



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

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## PAMPLIN HISTORICAL PARK KICKS OFF 2017 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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Petersburg, Va. – Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier announces its annual 2017 Capital Campaign drive. The focus of this year’s drive is historic preservation efforts to the Banks House and other buildings at Pamplin Historical Park which are under siege. New Executive Director, Jerry “Dez” Desmond said that “Mother Nature seems to have the range on us.” Wind, water and sun

have taken a toll on the wooden structures at the Park. Due to budget restraints and more pressing needs, these maintenance problems surrounding these structures have been delayed for several years. Now they are reaching a point where something needs to be done before the damage becomes severe.

The two buildings at Pamplin Park that need immediate attention are the historic Banks House and the replica Tudor Hall Barn. Sections of the Banks House are over 250 years old. Several of its custom-sized

doors need to be replaced, the chimney needs sealing and a new cap, sections of the siding need repair or replacement and the house needs 225 feet of new guttering. The Tudor Hall barn has a serious water leak at the rear section of its cedar shingle roof. This has caused damage to structural beams, rafters and flooring. The barn has multiple uses, including space for several educational programs. Without repairs we may not be able to use the building next year.



The Park strives to meet historic standards and proper repairs to these structures will be substantial. Additionally, the Civil War Adventure Camp barn and cabins, the Field Quarter buildings and the Tobacco Barn need repairs and chinking. While the total estimate for all these projects is over \$100,000, the goal of the 2017 Capital Campaign is \$45,000 to repair the Banks House and the Tudor Hall Barn.

*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.*