



## The Museum of the Confederacy

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### Jefferson Davis 1808-1889 Patriot and Paradox

Two-thousand and eight marks the bicentennial birthday of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States of America. He was born in Kentucky in 1808. The youngest of ten children, he was educated at West Point and served in the U.S. Military, fought in the Mexican War, was a U.S. Congressman and Senator from Mississippi, and served as Secretary of War for President Franklin Pierce. On February 9, 1861, Davis was elected president of the Confederate States of America and served until the end of the war in 1865. Davis died in 1889 in New Orleans and his body was moved to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond in 1893.

To celebrate the life of Jefferson Davis, the Museum of the Confederacy has designed our programs and events in 2008 around his interests, his family and the different roles that he represents as a husband, a father, the Commander in Chief, a southerner and an American. Please join the Museum for an event commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jefferson Davis.

### 2008 Calendar of Events

Please note: All events unless otherwise noted are held at the Museum and are subject to change.  
For events taking place at the Museum, free parking is available in the VCU/MCV Visitors Parking Deck.  
Please bring your parking ticket inside for validation.

#### Exhibitions

**Ending April 7, 2008**

#### **Special Exhibition: *The Confederate Navy* Museum Mezzanine**

This special exhibition tells the story of the men, ships, and operations of the Confederate Navy through objects, photographs, and documents in The Museum of the Confederacy's permanent collections and selected loans from other collections. Although advances in naval warfare technology could be the dominant theme of the exhibit—especially given the importance of ironclad warships such as the *CSS Virginia*, submarines like the *H. L. Hunley*, and torpedo warfare perfected by Matthew Fontaine Maury and his peers—the wide variety of artifacts on display also offers many intriguing stories of Confederate life. For example, few visitors fail to be captivated by the larger-than-life story of the far-flung commerce raider *Shenandoah*, whose immense flag (the last Confederate flag to be lowered) covers much of the back wall of the exhibit. Other artifacts rarely displayed—from beautifully detailed British-made Confederate Navy regulation swords and elegant Staffordshire naval china to contemporary depictions of Confederate ironclads and blockade runners—reveal much about a little-known but surprisingly effective Confederate enterprise.

#### **Special Exhibition: *Art of the Confederacy***

This noteworthy exhibit highlights art created during the wartime years and also postwar pieces that capture the spirit of the “Lost Cause” through paintings, prints, photography, and sketches. This rare and intimate look at the Confederate south features such distinctive pieces as Conrad Wise Chapman's deftly executed oil paintings of Charleston Harbor and William Ludwell Sheppard's nostalgic and idealized watercolors of the common soldier. The exhibit also includes intimate glimpses in the lives of soldiers via their own unique sketches.

#### **Special Exhibition: *Virginia and the Confederacy***

This exhibit showcases the Museum's rich object, photograph, and library collections relating to Virginia's Confederate history. The Confederate years loom large in the Commonwealth's history. The war devastated the state's landscape, led to the separation of its western counties, ended slavery, and brought freedom and citizenship to nearly a half-million African Americans. In these and other ways, the war was a bloody culmination of issues that Virginians and all Americans had struggled with since the country's origins. This exhibit was underwritten by a grant from the Lee Jackson Educational Foundation.



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### Exhibitions, continued

**Opens May 23, 2008**

#### **Special Exhibition: *Between the Battles***

This special exhibition explores the daily life of the Confederate soldier when not in battle. Little of a soldier's time in the army was actually spent in combat. The majority of an army career was spent in camp, on garrison duty, or marching from one camp or garrison to another. Soldiers occupied their time learning to become soldiers in a strange new regimented lifestyle that was so different from the civilian one they had just left. The average soldier spent more time fighting disease and the monotony of camp life than he did fighting the enemy. "Between the Battles" uses artifacts, documents, letters, and photographs to document the daily life of the Confederate soldier.

### Inside the Museum

#### **"Behind the Glass Case" Gallery Talks**

**Mondays in January and February, and June through December**

**Time: 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Cost: Free with museum admission**

Museum visitors have the opportunity to become up-close and personal with exhibit topics. Each Monday the MOC will feature Museum experts discussing their favorite subjects in the galleries and giving visitors a fresh look at history at "Behind the Glass Case: Gallery Talks and Demonstrations." Visitors can discover the museum exhibits in-depth, watch wartime medical demonstrations or learn about Confederate weaponry at our cannon talk. Visit [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org) for a list of topics.

