

1862 / 2012 Sesquicentennial Events

From May to July of 2012, the Richmond region is commemorating this momentous period in our nation's history...at the times and in the places where it happened.

Join us for a wide range of activities – living history demonstrations, NPS ranger-led walking tours of the battlefield landscapes, lectures, discussions, and multimedia presentations.

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All events are free unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.nps.gov/rich for updated information.

1862 / 2012 Sesquicentennial Evening Program Series

Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. – Virginia Historical Society

The Civil War at a Crossroads: The Seven Days

University of Richmond President Ed Ayers

A review of the situation in Richmond on the eve of the Seven Days and what was at stake for national reunification and emancipation.

A partnership event cosponsored by the National Park Service, the Virginia Historical Society, and the American Civil War Center

Saturday, June 23, 8:30 p.m. – Historic Tredegar

Voices from the Storm, Richmond 1862

Special outdoor multimedia program at the Tredegar Iron Works created from the images and voices of the people who lived 150 years ago. Their important reminiscences illuminate the struggles, hopes, and transformations during the summer of 1862.

A partnership event cosponsored by the National Park Service and the American Civil War Center (rain date: June 24)

Wednesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m. – Virginia Historical Society

More Important Than Gettysburg: The Seven Days Campaign as a Turning Point

Gary Gallagher, Professor of Civil War History, University of Virginia

A review of the situation after the Seven Days, the ramifications of McClellan's failure to take Richmond, and where the armies moved from here as a result.

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Bus and Walking Tours / Presentations

Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2

The Battle of Seven Pines / Fair Oaks: Lee Assumes Command of the Army of Northern Virginia

Program presented by NPS Alumnus Mike Andrus and NPS Ranger Bert Dunkerly. Please register by May 16 by calling Richmond NBP's Tredegar Visitor Center at 804-771-2035.

Thursday, May 31

12:15 p.m.,

4:00 p.m., and

5:30 p.m.

Public presentation at Sandston Library,

Henrico County (free). The 5:30 p.m.

presentation only will be followed

by a bus tour of the battlefield (\$25

registration fee).

Saturday, June 2

11:00 a.m. and

4:00 p.m.

Public presentation at Sandston Library,

Henrico County (free). Both presenta-

tions will be followed by a bus tour of the

battlefield (\$25 registration fee).

Sunday, June 3, 4:00 p.m.

Seven Pines and the Peninsula Campaign: Photography Begins to Tell the Tale of the Civil War

Program with NPS Ranger Mike Gorman looking at the Peninsula Campaign and Seven Pines through the photographer's lens. Henrico Theater, 305 E Nine Mile Rd, Henrico, 23075.

Sunday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.

Richmond: Life in the Confederate Capital City in the Summer of 1862

Tour starting at the State Capitol Building, with Capitol Guide Mark Greenough and NPS Ranger Mike Gorman

Sunday, June 24, and Friday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bus tour: The Seven Days Battles – Led by NPS Alumnus Mike Andrus

National Park Service alumnus Mike Andrus leads a day-long tour commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Seven Days' Battles. To register, call the National Park Service at 804-771-2035. Fee: \$40. Please register by June 6. Tour meets at the NPS Chimborazo Visitor Center and Medical Museum (3215 E. Broad St, Richmond 23223)