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Thirteen Award-Winning Historians Featured in Two-Day Conference *In the Cause of Liberty: How the Civil War Redefined American Ideals*

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Richmond, Va. – Thirteen of the nation’s foremost historians will present their findings at *In the Cause of Liberty: How the Civil War Redefined American Ideals*. This two-day conference is developed and hosted by The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar and will be held at the Virginia Historical Society. The Center’s first conference emphasizes its mission to tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation by incorporating the three perspectives of the war’s participants – Union, Confederate and African American. It is expected to draw more than 200 visitors to the Richmond metropolitan area.

The two-day conference, co-sponsored by Dominion and Verizon, will commence on Friday, March 23 at 9 a.m. and will open with a keynote address by Dr. James McPherson, Pulitzer prize-winning author. The keynote will be followed by two sessions – “Antebellum America” and “War” featuring renowned professors including Princeton’s Dr. Sean Wilentz, and Oxford University’s Dr. Richard Cawardine, among others. An evening reception will be held in the 1861 Tredegar Gun Foundry following Friday’s program.

Saturday, March 24 will conclude with the “Legacy” sessions with lectures moderated by Yale University’s Dr. David Blight. “Victory and Memory,” “Defeat and Memory” and “The Long Counter-Narrative” are themes for lectures by Drs. Nina Silber, Gary Gallagher, and David Levering Lewis.

Visitors and residents are invited to this inaugural conference. The \$75 registration fee includes: two-day conference admission, lunch, and admission to Friday’s reception. One-day registrations are available for Friday and Saturday, \$50 and \$30 respectively. Additionally, teachers are encouraged to register and earn nine Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Interested patrons can find the conference brochure and register online at www.tredegar.org. Contact Ginger LaPrade at (804) 780-1865 ext. 14 for additional information.

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The mission of The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar is to tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation. The Center is located at the Tredegar Iron Works, an 8.3 acre National Historic Landmark site by the James River in Richmond. The 1861 Gun Foundry is home to the 10,000-square-foot flagship exhibit, *In the Cause of Liberty*, the nation’s first exhibit to explore the war’s causes, course, and legacies from Union, Confederate and African American perspectives. The Center offers History Labs and digital history programming for students K-12, while the Tredegar Institute provides ongoing adult educational opportunities through community dialogues and symposia.