#### **Summer Living History**

**Weekends in June, July, August and September**

**10 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**Cost: Free with Museum admission.**

Living historians demonstrate and illustrate the facts of Civil War life from a variety of perspectives. Come see and hear from soldiers and civilians about wartime life. Call the Museum of the Confederacy, (804) 649-1861, for details or check the website at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).

### January 2008

#### **Kriegspiel: War Games at the MOC**

**Saturday, January 19, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, lunch included**

**Ages 12 to Adult**

Celebrating Jefferson Davis's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and his tenure as Commander in Chief of the Confederate States of America, the MOC will be conducting our popular war games throughout the year. Senior Curator and Director of Collections Robert Hancock will teach the basic strategies of war and then split the participants into teams for competition. Each team will be given an objective and certain resources to plan its strategy. It is an all day event with lunch included. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register please contact Linda Lipscomb at [llipscomb@moc.org](mailto:llipscomb@moc.org) or (804)649-1861 ext. 32 or register online at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).



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### February 2008

#### **Hearts at War**

**Saturday, February 9, 2008**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members**

Commemorating the relationship of Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina Howell Davis, this program will look at Valentine traditions and courtship during the Civil War through Valentine artifacts, Civil War love letters, and stories. Light refreshments will follow. For more information or to register contact Linda Lipscomb at [llipscomb@moc.org](mailto:llipscomb@moc.org) or (804)649-1861 ext. 32 or register online at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org)

#### **Symposium: "Jefferson Davis: A Man in Full"**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**Library of Virginia Lecture Hall, 800 E. Broad St., Richmond**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members**

**Box lunch included**

Join the Museum of the Confederacy and the Library of Virginia as they co-sponsor this highly acclaimed symposium. This year's topic is Jefferson Davis. Speakers include Joan Cashin of Ohio State University, author of *First Lady of the Confederacy: Varina Davis's Civil War*; Donald Collins of East Carolina State University (emeritus), author of *The Death and Resurrection of Jefferson Davis*; William J. Cooper of Louisiana State University, author of *Jefferson Davis, American*; William C. "Jack" Davis of Virginia Tech, author of *Jefferson Davis: The Man and his Hour*. Please contact Linda Lipscomb, [llipscomb@moc.org](mailto:llipscomb@moc.org) or (804) 649-1861 ext. 32 for more information and to register, or register online at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).

#### **Folk Arts Badge Day**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008**

**Two Sessions: 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. or 1:45 -4:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$10 per girl, troops welcome**

**Limited number of chaperones admitted free, others pay Museum admission**

Girl Scouts will discover what photographs can tell us about family life, participate in the Virginia Reel, design a quilt square, play children's games of the past, create their own period craft (a tussie mussie) and tour the White House of the Confederacy. Space is limited and reservations are required. Contact Kelly Hancock [khancock@moc.org](mailto:khancock@moc.org) or (804) 649-1861 ext. 21 for more information or to register.

### March 2008

#### **Folk Arts Badge Days**

**Saturdays, March 1 and 15, 2008**

**Two Sessions per day: 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or 1:45 -4:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$10 per girl, troops welcome**

**Limited number of chaperones admitted free, others pay Museum admission**

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### March 2008, continued

#### Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour

Saturday, March 1 and Friday, March 21, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

Ever wonder what Richmond was like during the Civil War? Wished to walk the streets of the Capitol of the Confederacy as the leaders and thinkers of the South would have seen them? The Museum of the Confederacy will bring history to life in a walking tour titled "Jefferson Davis's Richmond." Walk in the shoes of the embattled leader of the Confederacy and see Richmond as you've never seen it before! The tour will incorporate various anecdotes about Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederacy, and stories of life in Richmond during the Civil War. Highlights of the tour include Capitol Square, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Davis's executive office building and the sites of the homes of Alexander Stephens, Mary Chesnut, Matthew Maury and more. The Museum will be hosting more frequent walking tours in late May and early June as part of a series of activities recognizing Jefferson Davis's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Space for these tours is limited and reservations are recommended. Please contact Dean Knight at (804) 649-1861 x. 37 or [dknight@moc.org](mailto:dknight@moc.org) to reserve a spot.

