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WANTED – ARTILLERY CANNONEERS National Park Volunteer Notification

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is looking for volunteers to participate in Living History programs presented this summer. These volunteers will help the park staff in the interpretation, demonstration, and maintenance of Civil War era artillery.

During the Battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga during the fall of 1863, many different types of artillery were used by the armies of both the North and the South. The stories of these weapons and the men who operated these implements of destruction reflect the trials and tribulations of all the men who were affected by the Civil War. To better understand the challenges faced by these men, the National Park Service uses replicas of these weapons to tell the challenges every man addressed when going into battle.

Volunteers are being recruited to undergo training which will enable them to be an actual part of an artillery crew which will fire these pieces during demonstrations this summer and fall.

Volunteers need to be at least 16 years of age, and attend and successfully complete several training sessions. These training sessions will begin on May 5, 2012, and include several additional training sessions. For more information about this program, contact Gerry Allen, Park Ranger at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, at (423-752-5213, extension 120.

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