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IWU to Host Civil War Reenactment

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University departments of history and American studies, in conjunction with the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, will sponsor a Civil War “living history” event on IWU’s Eckley Quadrangle on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

The reenactment group, Company H of the 104th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, will use 19th century-style costume, weaponry equipment and music in order to represent the experiences of typical Union infantry soldiers, like those of the historical 104th Illinois Infantry, during the middle to late Civil War years.

The volunteer infantry, made up of men of all ages from throughout Illinois, performs twice a month throughout the Midwest from April to October as well as participating in parades and memorial ceremonies throughout the year. Through extensive research and authentic representation, the volunteers are committed to preserving and honoring the memory of those who served in the Civil War.

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