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## **Petersburg National Battlefield News Release**

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### **Confederate Engineering and Civil War Photography at Petersburg**

While soldiers on both sides built miles of trenches and earthworks and defenses that shaped the landscape of the Siege of Petersburg, photographers were there to record the conditions these men fought in during these nine and a-half months. Join a group of living historians on May 1-2, 2010 as they portray one of the first true combat engineer units of the war to see what it took to build these defenses. On Saturday May 1 a photographer will be on hand to demonstrate the technology that gave birth to photojournalism on the fields of the Civil War. The programs will occur from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. on Sunday at tour stop #3 of the park's Eastern Front Unit.

Meet with a park ranger at the Eastern Front's Tour Stop #3 to witness the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Confederate Engineers in action as they build defensive works and demonstrate the effort behind building the trenches of the siege. Visit Terry Thomann, portraying a Civil War photographer, to get a close-up look at photography on an 1860's battlefield while he records the work being done at Stop #3.

For more information, please call park ranger Grant Gates at (804) 732-3531 ext. 202.

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Petersburg National Battlefield was created in order to commemorate the campaign and siege and defense of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865. The park staff is committed to preserving and protecting the historical, cultural, and natural resources within the park in a manner that will provide interpretation, education, and enjoyment for the visitors.