Petersburg National Battlefield

2015

Schedule of Events

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

Please call (804) 732-3531 to confirm details.

CW150 Anniversary Programs in Red Text

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Schedule of Artillery Demonstrations

Pegram's Company of Virginia Light Artillery (C.S.A.)
Demonstrations for the dates listed below will occur behind the Eastern Front Visitor Center
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

February 22	August 30
April 26	September 27
May 24	October 25
June 28	December 20

Also… (1:00 - 4:30 pm)

July 26	Eastern Front Unit, Tour Stop 8 (The Crater)
November 22	Eastern Front Unit, Tour Stop 3

Cooper's Battery (U.S.A.)
Demonstrations for the dates listed below will occur behind the Eastern Front Visitor Center
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

February 21	August 8
April 11	September 12
May 9	October 17
June 13	December 12

March

<u>City Point's Tom Sawyer</u> - Walking Tour
Date: **Sunday , March 1, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am & 2:30 pm**
Location: **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.**
Contact: **Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205**

<u>Freedom Ball</u>
Date: **Friday, March 13, 2015**
Time: **7:00—11:00 pm**
Location: **1 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 223**

Dinner, music and a guest lecturer will be part of the Black History Month event. A $12 donation is requested.

<u>United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp</u>
Date: **Saturday, March 14, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am-11:00am & 1:00-2:00pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front Unit, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter

<u>Jack Tars and Virginia Boatmen on the James and Appomattox Rivers</u>
Date: **Sunday , March 15, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am – 4:30 pm**
Location: **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.**
Contact: **Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531, ext. 205**

City Point was a minor James River port during most of the Civil War but played a significant part in the lives of the people of the area. Maritime and naval operations on the James River took place throughout the war and not just during the siege. Through this living history program learn about their weaponry, navigation, knot making, and other skills they practiced.

<u>St. Patrick's Day for the Irish Brigade</u>
Date: **Tuesday March 17, 2015**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Abraham Lincoln at the Siege of Petersburg

Date: **Saturday, March 21, 2015**
Time: **Noon**
Location: **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA**
Contact: **Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203**

A ranger presentation on President Lincoln's visit to City Point, Petersburg and Richmond during the waning days of the Civil War in Virginia.

Military Justice at City Point - Walking Tour

Date: **Sunday, March 22**
Time: **10:00 am & 2:30 pm**
Location **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell**
Contact: **Randy Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x205**

Civil War 150th : Battles of Ft. Stedman and Jones Farm Real Time Tours

Date: **Wednesday, March 25, 2015**
Time: **Ft. Stedman 5:00 am –8:00 am & Jones Farm 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm**
Location: **Ft. Stedman Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Jones Farm Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: **Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202**

Fort Stedman tour will feature rangers stationed along a trail covering the field of Lee's last grand offensive. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

The Jones Farm tour begins next to Ft. Fisher—Tour Stop #3 on the Western Front.

Civil War 150th : Battle of Five Forks Living History

Date: **Saturday, March 28, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Location: **Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA**
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

From 10am-4pm re-enactors will be at several of the battlefield pull offs to talk about how the battle unfolded. Artillery demonstrations will be held at the intersection of Five Forks throughout the day.

Between 1pm-3pm at the shelter next to the visitor contact station a panel of speakers will talk about various aspects of the battle.

What Women Wore

Date: **Saturday, March 28, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am—11:30 am**
Location: **General Grant's Headquarters Unit**
Contact: **Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203**

Living historian and seamstress Connie Clowers displays and demonstrates what women wore in the 1800s. Her fashion program will be followed by a moving reading of, "Julia Grant's Letter to her Grandchildren".

Civil War 150th : The River Queen Conference: Living History & Panel Discussion

Date: **Saturday, March 28, 2015**
Time: **3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**
Location: **Beacon Theater 401 N. Main St., in Hopewell, Virginia**
Contact: **Chris Bryce Chris_Bryce@nps.gov / 804- 732-3531 x201**

No reservations needed.

