

## Appomattox "Long Road Home" - 150th Appomattox:

During the weekend of April 10-12, 2015, the five-year Long Road Home program came to an end with the commemoration of General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse. Commemorative medals and hangers were presented to participants upon registration.

Thousands of reenactors, living historians, and visitors braved wind, rain, and mud to make the weekend memorable. Organizers and volunteers worked at a frenzied pace to lay down layers of mulch on the main dirt path throughout the weekend in order to allow vehicles to pass without sinking into the mud.

During the weekend, the program featured the battles of Appomattox Station and Appomattox Courthouse. It should be noted that Mike Wolgemuth served as the overall Union Commander and proved to be most effective.

In addition to the battles, FGC presentations included a review of the events surrounding Lee's surrender, recreating the surrender of Lee to Grant, and answering visitor questions during a meeting of the generals by the FGC and Lee's Lieutenants.

Sunday morning featured the Confederate army's stacking of arms, crossover, and welcome back into the Union.