



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

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Pamplin Historical Park hosts special Breakthrough Battlefield tour

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Petersburg, Va. – Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier will host its 11th annual Breakthrough Anniversary Tour on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Visitors will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Civil War soldiers on an exclusive tour of the Park’s historic grounds. This detailed, 2-hour walking tour will address the story of the decisive engagement that ended the Petersburg Campaign and led to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia 152 years ago.

A change from previous years’ commemorations, this special 1.75 mile walking tour will be held in the afternoon as part of a special schedule of events, held between 10:30am and 2:30pm, and will be available by registration only. Registration will include a History Talk and Book Signing by Historian Michael McCarthy on his new book, *Confederate Waterloo: The Battle of Five Forks, April 1, 1865*, lunch in the Banquet Room of the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, and the special Walking Tour led by Park Historian Edward Alexander.

The cost for the Tour, History Talk, and lunch is \$10 for Park Members and \$25 for non-members, and also includes admission to the Park before and after the programs. Contact Member Services by Thursday, March 30, to reserve a space. Reservations are required and non-refundable. Call (804) 861-2408 or email MemberServices@pamplinpark.org for registration information.

Special programming will also be held during the day for visitors who do not wish to attend the talk and tour. In addition to the usual rifle demo, plantation tour, and battlefield tour, there will be talks on fortifications during the Petersburg Campaign as well as the role of buglers in Civil War armies. All are included with regular Park admission of \$13 and free to Park Members.

We will also be holding “Park Day” activities in conjunction with the Civil War Trust who is sponsoring volunteer activities at sites across the country. Volunteers will assist Park Rangers with battlefield maintenance projects from 2:30pm-4:30pm. Registration is required for this event.

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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.