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CWPT PRESENTS INAUGURAL 'CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT' AT SPRINGFIELD TRUSTEES MEETING

(Springfield, Ill.) – Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) chairman John L. Nau, III, is pleased to announce the inaugural presentation the Chairman's Awards for Achievement in Historic Preservation at the organizations board of trustees meeting next week in Springfield, Ill. These new awards will be presented three times annually, in recognition of individuals or organizations that have made a tremendous impact on historic preservation in their communities and regions.

Two awards will be presented at the opening of the Board meeting on Friday, September 25, at the Springfield Hilton. Illinois State Historian Thomas F. Schwartz, Ph.D., will be recognized for his lasting contributions to the study of Abraham Lincoln and the interpretation of the Civil War era. Don and Janis Barnes of Darien, Ill., will be recognized for their long-term commitment to CWPT and financial generosity.

Awards will be presented by CWPT's new chairman John L. Nau, III, a Texas businessman who also chairs the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Texas Historical Commission. The media is welcome at the presentation ceremony, which will occur at the opening of the board of trustees meeting.

WHAT: Presentation of Chairman's Awards to outstanding Illinois advocates for historic preservation

WHO: CWPT Chairman John L. Nau, III, Illinois State Historian Thomas F. Schwartz, Ph.D., and philanthropists Don and Janis Barnes

WHEN: Friday, September 25, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Vista meeting room at the Springfield Hilton, 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701

With 55,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's remaining Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds through education and heritage tourism. Since 1987, the organization has helped save more than 28,000 acres of battlefield land. The CWPT website is located at www.civilwar.org.

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