



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

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## PAMPLIN HISTORICAL PARK WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Petersburg, VA. – Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier has announced the selection of Jerry Desmond, MA as its new Executive Director. Jerry is filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Will Greene.

Jerry's career includes 22 years of professional museum experience in the areas of education, curation and administration. His master degrees in both education and history were completed at the University of Maine. Jerry's early career includes 12 years of secondary school education and college level teaching experience. He has written numerous historical articles and several books including *Turning the Tide at Gettysburg: How Maine Saved the Union*. During his time at La Paglia & Associates and since, he has served as a consultant leading the development and expansion of new and existing museums. It was while serving with La Paglia & Associates that Jerry was involved with over 20 mostly Civil War related museum projects across the Southeast. Jerry has received numerous honors and awards including the Tennessee Association of Museums Award of Excellence for four consecutive years 1996-1999. More recently, he has served as the Director of the Rome History Museum in Georgia and the Birmingham History Center in Alabama.



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).