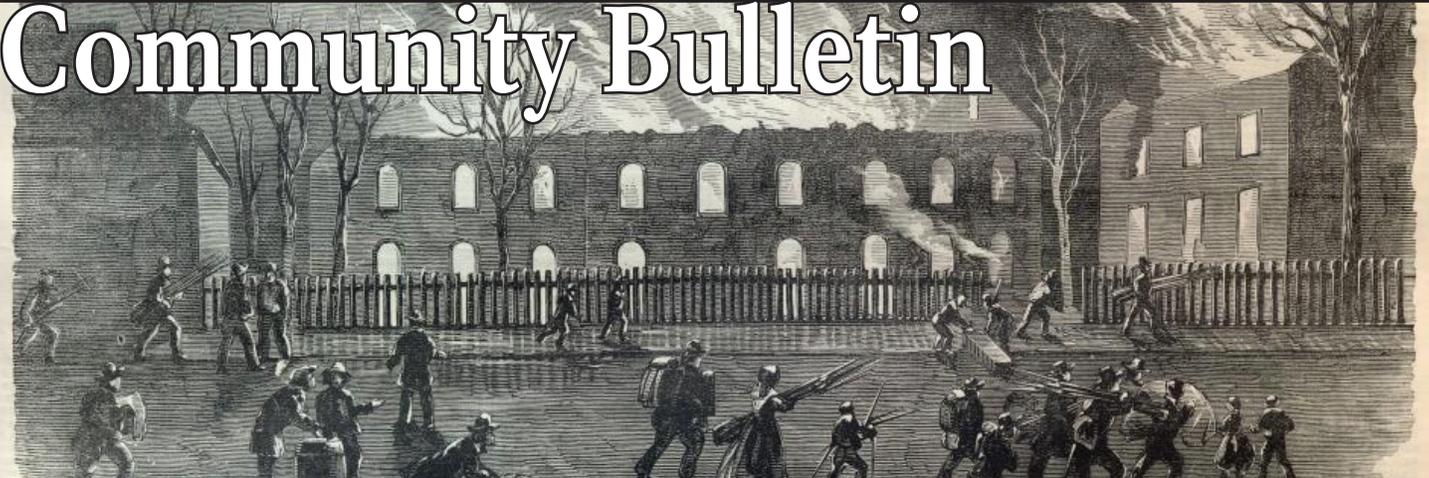




# Community Bulletin



## War Comes to Harpers Ferry: Burning of the Arsenal

Join us for this two-day event about the April 1861 secession of Virginia from the Union and the subsequent burning of the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry. Activities will include, living history, ranger conducted programs and family/youth stations. This is a fee free weekend!

### Saturday, April 16

9:00 am – 9:30 pm Park Bookshop open

10:00 – 9:30 pm Information & Orientation Tent open

10:00 – 5:00 pm Book & Author Tent open

10:00 – 4:00 pm Armory Archeology Excavation

10:00 – 4:00 pm Arsenal & Armory Archeology Exhibition

10:00 – 4:00 pm Hands on History: A Museum Object Lesson

11:00 – 4:00 pm Staffed Living History Exhibits

11:00 – 4:00 pm Family & Youth Activities: Refugee Wagon, Hands-on Gun Puzzle, Telegraph, Under Fire,

1861 Vodcast Viewing

11:00 – 12:30 pm War Comes to Harpers Ferry Ranger-guided Program

11:00 - 1:00 pm Steve Stanley, author of *Complete Gettysburg Guide*, Booksigning

1:00 – 3:00 pm Adam Goodheart, author of *1861* Discussion & Book Signing

3:00 – 5:00 pm John Hoptak, author of *Battle of South Mountain* Discussion & Book Signing

2:00 – 3:30 pm War Comes to Harpers Ferry Ranger-guided Program

3:00 – 4:00 pm Songs of Struggle & Freedom – Jasmine Muhammed

4:00 - 5:00 pm The New Way of Things: Armory Superintendent Barbour's Speech

5:30 - 6:30 pm I'll Burn This Town and Have Blood: John Brown's War on Slavery

6:00 - 7:30 pm On Whose Orders? Virginia Militia Procession, 2-mile walk from Cavalier Heights Visitor Center to Lower Town

7:30 - 8:00 pm Fife and Drum Performance

8:00 - 9:00 pm Destroy What I Cannot Defend: Burning of the Arsenal  
A visitor participation commemoration

9:45 pm Last shuttle departs Lower Town for Cavalier Heights Visitor Center

Join us for Saturday evening highlights:

6:00 p.m. *On Whose Orders? Virginia Militia Procession*: A 2-mile procession from the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center to Lower Town. Contemplate the steps of the Virginia militia as they marched closer to treason and war.

