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## **Pennsylvania Civil War 150 Website Selected to be Archived in Library of Congress**

**Harrisburg, PA – May 20, 2011** – The largest library in the world, the Library of Congress, has selected the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 website ([www.PACivilWar150.com](http://www.PACivilWar150.com)) to be included in its historic collection of Internet materials related to the American Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Developed as a signature project of the commonwealth's official program commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 website was selected because of its comprehensive look at both the roles of Pennsylvania and the nation during the Civil War. Launched in 2009, [www.PACivilWar150.com](http://www.PACivilWar150.com) invites users to learn more about the deeply personal stories of real Pennsylvanians during the period, while offering detailed information on historical facts and figures, an interactive timeline and an events calendar highlighting the statewide commemoration activities.

“Pennsylvania Civil War 150 is honored to be recognized by the Library of Congress for its website’s unique blend of scholarship and interactivity,” said Andy Masich, president and CEO of the Senator John Heinz History Center. “A statewide consortium of historical organizations, schools, civic groups, and residents have worked together to help make the website a hub for information on Pennsylvania’s important role during the Civil War.”

With the growing role of the Web as an influential medium, the Library of Congress Web Archives is an integral source to keeping historical records of events that could otherwise be lost. In addition to being the research library for the United States Congress, the Library also preserves the nation’s cultural artifacts and historical records for the general American public.

### **About PA Civil War 150**

The *Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show* is an initiative of *Pennsylvania Civil War 150*, the state’s official program commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, 2011-2015. *PA Civil War 150* is governed by a statewide alliance of history, arts and cultural organizations including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, the Senator John Heinz History Center and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania along with partner organizations across the state. *PA Civil War 150* is leveraging the considerable strengths of these institutions to bring high-quality programming to the commemoration. *PA Civil War 150* includes key statewide initiatives and facilitates the marketing of activities and events at the regional and local levels.

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