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PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE
AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

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Retracing Lincoln's Commute From the Soldiers' Home

"Best of America by Horseback" rides Lincoln's Commute to the White House

Washington, D.C. --Trail Master and Outdoorsman, Tom Seay will retrace (on horseback) Abraham Lincoln's commute from President Lincoln's Cottage to the White House on Sunday, September 12, 2010. This ride will be filmed for an upcoming episode on the television show, *Best of America by Horseback*, which airs nationwide on RFD-TV.

President Lincoln lived in the Cottage at the Soldiers' Home from June–November of 1862, '63 and '64—totaling one quarter of his presidency. He was living here when he drafted the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation and deliberated critical issues of the Civil War. Lincoln commuted three miles daily by horseback or coach to and from the White House, last visiting the Cottage the day before his assassination. Seay was quoted as saying "he is looking forward to this trip to Washington DC by horseback and publicizing the history of the President Lincoln's Cottage."

Seay is being escorted on this historic ride by the United States Marine Corps' Mounted Color Guard, led by GySgt Peter McConnell. The horses that will be ridden by the USMC Color Guard are all wild mustangs adopted by the Bureau of Land Mgmt. Also escorting Seay will be officers from the United States Park Police Horse Mounted Unit and DC Metro Police Mounted Unit. Riding along side Seay, will be Jim Shelhorse, retired Public Information Officer and Mounted Officer with the Fredericksburg, Virginia Police Dept; Jack Peacock, retired US Marine and frequent guest on the television show and Bob Vance, who was an Assistant Trail Master on the recent Mexico to Canada Trail Ride with *Best of America by Horseback*.

The *Best of America by Horseback* television show airs weekly on the RFD-TV channel. Host, Tom Seay brings the most beautiful riding locations to his viewer's living room. Each episode features the riding location's facilities and highlights the history and beauty of the area. Show information and event schedules can be found at www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com

Opened to the public for the first time in 2008, the Cottage offers intimate, guided tours providing an in-depth, media-enhanced experience highlighting Lincoln's ideas and actions through historical images and voices. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center, adjacent to the Cottage, houses thematic galleries and changing exhibitions providing visitors of all ages opportunities for in-depth exploration of Lincoln's life and times.

Hours of operation: Tours on the hour 10:00am-3:00pm Mon-Sat; 12:00pm-4:00pm Sun. Visitor Center open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday, 11:30am-5:30pm Sunday. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, go to: www.lincolncottage.org

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