

CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION
Washington 25, D. C.



CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PLANNED OBSERVANCES FOR 1961-1965

December, 1960

YEAR	DATE	INCIDENT	TYPE OF OBSERVANCE	PLACE	SPONSOR
1961	Jan. 8	Official Opening of the Civil War Centennial Observance	Special Message from the President; Special Ceremonies at all Service Academies	Washington, D. C. West Point, N. Y. Annapolis, Md. Colorado Springs, Colo. New London, Conn.	National Centennial Commission Service Academies
	Jan. 7-9	Star of the West	Special Ceremonies	Charleston, S. C.	S. C. Confederate Cent. Com.
	Jan. 9	The Secession Convention	Commemorative Ceremony	Jackson, Miss.	Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
	Jan. 11	Alabama Secession Convention	Commemorative Ceremony	Montgomery, Ala.	Ala. Civil War Centennial Com. All-South Centennial Com.
	Jan. 19-21	Georgia's Secession	3-Day Observance	Milledgeville, Ga.	Milledgeville-Baldwin County Centennial Committee
	Jan. 26	Signing of Secession Ordinance	Re-enactment	Baton Rouge, La.	La. Civil War Cent. Com.
	Feb. 4	Confederate Constitutional Convention	Commemorative Ceremony	Montgomery, Ala.	Ala. Civil War Cent. Com. All-South Cent. Com.
	Feb. 4	Peace Convention	Commemorative Ceremonies	Washington, D. C. Richmond, Va.	Virginia Civil War Commission
	Feb. 12-18	Arrival and Inauguration of Jefferson Davis	Commemorative Ceremony	Montgomery, Ala.	Ala. Civil War Cent. Com. All-South Cent. Com.
	Mar. 3	Abraham Lincoln Sworn in as President	Joint-Session of Congress & Reenactment of Swearing-In Ceremony	Washington, D. C.	District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Com.
	Mar. 4	Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln	Parade and Inaugural Ball	Washington, D. C.	District of Columbia Civil War Centennial Com.
	Mar. 16	Secession Convention	Commemorative Ceremony	Mesilla, New Mexico	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	April 12	Attack on Fort Sumter	Re-enactment	Charleston, S. C.	S. C. Confederate Cent. Com.
	April 14	Minnesota's Governor Ramsey Offers Union Troops	Ceremony	Washington, D. C.	Minnesota Civil War & Sioux Uprising Cent. Commission
	April 16-22	Organization of 1st Regiment Infantry Pa. National Guard	Centennial Celebration	Philadelphia, Pa.	1st Regiment Infantry of Pa. Artillery Corps Washington Grays
	April 22-23	First Armed Troops Dispatched to Union's Southernmost City -- Formation of Ft. Defiance	Commemorative Ceremonies	Cairo and Mound City, Illinois	Cairo - Mound City Civil War Cent. Cairo Historical Assn. Illinois State Historical Soc.
	April 23	General Lee Assumes Command of Armed Forces of Va.	Commemorative Ceremonies	State Capitol, Richmond, Va.	Va. Civil War Commission
	April 29	U.S. Grant Pilgrimage for Boy Scouts (Annual event thru 1965)	Ceremony	Galena, Illinois	U.S. Grant Council, Boy Scouts of America Galena Woman's Club
	April 30	Boy Scout Pilgrimage to Tomb of Abraham Lincoln (Annual event thru 1965)	Ceremony	Springfield, Ill.	Springfield, Ill., Abraham Lincoln Council -- Boy Scouts of America
	May 5	Commemorative Exercises at Stratford, Lee's Birthplace	Commemorative Exercises	Stratford, Va.	Virginia Civil War Commission
	May 10	Camp Jackson	Commemorative Ceremony	St. Louis, Mo.	Mo. Civil War Cent. Com.
	May 18	Battle of Lexington	Re-enactment	Lexington, Mo.	Mo. Civil War Cent. Com.; Wentworth Military Academy
	May 19	7th Tenn. Infantry Departs from Lebanon, Tenn. for training camp and Virginia Theater of Operations	Commemorative Ceremony	Lebanon, Tenn.	Wilson County Cent. Committee
	June 3	Battle of Philippi	Pageant	Philippi, W. Va.	Barbour County Historical Soc. W. Va. Civil War Cent. Com.
	June 17	Secession of Tennessee	Commemorative Pageant	Nashville, Tenn.	Davidson County Committee
	July 5	Battle of Carthage	Dedication	Carthage, Mo.	Mo. Civil War Cent. Com.; Carthage Chamber of Commerce
	July 22, 23	First Manassas	Re-enactment	Manassas, Va.	Virginia Civil War Com.; First Manassas Corp.

