

## Local historian Hennessy honored

John Hennessy, chief historian of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, was just presented with an award by House Speaker Bill Howell, chairman of the Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

The commission honored Hennessy for his work developing the materials for its mobile, touring exhibit, which will hit the commonwealth's roads as the Civil War's 150th anniversary grows nearer.

The award, an engraved silver presentation tray, was a surprise sprung by Del. Howell, R-Stafford, for Hennessy's dogged but low-profile work on the sesquicentennial.

The Fredericksburg area's regional observance of the 150th anniversary—in which the city, Stafford and Spotsylvania are collaborating—will begin in earnest Nov. 20 with a Saturday-afternoon seminar at Fredericksburg Baptist Church and grounds tour of Brompton on Marye's Heights. More on that in this Saturday's Free Lance-Star.

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