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## **Petersburg National Battlefield News Release**

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### **Special Evening Program Focuses on City Point and the Civil War – July 7**

**PETERSBURG, Va** - On Saturday, July 7, Petersburg National Battlefield will present a special evening program about how the Civil War impacted City Point (Hopewell). The free, 60 minute walking tour will start at 7:00 pm from the parking lot of the General Grant's Headquarters Unit in Hopewell. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring bottled water and insect repellent. This program is the fifth in a series of special programs being offered by the park on Saturday evenings through July 14.

#### **About 19<sup>th</sup> Century City Point**

Just prior to the Civil War, City Point (present day Hopewell) was a small village of approximately 300 people, some free, some enslaved. During the Civil War, chaos occurred during the Union Army's Peninsula Campaign of 1862. In 1864, a different kind of disruption would occur as the village was transformed into a huge supply base for the Union Army, and became the headquarters for General Ulysses S. Grant. This walking tour will focus on the many groups of people who were impacted by the historic events which helped to define and mold present day Hopewell.

#### **If you go**

The General Grant's Headquarters Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield is located at 1001 Pecan Avenue in Hopewell and is open seven days a week, every day of the year except for major holidays. Visitors can view a 15-minute video and participate in a tour of the 18<sup>th</sup> century home of the Eppes Family. The grounds are open until dark and include numerous wayside exhibits on the lawn surrounding the home and on the James River waterfront. The program is free and reservations are not necessary. For more information, please call (804) 732-3531 ext. 200.

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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 am – 5:00 pm. 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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