

THE PAMPLIN TELEGRAM



FIELD DISPATCHES

Community Engagement



The April 2, 2017 Breakthrough event was a success and included a tour of the battlefield led by staff member Ed Alexander, Park Ranger.



Our 2017 Spring Tour was filled to capacity. Former Executive Director, Will Greene led a group from several states, on his Defending Richmond Tour.



The volunteers and staff had their hands full at the Park's annual Mother's Day Tea event. They provided tasty treats and entertainment in addition to great tea.



We partnered with our neighbors at Moss Motors on June 3rd for their Motorfest event. Our booth was well attended as we reached out to the local community.



Those who made the ultimate sacrifice were honored at our 2017 Memorial Day Commemoration. A presentation of colors was followed by a salute and taps.



The soldiers of Echo Co., 832nd Ord. Battalion ran a four mile course through the Park on June 7th. We welcome Ft. Lee soldiers and salute their service.

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LETTER FROM THE FRONT

Update from Pamplin Historical Park

Does anyone remember who Ellsworth (Babe) Dahlgren was? Probably not. On May 2, 1939, Dahlgren was surprised to learn that his name had been inserted into the starting lineup as the first baseman for the New York Yankees, thus ending Hall of Famer Lou Gehrig's 2,130 consecutive game streak. Imagine the nerves and sense of great responsibility that Dahlgren shouldered that day. I know how he must have felt. On April 3rd of this year I took over as the second Executive Director of Pamplin Historic Park, replacing A. Wilson Greene, a Civil War preservationist and historian Hall of Famer if there ever was one. Over the course of twenty-two years, Will, in partnership with the Pamplin Foundation, created the finest Civil War Museum and Park in the country.

Those are big shoes to fill but I am confident that things will turn out o.k. for this is not my first time up to bat. I have now been in the museum business for twenty-five years following a teaching career in the northern tundra region of the great State of Maine. In 1991 I moved south to study the American Civil War (since most of the conflict was hosted in this region - there are no battlefields in Maine). Since then I have held just about every possible museum job including serving as curator, education director, exhibit designer, newsletter editor, archivist, director and have swept out the floors after closing from time to time.

Pamplin Historic Park is a wonderful place, staffed by professionals who take pride in working on this hallowed ground. The bottom line is we promise to keep the place running at the same high standards of excellence set by the previous administration. By the way, how did "Babe" Dahlgren do on May 2, 1939 after replacing a legend at first base? His first time up in the third inning, he hit a homerun. That happens sometimes when you keep your eye on the ball.



*Jerry Desmond
Executive Director*

ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

Pamplin Historical Park News & Events

During the Civil War, the Union and Confederate armies were composed primarily of volunteers. Citizens answered the call of their respective countries and sacrificed their personal comfort and safety for the greater good in service to their national causes. Many volunteers served in part for the basic altruistic reasons of duty and patriotism. Similarly, non-profit organizations—especially those of an educational nature—rely on a significant amount of volunteer assistance in order to remain an operating service to their communities.

At Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier we feel blessed to have a loyal, friendly, generous, and dedicated corps of volunteers, who like the soldiers of 150-some years ago, willingly give their valuable time to ensure that we are able to meet our necessary annual demands.

The majority of our volunteers help staff the Park's duty stations at the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier or at the Battlefield Center. In these roles our volunteers often serve as the primary contact point for the Park's visitors. Whether those guests are group of fifty 4th graders on their spring field trip or a walk-in couple from Great Britain, a determining factor in their overall experience is their contact with our volunteers.

It is not through chance that we receive such wonderful reviews from our guests on social media platforms like Facebook and Trip Advisor, who comment on the high level of customer service they received during their visit. Rather, it is through the efforts of our front line volunteers who seek to make our visitors' experience the best possible. In addition to duty stations, other Park volunteers help with administrative functions at the headquarters building, serve in maintenance capacities, and participate in Civil War Adventure Camps, as well as educational programming and special events.

