

Note: Schedule is subject to change please call to confirm details

JANUARY

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**Title 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation at City Point**

**Date:** Saturday, January 5, 2013

**Time:** All Day

**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point

**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney (804) 732-3531 x222 / Emmanuel\_Dabney@nps.gov

Petersburg National battlefield invites the public to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Throughout the day, visitors on guided tours of the Eppes plantation house will learn about African-Americans who worked for the Eppes family in the years before, during and after the American Civil War. This will include stories of slaves who escaped and of them those that later enlisted in the United States military. Visitors will also learn about the work of many African-Americans who were at City Point during the Union occupation in 1864-65

**Fortifications Caravan Tour**

**Date:** Saturday, January 19, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center

**Contact:** Randy Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov

Follow a ranger through Bermuda Hundred to Fort Fisher in examining the basics of military engineering and the various types of fortifications that were a part of the Siege of Petersburg. Attendance is by reservation only and be sure to bring a lunch.

**Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, January 27, 2013

**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:30pm

**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center

**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

**USCT Caravan Tour**

**Date:** Saturday, February 2, 2013  
**Time:** 1:30 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney (804) 732-3531 x222 / Emmanuel\_Dabney@nps.gov

This special caravan tour highlights the role of United States Colored Troop (USCT) regiments at the Siege of Petersburg. Visitors will learn about the USCT occupation of City Point in May 1864, and their participation in the opening assaults on Petersburg and the Battle of the Crater. Attendance is by reservation only. \$5 Entrance Fee.

**Military Engineering Ph. D.**

**Date:** Saturday, February 16, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov

Petersburg National Battlefield will sponsor a caravan tour, led by Ranger Randy Watkins, which will explore military engineering and fortifications as they were employed during the siege of Petersburg.

Participants will follow along in their personal vehicles behind the Ranger. A bag lunch, comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing are encouraged. Registration is required since the tour capacity is ten vehicles. To make a reservation, call 804-732-3531, ext. 205, and leave a voice mail message with your name, best telephone contact number, e-mail address, if you use one, and the approximate number in your party. Your registration will be confirmed by telephone.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freedom Ball**

**Date:** February TBD  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
**Location:** Union Train Station, Petersburg, Va,  
**Contact:** Robert Webster (804) 732-3531 x223 / Robert\_Webster@nps.gov

Celebrate Black History Month by attending the Freedom Ball, presented by the Triangle Center for Development and Petersburg NB, at Union Station located at 103 River Road in Petersburg.

**Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, February 24, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

**Jack Tars and Virginia Boatmen on the James and Appomattox Rivers**

**Date:** Saturday, March 16, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov

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 all during the war and not just during the siege. Come and learn about the very similar lives of Confederate and Union sailors as they carried out their boring but often dangerous duties. Through this living history program learn about their weaponry, navigation, knot making, and other skills they practiced.

**The USCTs at the Siege**

**Date:** Saturday, March 23, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front - Tour Stop #3  
**Contact:** Robert Webster (804) 732-3531 x223 / Robert\_Webster@nps.gov

The highest concentration of African-American troops in the Civil War was here at the siege. Learn about their experience in the trench lines around Petersburg. Musket firing and cooking demonstrations will be performed.

**148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Ft. Stedman**

**Date:** Sunday, March 24, 2013  
**Time:** 10am-Noon  
**Location:** Eastern Front – Fort Stedman Tour Stop #5  
**Contact:** Grant Gates (804) 732-3531 x202 / Grant\_Gates@nps.gov

This walking tour examines Gen. Lee's last grand offensive of the war and his last act of desperation to break Gen. Grant's grip on his army and the city Petersburg.

**148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Five Forks**

**Date:** Saturday, March 30, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00am – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Battlefield Visitor Contact Station  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault (804) 469-4093 / Tracy\_Chernault@nps.gov

Petersburg National Battlefield will commemorate the battle of Five Forks with two ranger presentations at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm and artillery demonstrations throughout the day. The Visitor Contact Station will be open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm with staff on hand to answer questions about the battle.

### **PNB's Evening Program Series: Crossroads of Anguish**

**Date:** Saturday, March 30, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Battlefield Visitor Contact Station  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault (804) 469-4093 / [Tracy\\_Chernault@nps.gov](mailto:Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov)

For two hours an intersection in Dinwiddie County, Virginia was the center of what had nearly ten months of fighting. In the end the fate of the Confederacy went the way of this battle.

