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Welcome to New Market

On behalf of the Virginia Military Institute and the staff of the Virginia Museum of the Civil War, welcome to the 155th Anniversary Battle of New Market Reenactment. We have the distinction of holding the longest, continual reenactment in the United States, still held on original battlefield property. While our first event was in May of 1914, our biggest was in September of 1923 between VMI Cadets and United States Marines.

On May 18-19, 2019, we will mark the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of New Market, with a two-day commemorative reenactment. You will witness hundreds of living historians from around the United States recreating a moment unique in American history and on the actual spot that event took place.

The battle is best known for the heroic role played by the young cadets from the Virginia Military Institute, the youngest only 15 years old; but valor and bravery knew no color that day. It is their story you will learn during your visit.

Be sure to visit the Virginia Museum of the Civil War and historic Bushong farmstead, or have lunch at the various food vendors or shop at the many Civil War period merchants on site. Your reenactment admission ticket is good for all of the activities that day. Don't forget to visit the Town of New Market with its many shops, restaurants and businesses. We are glad that you are here and hope that you will have fun for the day and make memories for a lifetime.

Sincerely,



Troy D. Marshall
Lieutenant Colonel,
Site Director, Virginia Museum of the Civil War