



The Battlefield Equestrian Society  
Proudly Presents its

Annual Guided Historical Trail Ride with  
**The Black Horse Cavalry, 4th Virginia, Co. H.**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

**Ride and Demonstration Begins at 9:00 AM**

Registration Deadline is June 18, 2017

**LIVE THE HISTORY!**



The Black Horse was initially formed in Fauquier County in 1859 as an independent volunteer cavalry company. The unit guarded John Brown at Harper's Ferry prior to his execution. With the secession of Virginia from the United States, it was mustered into the service of the Commonwealth of Virginia in May of 1861. At First Manassas, it initially guarded the commander but was later released to pursue the retreating Federals. As part of a squadron composed of the Black Horse Troop, Captain Payne and the Chesterfield Troop, Captain Ball, under the overall command of Lt. Col. Thomas T. Munford, it pursued the Federals to Cub Run and captured ten rifled cannon, their caissons, and forty-six horses. The company later became Company H of the 4th Virginia Cavalry Regiment. The 4th Virginia Cavalry was comprised of companies from Prince William, Chesterfield, Madison, Culpeper, Powhatan, Goochland, Hanover, Warren, and Buckingham counties, some of the finest sons of the "Old Dominion".

The roster of the Black Horse included a great many young men from the oldest and most established families of Fauquier County, in the heart of Virginia's horse country. Many had honed their skills for years before the War in foxhunting and at the jousting tournaments held in Fauquier Springs, and rapidly adapted those skills to the needs of cavalry in wartime. The Black Horse served from First Manassas to Appomattox Court House, participating in every major battle and campaign that involved the Army of Northern Virginia and never surrendering their colors. The unit produced three brigadier generals and numerous post-war elected officials.

*The present Black Horse is a group of living historians established for the purpose of challenging their horses and each other in accurately reenacting and honoring cavalymen of the past. They attempt to equip and train as authentic, disciplined Confederate cavalry. The unit was founded in 1972 and currently has over 30 members. The Black Horse participates in Civil War battle reenactments, living histories, presentations for the public, and films. Strong emphasis is placed on developing skills of a cavalryman, and members are expected to attend drills and hone their skills.*

### **General Information**

Upon arrival, treat yourself to coffee and doughnuts and meet the members of the Black Horse Cavalry. All riders must be in the saddle at 9:00 AM and ready to ride. Upon mounting, you will receive an historical overview and then enjoy a brief demonstration that reflects the authenticity and dedication to the unit and its history. You will be divided into small groups based on your preferred ride speed and assigned a guide leader.

The trail course may leave Manassas Battlefield Park in order to view the Sudley Ford crossing, portions of the unfinished railroad, and the Sudley Springs crossing. The speed of walk/trot/canter groups may be limited by weather, trail conditions and safety. This ride will include water crossings, narrow trails, and maneuvering muddy banks in and out of Bull Run, Young's Branch, Catharpin Run, and others. **Horses should be prepared for water crossings in advance. Be prepared to be in the saddle for 2 to 3 hours and ride about 10 miles. If you do not feel you can handle that time and distance, please request a shorter/slower ride.**

Upon your return, lunch and refreshments await you. This is a wonderful time to enjoy the company of the Black Horse Cavalry and your group companions.

Ample trailer parking is available. Parking attendants will be onsite for ease and coordination – please obey the requests of the attendants. You may choose to bring your own water or there will be an onsite water buffalo for you to fill your own water buckets (no common water trough). Portable rest room facilities are available. For the safety of the horses, riders and volunteers, please leave your dogs/pets at home.

### **Registration/Cost**

- BES Members=\$35
- Non BES Members=\$40
- All Juniors (under 18)=\$20
- Addl. Lunches=\$8, Coffee, doughnuts, one lunch and refreshments are included in your entry fee.
- All riders must pre-register. If after the deadline, please contact the ride secretary at [BESRideSecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:BESRideSecretary@hotmail.com) or Dewey Brown at [gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com) or 540-272-6368. A late fee of \$10 will apply.
- Join BES and receive the BES Member rate as well as discounts on other rides. See BES website or contact Dewey Brown for a membership application.

### **Requirements**

The following must be sent with your registration entry:

- Completed Registration Form (one for each rider).
- Signed Waiver (one for each rider).
- Copy of current negative Coggins (dated within 12 months of ride date)
- Entry fee: Cash or check made payable to the “BES” or “Battlefield Equestrian Society”

### **Please send all information and registration to:**

BES Historical Ride  
c/o Dewey Brown  
7184 Leeton Ridge Road  
Warrenton, VA 20186

### **Directions**

From I-66, take Exit 47 onto Route 234 North (Sudley Road). Go just over a mile to right turn at stop light onto Route 29 North (Stone House is on the opposite corner). Travel less than a mile and look for signs on the right. Ride site is located between the Stone House and the Stone Bridge.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

The event may be canceled if weather or trail conditions are considered to be hazardous. If the event is canceled, you will be notified by email (by phone if no email available) by 8:00 pm the evening prior to the ride.

If weather or field conditions prevent parking in the Manassas Park, an alternative parking site is available. If the use of this site is necessary, you will be contacted by email (by phone if no email available) by 8:00 pm the evening prior to the ride.

### **Contact Information**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the ride secretary at:

[BESRideSecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:BESRideSecretary@hotmail.com) or Dewey Brown at [gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com) or 540-272-6368.



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### ANNUAL GUIDED HISTORICAL TRAIL RIDE

In Manassas National Battlefield Park

Your Guides: **The Black Horse Cavalry**

Sunday, June 24, 2018

#### Ride Registration Form

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ride Preference (Please choose one selection from the following page):

- Walk/Trot/Canter – Long Route      Please group me with fellow rider(s)\*:  
 Walk/Trot – Long Route      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walk Only – Long Route      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Walk Only – Short Route      \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Group requests may not exceed 10 riders in total)

**Lunch Choice:**  Veggie     Ham & Cheese     Turkey     Roast Beef     Italian BMT  
(If you do not select one, you will be given Turkey.)

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 Signed Waiver (one for each rider)  
 Copy of current negative Coggins (dated within 12 months of the ride date)  
 Full payment in cash or check payable to BES or Battlefield Equestrian Society

#### BES Ride Fees:

Entry Fee (includes one lunch):

BES Members = \$35.00, Non BES Members = \$40.00, All Juniors = \$20.00

After June 18, a late fee of \$10 will apply.

Additional lunches are \$8.00 per person (Please let us know how many.)

Annual BES Membership (enter as BES Member): \$20 individual or \$30 family

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