

The Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation will commemorate the opening struggles of the Civil War in Western Virginia with a tour of the First Campaign sites. We will start on Wednesday evening, July 6, with an overview of the campaign and a welcome reception. This will be at the Randolph County Community Art Center which will have an exhibit of Civil War art on display. On July 7 and 8 you will visit the First Campaign sites accompanied by expert guides that will provide an in depth narrative to the 1861 events. A deluxe coach will provide transportation to the sites and lunch will be provided on both days. We will go beyond the tours of battle sites:

- There will be a tour of the Beverly Heritage Center
- On Thursday night Historian Will Greene, President of Pamplin Historical Park will give the keynote address
- At Elkwater one of the original 10 pound Parrot guns from Loomis Battery will there for the first time since 1861
- A visit to the Confederate mass grave at Mount Iser
- A Friday night concert

The early conflict in Western Virginia was of strategic importance for the Union and West Virginia statehood. Come join us this summer and we will make the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War a memorable experience. Attached is a flyer for this event a brochure will be out soon. [www.richmountain.org](http://www.richmountain.org)<<http://www.richmountain.org>>