

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE

**THE RILEY HOUSE AND THE NATURAL BRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGREE
TO WORK TOGETHER IN MUTUAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO PROMOTE LOCAL
CIVIL WAR HISTORY**

PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Time: 11AM
Date: February 16th 2010
**Location: John G Riley Center /Museum for African American Cultures 419
East Jefferson Street**

John G. Riley Center/Museum for African American History & Culture, Inc. (Riley House Museum) and the Natural Bridge Historical Society, Inc. (NBHS) have signed a memorandum of understanding agreeing to work together in the mutual support in order to promote local Civil War History including:

- Participation the in the Annual Battle of Natural Bridge reenactment and the development of our state's recent acquisition of the battlefield proper.
- Assisting to development an African American Civil War Reenactment unit
- Emancipation Proclamation events in May

Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park is located within Leon County, about 10 miles southeast of Tallahassee and is the site of the historic Civil War battle which preserved the state capital from capture in 1865. Elements of the 2nd and 99th United States Colored Troops (USCT) fought against several confederate units including the Gadsden Grays and the cadets from the West Florida Seminary (Now FSU).

The Natural Bridge Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit Citizens Support Organization whose purpose is to promote the historical, cultural and recreational aspects of the Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park.

The John G. Riley House Museum located at 419 East Jefferson Street in Tallahassee, Florida. It's mission is to preserve the cultural and educational history of African-Americans in the Tallahassee area and the state of Florida.

Additional information about the agreement for mutual support can be obtained from Chris Ellrich (850) 321-0950 and the NBHS website at www.nbhscso.com or contacting Anthony Dixon, Ph D, Assistant Director of the John G. Riley Center/Museum for African American History & Culture, Inc. at (850) 681-7881 or from the website : <http://www.rileymuseum.org/>