

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Governor appoints Onkst to state commission

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed State Librarian Wayne Onkst to the Kentucky Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. The goal of the commission is to recognize and celebrate the pivotal role Kentucky played in the Civil War.

The Kentucky Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission falls under the auspices of the Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) and is comprised of 25 diverse members, including legislators, Kentucky college and university Civil War specialists, members of the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Kentucky Arts Council.

“The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives has important resources to help Kentuckians better understand the Civil War,” said Onkst. “We look forward to working with the commission to commemorate this important historical event.”

The commission has been tasked with recommending activities to celebrate important Civil War events in Kentucky, increasing civic awareness about the principle role of the Commonwealth in the Civil War, as well as encouraging communities and businesses to engage in activities to expand the understanding of the Civil War across the state and beyond.

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives provides equitable access to quality library and information resources and services, as well as helps public agencies ensure that legislatively mandated documentation of government programs is created, efficiently maintained, and made accessible. For more information

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