

Interactive Map – Administrative System Instructions

To coordinate events and link the hundreds of Civil War sites throughout the state, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission has developed a statewide calendar of events and an interactive map that will portray both the historical significance of each area of the state (“Then”) as well as provide information on destinations and events in the locality (“Now”). Taken together, both sides offer visitors a complete overview of the locality’s Civil War destinations and events.

Each of the 134 counties and cities in Virginia has a separate listing as well as being combined statewide. For organizational simplicity, data for towns should be included in the locality in which the town is located.

Administrative access to add and edit data on the map has been provided to each local sesquicentennial committee, with user names and passwords specific to the locality. If you have forgotten your password, please call Cheryl Jackson at (804) 786-3591 or email cjackson@dls.virginia.gov.

Always check the locality’s inventory on the map prior to adding a new entry. If it isn’t on the map, add it. If it is already on the map, but data is either incorrect or needs to be updated, edit it. If an entry needs to be deleted, send the information to Cheryl Jackson

Adding and Editing the “Now” map and Statewide Calendar of Events

Important Note: GPS coordinates or an exact physical address is required for mapping

Event: Civil War history-related events for the Statewide Calendar of Events, whether one-time or ongoing (e.g., lecture, exhibit, living history demonstration, etc.). Events in this database should be commemorative rather than celebratory, open to the public, presenting history in an inclusive, balanced manner that is representative of Union, Confederate and African-American perspectives of the Civil War.

Destinations: Sites that people can visit. Categories include:

- Archives/Library
- Cemetery
- Historic Landmark/Historic Home
- Walking/Driving Tour
- Battlefield
- Civil War Trails site
- Museum
- Other

“Then” map (i.e., Historical significance)

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Battles/skirmishes: Information from the National Park Service on key battles in the Civil War has been used to populate this field. Local committees can add additional battles or skirmishes or edit the existing entries.

Other Historical Information:

The Civilian Experience: Stories that portray the experience on the home front, including the role of women, children and non-combatants.

Hometown Soldiers: Identify troops that served for both the USA and CSA

Hospitals: Sites that served as hospitals during the Civil War

Places of Community: Churches, courthouses, other community gathering places

Slavery and Freedom: Stories that describe the experience of enslaved African-Americans and the journey for freedom, including Civil War-era slave narratives, and Underground Railroad sites.