We sincerely appreciate all of our volunteer staff members and their generous donation of thousands of hours each year to help see the Park continue to fulfill its mission of history education and historic preservation. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



*Tim Talbott
Associate Director of Education,
Interpretation, Visitor Services
& Collections*

TOP RAIL

Park Programs & Exhibits



One of the signature features of our award-winning exhibit "Duty Called Me Here: The Common Soldier in the American Civil War" is the audio component. Visitors are given a headset and an MP3 player as they enter the exhibit. As they travel through the seven themed galleries they can listen to automatically triggered messages and choose from random access stops throughout the museum and the outside park. This late 20th century technology has worked quite well over the past 18 years. However, the company that sold us this application in 1998 no longer supports it. It has become obsolete.



AUDIO GUIDES



Orpheo Mikro

In the summer of 2017, Pamplin Historic Park will be introducing a new, up-to-date audio and video system produced by Orpheo, a multi-media company based in France.

These hand-held devices are currently being used in a variety of places in the United States including the Kennedy Space Center, Grand Central Terminal in New York, the Harley Davidson Museum in Wisconsin and the Elvis Presley Museum in Tennessee. We have purchased two different devices. The Orpheo Micro will be for students who are visited the museum during our spring school tours. The Orpheo Nova is for our daily traffic visitors. Both devices will present the museum's audio programs at over 80 stations in the park. They have extended battery life, are easily programmable, and have high quality sound. The Nova also has a 5 inch color display touch screen which allows us to present images or even videos that match the programming. If our visitors know how to use a Smart Phone or an I-Pad, they will be very comfortable using this new system.



Orpheo Nova

Much of the funding to purchase these devices came from last year's capital campaign. For this, we thank our generous members and supporters. In today's world if you are not investing in new technology, you may be left behind. This is also true in the museum world. If these new devices excite the imagination, spur learning and demonstrate our commitment to our visitors, we think the cost will be worth it.



Jerry Desmond
Executive Director

IN THE STORES

Featured Items from The Civil War Store

In 2016 one of the goals of the Civil War Store at Pamplin Historical Park was to reach out to the local Virginia arts community. We are now partnered with five artists whose work is carried in the shop and sold on commission. Two of these artists are Chuck and Lisa Mosser, from the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. This creative power couple retired from the corporate world in 1998 to take up woodworking and glass crafting and never looked back.

Lisa Mosser took her first beadwork class in 1994, seeking a creative outlet for stress relief and it quickly became a driving passion:



Decorative glass necklaces by Lisa Mosser.

“The process of melting, shaping, and decorating glass fascinates me. The torch flame transforms the glass from rock hard to clay malleable to honey soft. Experimenting with new glass colors and techniques makes my heart sing each time I fire up the torch.”

In her studio she makes a wide variety of items from gorgeous jewelry to office and kitchen utensils. In the Civil War Store we just received a new stock of jewelry in two color collections: rich russet and blue hues that recall the 19th century, and the bright citrus tones of her summer line.

Chuck’s woodwork surpasses that of mere utilitarian value into the realm of art. He is drawn to woodworking by the, “sensual pleasure in the smell and feeling of working with wood and the instant gratification of watching shavings fly while seeing the shape appear before me.”



A sample of Chuck Mosser's woodworking skills.

He has won numerous awards over the years and his items can be found in galleries throughout Hampton Roads as well as at the Civil War Store.

Chuck and Lisa, each talented in their own craft also often collaborate to create pieces that combine glass and wood together. Visit the Civil War Store and take one of their unique handmade works home with you before they sell out!



*Carley Elder
Admissions, Retail
& Collections Manager*

Last year Pamplin Historical Park hosted a used book sale during the duration of the 2016 Symposium that was a huge success! We would love to have the opportunity to do so again for the 2017 Symposium. Our stock of used books is almost exhausted though so we are calling on you, our avid Civil War readers to help! If you are looking to make space in your library for shiny new titles, please consider donating your old unwanted and outdated Civil War books to Pamplin Historical Park!

HUZZAH! HUZZAH!

Volunteer News

We are excited to introduce Cole Elder, our new Student Visitors Service Assistant through Dinwiddie County's 2017 Summer Work-Based Learning Program. Cole will be working at the Park from around July 30th to August 27th. Cole enjoys playing an active role in his school and community. He was the president of his freshman class and remains involved in student government. An avid singer and pianist, Cole has reached semi-finalist level on America's Got Talent and is currently touring as the worship leader of his church band. He aspires to earn a degree in Education or Medicine but has a knack for business. Cole has worked with his mother on several entrepreneurial projects. He aims to launch a Magazine titled Young Success Virginia (YSVA) which would focus on the stories of young entrepreneurs and the role of faith in their life and business.

