



THE AMERICAN
CIVIL WAR CENTER
At Historic Tredegar

Wise to step down as President

Search for new CEO to begin immediately

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Richmond, VA (June 12, 2007) – The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar announced today that H. Alexander Wise, Jr., has submitted his resignation as president effective June 30, 2007.

“Alex Wise has been a driving force in the creation of the American Civil War Center,” said John H. Motley, chairman of the board. “Without his vision, his passion and his dedication we would not be where we are today and we owe him a lasting debt of gratitude.”

Wise told the Board that he intends to take some time off before announcing his future plans. “The dedication of the American Civil War Center was one of the proudest moments of my life,” said Wise. “That day not only marked the culmination of ten years of hard work, it also marked a new beginning, for the Center and for me personally. While the American Civil War Center will always remain close to my heart, I am eager to embark on the next chapter in my life.”

The Center’s unique flagship exhibit, *In the Cause of Liberty*, is the nation’s first to explore the war from three perspectives – Union, Confederate, and African American – through the themes of Union, Home and Freedom.

The board will conduct a nationwide search for a new president. Wise will remain as an advisor to the board during the transition to new leadership. David H. Dutton, the former chief operating officer of the Center, will take over day-to-day management as interim president.

In the Cause of Liberty opened in October, 2006 at the site of the Gun Foundry at the Tredegar Iron Works in downtown Richmond. The Gun Foundry includes 10,000 square feet of state-of-the-art, interactive exhibition space, along with new features including a pavilion, which houses the museum store and visitor welcome area and an adjacent terrace.

The mission of The American Civil War Center 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 Center also includes the Tredegar Institute, which provides ongoing educational opportunities through community dialogues, symposia, K-12 offerings, and digital history programs. For more information, visit www.tredegar.org.

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