Civil War 150th : Nighttime Tours of Five Forks Battlefield

Date: **Saturday, March 28, 2015**
Time: **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
Location: **Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA**
Contact: **Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202**

Rangers will be along the trail from the contact station to the intersection to talk about the battle. At the intersection at Five Forks an artillery crew will provide firing demonstrations.

Civil War 150th : Battle of Ft. Gregg Living History

Date: **Sunday, March 29, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #4 Western Front, Sampson Rd. & 7th Ave. Dinwiddie Co. VA**
Contact: **Randolph Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x205**

Ranger tour and artillery firing demonstrations.

APRIL

Civil War 150th : The Battle of Five Forks Real Time Tours

Date: **Wednesday, April 1, 2015**
Time: **US Cavalry Advance & CS Response 1:00 pm -2:00 pm &**
US Infantry Advance & CS Infantry Response 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Location: **First tour starts at Five Forks Visitor Center 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA**
Second tour starts at horse parking lot on White Oak Road east of Five Forks intersection
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Faces of Five Forks

Date: **Wednesday, April 1, 2015**
Time: **2:30—3:30 pm**
Location: **Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA**
Contact: **Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208**

Civil War 150th : Breakthrough Real Time Tour

Date: **Thursday, April 2, 2015**
Time: **5:30 am – 6:30 am**
Location: **Tour Stop #3 Western Front, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**

No reservations needed. Dress for weather and bring a flashlight.

Civil War 150th : Breakthrough: Ft. Mahone Commemorative Ceremony

Date: **Thursday, April 2, 2015**
Time: **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**
Location: **Ft. Mahone & Pennsylvania Monument on Wakefield Drive, Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203**

Civil War 150th : Breakthrough: Battle of Ft. Gregg Commemorative Ceremony

Date: **Thursday, April 2, 2015**
Time: **4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #4 Western Front, Sampson Rd. & 7th Ave. Dinwiddie Co. VA**
Contact: **Randolph Watkins Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x205**

Bring your own chair and any needed cover.

Civil War 150th : Lincoln in Petersburg Bus Tour

Date: **Friday, April 3, 2015**
Time: **9:30 am 12:30 pm**
Location: **Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA**
Contact: **Chris Bryce Chris_Bryce@nps.gov /804-732-3531 x201**

Reservations needed. Call 804-732-3531 ext. 206. Cost is $25.00/person.

Lincoln at City Point

Date: **Saturday, April 4, 2015**
Time: **2:00 pm**
Location: **Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA**
Contact: **Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203**

Presentation on the nearly two weeks President Lincoln spent at City Point from late March to early April 1865.

From Slavery to Freedom

Date: **Saturday, April 18, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Location: **Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865.

May

USCTs at the Siege of Peterbsurg

Date: **Saturday, May 16, 2015**
Time: **10:00am**
Location: **Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Travel to the locations where African-American soldiers fighting for the Union army served during the siege and learn of their contributions to the Union victory.

"…a perfect waste:" Destruction and Reconstruction of the Land and People

Date: **Saturday, May 23, 2015**
Time: **1:00pm -4:00 pm**
Location: **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**

This caravan tour will explore how people and landscapes were impacted by the Civil War. The tour starts at City Point and will end at the Crater Battlefield in the Eastern Front.

Sacred Ground: A History of Our National Cemeteries

Date: **Sunday May 24 & Monday May 25, 2015**
Time: **10:00am & 2:00pm each day**
Location: **Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208**

Talks at Poplar Grove National Cemetery will be on the history of America's military cemeteries 150 years after the end of the Civil War.

JUNE

Corlings Corner

Date: **Friday June 12, 2015**
Time: **6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**
Location: **Corner of Bank and Sycamore Streets, Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Visit the area in Petersburg to learn about how human beings were bought, sold and rented as domestics and laborers.

