

ROSE HILL RAID SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED



Mosby's Rose Hill Raid Reenactment



150 years ago TODAY
September 28, 2013

A reenactment of the Rose Hill Raid during the Civil War will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2013, exactly 150 years to the day after the historic event. The program will take place in front of Rose Hill Elementary School, 6301 Rose Hill Drive. It is being sponsored by the Rose Hill Civic Association and the Franconia Museum. The program begins at 11 a.m.

In the original raid, Confederate raider Major John Singleton Mosby went to the Rose Hill manor house located on what is now May Boulevard and captured Colonel Daniel Dulany, an aide to the Union appointed governor of the Restored State of Virginia. One of Mosby's men on the raid was Dulany's son, French.

The actual raid and the taking of Dulany will occur at noon. The party will ride on horseback up May Boulevard to the school where a program explaining the raid will take place. Local historian Don Hakenson will tell the story of the raid and introduce reenactors in period costume who will explain their characters involved in the raid. A reenactor portraying Anne Froebel, who lived at nearby Wilton Hill, will recite passages from Froebel's diary that mentioned her neighbor, Dulany, and the report of the raid.

Other highlights include an appearance by the famed Carter Gospel Singers and reenactors portraying a Confederate Signal Corps using flags to communicate with distant units and commanders. The flag-bearers will give advance notice of the Mosby raiding party's arrival at the school. The singers are from nearby Woodlawn United Methodist Church and are celebrating 44 years of providing gospel music fits any time period.

Throughout the event, visitors can browse through artifacts and information provided by the Franconia Museum as part its annual History Day program. The Museum's series of seven books entitled "Franconia Remembers" will be on sale along with other items such as caps, book bags, etc. Special tee shirts commemorating the Rose Hill Raid also will be available. Refreshment will be available for purchase to benefit the Rose Hill PTA.

Various local Civil War authors have been invited to sell, sign and explain their works. Included will be Hakenson, who has written several excellent books on Mosby and the Franconia area and Eric Buckland, whose books on Mosby's men provide insight into the unit. Hakenson also will discuss items that were the property of two of Mosby's men from the Franconia area.

Carl Sell, the president of both the Franconia Museum and the Rose Hill Civic Association, will sign his books about his great grandfather's and great uncle's service as privates in the Confederate army who were wounded during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. Sell's granddaughter, Danielle Clarke, will be there to tell about her relatives on both sides during the war.

Featured performers will be Jimmy Fleming, a living historian whose portrayals of Mosby have highlighted many events about the Civil War, and Susan and David Hilliard from the Stuart-

Mosby Historical Society. David will play Colonel Dulany while Susan will be cast as Anne Frobel. Susan is the past president of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, which operates its own museum at 13938 Braddock Road, Centreville, Virginia in the heart of the Fairfax County area that involved troops from both sides.

After the program, all the reenactors involved will be available to answer questions and pose for pictures with Civil War buffs and other interested parties who attend the event. Mosby's horses will be quartered in an area across the street for those who wish to see them up close.

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