#### Dressing in a Hurry

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members

This program explores how the ladies of the mid-nineteenth century got themselves dressed everyday. The presentation will be given in full dress and a model will show the participant how Varina Davis might have "gotten dressed in a hurry." The discussion will describe the form, fit and function of each garment; comparing and contrasting them to modern clothing. What kinds of cosmetics, hairstyles, and jewelry were popular? The participant will be able to see many examples of reproduction Civil War period garments and some originals and see what might make up a full wardrobe. Light refreshments will follow. Please contact (804) 649-1816 ext. 32 or [lipscomb@moc.org](mailto:lipscomb@moc.org) or visit [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org) to register.

### April 2008

#### Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour

Saturday, April 5 and Friday, April 18, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

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#### "Kriegspiel"

##### War Games at the MOC

Saturday, April 19, 2008

10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, lunch included

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### May 2008

#### Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

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#### **Hello Dolly: Dolls and Paper Dolls in the South**

**Saturday, May 10, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members singles;  
or \$20 for members, \$25 for non-member mother and daughter pairs**

Mothers and daughters come join the Museum of the Confederacy in honor of Mother's Day. This program will feature examples of dolls and paper dolls from the Civil War period, like those Maggie and Winnie Davis would have played with. Mothers and daughters will participate in a paper doll craft project, enjoy refreshments, and take home paper dolls and a reproduction of an 1856 book titled *Paper Dolls and How to Make Them*. Please contact Linda Lipscomb at [lipscomb@moc.org](mailto:lipscomb@moc.org) or (804) 649-1861 ext. 32 for more information or to register. Or register online at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).

#### **Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour**

**Friday, May 16, 2008**

**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members**

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### June 2008

#### **Jefferson Davis's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**

**11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.**

**FREE museum admission all day!**

Come and celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis with the Museum of the Confederacy. The Museum will be offering cake in his honor in the garden and pictures with the man himself! Jim Bazo, Jefferson Davis re-enactor will be on hand for a speech and a photo-op. Take a walking tour of Jeff Davis's Richmond that leaves from the museum lobby at noon and see the city from his point of view. Cost of the walking tour is \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members, reservations recommended. Please see March 1, 2008 for full details on the walking tour. For more information on the daily activities please contact Linda Lipscomb at (804) 649-1861 ext. 32 or [lipscomb@moc.org](mailto:lipscomb@moc.org).

#### **Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour**

**Tuesday, June 3, Saturdays and Sundays, June 6, 7, 13, 14 and Friday, June 20, 2008**

**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members**

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### July 2008

#### **Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour**

**Saturday, July 5, 2008**

**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members**

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### July 2008, continued

#### **Davis and Lincoln: Reflections of a Divided Nation**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Teachers Institute**

**Monday-Friday, July 7-11, 2008**

**Cost: \$90 registration fee, plus \$20 application charge; Fees due by June 23, 2008**

The years 2008 and 2009 mark the bicentennial of the births of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln, respectively. These two men, who came from similar origins but grew up in different sections of the country, developed divergent ideas about the nature of the Union and the meaning of freedom. Join the staff of The Museum of the Confederacy and special guest lecturers, as we explore the men at the political center of the most pivotal event in our nation's history and examine how their ideologies reflected those of the divided nation. The registration fee of \$90, plus a \$20 application charge, covers all sessions and tours, lunch each day, and a notebook filled with valuable teaching materials.\* Call (804) 649-1861 ext. 21 or email [khancock@moc.org](mailto:khancock@moc.org) to receive an application brochure or to learn more about The Museum of the Confederacy's fourteenth annual Teachers Institute.

#### **Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour**

**Friday, July 18, 2008**

**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members**

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#### **"Kriegspiel"**

**War Games at the MOC**

**Saturday July 19, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, lunch included**

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#### **Bedlam Broke Loose: The Davis Children**

**Children's Program for ages 9-11**

**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$6 for members, \$8 for non-members**

**(Parents are welcome to sit in on the program for the price of museum and White House admission)**

Children will learn about the rambunctious Davis children, who lived in the White House of the Confederacy during the Civil War. As they tour the Davis home, children will hear about son Jeff's friends, the Shockoe Hill Cats, see his working toy cannon, and learn about his younger siblings Billy and Winnie who were born in the house. Other activities include playing games that they would have enjoyed and creating a take-home souvenir. For more information or to register please contact Kelly Hancock at [khancock@moc.org](mailto:khancock@moc.org) or (804) 649-1861 ext. 21 or register online at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).