Union Assaults: Prelude to the Crater

Date: **Thursday June 18, 2015**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #7 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Juneteenth at City Point

Date: **Saturday, June 20, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Location: **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.**
Contact: **Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202**

The Washington Cultural Foundation, Petersburg National Battlefield and the City of Hopewell present the 149th Anniversary of Juneteenth. The Juneteenth National Freedom Celebration in America event begins at 10:00 am with a Libation ceremony on the James River Waterfront in the historic City Point section of Hopewell. Activities will continue at the General Grant's Headquarters Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield, and will include music, lectures, artillery demonstrations, children's activities, and exhibitions.

Marble Men

Date: **Saturday June 20, 2015**
Time: **7:00pm**
Location: **Poplar Grove National Cemetery, 8005 Vaughan Road, Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208**

A Ranger-led tour of Poplar Grove National Cemetery exploring the stories of the men who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Pegrams Lost at Petersburg

Date: **Monday June 29, 2015**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Five Forks Contact Station, 9840 Courthouse Road, Dinwiddie, VA**
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

The Pegram family lived outside of Petersburg and paid dearly as their sons John and William lost their lives amid the fighting of the siege. Learn about their lives and contributions to the Confederate cause.

JULY

Battle of the Crater: Living History

Date: **Saturday July 25, 2015**
Time: **10:00am – 4:00 pm**
Location: **Eastern Front Visitor Center and Tour Stops #7 & #8, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202**

Living history programs and ranger-led walks will be provided throughout the day.

Remember the Glorious Dead: The Battle of the Crater

Date: **Thursday, July 30, 2015**
Time: **7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**
Location: **Blandford Church Reception Center 319 S Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208**

A special event commemorating southern soldiers killed at the Battle of the Crater, this walking tour will allow participants to learn the story of this encounter, view memorial plaques and stones in Blandford Church and Cemetery Admission is free. This partnership event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg Museums and the Petersburg National Battlefield

AUGUST

The Lives of Petersburg's Enslaved and Free Black People

Date: **Saturday August 1, 2015**
Time: **10:30am & 2:30pm**
Location: **Historic Petersburg Courthouse, 7th Courthouse Avenue, Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**

This tour will highlight the role of slaves and slavery in Petersburg's commerce and highlight the lives of free blacks. Visitors can expect to see buildings that showcase the architecture of urban slavery. The tours are free, but each of the two tours is limited to 20 people and visitors will need to make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney at (804) 732-3531 x222 or by e-mail at Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

From Slavery to Freedom

Date: **Saturday, August 8, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Location: **Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865

Decorating from the Grand Tour: The Eppes' Art Collection

Date: **Saturday August 15, 2015**
Time: **1:00 pm**
Location: **General Grant's Headquarters Unit, 1001 Pecan Ave., Hopewell, VA**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**

This program explores the art collection of the Eppes family at City Point. The program is free and takes place at Grant's Headquarters at City Point (1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA). Visitors will get a chance to hear about the items that the Eppes' bought in Europe; and they also will get a chance to see some of the artwork that is original to the family.

The Fight for the Weldon Railroad

Date: **Tuesday, August 18, 2015**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Ft. Wadsworth, Western Front Tour Stop #1, Halifax Rd. & Flank Rd. Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200**

Rangers presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege

Concert at City Point

Date: **Friday, August 28, 2015**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA**
Contact: **Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203**

Bring a chair and relax (or march!) while listening to the 392nd Army Band from Ft. Lee.

