

Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 5, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All Day - Just For Kids

Meet at the Children's Area to practice rolling cartridges, making flags and taking part in other fun-filled activities.

10:00 - 3:00--Muzzle-Loaders and Minié Balls (Demonstrations on the hour)

The most common weapon used during the war was the muzzle loading rifle-musket. Meet in the demonstration area to hear its story and see how the soldier loaded and fired. (Demonstration Area)

10:15 - The Rise and Fall of Civil War Balloons

Mike Boehme from the Virginia Aviation Museum will present an illustrated talk on military balloons and the men who flew them. (Theater - NPS Visitor Center)

10:45 -The Cannon's Roar

Despite labor shortages and lack of materials Tredegar's workforce produced more than half of all cannon made in the Confederacy. Join the cannoneers to learn the secrets of Tredegar's success and witness a live cannon firing. (Demonstration Area)

11:15 -Civil War Photography Demonstration

More than 5,000 photographers practiced the time-consuming and hazardous art of wet plate photography during the Civil War. Using the historic Tredegar Iron Works and living historians as subjects, Terry Thomann will demonstrate 19th century photographic techniques using an authentic 1860's camera. (Demonstration Area)

11:30 - Fall In! Just for Kids

Meet the recruiting officer, join a regiment and attend the school of the soldier. (Living History Camps)

12:00 -The Game of Cricket

Before baseball became the national pastime, cricket served as one of the country's more popular sports. Meet historian Tom Melville, take the field and try your skill. (Demonstration Area)

12:15 - The Press Gang: Vocal Performance

Grab lunch, then gather round and listen as the quartet performs traditional sea shanties heard during the war. (Courtyard)

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12:30- Interview with a Correspondent

Local historians Wes Wilson and Chauncey Herring will portray two prominent African American participants in the battles for Richmond - one a Union soldier, the other, a black correspondent--and discuss their thoughts upon entering Richmond in April, 1865. (Theater -NPS Visitor Center)

12:45 -What Lies Below: Walking Tour of Tredegar Iron Works

A 30-minute walking tour highlighting the technology and people that made the Tredegar Iron Works one of the most prolific American foundries of the 19th century. (Courtyard)

1:00 -Blacksmithing Demonstration

Living historian Paul Fritz will fire up his portable forge and demonstrate authentic 19th century blacksmithing techniques. (Demonstration Area)

1:30 -More Than Cloth: African American Quilting Traditions

Pamplin Historical Park interpreter Wisteria Perry will discuss the construction, use and symbolism of slave quilts. (Theater-NPS Visitor Center)

1:45 -The Cannon's Roar

See 10:45 program description.

2:00 - From Farmhand to Factory Worker: Black laborers at Tredegar

Local historian Kenneth Brown guides a walking tour that will focus on the compelling story of the slave laborers at Tredegar Iron Works. (Courtyard)

2:15 - Music From Camp and Parlor

The musical group Southern Horizon will perform a selection of Civil War period songs made popular on the battlefield and in the home. (Entrance- NPS Visitor Center)

2:30 - Fall In! Just For Kids

See 11:30 program description.

3:00 -The Game of Cricket

See 12:00 program description.

3:15 -Civil War Photography Demonstration

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3:30 -Forgotten Casualties of War - A Prisoner's Life on Belle Isle

Meet park historian Mike Gorman for a one-hour guided walk and discover the uncertain fate that awaited thousands of Union prisoners sent to Belle Isle. (Courtyard)

