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May 19, 2011 -- Army Heritage Days, May 21-22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., is the kickoff of the commemorative events for Civil War 150 in Cumberland County for 2011. The events are free and open to the public – in the new Visitors and Education Center and on the Army Heritage Trail at 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle 17013. A complete schedule of events can be found at

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/AHEC/event/HeritageDaysSchedule.cfm>

- Open for the first time to the public will be the Visitor and Education Center at the Army Heritage and Education Center which will feature the new interpretive exhibit “A Great Civil War: 1861, the Union Dissolved.”
- A military history lecture by Army Maj. John Pfau, 200th MP Command, about Iraq 2003: Army Reserves Transition to War, will be held in the Visitors and Education Center, Saturday at 11:15 a.m.
- The Ranger Group parachute team will jump Saturday, May 21, at 12:15 p.m., on to a 50-foot target area flanked by static exhibits of helicopters and U.S. Army heavy equipment. The team includes professional parachute artists and former U.S. Army Rangers.
- The weapons of Lewis & Clark will be featured Saturday at 1 p.m. on the Trail
- “Swing Fever” is a World War II era dance band featured in the new Visitor & Education Center Saturday at 2 p.m.: everyone is invited to join in and dance with them.
- Civil War Company Drill is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. on the Trail.
- More than 400 re-enactors will represent the nation’s military heritage – in interactive exhibits on the Trail which features weapon systems, buildings, equipment that duplicate the life and times of U.S. conflicts from the French & Indian War through today’s conflicts in Iraq & Afghanistan.
- Come inside the Visitors and Education Center Sunday at 11:15 a.m. for a panel discussion with members of the 5-73 Cavalry of the 82nd Airborne Division’s 3rd Brigade Combat Team.
- Also featured this year will be the Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show, a 53-foot tractor trailer exhibit developed by the Commonwealth of Pa. to commemorate the Civil War in Pennsylvania. This will be the first showing of the Road Show in the region.
- Book Sales all day both days.

For a schedule of events, directions and more, go to www.usahec.org or call 717-245-3972 for more information.

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