

## CELEBRATE COMMEMORATE MEMORIAL DAY 2010

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Travel back in history when Celebrate Commemorate presents Living History Day on Saturday, May 29. Visit the encampment of the 148<sup>th</sup> Infantry and other Civil War groups on Oak Island. Members of the 140<sup>th</sup> Signal Corps will demonstrate the art of communicating with flags while Reynolds Battery L will demonstrate live cannon firing at noon, 3 pm and dusk. Meet President Abe Lincoln with his wife, Mary Todd as they visit the troops. See the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War as they cook, mend and live in tents just as they did when they followed their loved ones during the battles of the Civil War.

Waterloo's newest historical group, the Mary Gahan Tent #109 of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, will be chartered and officers installed at the Gridley Inn on Saturday. It will be the seventh tent in New York State in the organization formed to honor the soldiers of the Civil War. The tent has been formed to coordinate programs and events with the Village of Waterloo, the American Civil War Memorial and the DUVCW Department of New York State. The Village has assigned ownership of the ACWM to the DUVCW while promising to maintain its grounds and provide security lighting.

Pay respects to those who gave their lives in our nation's bloodiest war by touring the American Civil War Memorial at 1 and 3 pm Saturday. Join the reenactors for a wreath laying and celebration reception of the chartering of the Mary Gahan Tent at the Memorial at 5:30 pm. Joining President Lincoln for the ceremonies will be Mary Dirk, president of the DUVCW Department of New York.

Plan to end the day at a Civil War style campfire on Oak Island with music by Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads beginning at 7 p.m. Stay at Oak Island for the fireworks by Telstar that begin at 9:30 pm