### **Battle of Ft. Gregg: The Alamo of the Siege**

**Date:** Sunday, March 31, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Fort Gregg at Western Front Tour Stop # 4  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

At the end of the day on April 2, 1865 a small force of Confederate soldiers and artillery, in an unfinished fort, held off Union attacks long enough to make sure Gen. Lee's army did not have to fight it's way out of Petersburg. Learn the story of these defenders and along with artillery demonstrations.

APRIL

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### **Petersburg to Appomattox**

**Date:** Sunday, April 7, 2013  
**Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Battlefield Visitor Contact Station  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault (804) 469-4093 / [Tracy\\_Chernault@nps.gov](mailto:Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov)

The fall of Five Forks was the start of the final week of Lee's Army and the final days of the Civil War. Discover the hardships and fighting awaiting both sides on what would be their final march and a final peace at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

### **Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, April 21, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

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### **Visualizing Emancipation**

**Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00 am and 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney (804) 732-3531 x222 / [Emmanuel\\_Dabney@nps.gov](mailto:Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov)

Scott Nesbitt, associate director of the Digital Scholarship Lab at the University of Richmond will give presentations on the school's website "Visualizing Emancipation." The public is invited to add information which will show on a map of the United States where, when, and how emancipation occurred across the South beginning before the first major battles and ending after the fall of the Confederacy.

### **Dimmock Line Caravan Tour**

**Date:** Saturday, May 18, 2013  
**Time:** 10 am – Noon & 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

Named after Charles Dimmock, the man who designed it, the Dimmock Line was critical to the survival of Petersburg in the last year of the war in Virginia. Discover the story behind the wall – the men who built it, the impact on the people who's land it ran through and how it saved the city. The tour has a ten space maximum and is available through registration only.

### **Sacred Ground: The History of America's National Cemeteries**

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, May 25-26, 2013  
**Time:** 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Poplar Grove National Cemetery  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / [Elizabeth\\_Dinger@nps.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov)

Poplar Grove National Cemetery's story is part of the larger story of our nation's national cemetery system. Learn about the establishment, history, and present day story of America's tribute to it's soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

### **General Grant and Mrs. Grant Return to City Point**

**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00am – 4:00pm  
**Location:** Grant's Headquarters at City Point  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / [Ann\\_Blumenschine@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov)

General Ulysses S. Grant, as portrayed by Larry Clowers, will return to the site of his Civil War headquarters at City Point (Hopewell). Special presentations begin at 10:00 am and will help visitors learn more about one of the Civil War's most powerful men. The free event will also feature Connie Clowers representing Mrs. Julia Grant.

### **The Ralph Jones Group Concert**

**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / Ann\_Blumenschine@nps.gov

Pack a dinner and chair and travel to the City Point Historic District of Hopewell for a free concert.

JUNE

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### **Summer Programming**

**Date:** Starts Saturday May 27, 2013 a thru Saturday August 3, 2013  
**Times:** See listing for daily schedule  
**Location:** See listing  
**Contact:** Grant Gates (804) 732-3531 x202 / Grant\_Gates@nps.gov

**Opening Assaults** walking tour start at the Eastern Front Visitor Center  
10:20am, 12:20pm, 2:20am, & 4:20pm

**Eastern Front Caravan Tours** depart from the Eastern Front Visitor Center twice daily  
10:00am - 11:15am & 2:00pm – 3:15pm

**Soldier Life** presentations including firing demonstrations will be presented at the Eastern Front Tour Stop #3: 10:00am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00pm to 3:00pm

**Battle of the Crater Walking Tours** start at the Eastern Front Tour Stop #8 parking lot.  
11:30am – 12:15pm & 3:30pm - 4:15pm

### **When the Bells Ring**

**Date:** Sunday, June 9, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00am & 3:00pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** David Carroll (804) 732-3531 x200 / David\_Carroll@nps.gov

Unable to serve in the army, you've joined the city militia and participate in drill and now the church bells are ringing because the enemy has arrived. Will you answer the call? Find about the men of the Petersburg militia and the choices they made on June 9<sup>th</sup> 1864 as they were called from their homes and jobs straight to the battlefield to defend this city.

### **Juneteenth at City Point**

**Date:** Saturday, June 15, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney (804) 732-3531 x222 / [Emmanuel\\_Dabney@nps.gov](mailto:Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov)

The Washington Cultural Foundation, Petersburg National Battlefield and the City of Hopewell present the 148<sup>th</sup> 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 will include music, lectures, artillery demonstrations, children's activities, and exhibitions.

### **The Flags of Five Forks**

**Date:** Sunday, June 16, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00 pm & 3:00pm  
**Location:** Five Forks Battlefield Visitor Contact Station  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault (804) 469-4093 / [Tracy\\_Chernault@nps.gov](mailto:Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov)

A program on the flags of Five Forks is to commemorate Flag Day. There are several reproductions of flags that would have flown over the troops in the spring of 1865 on display and the program will explain their role and significance.