SEPTEMBER

Petersburg's Patients and Prisoners Part 2

Date: **Saturday, September 5, 2015**
Time: **10:30 am & 2:30 pm**
Location: **Departs from 201 West Washington Street in Petersburg, VA**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**

The 2 hour driving tour will cover sites associated with Petersburg's Civil War hospitals and prisoner of war sites. Participants will follow the ranger in their vehicles For anyone who went on the tour offered in 2014, there will be different sites on this tour. The tours are free; but, due to parking constraints the morning and afternoon tours are limited to 8 vehicles each and visitors must make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Carpooling with family and friends is highly encouraged. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

The Forgotten Fourteen

Dates: **Saturday, September 26, 2015**
Time: **10:00 am & 2:00 pm**
Location: **Eastern Front Visitor Center**
Contact: **Robert Webster, Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x223**

African-American infantry men fighting for the United States in the Civil War earned sixteen Medals of Honor. Fourteen of these medals were earned during the siege at the Battle of New Market Heights. Discover what these men achieved, their lives after the war and how they are remembered today.

Battle of Peebles' Farm

Date: **Tuesday, September 29, 2015**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Location: **Fort Fisher, Western Front Unit Tour Stop #3, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA**
Contact: **Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200**

Ranger's presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege.

October

Hard Liquor and Women

Date: **Saturday, October 3, 2015**
Time: **10:30 am, 1:315 pm, & 2:30 pm**
Location: **Farmer's Market parking lot at 9 Old Street, Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804 732-3531 x202**

A one hour walking tour and living history event will begin at the Farmer's Market parking lot in Old Towne Petersburg. "Hard Liquor and Women" will follow an 1864 newspaper reporter as he walks the streets of Old Towne Petersburg making observations and conducting interviews to see how Confederate soldiers pass their scarce leisure time away from the boredom, noise and danger of the City's defense lines. Accompany the reporter as he explores a side of the Siege of Petersburg that is rarely written about.

United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp

Date: **Sunday, October 17, 2014**
Time: **10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531**

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter months.

National Park Service Family Feud

Date: **Tuesday, October 20, 2015**
Time: **7:00 pm**
Location: **Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203**

Come watch teams show off their park service knowledge as they compete for prizes.

November

Poplar Grove National Cemetery 10th Annual Luminary (Depending on Start of Rehabilitation Project)

Date: **Saturday, November 7, 2015 (Tentative)**
Time: **5:30pm – 8:00pm**
Location: **Meet at designated parking lot for Free shuttle to Cemetery**

Petersburg National Battlefield will honor veterans past and present by literally shedding light on the gravesites of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend their country. The Luminary will take place at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Parking for the event will be off site and free shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the cemetery. There will be no parking allowed at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. The evening program at Poplar Grove National Cemetery includes each of the 6000 graves being marked with a luminary candle, music, and selected stories of those who laid down their lives for their beliefs. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes as the cemetery ground is uneven. Flashlights are also recommended to avoid stepping on tree roots. Please call (804) 732-3531 x208 for more information.

Confederate Countermines

Date: **Saturday, November 14, 2015 (Rain Date Nov. 21, 2014)**
Time: **1:00pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**

This walking tour will allow visitors to see where Confederates countermined beyond the Crater battlefield. This tour requires reservations and is limited to 20 participants. Participants will have to ford a creek and climb some rugged, hilly terrain with no real trails. Appropriate waterproof shoes and clothing is necessary to access this portion of the battlefield. . Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address.

Thanksgiving in the Trenches

Date: **Saturday, November 21, 2015**
Time: **5:30pm & 6:45pm**
Location: **Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA**
Contact: **Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202**

Visit Petersburg National Battlefield to witness how soldiers, Union and Confederate, observed the Thanksgiving season. Guided lantern tours will take place at tour stop #3 of the Eastern Front Unit. Each tour will consist of five stops where different scenes will play out depicting moments of peace to moments of violence. The event is free of charge.

Reservations are required to participate in this tour. To make a reservation, please call (804) 732-3531 ext. 202. Reservations can also be requested by e-mailing. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address as confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail. Register early as there is a limit of 30 people per tour.

December

Union Aid Organizations during the Petersburg Campaign

Date: **Saturday, December 5, 2015**
Time: **1:00pm**
Location: **Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.**
Contact: **Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222**