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SCHEDULE FOR 5th ANNUAL GENERAL W. H. L. WALLACE MEMORIAL WEEKEND, "LASALLE COUNTY CIVIL WAR: A PATRIOTIC APPEAL", ANNOUNCED

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The fifth annual General W. H. L. Wallace Memorial Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, August 27th and 28th, entitled "LaSalle County Civil War: A Patriotic Appeal" has a new encampment location at the FFA Land Lab in Seneca (2667 East 28th Road, Marseilles, IL 61341).

This year's living history program will include two battle re-enactments, coopering and blacksmith demonstrations, a vintage base ball match, and historical presentations. The 17th Corps Field Hospital, a favorite from previous years, will be demonstrating Civil War era hospital and surgical techniques.

Saturday's events (camp opens at 10am) will include Union and Confederate encampments, training, and military drills. Period demonstrations, sutlers, vendors and food booths will also be set up. The PBS 30-minute video, "Shiloh: The Devil's Own Day", which was partially filmed in Ottawa, IL, will be shown continually from 10am to 2pm. At 2pm, the first day of the Battle of Shiloh will be re-enacted, complete with musket and cannon fire.

Saturday evening, at 8pm, a cannon night fire demonstration will light up the night.

On Sunday, the camp opens to the public at 9am. The day will begin with a nondenominational church service, followed by breakfast prepared by Seneca's FFA students. The public is invited to the service and to breakfast (\$4.00 per person). Sunday's activities will again include period demonstrations by soldiers, hospital workers, and craftsmen. At 11am, the Lemont Quarrymen will challenge the Somonauk Blue Stockings to a Civil War era base ball game. About 1pm, the base ball game will erupt into the 2nd battle re-enactment of the weekend, the 2nd day of the Battle of Shiloh.

Admission (which includes both days) is \$5.00 per person, with a family rate of \$15.00. All money raised throughout the weekend will be used for the restoration and upkeep of the Dickey-Wallace Cemetery.

For more information, please visit our website, <http://ottawahistory.org>.