

# 150TH ANNIVERSARY REENACTMENT



## CONFEDERATE RAIDS ON BEVERLY

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Sponsored By Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation  
And The Beverly Heritage Center  
Hosted By West Virginia Reenactors Association

- Battle reenactment based on 1863 Raids
- Living history and civilian life
- Civil War ball with Rich Mountain String Band
- Civil War camps in town

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### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Two years after the pivotal Battle of Rich Mountain secured much of western Virginia for the Union, West Virginia was created as a new state. Union troops were stationed in Beverly, the county seat of Randolph County, and Confederate raiders made clear that they still contested the area. Two significant Confederate raids – by Gen. John D. Imboden (April 24, 1863) and Gen. William L. “Mudwall” Jackson (July 2, 1863) – challenged Union control of Beverly and the new state.

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## MAY 3, 4, & 5, 2013 IN BEVERLY, WEST VIRGINIA

*(Six miles south of Elkins, WV on US Rt 219)*

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Watch [www.richmountain.org](http://www.richmountain.org) for further information and event updates.  
Or contact: 304-637-7424 and [info@beverlyheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@beverlyheritagecenter.org)

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May 3, 4, 5, 2013

Beverly, (West) Virginia

## Planned Reenactment Events

Reenactment camps and activities will take place in and near the historic town of Beverly, West Virginia. This event is planned to offer “something different” for the reenactors’ experience.

The Saturday afternoon reenactment of Imboden’s raid will be presented as an actual raid through part of town – involving civilians and townspeople – not just a standard “battle lines” reenactment. The scenario will include Union occupation of the town prior to the raid, opportunity for creative living history, civilian reaction and participation, plunder by raiding forces during the reenactment, then Confederate occupation following the successful raid. Reenactors who are able to are encouraged to bring both Union and Confederate uniforms for full participation in multiple scenarios, although this is not required. Civilian reenactors – men, women and children – are encouraged to participate as townspeople during the raid, and will have extensive activities before and after.



For the planned Sunday raid, Mudwall Jackson’s Confederate troops will approach the town from across the river, with artillery fire over the town from both sides. (Note: at this time this scenario is tentative, pending permissions and sufficient reenactor participation. Scenario details may be modified.) There will be opportunity within these historically appropriate scenarios for infantry, cavalry, artillery, and civilian participation.

## Featuring YOU

Reenactors, as individuals or groups, are encouraged to plan and carry out appropriate living history scenarios during the weekend. These may be living history in the camps or in town, or during the reenactment scenarios. Cash stipends may be available for individuals or groups who plan and carry out scenarios contributing to the action of the weekend. If you are interested, please explain your scenario on your registration form, or contact us prior to the event. All such scenarios need to be approved as safe and appropriate by the event sponsors and hosts.

## Civil War Ball

The Trans-Allegheny Soldiers Aid Society will host their Spring Gala Ball on Saturday evening, featuring the period music and calling of the Rich Mountain String Band, with teaching for novice dancers, warm welcome and refreshments.

## Camping and Details

Reenactment camps will be in yards and empty lots in Beverly, with firewood, hay, and water available. Amenities planned include a powder or cap ration for soldiers, craft supplies for civilians, a commemorative token at registration, and one meal. Concessions or restaurants will be available for other meals. Portolets will be placed at each camp; in addition, indoor restrooms and one shower will be available at the Beverly Heritage Center except during middle of the night. Camps are encouraged Friday through Sunday afternoon. Civilians may camp with the soldiers, or if desired, a civilian camp may be set up near the sutler area. Sutters are encouraged with primarily period goods and display. Non-period vendors should inquire, and will only be allowed if they can be appropriately accommodated in an area of town separate from the period camps.

## SCHEDULE (Tentative)

### Friday, May 3

- Any** Camp set up at your convenience  
**4-10 pm** Registration  
**8 pm** Civil War movie – *Beverly Heritage Center*

### Saturday, May 4

- 9 am** Union troops morning parade  
**AM** Union occupation:  
Living history in camp and in town  
**10:30am** Civilian social and sewing circle  
**NOON** Lunch (on own)  
**1:30 pm** Formation for inspection  
**2:30 pm** Imboden Raid on Beverly  
**PM** Confederates plunder and occupy town  
**5:00 pm** Dinner (provided)  
**7:30 pm** Spring Gala Ball

### Sunday, May 5

- 10 am** Church service  
**AM** Living history in camp and in town  
**NOON** Lunch (on own)  
**12:30 pm** Formation for inspection  
and take positions  
**1:30 pm** Mudwall Jackson Raid on Beverly  
**4:00 pm** Camps close

## LOCATION AND LODGING:

Beverly is located 6 miles south of Elkins, WV on US Rts 219/250. Registration will be at the Beverly Heritage Center, on Court Street in the heart of Beverly. The closest motels are located in Elkins. Check Randolph County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-422-3304 and [www.randolphcountywv.com](http://www.randolphcountywv.com)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Raids on Beverly* is an authentic mainstream event, and we will enforce the rules to ensure authenticity, safety, and protection of the historic properties. We will be reasonable and we encourage newcomers, who are encouraged to contact us in advance so we can help you be ready to participate. We do reserve the right to require changes of inappropriate impressions, or to refuse participation if necessary. Details of rules can be seen on the Rich Mountain Website:

[www.richmountain.org/raids/rules](http://www.richmountain.org/raids/rules)

## REGISTRATION...

### **Pre-registration is required for this event.**

We need to know who is attending so we can contact you about changes, and so that we can plan properly for the event.

### **Registration Fees –**

All military and civilian reenactors participating in the event must register and pay fees. Civilian children 12 and under are free with parents registration. Registration fee will be based upon date of payment or confirmed, non-refundable reservation.

- Early (registered and paid by April 19) \$5 each
- Late (April 20 – May 2) \$10 each
- On-site (May 3, 4, 5) \$15 each (meal and powder not guaranteed)

**Walk-ons** are strongly discouraged. You may register on-site only if your unit is pre-registered or you have contacted us in advance. Walk-ons will pay on-site price and may not receive amenities.

### **To Register**

Fill out and mail registration form with payment OR email registration form, OR call 304-637-7424 with equivalent information and credit card for payment.

### **RSVPs**

If your plans are uncertain, we appreciate knowing you are hoping to attend and this will help our planning, however, your registration fee will be based on date of payment, and is non-refundable once paid. Paid registrations may be transferred, with your express permission.

### **SUTLERS**

The sutler fee is based upon the size of your setup. Early registration for a sutler tent the size of a standard wall tent plus fly (About 12x12), or smaller is \$25, larger than that is \$35. This will include registration for 2 people. Late fees or fees for additional people will apply. Please note what sort of goods you sell. Sutlers must be authentic in their tent setup and appearance, as well as in the majority of the merchandise offered. Book sellers, promotional groups, or other non-period sutlers **must** have advance approval, and may be placed in a different area.

