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CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL GRANT AWARDED Documentary to Chronicle the Camden Expedition of 1864

The Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission (ACWSC) and Governor Mike Beebe's office have awarded Little Rock author Vernon Dutton a grant to produce a documentary on the Camden Expedition, a series of battles fought in Arkansas during the Civil War.

Dutton, a 2013 recipient of the S.A. Cunningham Award by the Arkansas Sons of Confederate Veterans, is teaming with Shadowbox Video Productions of North Little Rock to create a 40-minute DVD in digital HD.

The project will document six days of fighting across southern Arkansas in the Camden Expedition of 1864, the northern leg of the Red River Campaign that matched 12,000 Union troops under the command of Major General Frederick Steele against a much smaller Confederate army, led by Major General Sterling Price.

To re-create the expedition, the video crew will follow hundreds of re-enactors for 6 days and 6 nights as they march and skirmish their way from the Confederate capital city of Washington to the historic Prairie D'Ane battlefield, near Prescott, AR. Hundreds of re-enactors from all over the country will stage battle scenes at the same sites, exactly 150 years later, as the original conflict.

Cinematographers will capture battle scenes using RED ONE® and EPIC® cameras for stunning, high definition digital video. The RED ONE® and EPIC® cameras have recorded notable feature films including "The Hobbit," "The Great Gatsby," and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

The result will be a local story, created by local filmmakers for sale in local museum shops and visitor centers. Historic Old Washington and the Nevada County Historic Depot will be the first two historic preservation organizations to sell the documentary.

Additional financial support for The Camden Expedition film project is being raised through the crowdfunding site Indiegogo.com. Dutton is offering rewards – or perks, as Indiegogo calls them – for generous donations. More information is available at vdutton.com/movie.

Vernon Dutton served as a Marine helicopter pilot in Viet Nam and is an attorney who works in the insurance industry in Little Rock, Arkansas. He published his first book of poetry, Civil War Reflections: Honoring the Battles, Soldiers and Spirits in 2012. His blog is civilwarreflections.wordpress.com.

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