National Civil War Museum Advisory Council Member

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Russ Smith, Superintendent	**Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park**	**Fredericksburg, VA**

Russell "Russ" Smith, a 35-year veteran with the National Park Service, became the superintendent of Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park after serving 14 years in Philadelphia at the headquarters of the NPS's Northeast Region. He was Chief of Interpretation and later Chief of Operations, advising on and overseeing a number of programs, including interpretation, law enforcement, concessions, maintenance, safety, special uses, etc. He won the prestigious Department of the Interior Superior Service Award for his work in interpretation, including development of the Service-wide interpretive planning process and the development of publications, exhibits and films. He was closely involved in an NPS initiative to add the "causes and consequences" of the war to the interpretation at Civil War parks.

Smith has worked at Fort Sumter in South Carolina, Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia and George Washington Birthplace in Virginia, among other sites, serving at different times as park historian, interpretive operations chief and division chief. He also served as acting superintendent at Hopewell Furnace National Historical Site in Pennsylvania.

Smith holds a degree in American History from the University of Delaware. A visit to Harpers Ferry as a college student inspired him to join the NPS.

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and four surrounding counties, commemorating four major battles in the American Civil War: Battle of Fredericksburg, Battle of Chancellorsville, Battle of the Wilderness and Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. It also preserves four historic buildings associated with the battles: Chatham Manor, Salem Church, Ellwood, and the Guiney Station house where Stonewall Jackson died.

The park was established as Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park in 1927 and transferred from the War Department in 1933. The park includes more than 8,000 acres spread over 145 square miles of rapidly developing Washington, D.C. exurbia.

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