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## SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT BRINGS THE BLUE AND THE GRAY TO MAIN STREET ORANGE

Orange County, VA – Use blue ink, or gray pencil, or orange crayon, or better yet, all three to mark August 18, 2012, on your calendar. That's the day when the Blue and the Gray will duke it out on the streets of Orange, Virginia.

It's all about the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a cavalry battle between Union and Confederate forces that raged up and down Main Street in Orange on August 2, 1862. To best commemorate the event, re-enactors for both the Blue and the Gray will parade up Main Street as ladies in period costume watch from the historic courthouse steps. Following a skirmish, the re-enactors will march to Veterans Park and stage a living history and Civil War military demonstration.

The Saturday parade, skirmish and living history aren't the only things happening the weekend of August 17-19 in Orange County. Organizers have timed it to coincide with Montpelier's annual Summer Civil War Weekend.

For more information about this event or others in Orange County, Virginia, please visit <a href="https://www.visitorangevirginia.com">www.visitorangevirginia.com</a> or call (540) 672-1653.

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