

Welcome to HUNTER'S RETREAT The BATTLE at LIBERTY

April 25-27, 2008
Historic Centertown Bedford, Virginia

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Liberty was invaded only once during the War Between the States, and this invasion is known as "Hunter's Raid," which began on June 16, 1864 and lasted several days. General David Hunter's main objective was to capture Lynchburg, but before he could do this, he was pursued so fiercely by General Jubal A. Early and his men that Hunter was forced to make a retreat into West Virginia. The town of Liberty suffered greatly from this raid. The depot was burned and several miles of railroad tracks were destroyed.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- A brief description of the 2008 event
 - Registration forms
 - Event rules

We hope you will consider our event!

April 25-27, 2008 – Liberty (now Bedford), Virginia – The 5th Annual HUNTER'S RETREAT, The BATTLE of LIBERTY will be held on actual ground where it took place! We will be repeating the **street battle** scenario on Sunday! Saturday's battle will be held at the Elks National Home property. This reenactment will be held in conjunction with LIVING LIBERTY, Bedford Life in the 1860's living history event (7th year). Scheduled Event Highlights: Candlelight Walking Tours, Period Dance, 19th Century Music, Lectures & Book Signings, Medical & Military Demonstrations, Gen. R. E. Lee and his Lieutenants Living History Encampment, Reenactment of Hunter's Retreat through Liberty Town in 1864, *and much more!*

Hosted by these partner organizations: Bedford City/County Museum, Bedford Historical Society, Bedford Main Street, Inc., Elks National Home, Bedford Rifle Grays SCV Camp 1475, and Gen. William R. Terry UDC Chapter 580.

Amenities Provided: Drinking water, plentiful firewood, portable latrines, and artillery bounty (limited to: two Confederate full-size field artillery pieces and two Federal full-size field artillery pieces, \$150 bounty per piece for entire weekend). Sutlers by invitation only. Registration for all participants: under 12 free; \$8 until March 25, \$10 after March 25 and walk-ons. Be part of our 144th Anniversary of this action...on the actual ground where it took place! For information and registration packet contact: Living Liberty/Hunter's Retreat Committee, Post Office Box 1249, Bedford, Virginia 24523, Phone: 540-586-6204 or 540-400-3143, e-mail: livingliberty1864@hotmail.com website: www.livingliberty.org