



museum holds over 5,000 relics, as well as thousands of documents, archived at Tulane University.

“In recent years Memorial Hall Museum has struggled with challenges from both man and nature. A property ownership dispute with the University of New Orleans, which cost Memorial Hall Museum approximately \$750,000, was settled in early 2004 with terms obligating the museum to perform over one million dollars worth of structural renovations and modifications within ten years. For a museum that receives no public funding, and relies exclusively on visitor admissions, fund raising events, and donations for its revenue, such a task is daunting.—*Then came Katrina.*

“Hurricane Katrina forced the closure of Memorial Hall Museum in late August, and the museum reopened on an abbreviated Thursday-Saturday schedule, ironically, on its January 7 birthday. The museum normally receives approximately 4,500 visitors from September through December, and in 2005, the number, of course, was zero. In an average year, from January through June, the museum receives over 8,000 visitors, and in 2006 only a fraction of that number will visit. Additionally, the annual museum Gala, source of approximately 25% of the museum’s annual operating revenue, is cancelled for 2006.

“In addition to the challenges of the museum, the Board of Directors and staff of Memorial Hall were personally affected by the hurricane, all losing something, and some losing everything. As the sole member of the Board of Directors not residing in the New Orleans area, I spearheaded the establishment of a special Relief Fund, which I administer from my home in West Virginia.

“On behalf of our beloved little museum, I implore those who cherish our heritage to consider supporting Memorial Hall Museum in this time of unprecedented challenge. The Relief Fund address is: Memorial Hall Relief Fund, 6658 Youree Drive, Suite 180-Box 278, Shreveport, LA 71105.”

WILSON’S CREEK, MO—The “Border Bugle,” newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, reports that the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Foundation in partnership with Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield dedicated “General Sterling Price’s Cabin” in September. The Edwards cabin on Wire Road (between Tour Stops 2 and 3), used by the Confederate general as his headquarters during the battle fought August 10, 1861, was destroyed after the war. The cabin recently restored and dedicated was built by the same Edwards family, and was moved to the site in the 1970s. In August, Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield acquired the former General Sweeny Museum of Civil War History, a great addition to the park.

WOODBURY, NJ—In September the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of New Jersey, dedicated a monument to honor the 12th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry and to mark the site of Camp Stockton.

Fred Mossbrucker of Camp #7 located the site of Camp Stockton and began a brick-selling campaign that resulted in the monument (**below**). It is a three-sided coventry wall surrounding engraved bricks, which in turn surround a central paver art reproduction of the 12th New Jersey’s battleflag. The monument area includes a

bronze plaque outlining the history of the camp, a flag pole that flies a reproduction of the 12th’s flag, and landscaping. Two Union soldier statues stand guard.

The 12th New Jersey was known as the “Old Buck and Ball Regiment.” From July 1 to September 7, 1862, men from all over southern New Jersey drilled at Camp Stockton. The 12th participated in every major campaign from Chancellorsville to Appomattox. Of the 992 original recruits, only 278 would answer final roll call.

PEA RIDGE, AR—Visitors to Pea Ridge National Military Park will soon be able to experience 25 new wayside exhibits, thanks to a \$25,000 donation from Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club. The donation was presented to Pea Ridge Superintendent John Scott at a small ceremony in the park visitors center in December.

The new wayside exhibits will replace the old and outdated signs that have been in place since 1963. The new panels, which will feature twelve original pieces of artwork by noted Civil War artist Andy Thomas, will be finished this winter, and the Park hopes to have them in place for the 144th anniversary of the battle in March.

ZANESVILLE, OH—The Muskingum County (Ohio) Civil War Association is seeking donations to replace the headstone of Lt. Charles E. Hazlett, commander of Battery D, 5th U.S. Artillery. He was killed July 2, 1863 at Gettysburg. Over the years the stone has deteriorated and been vandalized to the point the engraving is no longer legible.

Hazlett is memorialized on Little Round Top by a monument, a hand-carved stone, and four cannons representing his battery.

