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**LT. GOV. DARDENNE ANNOUNCES LAND ACQUISITION
AT MANSFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE**

**MANSFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE COMMEMORATES BATTLE OF MANSFIELD
150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH RE-ENACTMENT**

Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne is visiting Mansfield State Historic Site to announce a land acquisition from the Civil War Trust. The additional land will enhance the site and add opportunities for historical interpretation including Civil War medicine programs and battle re-enactments. Lt. Governor Dardenne is announcing the partnership at an 11 a.m. news conference on the front lawn pavilion on April 26 in conjunction with the Site's Civil War re-enactment commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Mansfield happening April 26 and April 27.

The acquisition includes two battlefield properties—a one-acre parcel with frontage on La. Hwy. 175 adjacent to Mansfield State Historic Site, and a 4-acre parcel that includes the historic Allen House. The Trust is also launching a national fundraising campaign to purchase an additional 282 acres of battlefield land destined for inclusion in the Site.

The battle of Mansfield was the most significant engagement of the Red River Campaign, the Union's failed attempt to capture Shreveport and occupy east Texas. Confederate troops, led by Gen. Richard Taylor, scored an overwhelming victory at Mansfield against Union forces, which were commanded by Gen. Nathaniel Banks. The battle involved almost 30,000 troops and resulted in almost 4,000 casualties.

Weekend activities will run 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, with a battle re-enactment at 2 p.m. each day. In addition to the battle, re-enactor camps, demonstrators and period vendors will be onsite for visitors to enjoy. Additionally, the Secretary of State's Mansfield Female College Museum, 101 Monroe St., which served as a

hospital for wounded soldiers from the Battle, will be open Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to commemorate the sesquicentennial.

Mansfield State Historic Site is located three miles south of Mansfield on La. Hwy. 175. The park can be accessed east-west via U.S. Hwy. 84, or north-south via I-49. For more information, call 888.677.6267 toll-free or 318.872.1474 locally.

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