

BATTLE OF DREWRY'S BLUFF

Drewry's Bluff activities at Chesterfield County Central Library | Wednesday, May 9 - Saturday, May 12

9501 Lori Road, Chesterfield 23832

Wednesday, May 9, 11:00 a.m.: Official Opening of the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission Civil War History Mobile and Kickoff for Drewry's Bluff Commemorative Week – media and dignitaries invited.

Wednesday, May 9 through Saturday, May 12: A variety of activities includes digital scanning by the library of area residents' historical letters, documents, and artifacts to make them accessible for future research and study, children's scavenger hunts and traveling trunks, and Civil War-era demonstrations.

Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Drewry's Bluff Panel Discussion

Welcome: David Ruth, Superintendent of Richmond National Battlefield Park

Moderator: Scott Williams, chair of Chesterfield Historical Society's Military History Committee

- "Defending the James River" – Sam Craghead, Public Relations Specialist, Museum of the Confederacy
- "The Battle of Drewry's Bluff" – Mike Gorman, Park Ranger, National Park Service
- "Political and Home Front Reaction to the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" – Ashley Whitehead, Park Ranger, National Park Service

Living History Weekend at Drewry's Bluff Unit | Saturday, May 12 - Sunday, May 13

Drewry's Bluff Unit, Richmond National Battlefield Park | 7600 Fort Darling Road, Richmond 23237 (*See map note for parking information.)

Ongoing all weekend:

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- The U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company and Hampton Roads Naval Museum exhibits (Exhibit Area)
- Living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities at Drewry's Bluff in 1862 (Fort Area)
- Interactive family and children's activities and demonstrations, including "Civil War Texting," an exhibit demonstrating the use of telegraphy during the Civil War (Exhibit Area)

Saturday, May 12

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Troop Muster and Program Kick-off with Park Superintendent David Ruth (Exhibit Area)

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

"The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Meet in Exhibit Area)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

11:00 a.m. – Noon

Dedication of New Interpretive Signs: "U.S.S. *Monitor*," "Confederate Marines at Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

"Drewry's Bluff, 1862-1865: Gibraltar of the Confederacy" – A program featuring Dr. John Coski, Historian and Vice President, Museum of the Confederacy (Exhibit Area)

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

"The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Meet in Exhibit Area)

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Concert by the U.S. Marine Corps Quantico Marine Band (Exhibit Area)

Sunday, May 13

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

"The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Meet in Exhibit Area)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)

Noon – 12:30 p.m.

"Drewry's Bluff Through the Civil War Camera's Lens" – a special NPS Ranger-led tour of Drewry's Bluff using Civil War-era photographs (Exhibit Area)

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

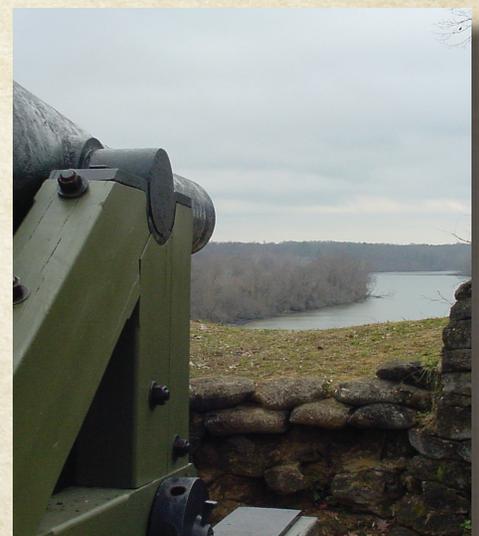
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2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

"Meeting Sgt. Samuel Mann through his great-great-grandson, Chip Mann" – Sgt. Mann was one of the fort's Confederate defenders in 1862 (Exhibit Area)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)



Drewry's Bluff Education Day | Monday, May 14

Drewry's Bluff Unit, Richmond National Battlefield Park | 7600 Fort Darling Road, Richmond 23237

Student / Teacher Open House Day – Visit stations manned by the U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, NPS Rangers and living history units, explore the fort, and learn about the battle of Drewry's Bluff. Groups of 20-25 will rotate through six history stations. Teachers will be given a map and instructions upon arrival. To reserve a spot or for more information on SOL curriculum fulfillments, contact Pat Ferrell, Education Specialist at 804-771-2018 or Patrice_Ferrell@nps.gov.

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Education Stations with USMC Historical Company, NPS Rangers, and living history units:
- The Drewry's Bluff Story – Explore the fort and learn about the battle of Drewry's Bluff.
 - Marines Then and Now – Marines talk about the battle and the role of Marines then and today.
 - Naval Warfare – Hear about the two navies during the Civil War and the role they played at Drewry's Bluff.
 - Small Arms in the Civil War – A demonstration of the use of small arms during the battle.
 - Science, Technology, and Engineering during the Civil War – What does engineering and surveying have to do with battles? Talk to an engineer to learn about his duties.
 - Artillery along the James River – A demonstration of the use of artillery
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Informal interpretation and education for the remainder of the afternoon

Anniversary Tours and Commemorative Ceremony | Tuesday, May 15

Drewry's Bluff Unit, Richmond National Battlefield Park (*Please see map note for evening shuttle information; onsite parking for daytime programs.)

- All day The U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, the James River Squadron, and the Southside Artillery will provide living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities at Drewry's Bluff in 1862. (Exhibit and Fort areas)
- 9:00 a.m. "By this time of the morning on this date 150 years ago..." A real time NPS Ranger-led tour of the fort exactly 150 years after the Battle of Drewry's Bluff (Exhibit Area)
- 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Exhibit Area)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **"Honoring Service: Commemorating the Battle of Drewry's Bluff"**
A ceremony commemorating the sacrifice and courage of America's service members 150 years ago and today – especially Cpl. John Mackie. For his actions during the Battle of Drewry's Bluff in 1862, Mackie became the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor. Remarks by members of the armed services, as well as dignitaries from Chesterfield County, and the National Park Service. The ceremony will conclude with "Taps Over the Battlefield: A Salute to the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines." *Note: There is limited seating and capacity for this event. Please arrive early to ensure a place.* (Exhibit Area)

