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Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans



Treating Our Historic Past with Dignity

A real find for Civil War buffs is a gem of a museum--Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans. This small museum set in a "Gilded Age" mansion just a block from the huge WWII museum, has an amazing collection that is lovingly displayed, with staff who are gracious and eager to help you enjoy the museum.

Established in 1891, this is the oldest continuously operating museum in Louisiana and one of the largest repositories of Confederacy-related artifacts in the country.

What is striking about this museum is its authenticity. You are looking at Civil War flags (up close, not high on a wall) which still have bullet holes in them, at uniforms of some of the South's most famous leaders, and at Civil War weapons with the names of the owners carved on them.

New Orleans was the final home of Jefferson Davis, the former President of the Confederacy. When Davis died in New Orleans in 1889, his body lay in state here for two days, with 60,000 people coming to pay their respects. Davis was buried in New Orleans, but was later reinterred in Richmond.

Varina Howell Davis, President Davis's widow, contributed a large collection of her husband's



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Gettysburg Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War



*Civil War re-enactors marching in
Remembrance Day parade*

This year over 4 million people are expected to make their way to Gettysburg, PA in anticipation of the 150th Commemoration of the famous battle. There are less than 90 days until the epic event so

possessions to the museum, and today you can see his clothing and memorabilia on display here.

I was most taken by my close (nose distance) examination of an oath of allegiance signed by a Confederate soldier applying to regain U.S. citizenship.

There is something very special about this museum, and we came away feeling that we knew more about the Confederacy by having been so close to the personal possessions, carefully explained and exhibited here. This was more engaging than any book or movie. This was real!

The museum is easy to reach from the French Quarter, the airport, or more fun, via the streetcar on St. Charles Avenue. You may also check the museum's Web site, www.confederatemuseum.com.

make your reservations now.

Gettysburg is also an important link in the Underground Railroad. You can walk in the path of freedom-seekers and see where they sought refuge.

You can also discover a part of the battlefield that is seen by only a small number of people - the mill pond featured on the History Channel TV program, "Battlefield Detectives."

From July 4 through July 7, soldier and civilian re-enactors will re-create the 1860s through battles, encampments and demonstrations. Visitors can get an up-close look at cavalry, artillery and the lives that soldiers led during the Civil War. Re-enactment organizers are expecting 15,000 re-enactors, thousands more civilian interpreters, 400 horses and 100 cannons.

For a complete list of activities visit <http://www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com>.

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