

Upcoming
Events

- **March 16** — St. Mark's Lecture: A Tale of Two Generals
- **March 22**—St. Mark's Lecture: Vicksburg: Art of Commemoration
- **April 6**—Park Day
- **April 13**—St. Mark's Lecture: U.S. Grant Presidential Papers
- **April 19** — St. Marks Lecture: Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons
- **April 27**—Raymond Spring Pilgrimage & Home Tours
- **May 3**—St. Mark's Lecture: Bursting the Bubble on Myths & Legends of Civil War
- **May 11**—Commemoration of 150th Anniversary of Battle of Raymond and Cannon Dedication

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FOR Board of Directors—2013

The Friends of Raymond Board of Directors welcomes three new Board members for 2013 (see photo). The Board manages the business, property, and affairs of the organization. Board members meet monthly, and official meeting minutes are kept.

The 2013 FOR Board of Directors and Officers are:

- Mickey Roth** —President
- Phil Kuhn** —Vice President
- Bill Schmegel** —Treasurer
- Alicia Crowder**—Secretary
- Ben Fatherree**
- Isla Tullos**
- Billy Pape**
- Dan Hogan**
- Scott Kilby**



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Message from the President

With the creation in 1890 of the first national military battlefield park, Chickamauga and Chattanooga, people throughout our country have come to see the value of preserving the history of their local military struggles. We here in Raymond continue to work at this endeavor. Through coordinating the help of many in the community, the Friends of Raymond has achieved much in its short fifteen years.

This spring a number of activities, including Park Day, lectures on the Campaign for Vicksburg, and the dedication of the Raymond Battlefield's cannon line, are planned for everyone's education and enjoyment. It is your history and your battlefield, preserved for younger generations, grandparents, and all those in between. Come explore, discover, and enjoy it all!

Mickey Roth

Park Day & General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Raymond Military Park Walking Trail

9 am

Bring clean-up tools!

T-shirts and patches provided

Hot dog lunch and history presentation are free to participants



Park Day 2013—April 6

On Saturday, April 6, 2013, Friends of Raymond will join volunteer groups all over the country to clean up, preserve, and protect Civil War battlefields. Park Day is sponsored by the Civil War Trust and the History Channel each year to bring attention to the need for preservation of Civil War battlefield and historic sites.

Friends of Raymond invites members, folks in the Raymond community, students, Scouts, and other interested people to participate in Park Day. This also serves as the General Membership meeting for Friends of Raymond, 2nd quarter.

We will meet at the Raymond Military Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. You can register at the entrance to the Walking Trail off Port Gibson Rd. Please bring tools such as grass and shrub clippers; work gloves and hats; ant insecticide; garbage bags; and other clean-up tools.

After we finish the clean-up, everyone is invited to eat lunch at the Park. We will enjoy hot dogs, chips, and drinks. In addition to lunch, we will also enjoy a brief history presentation. T-shirts and patches will be available for participants also. So be sure to join us for volunteer work and fellowship at Park Day!



Park Day 2012

Spring 2013 Sesquicentennial Events

Raymond and Friends of Raymond are commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and the Battle of Raymond. We have a series of wonderful events planned and St. Mark's Episcopal Church will star in all of them.

The Evenings at St. Mark's Lecture Series was actually started quite a few years ago in conjunction with the annual Fall Pilgrimage, A Place Called Raymond. Topics covered many different areas, including art, architecture, music, etc.

This spring, we will have a series of five lectures, with themes centering around the Civil War. **All lectures will be at St. Mark's and all begin at 7 p.m.**

Friday, March 16, 7 p.m. A Tale of Two Generals

Jim Woodrick, Director of Historic Preservation Division of Mississippi Department of Archives and History, will discuss the lives and deaths of Union General James B. McPherson and Confederate General John Gregg. After meeting on the battlefield at Raymond on May 12, 1863, both generals were later killed in action. It's what happened after their deaths, however, that is perhaps the most fascinating tale of all.

Friday, March 22, 7 p.m. Vicksburg: Art of Commemoration

Parker Hills, B.G. (ret.) will discuss his latest book, *Vicksburg: Art of Commemoration*, and the symbolism behind the art and architecture of the monuments and memorials in Vicksburg National Military Park. There will be an opportunity to have Parker autograph a free copy of the book.

Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m. Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State

Dr. John Marszalek, Ex. Director and Managing Editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, will present a program about Grant's papers at Mitchell Memorial Library. (Quite a coup for Miss. State!) Reception to follow at Mayor Tullos' house.

Friday, April 19 Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory

Dr. Ben Cloyd will share insights into the horror and actual conditions of Civil War prison camps. His book focuses exclusively on military prison camps and how Americans remember the Civil War.

Friday, May 3, 7 p.m. Bursting the Bubble on Myths and Legends of the Civil War

Dr. Ben Fatherree, retired chair of HCC History Department, has studied the American Civil War in depth and is fascinated with the myths and legends that have evolved over the years. He takes great delight bursting bubbles!

Spring Pilgrimage and Tour of Homes Saturday, April 27

St. Mark's will be open along with 7 antebellum homes.

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Raymond

Guest Speaker, Chief Justice William L. Waller
Music by Bill Ellison and friends

Light lunch served in Garden

Following ceremony and lunch: Dedication of cannon line on Highway 18*

* Friends of Raymond has one piece of field artillery in place on preserved Raymond Battlefield for every piece of artillery that was in play during Battle of Raymond. Pretty interesting. We don't think any other battlefield has 1 for 1 representation. The cannon carriages are antique, but not period pieces from the actual War. They were placed in Vicksburg National Military Park when the Park was created. VNMP replaced their original carriages and FOR acquired ours from there. All of the carriages had to be repaired and new barrels were purchased.



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Friends of Raymond: Mission & Membership

The mission of the Friends of Raymond is to preserve, interpret, manage, and promote significant historic sites in Raymond, Mississippi, and the surrounding area and to receive contributions or grants from any and all sources to be used for one or more of these purposes.

Friends of Raymond was founded in 1998 as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, and all memberships and donations are tax deductible. Membership dues are:

FRIEND	Under \$100
VOTING MEMBER	\$100 and above
GENERAL	\$5,000

Membership dues and donations for 2012 can be mailed to Friends of Raymond at the address above, or can be paid on-line through the FOR web site (www.friendsofraymond.org) using a credit card or PayPal.

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