

inductee, introduced one feature, while Catherine Wyler, daughter of Oscar-winning director William Wyler, also served as a presenter. Ms. Wyler, introduced her father's 1944 documentary, "Memphis Belle," as well as the 1990 Warner Brothers action-drama of the same name, which she co-produced. A special highlight of this year's festival was the first major North American showing of "Der Rote Baron (The Red Baron)," a German-funded and produced film released in Europe in 2008. The producer/director Nikolai Mullerschoen introduced this exciting film, which portrayed the life of legendary WWI ace, Baron von Richtofen.

### Of the student, by the student, for the student - Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership designs innovative multimedia project for local students



**Harpers Ferry Middle School students act in a historical portrayal of the John Brown raid in Harpers Ferry.**

What does not belong in this group—wireless multimedia, middle school students or the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War? The answer is none of the above.

In fact, they all fit into a groundbreaking multimedia project created by students, for students, and sponsored by Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HFNHP), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership. With storyboards and scripts complete, eight teams of Harpers Ferry Middle School students recently moved into the video

production phase of a groundbreaking multimedia project created by students, for students. Ultimately, their product will not only be used by thousands of other students visiting HFNHP, it will also be downloadable at the Park or online to personal multimedia players to use while visiting the HFNHP.

This 21st century service-based learning project is a student-inspired initiative that will create six wireless video vignettes or Vodcasts, offering middle-school students' perspectives on the famous John Brown Raid in Harpers Ferry, which set-off fighting in the American Civil War. "We know that today's young people are connected to a high-tech media world," said Dennis E. Frye, chief historian of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. "We saw this as a terrific opportunity to let students connect the past to the present and retell a story in their own voices, in their own vision and in their own medium to enrich the Park experience for visitors of all ages."

### Silos & Smokestacks NHA funds internships, sponsors 2009 summer camp

This year, Silos & Smokestacks NHA (SSNHA) awarded \$5,740 in grants for its 2009 Intern Grant Program. The awards will help fund four summer internships at SSNHA partner sites in the region. Intern projects will focus on preserving and telling the story of American agriculture. Sample projects include a placement at the Floyd County Historical Society Museum emphasizing proper collections management and an education-focused internship at the University of Iowa Museums. In addition, an intern at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decora, Iowa will be tasked with updating an interpretive plan and developing new educational materials for the Jacobson Farmstead.

Along with the Intern Grant Program, SSNHA will also be facilitating day camps in partnership with several partner sites. Campers will spend the summer exploring the sights, sounds and smells of Iowa. Each day, campers will go on a new and exciting adventure within the Heritage Area. Planned activities include a prairie walk at Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge, a canoe trip and an opportunity to milk cows at a local dairy farm. For more information on SSNHA internship or summer camp programs visit: [www.silosandsmokestacks.org](http://www.silosandsmokestacks.org) or e-mail [areid@silosandsmokestacks.org](mailto:areid@silosandsmokestacks.org).