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**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL PARK TO UNVEIL FLAG EXHIBIT AT
1PM, APRIL 21, 2012**

At 1 pm, Saturday, April 21, Confederate Memorial Park will unveil two Confederate flags loaned by the State Historical Society of Iowa for the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

The flags of the 31st Alabama Infantry and the 45th Alabama Infantry have not been seen in Alabama since their capture during the war. Iowa troops captured the 31st Alabama Infantry flag at Bakers Creek, Miss., on May 16, 1863. They captured the 44th Alabama Infantry flag in the battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864.

The 1PM program will include a brief history of the two flags. Descendents of soldiers who served in both regiments will assist with the unveiling. The unveiling is the highlight of an annual two-day event at the park.

Friday, April 20 (9AM-2:30PM) - Civil War Living History Day. Students and the general public interact with authentically dressed and equipped re-enactors.

Saturday, April 21 at 11AM - Confederate Memorial Day. United Daughters of the Confederacy and Children of the Confederacy observe the day with a guest speaker in the park's church building. A wreath-laying ceremony follows in Cemetery No.2 at approximately 11:45AM. Museum admission is free all day Saturday April 21st.

Confederate Memorial Park is a historic site of the Alabama Historical Commission and is the site of Alabama's only soldiers' home for Confederate veterans. The park is located in Marbury, Chilton County. For more information go to <http://preserveala.org/confederatepark.aspx>

The Alabama Historical Commission protects preserves and interprets Alabama's Historic Places.

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