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The Popular *Civil War Days in Harrisburg* is Back June 16, 17, & 18!

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) presents “Civil War Days” on Father’s Day weekend! 3 days of Harrisburg civil war history will include special area tours, lectures, and a free day at The NCWM. Please note some activities will require pre-registration and a nominal fee.

Friday, June 16, 2017

- Breakfast & Presentation with Mr. Frederick Douglass (portrayed by Frederick Morsell) “Escape from Slavery and the Underground Railroad.” 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – NCWM Ballroom - (\$5 early bird reservation / \$7 regular reservation, all guests must register online in advance.)
- Brief introduction to the Confederate Invasion of Harrisburg’s West Shore, June 28-30, 1863 Presented by Jim Schmick 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM – NCWM Education Gallery.
- 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Bus Tours – Confederate Invasion of Harrisburg’s West Shore June 28-30, 1863 (\$5 early bird reservation / \$7 regular reservation, all guests must register in advance.) (2) Bus Tours covering sites of significance to Harrisburg Area Civil War History Guided by: Jim Schmick and Cooper Wingert. Buses board at The National Civil War Museum 1 Lincoln Circle in Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103. Rain or Shine & wear comfortable walking shoes.
- 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM – Bus Tours – Lincoln Cemetery in Penbrook (\$5 early bird reservation / \$7 regular reservation, all guests must register in advance.) (2) Bus Tours to the Lincoln Cemetery in Penbrook. Tour will include the graves of Ephraim Slaughter and William Howard Day. Tours will be guided by Calobe Jackson and Jim Schmick and conducted in memory of the celebration of Juneteenth. Buses board at The National Civil War Museum, 1 Lincoln Circle in Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103. Rain or Shine & wear comfortable walking shoes.

Saturday, June 17, 2017

- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Community Free Day – The National Civil War Museum (Free Admission) New exhibit opens “Honored Veterans: Fraternal Organizations Borne of the Civil War.”
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – NCWM Ballroom – (Free Admission) Presentation featuring guest speaker Dr. Barbara Gannon “The Won Cause: Black and White Comradeship in the Grand Army of the Republic.”
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Walking Tour – Landmarks of Harrisburg’s African-American and Civil War Heritage

(\$5 early bird reservation / \$7 regular reservation, all guests must register online in advance.). Meet at the East Wing Fountain, Capitol Complex, Commonwealth Ave. This three-mile guided walking tour with David Morrison, created by Historic Harrisburg Association, will visit 30 current and former sites of landmarks associated with Harrisburg's Underground Railroad, Civil War and African-American History. Part of "Juneteenth" and Harrisburg Civil War Days. Rain or Shine & wear comfortable walking shoes.

- 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 2:30 PM – NCWM Living History (Free Admission) Cooper's Battery B, PA Artillery – Firing demonstrations.
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM – NCWM Ballroom – (Free Admission) Dr. Nancy Bercau: "Through the African American Lens: The Civil War at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture."
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM - NCWM Ballroom - (Free Admission) Mr. Frederick Douglass "The Christiana Affairs and Abolitionism in Central Pennsylvania" (portrayed by Frederick Morsell).

Sunday, June 18, 2017

- 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Fathers admitted Free (with a paid admission) to the NCWM.
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM – NCWM Education Gallery. Brief introduction to the Confederate Invasion of Harrisburg's West Shore, June 28-30, 1863, presented by Jim Schmick.
- 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM – NCWM Living History (Free Admission) Cooper's Battery B, PA Artillery – Firing demonstrations. There will be a charge to enter the Museum galleries.
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Bus Tours – Confederate Invasion of Harrisburg's West Shore June 28-30, 1863 (\$5 early bird reservation / \$7 regular reservation, all guests must register online in advance.) (2) Bus Tours covering sites of significance to Harrisburg Area Civil War History Guided by: Jim Schmick and Cooper Wingert. Buses board at The National Civil War Museum 1 Lincoln Circle in Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103. Rain or Shine & wear comfortable walking shoes.
- 12:00 PM -5:00 PM – Victorain Dance Ensemble – PA State Museum (Free Admission) Dance Demonstrations & Lessons. Welcome to dress in 1860 period clothing. Artifacts will be on display.
- 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM – Bus Tours – Lincoln Cemetery in Penbrook (\$5 early bird reservation / \$7 regular reservation, all guests must register online in advance.) (2) Bus Tours to the Lincoln Cemetery in Penbrook. Tour will include the graves of T. Morris Chester, Jacob Cumpston, William Howard Day, Ephraim Slaughter and Soldiers of the 54th Massachusetts. Tours will be guided by Calobe Jackson and Jim Schmick and conducted in memory of the celebration of Juneteenth. A special re-dedication will be held at 3:00 PM of William Howard Day's gravestone. Rain or Shine & wear comfortable walking shoes. Buses board at the NCWM.

For more information about this event, please visit our website at www.NationalCivilWarMuseum.org

About The National Civil War Museum

Opened in February 2001, The National Civil War Museum, a member of the Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program, is a non-profit private educational institution dedicated solely to the American Civil War. It is one of the largest museums in the world which interprets the entire American Civil War from a military and civilian perspective. The Museum preserves and exhibits some of the nation's treasures, including General Robert E. Lee's personal Bible, and more than 24,000 artifacts, documents and photos. Admission to the Museum is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for seniors, and \$10.00 for students with reduced rates for children and families. The Museum offers complimentary ample parking. For more information, please call 717.260.1861, or visit the Museum's website at www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org. **Connect with us!** [Facebook.com/TheNationalCivilWarMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheNationalCivilWarMuseum); [Twitter.com/NCWM](https://twitter.com/NCWM); and [FourSquare.com/NationalCivilWarMuseum](https://www.foursquare.com/NationalCivilWarMuseum)

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