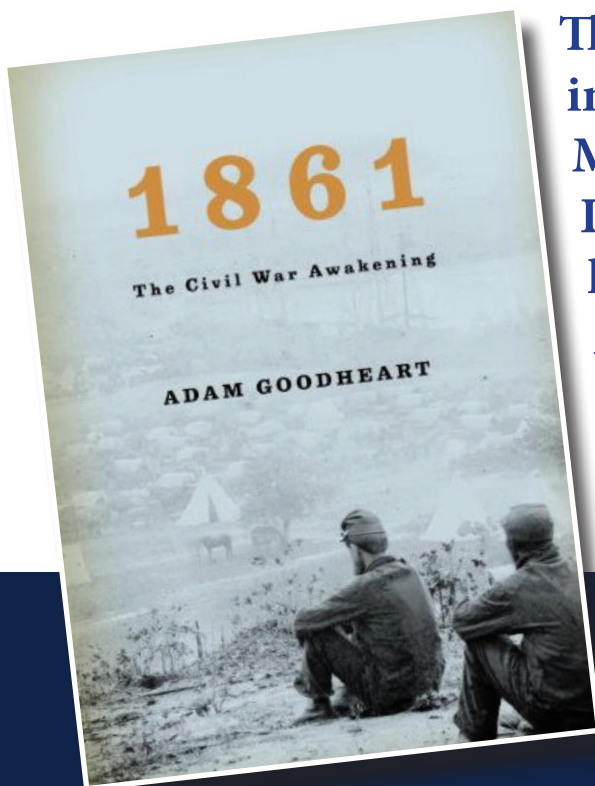




In the Spring of 1861, Delawareans had to make a life-and-death decision.



The Union—of which Delaware had become the proud first state just 74 years earlier, on Dec. 7, 1787—was coming apart. As a slave-owning border state, Delaware and her citizens had to choose sides.



The Delaware Heritage Commission invites you to join us on Friday evening, May 6, 2011. In cooperation with the D.S.U. History Department, we will be kicking off our observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War with a talk by well-known historian Adam Goodheart, author of the new book, *1861 – The Civil War Awakening*.

Friday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m., in Dover at Delaware State University's Education & Humanities Theatre.*

Dr. Goodheart's talk will be followed by a Reception and Book-signing and will feature "living historians" in period costume.

"1861 is the best book I have ever read on the start of the Civil War . . . this is a classic introduction to the nation's greatest conflict." – Tony Horwitz, winner of the Pulitzer prize and author of Confederates in the Attic

* Park in Lot 16 off College Road south of the campus. RSVP to the Delaware Heritage Commission, 744-5077.