### **Charge of the 1<sup>st</sup> Maine Heavy Artillery**

**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2013  
**Time:** 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Tour Stop #5  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / [Ann\\_Blumenschine@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov)

Explore the story behind one of the deadliest charges of the Civil War.

### **PNB's Evening Program Series: Marble Men**

**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Poplar Grove National Cemetery  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / [Elizabeth\\_Dinger@nps.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov)

Through the stories of the soldiers who are buried here, visitors will learn about the cost and sacrifice connected to the siege of Petersburg.

### **The Civil War Impact on Petersburg**

**Date:** Saturday, June 29, 2013  
**Time:** 10 am – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Poplar Lawn Park  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

This living history event will take a closer look at life within the city during the siege.

### **PNB's Evening Program Series: Lincoln at the Siege**

**Date:** Saturday, June 29, 2012  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / [Ann\\_Blumenschine@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov)

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

JULY

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### **PNB's Evening Program Series: The Opening Assaults**

**Date:** Saturday, July 6, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Grant Gates (804) 732-3531 x202 / [Grant\\_Gates@nps.gov](mailto:Grant_Gates@nps.gov)

For several days the fate of Petersburg hung precariously in the balance. Union troops tried to batter their way into the city while Confederate forces dug in and defended the key to the Confederacy's capital.

### **The British Have Landed!**

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, July 13-14, 2013  
**Time:** All day Saturday and up to 2:00 pm Sunday  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Grant Gates (804) 732-3531 x202 / [Grant\\_Gates@nps.gov](mailto:Grant_Gates@nps.gov)

The Federals were not the first army to occupy City Point. In April 1781 British forces landed here on their way to take Petersburg. Musket firing and artillery firing, drill and music are part of this living history event.

### **PNB's Evening Program Series: Meet William Henry Scott**

**Date:** Saturday, July 13, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Tour Stop #3  
**Contact:** Emmanuel Dabney (804) 732-3531 x222 / [Emmanuel\\_Dabney@nps.gov](mailto:Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov)

What was it like to live in the Union camps in the summer of 1864? What aspirations did runaway slaves have? What were runaways interactions like with Federal soldiers? Visitors will learn this and more through a first person portrayal of William Henry Scott escaped slave and Union soldier.

### **City Point's "Tom Sawyer"**

**Date:** Saturday, July 20, 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point

**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x222 / Randolph\_Watkins@nps.gov

Civilian life in City Point during the war wasn't all military during the war. With the exception of eleven naval bombardments and some minor military action, life went on as usual until the siege began. The youth of the city could be rather rambunctious. Come and follow the adventures of one such youth as he pulled his tricks on the city's inhabitants and sometimes suffered the consequences. Living history/walking tour. No registration required, free, starts at east porch.

### **149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Crater**

**Date:** Saturday, July 27, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Location:** Eastern Front

**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / Ann\_Blumenschine@nps.gov

Along with infantry and artillery drills, living historians and park rangers will present "Mahone's Counter Attack" to illustrate to the public a key moment in the battle. Also ranger talks will describe how soldiers from Pennsylvania dug a 511 foot tunnel and placed four tons of black powder under almost 300 Confederate soldiers from South Carolina and Virginia. Other talks will reveal the role the United States Colored Troops played during the battle.

### **From Battle to Grave**

**Date:** Saturday, July 27, 2013

**Time:** 11:00 am & 2:00 pm

**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center

**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / Martha Atkinson (804) 733-2396

Discover how Union and Confederate soldiers killed in various battles around Petersburg and across Virginia ended up in Poplar Grove National Cemetery and Blandford Church Cemetery.

### **Remember the Glorious Dead: The Battle of the Crater**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 30, 2013

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Location:** Blandford Church Reception Center

**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / Martha Atkinson (804) 733-2396

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 and visit the final resting places of Confederate soldiers buried in the Memorial Hill section of the 189-acre cemetery. Doors to the event open at 6:30 PM. Admission is free. This partnership event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg Museums and the Petersburg National Battlefield

AUGUST

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### **They Also Served - Animals in War**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 7, 2013

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center auditorium  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / [Elizabeth\\_Dinger@nps.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov)

Fur and feathers, hides and hair; not words you would normally associate with those who go to war. But some warriors are not human; they are animal and bird! This lecture and media presentation will look at the military history of animals that have served as mounts, messengers or faithful companions - their contributions to our military history is invaluable.

