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Holiday Program: “Thanksgiving in the Trenches” at Petersburg National Battlefield - November 19

PETERSBURG, Va – Visit Petersburg National Battlefield on the evening of November 19 to witness how soldiers, Union and Confederate, observed the Thanksgiving season. Guided lantern tours will begin at 5:30, 6:45, and 8:00 pm 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. 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.

This event is weather permitting. If poor weather is predicted, you may check the status of the program by calling (804) 732-3531 ext. 205.

If You Go

The Eastern Front Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield is located at 5001 Siege Road in Petersburg. It is where Union troops made their first major attacks on the City of Petersburg in mid-June, 1864. Today,

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visitors can learn more about the history of the site by touring the museum, viewing the 17 minute video, or travelling the Unit's four mile, 7-stop tour road. There are also ten miles of nature trails suitable for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. For more information, please call (804) 732-3531.

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. Park Visitor Centers, located in Petersburg, Hopewell, and Dinwiddie County are each open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The fee to enter the park is \$5 per vehicle, however the Petersburg National Battlefield annual pass and federal recreation passes are also honored. For more information about events at Petersburg National Battlefield, you can become a fan on our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @PetersburgNPS.

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