### August 2008

#### **Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour**

**Saturday, August 2 and Friday, August 15, 2008**

**Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members**

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### September 2008

#### Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour

Saturday, September 6 and Friday, September 19, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

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#### "The Treason Trial of Jefferson Davis": A Panel Discussion

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Elizabeth Roller Bottimore Lecture

Thursday, September 25, 2008, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Keller Hall Reception Room, University of Richmond

Free to the public, registration at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org) recommended

In May 1865, the U.S. government indicted Jefferson Davis on the charge of treason. Imprisoned at Fort Monroe, but represented by prominent northern lawyers, the former Confederate president prepared his case; he eagerly anticipated the opportunity to vindicate himself and the nation he led. Instead, the federal government delayed the trial and, early in 1869, quashed the indictment and declined to try Davis. What was the case against Jefferson Davis? What was Davis' defense strategy? Why did the federal government not pursue the case? What was the significance of that decision for Confederate and American history? The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Elizabeth Roller Bottimore Lecture, cosponsored by The Museum of the Confederacy and the University of Richmond Department of History, will explore these and related questions. The participants in a panel discussion will be Kent Masterson Brown, a Constitutional lawyer and historian whose many published works include an article on the constitutionality of secession; Clint Johnson, a historian and author of the forthcoming book, *Pursuit - The Chase, Capture, Persecution, and Surprising Release of Confederate President Jefferson Davis* (June 2008); and Cynthia Nicoletti, a graduate of Harvard Law School and University of Virginia history doctoral student who is completing her dissertation on the Davis case.

### October 2008

#### Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

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#### To Take Tea

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members

Explore the art of teatime during the Victorian era at this special program. The ladies of the 19th century placed much importance in the tradition of tea as a way to practice grace and etiquette and to engage in social conversation. Topics covered will include the history of tea and typical foods consumed during teatime. Teapots from the Museum collection will be displayed and discussed and participants will also enjoy a private tour of the parlors of The White House of the Confederacy. An assortment of teas and light refreshments will be available. The cost for this event is \$12 for museum members and \$15 for non-members, which encompasses both the program and refreshments. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information and to reserve a spot, please contact Linda Lipscomb [llipscomb@moc.org](mailto:llipscomb@moc.org) or (804) 649-1861 x. 32 or visit [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).



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### November 2008

#### Jefferson Davis's Walking Tour

November 1 and 21, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members

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#### Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show

Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 E. Laburnum Avenue, Richmond

Admission: \$6; children under 12 free with adult

Come see thousands of Civil War artifacts, images, books, art, documents, weapons, uniforms, and accouterments from more than 400 exhibitors! Many items will be available for purchase. Co-sponsored by the Museum of the Confederacy and the Central Virginia Civil War Collectors Association, this show has the largest attendance of Civil War-related nonprofit organizations and museum in the nation. For information call (804) 737-5827 or (804) 928-1006.

### December 2008

#### Christmas with the Davis Family

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members

This program looks at how families in the South, especially Jefferson and Varina Davis and their children, celebrated Christmas. What caroles did they sing? Did they trim a tree? What sort of presents would they hope to receive? The program includes a Christmas craft project, light refreshments and a tour of the Davis's decorated White House. For more information or to register contact Linda Lipscomb at (804) 649-18161 ext. 32 or [lipscomb@moc.org](mailto:lipscomb@moc.org) or visit the website at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org).



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#### **Court End Christmas**

**Sunday, December 14, 2008**

**Time: 12:00- 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Free Admission**

The MoC will participate in Court End Christmas along with the Valentine Richmond History Museum, Monumental Church, John Marshall House, the Virginia State Capitol and more. There will be children's crafts, living history, and period Christmas caroles. More details to come. Visit [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org) for further details.

**The Museum of the Confederacy is a private, nonprofit educational institution. The Museum and White House of the Confederacy are located in the historic Court End neighborhood in downtown Richmond. Free parking is available in the MCV/VCU Hospitals Visitor/Patient parking deck adjacent to the Museum.**

**For additional information, please call (804) 649-1861 or visit us on the web at [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org)**