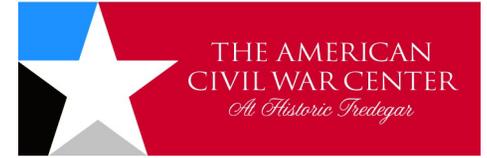
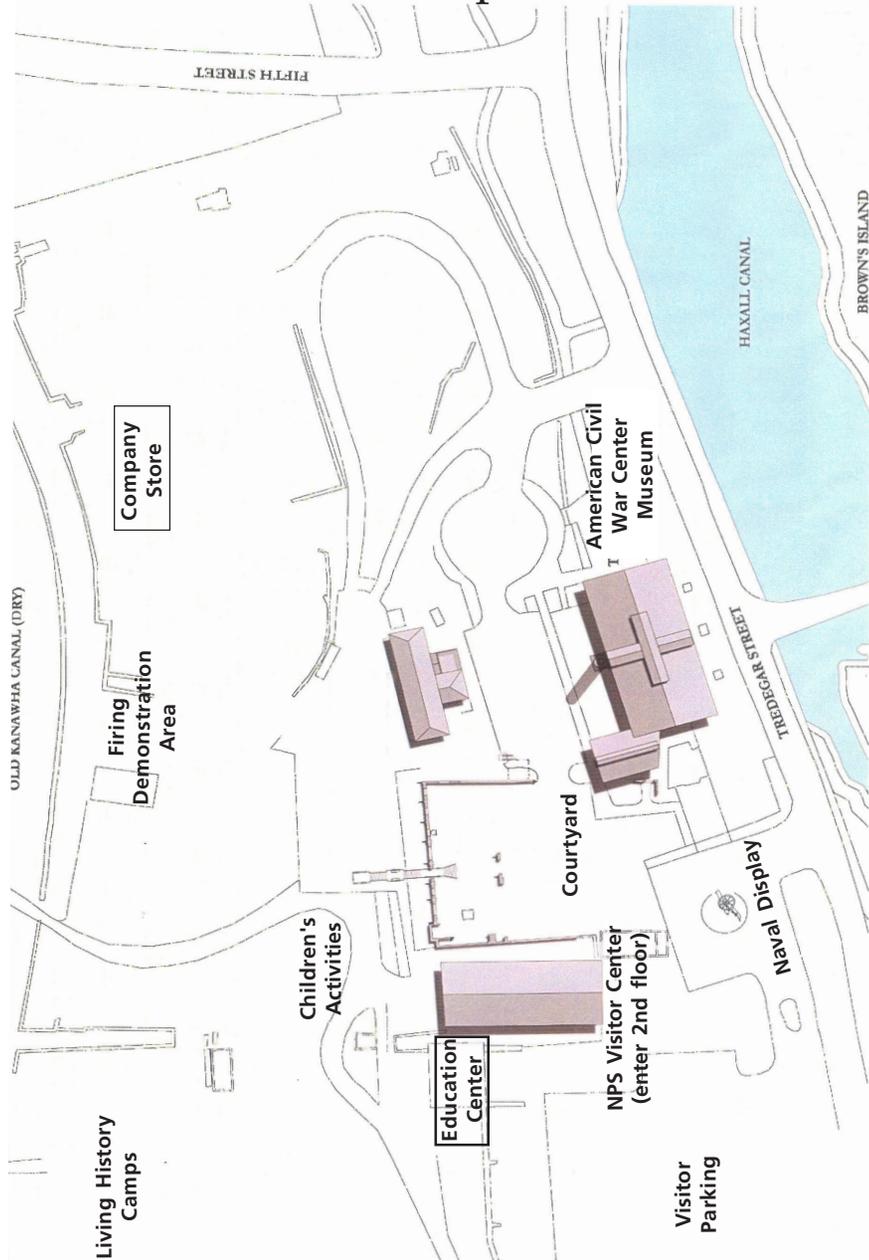
3:45 - Johnny Reb and Billy Yank

Take a closer look at the common soldier of the Civil War. (Demonstration Area)

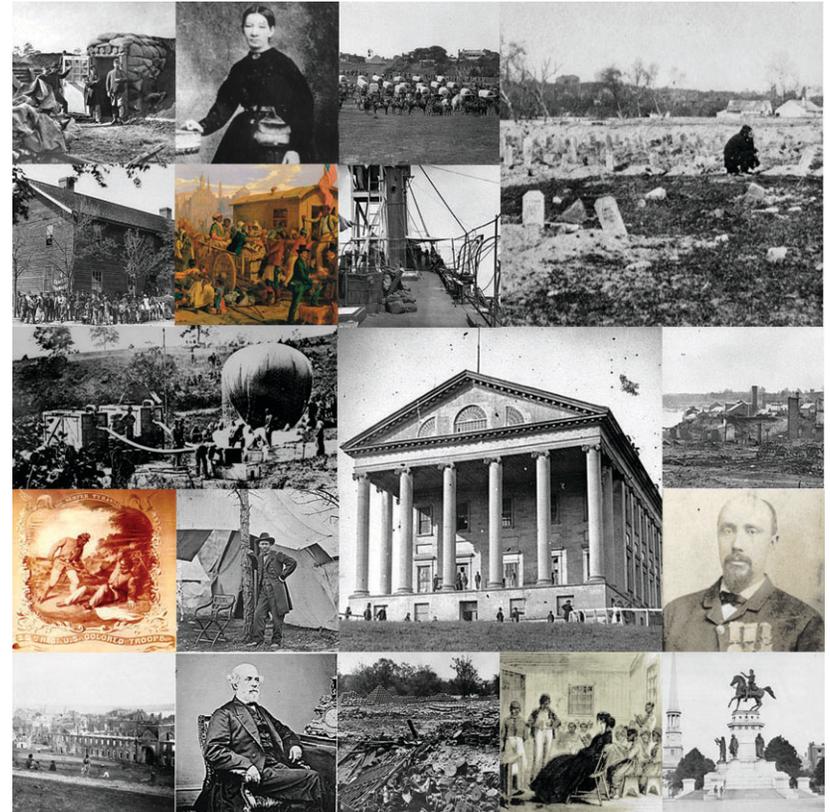
4:00 - What Lies Below: Walking Tour of Tredegar Iron Works

See 12:45 program description.

Site Map



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Enter the visitor center for displays by Museum of the Confederacy; Pamplin Historical Park; Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church; Violet Bank; and the Virginia Aviation Museum. Talks on Civil War Medicine throughout the day. Outdoor programs throughout the day by the James River Squadron; 2nd Rhode Island Infantry; Sisters of the Yam (1 pm - 3 pm); and Tidewater Maritime Living History Association.

"Christie's Lunchbox" open from 11 am - 2 pm in the courtyard.