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Colonial National Historical Park Seeks Volunteers for Living History Artillery Unit

Yorktown, Va. -- The National Park Service is seeking volunteers for a living history unit portraying the Royal Artillery at the Yorktown Battlefield unit of Colonial National Historical Park. Volunteers will be part of a 6-person crew that will demonstrate the live firing of a Revolutionary War 6-pounder cannon and interpret the role of artillery during the 1781 Siege of Yorktown.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, willing to work as part of a team to accurately and safely portray the artillery crew, and conduct research on the 1781 Siege of Yorktown, 18th- century artillery, and the Royal Artillery to be proficient to answer visitor questions. Previous experience working with 18th- or 19th-century artillery is desirable, though not required. New volunteer recruits will be provided uniforms and equipment, as well as hands-on training utilizing the National Park Service manual of arms for 18th-century artillery.

For more information or an application to participate in the Royal Artillery program, contact Park Ranger Robbie Smith at (757) 898-2414.

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