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Dear Neill:

On March 24, 2007, the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum will hold our annual Living History Day. Our Living History Days have marked some of the highest-attendance events ever held by the museum, and enhanced our standing in the community through the attention they attract; and because we've always worked with the high-quality authentic living historians of the PLHA, our Living History Days have also maintained our high educational standards.

This year we are excited to be coordinating this event with a symposium held by the University of South Carolina's South Caroliniana Society on campus. The symposium's topic will be Wade Hampton III, and speakers will include recent Hampton biographers Edward Longacre and Dr. Robert Ackerman. The Relic Room would like to invite PLHA Living Historians to present a Hampton Legion impression that day, complete with all three arms of service. Also, we want to invite approximately three of the PLHA living historians to demonstrate an impression of Hampton Legion Confederate soldiers during the South Caroliniana Society's reception, hosted by the Historic Columbia Foundation at the Robert Mills house from 6 PM until 7:30 PM on Saturday, March 24.

As in past years, the Living History site will be open to the general public during the day, and South Caroliniana Society symposium attendees will be invited to attend the living history events at the Columbia Mills Building, home of the Relic Room, during the morning. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase the PLHA (and the Relic Room) to academic Hampton scholars and enthusiasts, as well as demonstrate quality Living History to the Midlands public. Naturally the museum will also be open to PLHA members, and this will be an excellent opportunity to see what we've been doing if you haven't been here for a while – we will have a new Malivina Gist homefront exhibit including a new mannequin dressed by the Palmetto Soldiers' Relief Society, as well as a copy of Lee's "Farewell Order" with an expanded regimental flag display, and we have retained Wade Hampton III's and M.C. Butler's swords for one more year of display.

We hope that a significant portion of the PLHA is able to participate in this event, and greatly appreciate your assistance and support over the years! You have been a terrific example of the invaluable assistance Living Historians can offer a museum. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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