

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

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Old Courthouse Players Present "St. Louis: Blue & Gray"

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Old Courthouse, 11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEN: Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

WHAT: The Old Courthouse Players will present a 30 minute radio-style reading recalling the scenes of day-to-day life in St. Louis during the Civil War. Playwright and local Historian NiNi Harris and artist Sheila Harris used firsthand accounts of people who witnessed events in St. Louis to depict the mood in the city from 1861-1865. These accounts reflect tension and anxiety that dominated the city's atmosphere, the exodus of many southern sympathizers; the celebration at the news of the surrender of Robert E. Lee, and the grieving that followed the assassination of President Lincoln.

The Old Courthouse Players are a group of friends interested in local history and the preservation of local historic sites. They have presented plays on the history of Prohibition in St. Louis, the story of the St. Louis riverfront, and St. Louis' role in Westward Expansion.

The players present dramatizations of events in St. Louis history as they once were heard during the early days of radio.

The presentation of "St. Louis: Blue & Gray" is free and open to the public.

The Gateway Arch is open daily 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Old Courthouse is open daily year round 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
The Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

All programs are FREE of charge and open to the public.
For more information about programs and exhibits, please call the park at 314-655-1600.



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