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**MEDIA ADVISORY: The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar Groundbreaking**

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**PLACE:** The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar  
East Side of the Tredegar Gun Foundry (In the case of inclement weather, events will take place on the bluestone courtyard which will be tented)

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, April 22 at 10 a.m.

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable Eric Cantor, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Viola Baskerville, Virginia House of Delegates  
Reverend Dr. Donald Shriver, Union Theological Seminary, New York City  
John Motley, Chairman, Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation

**FEATURING:** One Voice Choir, a Color Guard from the 276<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion of the Virginia National Guard (recently returned from Iraq), the community raising of a huge banner with the Center's colorful new logo and name, period fife and drum music, and artillery salutes.

**The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, on the banks of the James River in Richmond, Va., is dedicated to the exploration of the Civil War, a pivotal event in our nation's history. The programs and planned exhibits tell the story of how modern America emerged from this conflict, focusing on the dynamic interplay among the three major participant groups—Union, Confederate, and African American. Anchoring the western end of Richmond's Canal Walk, the Center is near the James River Park System, called the "best urban park" by Blue Ridge Magazine in 2004. Serving as a gateway for visitors interested in Civil War travel in Richmond, in Virginia, and beyond, the center offers learning opportunities for all ages with web-based programs, community dialogues, and leadership studies.**

**For more information, contact the American Civil War Center at (804) 788-6480.**

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