

The Superintendent's Letter

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our parks is a prescription for a healthier America.”

So come on out and participate in our special events, walk the miles of trails of the battlefields, or explore the historic blocks of Jackson Ward, home to Maggie L. Walker. These special places belong to you!

Cynthia MacLeod

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site Opens New Permanent Exhibits

Visitors to the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site now need to schedule more time for their visit. On April 30 the park opened a new interpretive exhibit that was placed in the recently renovated buildings at 116 and 118 East Leigh Street.

Four rooms of displays communicate the full breadth of the Maggie Walker story from her family's struggle for survival in post Civil War Richmond to her rise as the leader of the Independent Order of St. Luke. Mrs. Walker's legacy as a civil rights activist for

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Park Interpreter Celia Suggs addresses 2nd graders from Linwood Holton Elementary School in front of the recreated St. Luke Savings Bank teller's window. This is one of several 3-dimensional displays in the exhibits.

Employee Profile: Patty Tremblay

Patty R. Tremblay is Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site's newest employee. She recently filled the position of Administrative Officer. Patty describes her job this way: "As Administrative Officer, I provide advice to managers and employees regarding administrative programs, and manage the budget and financial systems, human resources, acquisition, property, computers, telephones, central files, and other administrative matters."

Patty wanted to work for the National Park Service even as a little girl after vacations with her mother to the big parks out West. It wasn't until after she had worked as a civilian for the Air Force for a while that she was able to get her first "dream job" with the NPS, at Buffalo National River in Arkansas. "I worked temporary appointments with them off and on between 1982 to 1985 before finally landing a permanent

appointment working in the Maintenance Division when the Maintenance Management System (MMS) was a brand new program. While there, I also had the jobs of Procurement Clerk, Receptionist, Secretary, and computer clerk. After trying on each of those jobs and working with such nice people, no other agency would ever measure up and I knew this would be my career choice."

Since then Patty has worked at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (the Arch) in St. Louis, Missouri; Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, in Cresson, Pennsylvania; and most recently at Colonial National Historical Park in Yorktown, Virginia. When asked where she sees herself in ten years, Patty replied, "Possibly retired or maybe still here if I'm having too much



Patty Tremblay, Administrative Officer for Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site.

fun to leave."

Patty was born in Santa Monica, California, which might put her on the map as the furthest from home at the park, and lived mostly in the Los Angeles area during her childhood. Her sister

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Special Events Schedule

Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site special programs for summer. Hang this on your fridge as a reminder.

Events At Richmond National Battlefield Park

June 25 and 26--*Gaines' Mill Anniversary Weekend*

Time: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Gaines' Mill Battlefield, Hanover County.

Living history encampment, park ranger guided tours, musket firing demonstrations and historical talks throughout the weekend.

Friday, July 1--*History at Sunset -- King of Battle: Artillery at Malvern Hill*

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Malvern Hill Battlefield, Henrico County.

This two hour evening walk will discuss the role performed by artillery during the battle of Malvern Hill.

Friday, July 8--*History at Sunset -- The Battle Behind the Lines*

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Gaines' Mill Battlefield, Hanover County.

All too often the stories of battlefields are only captured in the actions of fighting on the firing line. This program will discuss the horrors of the aftermath and the destruction inflicted on the landscape.

July 9 and 10--*Malvern Hill Anniversary Weekend*

Time: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Malvern Hill Battlefield, Henrico County.

Living History demonstrations, park ranger guided tours and historical talks throughout the weekend.

Sunday, July 10--*On Sacred Ground: Preserving History at Malvern Hill*

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Malvern Hill Battlefield, Henrico County

Walk with a park historian and explore the eastern half of Malvern Hill Battle-

field on lands recently added to Richmond National Battlefield Park.

Friday, July 15--*History at Sunset -- Frozen in Time: Fort Brady in Photographs*

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Fort Brady, Henrico County.

This two hour walking tour will bring to the visitor's attention newly discovered images of this Union fort on the James River.

Friday, July 22--*History at Sunset -- The War Through Their Eyes*

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Fort Harrison Log Cabin, Henrico County.

The story of Richmond during the Civil War is not of the soldiers alone but also of the women and children who struggled for a semblance of normality day after day in the Capital of the Confederacy. Come hear their stories in this 90-minute illustrated talk.

Friday, July 29--*History at Sunset -- Weapons of War*

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: TBA

Take a closer look at the role of technology in warfare, and the variety of weapons and how they evolved during the course of the Civil War in this one and a half hour program.

September 24 and 25--*Fort Harrison Anniversary Weekend*

Time: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Fort Harrison Battlefield, Henrico County.

Living history encampment, park ranger guided tours, and historical talks throughout the weekend. Candlelight tours of the fort begin at 8:00 pm.

October 8 and 9--*Drewry's Bluff Living History Weekend*

Time: Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Drewry's Bluff Battlefield,

Chesterfield County.

Park Rangers and living history volunteers representing Confederate sailors will present a series of talks, tours, and demonstrations depicting garrison life inside the Drewry's Bluff fortifications.

October 8 and 9--*Tredegar National Folk Festival*

Stay tuned!

Events at Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site

June 27, 2005 through July 8, 2005--*The Summer Youth Leadership Institute*

Youth will explore five components of Mrs. Walker's life through a variety of experiences, programs and projects.

Sunday, July 17--*Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site Annual Birthday Celebration*

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, 600 N. 2nd Street, Richmond.

The program will include tours of Mrs. Walker's home, musical performances and birthday cake.

October 2 and 3--*2nd Street Festival*

Time: Saturday and Sunday

Location: Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, Richmond.

Park rangers from Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site will operate a booth during this yearly celebration with children's educational activities.

Saturday, December 10--*Annual Open House and "A Jackson Ward Christmas"*

Location: Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, Richmond.

Mrs. Walker's home will be decorated for the holidays. Join the park rangers for tours, music and refreshments.



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and Sickles's Excelsior Brigade.

Preserving such historic ground is of course a mandatory step toward providing access and interpretation for those interested in the battle. In addition to learning about specific battlefield events and walking in the footsteps of soldiers, visitors to the site in the future will have new insight into the influence of the landscape and geography on the course of the battle. An example of this is the Poindexter Farm, site of a Confederate artillery strongpoint. Although that farm remains outside of the national park, that landmark is visible from the Buhrman property and for the first time will be visible to battlefield trampers, who will be able to better understand the Confederate attack plan, the Union

response, and the development of the battle.

The addition of the Buhrman property gives the national park more than 1000 preserved acres of battlefield land at Malvern Hill.

Locations of Front page images (left to right):

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