



2014 Saturday Ranger Series

Spend your Saturdays with us this summer as we explore the area's Civil War history – on battlefields and in historic buildings, on city streets and country lanes, from the James River to the Chickahominy.

- > *We'll explore the industrial heart of the Confederacy at the **historic Tredegar Iron Works**.*
- > *We'll follow in the footsteps of the armies at **Malvern Hill** and rarely seen battlefields at **First and Second Deep Bottom**.*
- > *We'll look at **the defenses of Richmond** through photography of the time and explore how the Union army eventually penetrated them in the fall of 1864.*
- > *We'll learn what **African Americans in the free community of Gravel Hill** did as the armies returned again in 1864 and ravaged to their farms and homes.*
- > *We'll hear stories of a wartime city struggling with the **sordid challenges of vice and crime**.*
- > *We'll find out what happened to the **Shelton family** as it was caught in the maelstrom of war and their home became a target for cannon fire during the **Battle of Totopotomoy Creek**.*

Join us as we explore what the Civil War meant to the people of its time,
and what it means to us in ours.

for more information: www.nps.gov/rich

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5 July | 10:30 a.m.

"The Tredegar Iron Works: The Birth, Life and Death of an American Industry"

This program with Ranger Randy Cleaver explores the history of the Confederacy's premier industrial facility – the Tredegar Iron Works.

*Historic Tredegar -- National Park Service Visitor Center
470 Tredegar St, Richmond 23219*

5 July | 2:00 p.m.

"Fearful to Behold": The Federal Artillery at Malvern Hill"

This tour of the Malvern Hill battlefield with Ranger Randy Cleaver will explore the roles played by the Federal artillery, whose dominance of the battlefield was, as one eyewitness remembered, "fearful to behold."

9175 Willis Church Rd, Henrico 23231

12 July | 10:00 a.m.

Fort Harrison in 3-D

Though primarily known for the battle that occurred on September 29, 1864, Fort Harrison was the site of some of the most interesting and important photographs of the Civil War. Ranger and photo historian Mike Gorman will geo-locate these photographs and visitors will view them in 3-D on the site.

Fort Harrison Visitor Center, 8621 Battlefield Park Road, Varina 23231

12 July | 2:00 p.m.

Fort Brady in Photographs: Then and Now

What made one of the least visited of the park's sites one of the most photographed? This one-hour walking tour with ranger and photo historian Mike Gorman will examine the photographs of the Union fort that fired more shots in anger than any other.

Fort Brady, Hoke-Brady Road, Varina 23231

19 July | See specific times below.

"Richmond's Fate in the Balance: Action at Fort Harrison, New Market Heights, and Fort Gilmer"

In September 1864, the Union army—including USCT units—cracked the defenses of Richmond and altered the course of the war in Virginia. For Richmond, the enemy was now at the gates, from September until the fall of the capital city seven months later. Explore this remarkable story with Ranger Bert Dunkerly in three segments, with each tour covering a different phase of the fighting.

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Fort Harrison – tour meets at the Fort Harrison Visitor Center, 8621 Battlefield Park Road, Henrico 23231.
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: New Market Heights – tour meets behind the Dairy Queen at 3275 New Market Rd, Henrico 23231, and will proceed to the battlefield area from there.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Fort Gilmer – tour will meet at the Varina Episcopal Church at 2385 Mill Road, Henrico 23231, and will car caravan from there.

2 August | 10:00 a.m.

Harlots and Hooligans: The Sordid Underworld of a City at War

Join Ranger Ashley Luskey for a tour exploring the Civil War's darker impacts on the city of Richmond, through some of the most historically sordid neighborhoods of the capital.

The tour will begin at 7th and Cary Streets.

2 August | 2:00 p.m.

A Family Caught in the Crossfire: The Sheltons and the Battle of Totopotomoy Creek

During this 90 minute tour, Ranger Ashley Luskey will share the story of the Shelton household as the armies arrived on their doorstep and their home became a military outpost and target during three days of battle along Totopotomoy Creek.

Rural Plains/Totopotomoy Creek Battlefield, 7273 Studley Rd, Mechanicsville 23116

Special Sesquicentennial Programs – 1864/2014

26 July | 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

War Returns to Gravel Hill: A Day of African American History, Genealogy, and Battlefield Tours

During the summer of 1864 the free African American community of Gravel Hill again found itself in the path of Civil War armies. Homes became hospitals, fences were torn down, crops trampled, livestock stolen. Join us for a day of presentations, workshops, and tours, as we learn about the resiliency of a community that was "completely swept of everything."

Gravel Hill Community Center, 5426 Long Bridge Road, Henrico 23231

August 16 | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Battles of First & Second Deep Bottom – bus tour

Visit lesser-known sites that are generally not open to the public. Retired NPS historian Mike Andrus will lead a bus and walking tour following the July and August 1864 actions at First and Second Deep Bottom, and the Enroughty Farm. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a lunch and water. Cost: \$30. Reservations: 804-335-8100.

Tour will meet at the Chimborazo Visitor Center, 3215 E Broad Street, Richmond

Programs are subject to change, and more may be added. Check the park website and Facebook page for details and last-minute updates.

For information about additional upcoming programs, please visit www.nps.gov/rich or www.Facebook.com/RichmondNPS, or send an email to melissa_weissert@nps.gov to sign up for email updates.