



THE AMERICAN  
CIVIL WAR CENTER  
*At Historic Tredegar*

## **Center Exceeds \$13.6 Million Campaign Goal Funds Developed to Produce Nation's First All-Encompassing Exhibit**

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RICHMOND, VA – When The American Civil War Center *at Historic Tredegar* opens its doors to the public on Saturday, October 7, it will be because volunteers and staff have raised more than \$13.6 million over five years to design and build the nation's first museum "to tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation."

The campaign exceeded its \$13.6 million goal in mid-summer. The funds raised will enable completion of the Center's first phase, including exhibit design and installation, conversion of the 1861 Gun Foundry to an exhibit space, and construction of new entry pavilion and terrace.

Mr. J. Alfred Broaddus, chair of the Campaign Steering Committee and former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, said, "I have been fortunate to lead a team of energetic and committed volunteers who have labored long and hard to reach the multi-million dollar goal."

The Capital Campaign will stay open until the end of 2006 to accommodate people who are still learning about the Center and want to become part of it from the beginning. "Excitement about the project increases every day as the project becomes more tangible," says Broaddus.

The Center's president, Alex Wise, said "Generous support from individuals, foundations, federal government agencies, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the City of Richmond has given this project life. Our volunteers have worked for five years to raise funds for our extraordinary exhibit, the adaptive reuse of the Gun Foundry to house it, and for construction of the new Entry Pavilion. It has been a delight to watch things take shape on the site."

Fundraising is a continuing process for the Center, which plans to bring education programs for K-12 students, adult programming, and a major national conference to the public in 2007. "No museum can live off entry fees," said Wise. "We are an educational center and we must continue to raise supporting funds."

Members of the Campaign Steering Committee were J. Alfred Broaddus, chair; Dr. Renard A. Charity; William V. Daniel; Thomas F. Farrell; Robert J. Grey, Jr.; Brenton S. Halsey; Douglas D. Monroe, III; Walter S. Robertson; S. Buford Scott; Wallace Stettinius; and James C. Wheat III, all of Richmond; Josiah Bunting III, Newport, RI; David C. Johnson, New York, NY; Neil S. Raymond, Boston, MA; and John W. Rosenblum, Crozet, VA.

For details on how you can contribute to the efforts of The American Civil War Center, visit [www.tredegar.org](http://www.tredegar.org) or call 804.780.1865.

**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 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.**