### **Military Justice in the Union Army at the Siege**

**Date:** Saturday, August 17, 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x222 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

Join a ranger on a walking tour to what was the "Bull Pen" - the prison for Union soldiers convicted of crimes and to the waterfront while exploring how martial law and security was enforced at City Point.

### **148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle for Weldon Railroad**

**Date:** Sunday, August 18, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Western Front Tour Stop #3 – Ft. Wadsworth  
**Contact:** Tracy Chernault (804) 469-4093 / [Tracy\\_Chernault@nps.gov](mailto:Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov)

In August of 1864 Union forces attempted to sever the Weldon Railroad. Join a ranger to learn about the struggle that raged for four days along the tracks outside of Petersburg and then shifted further south to Reams Station for one more day of desperate fighting.

### **Permanent Petersburgers**

**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Blandford Church Cemetery  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / [Elizabeth\\_Dinger@nps.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov)

Through this walking tour visitors will learn about how the lives of the citizens of Petersburg were affected by the Civil War.

### **Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, August 25, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

**Concert: The 392<sup>nd</sup> Army Band at Fort Lee**

**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm  
**Location:** Grant's HQ at City Point  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / [Ann\\_Blumenschine@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov)

Pack a dinner and chair and travel to the City Point Historic District of Hopewell for a free 90 minute concert featuring the 392<sup>nd</sup> Army Band at Fort Lee

**The Great Beefsteak Raid Caravan Tour**

**Date:** Saturday, September 21, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

In response to the tightening Union noose around the city of Petersburg, Cavalry Commander Wade Hampton is sent on a daring raid through Union lines to bring back much needed food to the Confederate troops.

**The Forgotten Fourteen**

**Date:** Saturday, September 28, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 am & 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Robert Webster (804) 732-3531 x223 / [Robert\\_Webster@nps.gov](mailto:Robert_Webster@nps.gov)

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.

**Hard Liquor and Women**

**Date:** Saturday, September 28, 2013  
**Time:** 10:30am, 1:30pm, & 2:30pm  
**Location:** Farmer's Market parking lot  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

A one hour walking tour and living history event will commence from 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 the side of the Siege of Petersburg rarely written about.

The Farmer's Market is located at 9 E. Old Street in Petersburg. This walking tour is free and requires no registration. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended and participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of water.

**149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Peeble's Farm**

**Date:** Sunday, September 29, 2013

**Time:** 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Ft. Wadsworth – Western Front Tour Stop #1  
**Contact:** David Carroll (804) 732-3531 x200 / [David\\_Carroll@nps.gov](mailto:David_Carroll@nps.gov)

Join a ranger on an auto caravan tour of the action of Gen. Grant's fifth offensive against Petersburg. Learn how Gen. Lee was able to stave off the greatest threat to this city and Richmond since the beginning of the siege.

### **Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, September 29, 2013  
**Time:** 1:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

OCTOBER 

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### **Civil War Music – Live!**

**Date:** Saturday, October 19, 2013  
**Time:** 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Ann Blumenschine (804) 732-3531 x203 / [Ann\\_Blumenschine@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov)

Virginia State University History Professor Stephen Rockenbacher will perform and talk about the popular music of the war and the stories behind them.

### **Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, October 20, 2013  
**Time:** 1:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

NOVEMBER 

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### **Poplar Grove National Cemetery 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Luminary**

**Date:** Saturday, November 9, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30pm – 8:00pm  
**Location:** Meet at designated parking lot for Free shuttle to Cemetery  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Dinger (804) 732-3531 x208 / [Elizabeth\\_Dinger@nps.gov](mailto:Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov)

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 which is off of Vaughan Road in Dinwiddie County. 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.

### **Thanksgiving in the Trenches**

**Date:** Saturday, November 23, 2013  
**Time:** 5:30pm, 6:45pm, & 8:00pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Tour Stop #3  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

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. 205. Reservations can also be requested by e-mailing the event coordinator at [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov). 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. Registration deadline is noon on November 15, 2013.

DECEMBER

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### **"Applejack Raid" Caravan Tour**

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 2013  
**Time:** 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
**Contact:** Randolph Watkins (804) 732-3531 x205 / [Randolph\\_Watkins@nps.gov](mailto:Randolph_Watkins@nps.gov)

In December of 1864 the Union army launched a raid down to present day Emporia. With a ranger retrace this route and learn what it achieved and how it became known as the "Applejack Raid." Reservations required – ten spaces maximum.

### **Artillery Demonstrations**

**Date:** Sunday, December 29, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
**Location:** Eastern Front Visitor Center  
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Learn about what it takes to fire Civil War artillery and how it was used here at the siege. There will a scheduled firing at 1:30 and 4:30 the rest of the firings will be conducted as audiences gather.