The Summer Work-Based Learning Program is as part of the larger Dinwiddie County Youth Workforce Development Initiative. This is Pamplin Historical Park's first year as a community partner for the program which aims to provide high school students with the skills and experience that lead to sustainable careers. It does this through collaborative partnerships within the community which allow students to obtain crucial career exposure and marketable skills. Students must be in good academic standing and go through a series of interviews to be admitted into the program. Once accepted they are matched with community partners based on their interests and the partners' specifications.

As a community partner we will provide valuable visitor service, tourism, and museum experience to our student. They will work about two days a week and will earn a stipend from Dinwiddie County. This allows students to hone job skills in their field of interest while still earning as they would in other summer jobs. We are excited for the opportunity to meet and work with Cole and hope to positively contribute to his future career goals.



Members of our volunteer staff received a rare opportunity to tour Eppington Plantation in Chesterfield County, VA. Francis Eppes VI (Thomas Jefferson's brother-in-law) began construction on Eppington in 1768. It has survived the almost 250 years since in a remarkable state of preservation. A big thanks to Bryan Truzzie for providing an amazing tour.



Join the Team!

Make a valuable contribution
to your museum while doing
something interesting and fun!

For more information contact
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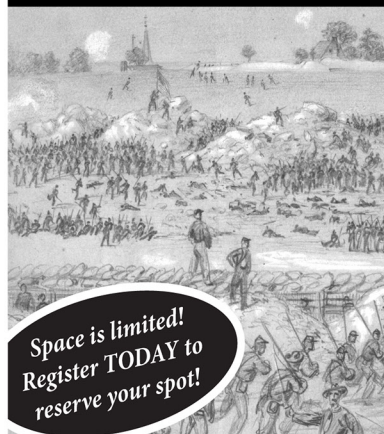
New Members to Pamplin Historical Park

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Carver, III	Lottsburg, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Cheek	Disputanta, VA
Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Raney Jr.	Midlothian, VA
Mr. and Mrs. James Whelan	South Prince George, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Massey	Petersburg, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bilger	South Chesterfield, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith	Dinwiddie, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Garis	King William, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Koenig	Petersburg, VA
Mr. and Mrs. Wes Rose	Chester, VA
Mr. David M. Lavelly	Gettysburg, PA
Mr. Glenn S. Deckert	Moseley, VA
Mr. James Pully	Dinwiddie, VA
Mr. Joshua Williams	Virginia Beach, VA
Mr. Justin Zamora & Ms. Amelia Batten	North Dinwiddie, VA
Mr. Kyle Ruebel & Ms. Sharon Popa	Richmond, VA
Mr. Matthew Meadows	Chester, VA
Mr. Nathaniel Hayden	Powhatan, VA
Mr. Preston M. White	Virginia Beach, VA
Mr. Richard Delewski	Park City, UT
Mr. Richard Lehmann & Ms. Karen Kraft	Richmond, VA
Ms. Andrea Neidrich	Crewe, VA
Ms. Barbara Brown	Hopewell, VA
Ms. Deborah Bridgeforth	Church Road, VA
Ms. Penny Blue	Chester, VA
Ms. Susan Fuchs	Chester, VA
Ms. Susan Rumley	Midlothian, VA

Welcome to the Regiment!

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CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM



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reserve your spot!**

Successes and Stalemate: Fifth Offensive Actions North of the James

With Pamplin Historical Park Historians
Tim Talbott & Gary Helm

Friday, October 20, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Reservations required

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DRESSING THE RANKS

Park Membership Reorganization

Pamplin Historical Park is proud to announce a reorganization of its membership ranks. There are now 12 membership levels including new options for businesses and corporations. The previous membership structure did not address some key groups that frequent historic sites and museums. Now military members, seniors, students and teachers have their own membership levels with corresponding benefits. This new membership structure brings Pamplin Historical Park in alignment with offerings from several leading museums across the country. The new membership program will be effective July 1, 2017 and is outlined below:

