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Independence National Historical Park Celebrates Winter Birthdays

George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thaddeus Kosciuszko – what do all of these men have in common? Winter birthdays! Come celebrate these famous figures from American history with Independence NHP. Winter birthdays can be difficult to celebrate due to the unpredictable weather. Seek refuge in the beautiful Second Bank of the United States at 420 Chestnut Street, where a Park Ranger will take you on special birthday tours of the portraits in the “People of Independence” exhibit. All of the following tours are free and run from 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm. The bank is easily accessible via the West side entrance ramp. For more information: (800) 537-7676, www.nps.gov/inde.

❖ Thursday, January 17, Saturday January 19 & Sunday, January 20

Philadelphia’s Benjamin Franklin - Despite his 302 years, Benjamin Franklin remains ageless in his many portraits. Join a Park Ranger for a fascinating tour of the Portrait Gallery featuring Ben and his many friends and some enemies.

❖ Sunday, February 3, 2008

Generally Speaking – Celebrate Thaddeus Kosciuszko’s Birthday (February 4, 1746) a day early. Join a Park Ranger for a special tour of the Portrait Gallery featuring Kosciuszko and other notable foreign generals who helped America win independence.

❖ Saturday, February 16, Sunday, February 17 & Friday, February 22, 2008

The many faces of George Washington - Celebrate Presidents Day weekend and George Washington’s Birthday with this special tour of the many portraits of Washington. The Portrait Gallery also features a portrait of Martha Washington and many friends and comrades. Join a Park Ranger to see the generals, diplomats and congressmen he knew.

A unit of the National Park Service, Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia, PA, was created by an Act of Congress on June 28, 1948. Independence covers almost 54 acres in Philadelphia’s Old City, and includes Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Franklin Court, and other historic buildings associated with the founding of the United States. The park is open daily with the exception of Christmas day. A visit to Independence National Historical Park should start at the Independence Visitor Center, located at 6th and Market Streets. Here, visitors can pick up a park brochure and park map.

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