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Photo Attached: Christopher Nulle, Company Surgeon and Tom Bassford, both of the 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama Co. G are joined by Craig Young of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ME Regiment Volunteer Infantry and Captain Michael Pratt of the 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama Co. G as they prepare battle scenarios and encampment logistics for the Second Annual Rally for Norlands, to be held on June 12 and 13.

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Event: Rally for Norlands: Civil War Reenactment Weekend  
Date: June 12 and 13, 2010  
Time: Gates open at 9 AM  
Location: Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, Livermore, Maine

The Second Annual Civil War Reenactment Weekend at the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center (Norlands) will take place on June 12 and 13, 2010. Living historians dressed as Confederate and Union infantry will scrimmage with replica weaponry on the grounds of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century historic settlement.

Visitors at the Civil War reenactment will become engaged in the lives of soldiers and civilians. The two-day event will include encampments you can visit, full-scale battles, cannon artillery, the "Town of Unity" civilian camp, farm-life living history, field music, 19<sup>th</sup> Century fashion show, 'dress-up' tent with old clothing, sewing circle where you can help make quilts for the Norlands museum and post office, where you can write a letter to a Civil War soldier.

Join in and play a game of 1864 town ball with the Dirigo Vintage Baseball Club and enjoy a Saturday ham and bean supper and contra dance, Sunday church service, exhibits and a lecture on the roles of the Washburn brothers in the Civil War, raffles, good food, children's activities, and much more family fun. We have also planned a reenactment of a Sanitary Fair (historic bazaars organized by the Sanitary Commissions of the Civil War era) which will include activities such as fortune-telling, Victorian calisthenics, kite-making, odd collections from the 1800's and much more. The event closes on Sunday afternoon with a Patriotic Concert in the historic meeting house by Mitch Thomas and Friends.

The event is organized by the 3rd Maine Company A, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Company B, and 15th Alabama Company G to benefit the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center. Civil War reenactors from across the region are invited to register. Funds raised will help the center rebuild an historic barn lost in a disastrous fire in April 2008. The 445 acres of rolling hills surrounding the historic Washburn mansion, library, meeting house, cape, sap-house, and one-room schoolhouse make Norlands an ideal place to experience the raids and skirmishes once fought in similar communities to the south. At last year's event, which drew up to 2,000 visitors, one youthful visitor said, "I felt like I was IN history."

Saturday, June 12

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Military camps close at 4:00p.m.

Grounds close at 4:00 p.m. and the day concludes with a 4:30 p.m. Town Ball Game, followed by Supper and Contra Dance.

Sunday, June 13

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Military camps close at 1:00p.m.

Grounds close at 2:45 p.m. and the weekend concludes with a 3:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert in the Meeting House.

The public is invited to experience this journey into history and to help Norlands thrive into the future! Admission tickets for the public are \$8 adults and \$5 for children under 12 years old. Discounted weekend passes are available.

Watch for more details on our website: [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org) or phone us at 897-4366 and plan your vacation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century today!

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