



Alliance to Preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington & National Park Service

153rd Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens

Program Schedule July 8, 2017, 10 AM – 4 PM

- 8:30 – 10 AM** **Sierra Club Hike** - Ft. Totten to Ft. Stevens for Opening Program. Fort Stevens to Ft. DeRussy after conclusion of the Opening Program. Contact Russ Norfleet: russnorfleet@verizon.net
- 10:00 AM** **Musical Prelude** – Takoma Park Band
- 10:15 AM** **Opening Program – Big Tent**
- **MC/Official Opening:** Kym Elder, NPS Program Manager, Civil War Defenses of Washington
 - **Presentation of Colors:** Walter Reed Army Institute of Joint Forces' Color Guard Team
 - **National Anthem:** Annette Singletary
 - **Greetings:** Julia Washburn; Rock Creek Park Superintendent and Loretta Neumann, President, Alliance to Preserve the CWDW; Brandon Todd, Ward 4 Councilmember
 - **Musical Presentation:** Douglas Jimerson and the Civil War Comrades
 - **Third grade student reenactors:** Takoma Education Campus, Washington DC:
 - **Generals Ulysses S Grant and Robert E. Lee:** portrayed by Ken Serfas and Frank Orlando
 - **Ft Stevens Civil War Memory--Immigrant soldiers and Colored Troops:** Bryan Cheeseboro
 - **Keynote Address** - "Arc to Equality – Civil War to Civil Rights": Dr. Edna Greene Medford
- 12:00 PM** **Bugle Call to Arms and Firings:** 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Captain Christopher Monzi.
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM** **Generals Grant & Lee (and Mrs. Lee)** –Photos at parapet, 12:45 pm visit to Kids & Teens Tent, stroll Fort.
- 12:30 – 4 PM** **Afternoon Programs:**
- **Military Manual of Arms & Firings (Ft. Stevens Field) – 1:15 PM and 3:30 PM**
 - **Inside Big Tent Speaker Series**
 - 12:30 PM** **Pre-Civil War Washington** – Bernie Siler
 - 1:15 PM** **Civil War –Battle of Fort Stevens** – Dr. Benjamin Franklin Cooling
 - 2:00 PM** **Post-Civil War –Reconstruction** - Dr. Elizabeth Clark-Lewis
 - **Small Tents Talks & Discussions with Reenactors, Historians and Living History Experts**
 - **Pre-Civil War:** *Building City, Army & Fort*-Bob Meffert; *Pearl Escape & Myrtilla Miner*-Bruce Fagin with Lisa Jacobson
 - **Wartime:** *The two Elizabeth's* - Linda Crichlow White; *Montgomery Meigs* - William Dickinson
 - **Post Civil War:** *Reconstruction, rise of African Americans, backlash*-Asa Gordon, Marvin Jones
 - **Living History Demonstrations Throughout the Afternoon**
 - **Military:** 54th Massachusetts, 61st Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, VA Confederates
 - **The Battle of Ft Stevens** – Display in front of the Parapet
 - **Kids & Teens Tent** – Special Civil War era activities
 - **F.R.E.E.D. Ladies** – Female Civil War re-enactors
 - **Medicine in the Civil War** – Dr. Jon Willen
 - **Civil War Food** – John Hampton and Denise Benedetto (Women of the Civil War)
 - **Balloon Corps, Thaddeus Lowe, Aeronaut** – Kevin Knapp
 - **Apothecary impression** – Kent & Melissa Schod
 - **Citizen Support of the Soldiers** - Annette Bethke
 - **Music** – Fife & Drum, Douglas Jimerson and the Civil War Comrades, Bugler Dwane Starlin
 - **Exhibitors** - Items and book sales, authors will sign their works; information on tracing your family history: and representatives from community organizations & Civil War groups.
- 2:30 PM** **Walk to Historic Walter Reed and Memorial Service at Battleground National Cemetery** - Meet at 2:15 at the Ft. Stevens flagpole for orientation.

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