

The New Black Star of the Civil War: New Orleans fugitive slaves
Susquehanna Plantation
Sat. 12:30, 2:30 & 4:30

Military Camps

Union Military Camp
Susquehanna Plantation
Sat. 12:00, 1:00 & 3:00

Civilian Camps

Near Edwin Illuminating
Saturday at James Gorman Store and Eagle Tavern
Near Thomas Atra Edison Statue

Dramatic Demonstrations

How to Get Over Your Tales of Hope and Endurance
Susquehanna Plantation
Sat. 12:30, 2:30 & 3:30
Mon. & Sun. 1:00, 2:45 & 3:30

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Civil War Small Arms: What Soldiers Carried Into Battle
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Sat. 10:30-12:00, 1:00-2:30, 3:00-3:30

Tactical Demonstration Narrated by William Hendricks
Village Green
Sat. 11:30, Sun. & Mon. 10:00

Hands-on Activities

Show Your Support
Make Souvenir Ribbon Rosettes.
Near Ft. Myers Lake
Sat. 9:30-10:00

Volunteer Enlistment
Assess if you would be fit to serve.
Near Doc Howard’s Office
Sun & Mon 9:30-4:00

Medical Assessment
Learn if you would be fit to serve.
Near Doc Howard’s Office
Sat. 9:30-10:00

Silhouette Cut by Hand
Market District
Sat. & Sun. 10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

Sock-Making Demonstration
Washington Boulevard, All Day

Weaving Shop
Saturday at Town Hall
Sun. & Mon. 10:00-11:00, 2:00-3:15

Approach and Endurance
True Tales of Hope
Susquehanna Plantation
Sat. 12:30, 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30

Stage near Town Hall
Mon. 10:30, 2:30 & 3:30

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