Level	1-year Price	2-year Price	Requirements	Benefits
Senior	\$25	\$40	62 or older	Free admission Newsletter 10% discount in The Civil War Store Invitation to the annual Membership Party
Military	\$25	\$40	Veteran/Active Duty	Same as above
Teacher	\$25	\$40	K-12 Teacher	Same as above
Student	\$25	\$40	K-12 or College Student	Same as above
Individual	\$45	\$80	--	Same as above
Couple	\$55	\$100	--	Same as above for Member plus One
Family	\$75	\$140	--	Same as above for Member plus immediate family
The Charles Gould Regiment	\$100-\$249	--	--	Same as above plus a complimentary copy of <i>Prelude to Surrender</i> by Dr. Robert B. Pamplin
The Boisseau Brigade	\$250-\$499	--	--	All of the above plus a behind the scenes tour of the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier
The Banks and Hart Division	\$500-\$1000	--	--	All of the above plus 25% discount on annual Symposium registration and Civil War Adventure Camp tickets, and a behind the scenes tour of our Collections
The 1865 Society	\$1865	--	--	All of the above plus an additional 10% discount in The Civil War Store, free registration for the annual Symposium and 2 complimentary gift memberships (Individual Level)
The Pamplin Corps	\$2,500-\$5,000	--	--	All of the above plus 5 complimentary gift memberships (Individual Level)

Call today if you have any questions or need to renew!

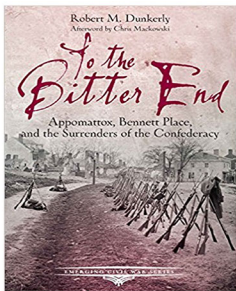
COMING EVENTS



Independence Day Commemoration - July 4
On Tuesday, July 4th, come for an Independence Day tribute. See an artillery firing and color guard demonstration. Join us for living history programs and demonstrations by costumed interpreters. See what life was

really like for the common Civil War soldier, or explore what life was really like on an authentic 19th century plantation.

All events and activities included with Park admission.

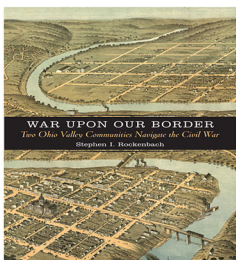


To the Bitter End: The Surrenders of the Civil War Book Signing - August 4
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Grab your lunch and bring it with you to Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier for a “Brown Bag” lunch session and book signing with Robert

Dunkerly, Park Ranger with the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Copies of the book will be available for purchase for author signing.

The event is free with your Pamplin Historical Park membership or paid park admission.



War upon Our Border: Two Ohio Valley Communities Navigate the Civil War Book Signing - September 16
11:00 a.m.

Come hear Stephen Rockenbach, Professor of History at Virginia State University, discuss how

Corydon, Indiana, and Frankfort, Kentucky, evolved over the conflict's four years due to the turmoil and social upheaval that the Civil War brought to these two towns. A limited amount of copies of Dr. Rockenbach's book will be available for purchase at The Civil War Store for author signing.

The event is free with your Pamplin Historical Park membership or paid park admission.

BOARD OF EXAMINATION



Trivia Contest

Q: Elizabeth Keckly, born a slave, worked for the Lincoln family in the White House. She had previously had a connection to a famous Supreme Court case. What was the case? And what was her connection?

You can win, too!

Submit your answer along with your name and address by February 28, to: triviacontest@pamplinpark.org. All correct responses will be entered into a drawing to select a winner. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to The Civil War Store and will be mentioned in the next newsletter.

Last Issue's Q & A

Q: The name of Lee's favorite hours is relatively common knowledge in historian circles, but what was the name of his daughter's pet squirrel, and who was he named after?

A: The Lee's youngest daughter, Mildred, kept a pet squirrel by the name of Custis Morgan. “Custis” was Robert E. Lee's wife's maiden name and also the name they used for their oldest son, George Washington Custis Lee. And “Morgan” after Confederate General John Hunt Morgan.

Congratulations to Ed Holstrom of Richmond, Virginia! His answer was selected from all the correct answers to the last trivia question. Mr. Holstrom wins a \$25 gift certificate to The Civil War Store.