7:30 p.m. a Fife and Drum performance at the River Tent examines the power of patriotic music and the decision to take up arms.

8:00 p.m. *Destroy What I Cannot Defend: Burning of the Arsenal*: The final hours of the Harpers Ferry Armory. Join federal soldiers as they desperately decide to destroy or defend the Arsenal. Help re-create the burning of the Arsenal with candlelight & a photographer's special affect. The evening concludes with a somber, candlelit commemoration at the Armory Engine House.

## Sunday, April 17

10:00 – 4:00 pm Information & Orientation Tent open

10:00 – 4:00 pm Book & Author Tent open

10:00 – 4:00 pm Armory Archeology Excavation

10:00 – 4:00 pm Arsenal & Armory Archeology Exhibition

10:00 – 4:00 pm Hands on History: A Museum Object Lesson

11:00 - 1:00 pm Thomas Clemens, editor *The Maryland Campaign of September 1862, Volume I: South Mountain*, Discussion & Book Signing

11:00 – 4:00 pm Family & Youth Activities: Refugee Wagon, Hands-on Gun Puzzle, Telegraph, Under Fire, 1861 Vodcast Viewing

11:00 – 4:00 pm Staffed Living History Exhibits

12:00 – 1:00 pm War Comes to Harpers Ferry, A ranger-guided program

1:00 - 3:00 pm Scott L Mingus, Sr., author of *Flames Beyond Gettysburg: The Confederate Expedition to the Susquehanna River, June 1863* Discussion & Booksigning

2:00 – 3:00 pm War Comes To Harpers Ferry: The Guns, A ranger-guided program

5:45 pm Last shuttle departs Lower Town for Cavalier Heights Visitor Center

## Volunteers Needed for 23rd Annual River Cleanup

Join us on Saturday, April 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, to clean up the shoreline of the Potomac River. Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and River and Trail Outfitters, BTI Whitewater and River Riders staff have two Potomac River clean-up sites planned for this day. They are:

Potoma Wayside, across from the intersection of Hwy. 340 and Rte. 671. Please meet/park in the gravel lot upstream and across the highway, next to the gas station. Debris will be collected along the Potomac shoreline in a concentrated location. Short, yet steep hike down to clean up site.

Potomac Street Extended, meet in the train station parking lot. Debris will be collected along the shoreline of the Potomac River. Includes a 2-3 miles hike along shoreline to pick up debris.

It is recommended that all volunteers wear long pants, boots or sturdy shoes, and be prepared to get dirty. Trash bags will be provided. Please bring work gloves and refillable water bottles for your drinking water.

This annual event, sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, is the largest single watershed cleanup in the region. Join us on April 9th. It's time to take out the trash!

For more information about the clean up at Harpers Ferry, contact Jessica Liptak at [Jessica\\_Liptak@nps.gov](mailto:Jessica_Liptak@nps.gov) or 304-535-5017.

## Team Up to Clean Up Harpers Ferry Battlefield

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, history buffs and preservationists from around the country will team up with the eleventh annual Civil War Trust (CWT) to help clean and restore America's priceless battlefields, cemeteries and shrines. The nationwide effort – dubbed Park Day – is underwritten with a grant from History (formerly The History Channel). Park Day is presented in partnership with Take Pride in America, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is one of the sites that will benefit from Park Day-related activities. Volunteers are needed to clean up the Schoolhouse Ridge North Battlefield. From 8 a.m. to 12 noon volunteers will remove vegetation and wire from fence lines on the battlefield using hand tools. Meet at the park Visitor Center and wear boots, long pants, long-sleeve shirts. Bring a pair of work gloves, water, snacks and be prepared to get dirty. Tools will be provided by the park.

This event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. T-shirts provided by CWT will be available to all volunteers.

Join us on April 2nd. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Liptak at 304-535-5017 or by e-mail at [Jessica\\_Liptak@nps.gov](mailto:Jessica_Liptak@nps.gov).



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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