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Colonial National Historical Park Highlights African American History Month *Programs at Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield* *February 13-15*

YORKTOWN, Va. – In celebration of African American History Month, Colonial National Historical Park, proudly presents Award-winning historian and actor-interpreter Jerome Bridges and his first-person presentations of Anthony Johnson and Windsor Fry.

Jerome Bridges will present first person portrayals of Anthony Johnson, who arrived at Jamestown in 1621 and Private Windsor Fry, who was a soldier of color assigned to the Rhode Island Regiment, and was present at the battle of Yorktown, September and October of 1781. The outcome of this famous battle signaled the birth of a new nation, and the beginning of the end of British control of the thirteen American colonies.

Arriving on the ship James at Jamestown in 1621, Anthony Johnson's rise to freedom is a saga of suspense and intrigue. From his capture in Africa, enslavement in the colony of Virginia, to freeman living on Virginia's Eastern Shore, Johnson's story, his emotions and his trials are brought to life by Jerome Bridges as Johnson finds himself hurdled toward Jamestown and his place in American history.

Private Windsor Fry's 18th century journey took him from slavery to freedom in the colony of Rhode Island. His experiences-including the siege of Boston, duty at Valley Forge and a pardon from General Washington in 1780 catapult him toward the siege of Yorktown a year later. His regiment would be among those witnessing the British surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.



Anthony Johnson



Windsor Fry

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Performances are:

Jerome Bridges as Private Windsor Fry-Saturday, February 13 at Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Question and Answer session at 2:00 p.m.

Jerome Bridges as Anthony Johnson-Sunday, February 14th, at Historic Jamestowne Visitors Center, 1000 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Question and Answer session at 2:00 p.m.

Jerome Bridges as Private Windsor Fry-Monday, February 15th, at Yorktown Visitors Center, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Question and Answer session at 2:00 p.m.

Inclement weather backup dates will be February 27-29.

These presentations are free with normal park admission fee. Adults visiting Historic Jamestowne are \$14 each, good for 7 consecutive days at Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield; adults are \$7 each, good for seven days. Children 15 and under are free. National Park passes, including Senior passes, Access passes, and Military passes are welcomed. Visitors that do not already possess one of the aforementioned passes can obtain them at the either visitor center.

Colonial National Historical Park includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield. Historic Jamestowne is jointly administered by the National Park Service and Preservation Virginia and preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Yorktown Battlefield interprets the final major battle of the American Revolution, the victory of General George Washington's army which secured independence for the United States. The Colonial Parkway continues to link the sites in its 23 miles, and is today recognized as an "All-American Road."

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