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## **MVC HOSTS CIVIL WAR LECTURE TO KICK OFF RESEARCH PROJECT**

*MVC and MO Civil War Heritage Foundation to create Civil War Heritage Trail*

**Marshall, Mo.** (August 29, 2006)— Missouri Valley College will sponsor a Civil War lecture by James Denny of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources-Division of State Parks entitled "The Civil War Battle of Marshall, Missouri" at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5 in the R. Wilson Brown room on the MVC campus.

This presentation is a kickoff to the research project between MVC and the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation to create a Civil War heritage trail through Marshall. This project is funded by the Marshall Tourism Commission to foster heritage tourism and to prepare for the Civil War's 150th anniversary in 2011.

The Battle of Marshall was fought on Oct. 13, 1863 and is remembered as the culminating event of the famous 1863 raid into Missouri led by Confederate Col. Joseph O. Shelby. It was here that Union General Egbert B. Brown and 1,800 soldiers turned back Col. Shelby and his 1,200 horsemen in a day-long battle. Descriptions of this battle depict a hard fought affair with ferocious charges and determined defensive stands. The picture that emerges is that Shelby had a close call on that day. Union forces had managed to nearly encircle Shelby's troops, and then, with a dashing charge, to split the Confederate force in half. But the wily Confederate commander and his divided column, in spirited charges, broke through the Union line in two places and made their separate ways back to Confederate Arkansas, hotly pursued all the way.

This lecture will be held at 11 a.m. in the R. Wilson Brown Room at Missouri Valley College's Ferguson Center and is free and open to the public. RSVP by Friday, September 1 to Tim Baumann at 660-831-4229 or [baumannt@moval.edu](mailto:baumannt@moval.edu).

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