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LOUISIANA SECESSION SESQUICENTENNIAL OBSERVED THROUGH RE-ENACTMENT AT LOUISIANA’S OLD STATE CAPITOL, OLD ARSENAL MUSEUM

Secretary of State Tom Schedler and the staff at Louisiana’s Old State Capitol and the Old Arsenal Museum are partnering with the Sons of the Confederate Veterans for a re-enactment of the events surrounding Louisiana’s secession from the Union. The two events marking the sesquicentennial will take place on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The first of two re-enactments, the surrender of the Baton Rouge Garrison, will take place at the Old Arsenal Museum adjacent to the State Capitol. This will be followed by the staging of the writing and signing of the Ordinance of Secession at the Old State Capitol. In addition, re-enactors will ring bells and fire a seven-gun salute on the grounds of the former statehouse.

For more information about Louisiana’s Old State Capitol and the Old Arsenal Museum, visit our website at www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums.

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