

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2015-355 June 1, 2015

RELATING TO THE PERRYVILLE BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the lands in and around Perryville, Boyle County were the site of the bloodiest battle in Kentucky during the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the battlefield is one of the most unaltered Civil War sites in the United States whose vistas today remain virtually the same as those seen by the soldiers on October 8, 1862; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Perryville Battlefield Commission as established by Executive Order 93-537 should be abolished, recreated and restructured to provide a vision for the Perryville Battlefield and its future:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and KRS 12.029, do hereby Order and Direct the following:

- I. The Perryville Battlefield Commission ("Commission") is hereby abolished, recreated and restructured and shall be attached to the Office of the Secretary, Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet for administrative purposes.
- II. The Commission, through advocacy efforts, fundraising and long-term strategic planning, shall recommend ideas pertaining to local preservation efforts; the long-term use of the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site and programs to develop heritage tourism at the battlefield and other historic sites in the region.
- III. The Commission shall make recommendations on battlefield park expansion, special events and overall battlefield interpretation.
- IV. The Commission may receive grants and utilize outside professional services to conduct its business.
- V. The Commission shall adopt by-laws to conduct its business and shall submit annual reports to the Office of the Governor.
- VI. The chair and vice-chair shall be elected by the Commission members at its first meeting. A simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Commission. The Commission shall meet at least twice a year or whenever called into session by the chair, or at the request of the Governor, or any two members to the chair.



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- VII. There shall be no compensation for serving on the Commission, but the members shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel or other expenses actually incurred in the discharge of their duties for the Commission.
- VIII. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members as follows:
 - a. The mayor of Perryville or his or her designee;
 - b. The Boyle County Judge Executive or his or her designee;
 - c. The Kentucky State Senator representing Senate District 15;
 - d. The Kentucky State Representative representing House District 54;
 - e. A representative of the Friends of Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site Corp.
 - f. The Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Parks or his or her designee;
 - g. The State Historic Preservation Officer or his or her designee.
 - h. The Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society or his or her designee.
 - i. Seven members appointed by the Governor from the state at large.
- IX. The terms of the appointed members of the Commission shall be for four (4) years following the initial appointments of staggered terms and until their successors are appointed.
- X. The following individuals are hereby appointed, as follows:
 - a. For a term expiring April 1, 2017:
 - 1. Mary Quinn K. Rasmer
 - 2. Jennifer Kirchner
 - 3. Wayne Basconi
 - b. For a term expiring April 1, 2018
 - 1. Harold Edwards
 - 2. Alan Hoeweler
 - 3. Helen Dedman
 - 4. Jim Jacobus

Please issue a Commission to them.



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STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR

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