



# PAMPLIN HISTORICAL PARK & THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

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## Monument to North Carolina soldiers to be dedicated at Pamplin Historical Park

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On Saturday March 19, Virginia's award-winning Pamplin Historical Park will unveil a monument to the North Carolina soldiers that participated in The Breakthrough Battle of Petersburg on April 2, 1865. The North Carolina Civil War Round Table and other history enthusiasts from the Tar Heel State donated the funds for the design, production and installation of the monument. A dedication ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. and is open to Pamplin Historical Park members and all ticket holders that day.



*The view from near the location of the new battlefield monument at Pamplin Historical Park*

The ceremony will be capped off with a short talk by renowned historian and author Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus to the National Park Service.

In addition to the dedication ceremony Pamplin Historical Park will offer a special tour at 1:30 p.m. focusing on the North Carolinians' participation in the battle.

The monument will be located near the center of the line held by Brigadier General James H. Lane's North Carolina Brigade. At this site, along a mile-long section of earthworks southwest of Petersburg, stood the 33<sup>rd</sup> North Carolina, the 18<sup>th</sup> North Carolina, the 37<sup>th</sup> North Carolina, and the 28<sup>th</sup> North Carolina regiments. It was at this point

on April 2, 1865, that Union forces commanded by General Ulysses S. Grant overran the Confederate defenses in a pre-dawn attack. Lane's Brigade lost more than half its men, killed, wounded, or captured. Known to Civil War historians as "The Breakthrough," this engagement forced General Robert E. Lee to evacuate the Confederate capital in Richmond, ending a nine-month stalemate. Exactly one week later, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Court House.

Pamplin Historical Park, a privately-owned institution about thirty miles south of Richmond, Va., actively preserves and interprets this National Historic Landmark battlefield as well as four historic homes and the highly-acclaimed National Museum of the Civil War Soldier.

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*One of "Virginia's Best Places to Visit" according to the Travel Channel, and designated as a National Historic Landmark, Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier is a 424-acre Civil War campus located in Dinwiddie County, Virginia offering a combination of high-tech museums and hands-on experiences. The Park has four world-class museums and four antebellum homes. The Park is also the site of The Breakthrough Battlefield of April 2, 1865 and America's premiere participatory experience, Civil War Adventure Camp. For more information, please call 804-861-2408 or visit [www.pamplinpark.org](http://www.pamplinpark.org).*