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1961 (Cont.)	July 27	Fall of Ft. Fillmore, N. Mex.	Joint services with N. Mex. Commission and Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.	Ft. Fillmore, N. Mex.	Ariz. Civil War Cent. Com.; New Mexico Cent. Com.
	Aug. 1	Col. John R. Baylor's Proclamation establishing Confederate Territory of Arizona	Joint services with New Mexico Com.	Arizona - Statewide Observance	Ariz. Civil War Cent. Com. New Mex. Civil War Cent. Com.
	Aug. 10	Battle of Wilson's Creek	Commemorative Ceremony	Springfield, Missouri Site of Battle	Missouri Civil War Cent. Com. Local Historical Organizations
	August	Tucson Secession Convention	Re-enactment	Old Tucson, Ariz.	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	Oct. 31	Death of General Baker	Commemorative Ceremony	Baker, Oregon	Local Groups
1962	Feb. 21	Val Verde, New Mexico	Joint Services with New Mexico Com.	Site of Battle	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com. New Mex. Civil War Cent. Com.
	March 7	Pea Ridge	Ceremony - Dedication	Elkhorn Tavern, Ark.	Arkansas Civil War Cent. Com.
	March 9	Monitor-Merrimack	Pending	Hampton Roads, Va.	Local Groups
	March 26	Apache Canyon	Pending	New Mexico	Local Groups
	April 8	Taking of Island No. 10	Commemoration	Tiptonville, Tenn.	Lake County Cent. Committee
	April 15	Battle of Picacho Pass, Ariz.	Re-enactment	Site of Battle	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	April 18	Medal of Honor	Commemorative Ceremony	Washington, D. C. (Washington Cathedral)	D. C. Civil War Cent. Com.
	April (pending)	Andrews Raid	Pending	Georgia	Local Groups
	May 1	Beauvoir, Home of Jefferson Davis after the war	Commemorative Ceremony	Biloxi, Miss.	Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
	May 1	Campaign and Seige of Vicksburg	(May 18, 1962 - July 4, 1963) Commemorative Ceremonies	Vicksburg, Miss.	Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
	May	Battle at Dragoon Spring	Commemorative Ceremony	Site of Battle in Ariz.	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	July 13	Taking of Murfreesboro by Forrest's Cavalry Brigade	Commemorative Pageant	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Rutherford County Civil War Centennial Committee
	July 15	Battle at Apache Pass	Re-enactment (tentative)	Site of Battle in Ariz.	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	Sept. 17	Antietam	Re-enactment (12-day pageant ending with re-enactment on Sept. 17)	Sharpsburg, Md.	Md. Civil War Cent. Com. Wash. County Groups
	Oct. 2	Battle of St. Johns Bluff	Dedication of Marker	Near Jacksonville, Fla.	United Daughters of Confederacy of District 2, Jacksonville, Fla.
	Oct. 8	Perryville	Re-enactment Pending	Perryville, Ky.	Kentucky Civil War Cent. Com.
	Oct. (Date not definite)	Emancipation Proclamation	Joint session of Congress	Washington, D. C.	D. C. Civil War Cent. Com.
	Dec. 20	Van Dorn's Raid	Re-enactment	Holly Springs, Miss.	Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
1963	May 1	Battle of Port Gibson	Commemorative Ceremony	Port Gibson, Miss.	Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
	July 2	Charge of First Minnesota Regiment	Commemorative Ceremony	Gettysburg, Pa.	Minnesota Civil War & Sioux Uprising Cent. Commission
	Sept. 13	Bombardment of Rodney	Re-enactment	Rodney, Miss.	Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
	1963-1965	Washington	Restoration	Washington, Ark.	Local Groups
1964	Jan. 22	Establishment of First Territorial Capital at Fort Whipple	Re-enactment and commemorative ceremony - tentative	Ft. Whipple or Old Tucson, Arizona	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	Feb. 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	Observance	Statewide Observance	Arizona Civil War Cent. Com.
	April 8	Battle of Sabine Crossroads	Commemoration	Mansfield, La.	Local Groups
	June 10	Battle of Brice's Cross Roads	Re-enactment	Brice's Cross Roads (Baldwyn, Miss.)	Brice's Cross Roads Memorial Assn.; Miss. Civil War Cent. Com.
	Aug. 2-23	Mobile Bay	Pending	Mobile, Ala.	
	Oct. 25	Battle of Mine Creek	Re-enactment	Near Mound City, Kan.	Kansas Civil War Cent. Com.
1965	April 15	Albert Woolson, last member of Union Forces	Commemorative Ceremony	Duluth, Minnesota	Minnesota Civil War and Sioux Uprising Cent. Com.
	— — —	Stone Mountain	Memorial Services	Atlanta, Ga. (Stone Mountain)	Stone Mountain Memorial Assn.

NOTE: The above list will be revised periodically as additional plans are formulated.