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Visit Henricus for “Last Fight of the Confederate Navy: Battle of Trent’s Reach, 1865” Event on January 21

Civil War History at Dutch Gap and Henricus During Sesquicentennial Commemoration

CHESTER, Va., Jan. 5, 2012 – Join Henricus Historical Park on Jan. 21 for an event recognizing Medal of Honor recipient 2nd Lt. Walter Thorn, 116th United States Colored Troops, for his heroic efforts in the Battle of Trent’s Reach in 1865. Thorn ran atop the bulkhead of the canal at Dutch Gap just before it exploded to rescue a sentry who was not pulled off duty. The event will focus on the lives of soldiers, women, children and slaves during the Civil War, including artifacts and expert accounts of the Battle of Trent’s Reach.

At 9:30 a.m., a wreath-laying ceremony will take place to recognize the fallen during the battle of Trent’s Reach on the bluff at Henricus overlooking the James River. At 12 p.m. and 3 p.m., Taft Kiser, archeologist with Cultural Resources, Inc. and expert on the Battle of Trent’s Reach, will speak and answer questions from the general public. At 4 p.m. a 21-musket salute and a moment of silence will take place at the Trent’s Reach battle location at Dutch Gap.

Other featured activities include Union sharpshooting and artillery demonstrations, including Confederate trench warfare interpretations. Historians will bring to life the experiences of women, children and slaves during the Civil War. An exhibition will take place in the Education Center featuring Civil War artifacts found at Henricus. An itinerary for the day may be found at www.henricus.org.

“There is no better time to learn about history at Henricus Historical Park than during the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War,” said Charles Lewis Grant, acting executive director. “While Henricus is known for significant colonial milestones, the site also boasts vast Revolutionary and Civil War history.”

Admission for this event which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is free for Henricus Foundation Patrons, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children aged 3-12. Event rain date is Jan. 22. Henricus Historical Park is located on 32 acres along the scenic and historic James River and is surrounded by the 810-acre Dutch Gap Conservation Area. Only 20 minutes from Richmond, the park is located at 251 Henricus Park Road, Chester, Virginia 23836.

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More about Henricus Historical Park:

Founded in 1611 by Sir Thomas Dale, the City of Henricus is the second successful English settlement in North America and commemorated its 400th anniversary in September

2011. Henricus Historical Park is a living history museum located within the Dutch Gap Conservation Area with Pre-K–12 and adult education programs, including indoor and outdoor meeting and special event space available for rental. Henricus Historical Park is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization which operates in partnership with the Henricus Foundation and the counties of Chesterfield and Henrico. For more information about Henricus Historical Park visit www.henricus.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).