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CONFEDERATE MUSEUM

Celebrating the History of the South

New Orleans, LA – Having opened its doors in 1891, Confederate Memorial Hall is the oldest museum in Louisiana and houses one of the largest collections of Confederate memorabilia in the United States. Celebrating Southern heritage and tradition, it features battle flags, rifles, uniforms and other Civil War artifacts.

Permanent exhibits at the museum take visitors back to the days of the Confederacy. Mainstays include a photography exhibit that features photos of New Orleans dating back to the 1850s. Another exhibit on medicine displays rare implements used by the Confederate Medical Corps of the Civil War. Diseases and gunshot wounds took the lives of more Confederate soldiers than all Confederate battlefield fatalities combined.

There is also an exhibit on Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy who died in New Orleans in 1889. It includes Jefferson Davis' evening clothes, top hat, cane, saddle, bible and a crown of thorns given to him by Pope Pius IX. The exhibit also houses the jewels and dress of his daughter Winnie who was often referred to as the "Daughter of the Confederacy" and reigned as Queen of Comus, a prominent Mardi Gras organization, in 1892.

Other exhibits showcase the succession of Louisiana from the Union, the Louisiana Native Guard which was comprised of free people of color and Union General Benjamin "Beast" Butler. Special relics in the museum include more than 125 battle flags of the South and Louisiana; uniforms of prominent Confederate officers such as P.G.T. Beauregard and Braxton Bragg; rare Confederate guns and swords; over 500 rare photographs; and Southern artwork by famous painters such as William Buck, George Coulon and Ellsworth Woodward.

The Confederacy, also called the Confederate States of America, was the government formed by eleven southern states between 1861 and 1865. New Orleans was the largest city under Confederate control and was recaptured by the Union in 1862.

Louisiana's Civil War Museum at Confederate Memorial Hall continues to stand as a monument to its founders and as a depository of their cherished stories and memorabilia. It is owned by Memorial Hall, Inc., a non-profit organization created to preserve the facility, its contents and the legacy of the Confederacy. The Confederate Museum is located at 925 Camp St. in New Orleans. Operation hours are Mon.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (504) 523-4522 or visit www.confederatemuseum.com for more information.

The New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation promotes the city as a leisure tourism destination throughout the year. Annually, NOTMC's marketing campaigns include strategic print, broadcast, and Internet advertising and public relations. Web sites: www.NewOrleansOnline.com; www.NewOrleansMuseums.com; www.HearNewOrleansMusic.com.

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