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NPLD Commemorates 75th Anniversary of CCC

On September 27, 2008, Fort Pulaski will sponsor National Public Lands Day. Nationwide an estimated 100,000 Americans will participate in a variety of important volunteer projects on federal lands. National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance public lands across America.

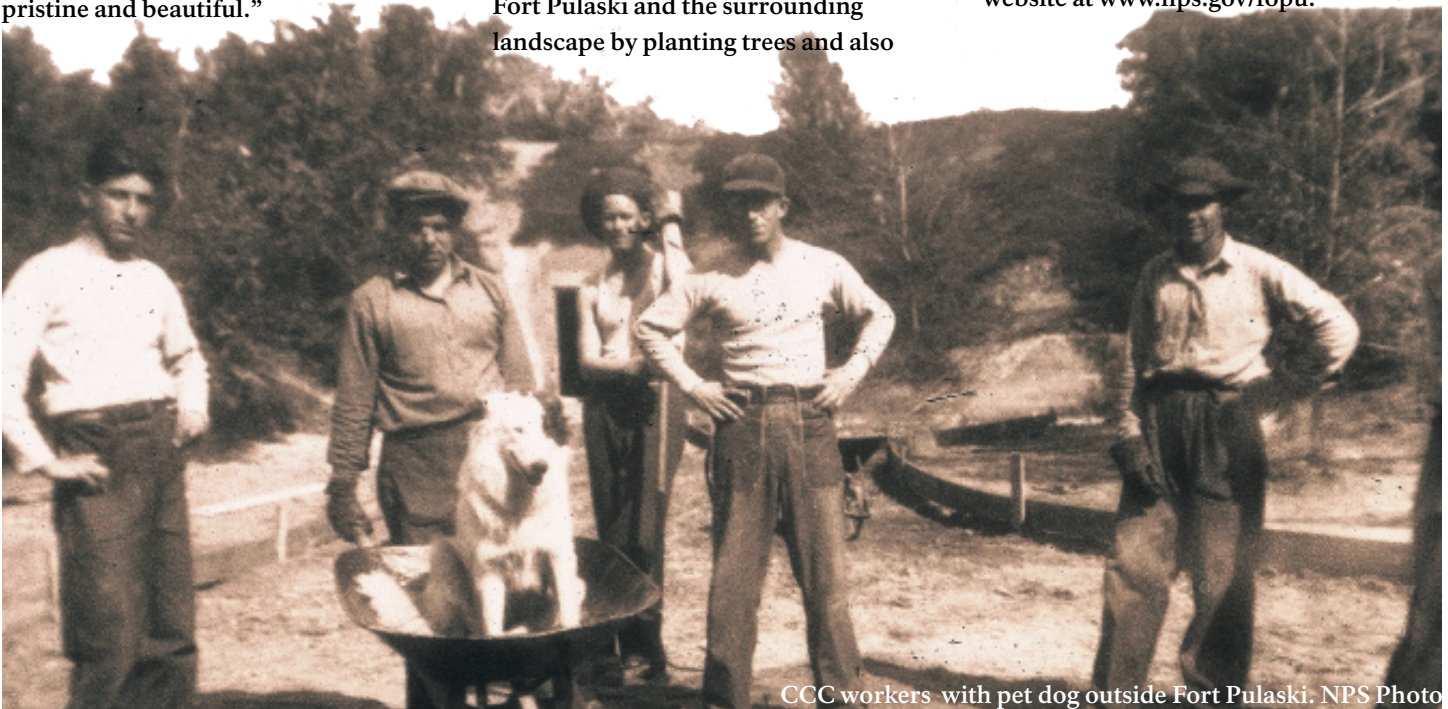
Fort Pulaski superintendent Charlie Fenwick remarked, "This is a day when we can all show our pride in our local National Park. This type of cleanup allows current and future generations of Americans to continue to enjoy this special place the same way we do now, pristine and beautiful."

This year's event will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The Civilian Conservation Corps, the work relief program for young men established on March 21, 1933, by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The CCC became one of the most popular New Deal programs among the general public and operated in every U.S. state.

Organized in June 1933, Company 460 of the Civilian Conservation Corps arrived at Cockspur Island, Georgia on May 10, 1934. During their nearly six-year stay at Cockspur, the CCC made considerable improvements to historic Fort Pulaski and the surrounding landscape by planting trees and also

building the bridge across the south channel of the Savannah River to Fort Pulaski in 1938, that will be repainted as part of this year's National Public Lands Day.

Registration begins September 27th at 7:00 AM at the Fort Pulaski Picnic Area. Free breakfast will be served. Work projects will last from 8 AM to noon, followed by a free lunch. Volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors. Sturdy shoes, gloves, & insect repellent are recommended. National Public Lands Day t-shirts will also be available. Call the park for more details at 912-786-5787, or visit the park's official website at www.nps.gov/fopu.



CCC workers with pet dog outside Fort Pulaski. NPS Photo



Charles E. Fenwick, Superintendent

Welcome to Fort Pulaski! We hope your visit is the experience of a lifetime. Whatever your interest—sightseeing, hiking, kayaking, bicycling, exploring, history, nature study, or photography—you will find Fort Pulaski National Monument a place like no other.

As a courtesy to our Friends Group, we are proud to provide you with a special insert copy of the premiere edition of the Friends of Cockspur Lighthouse Newsletter. We hope you enjoy it.

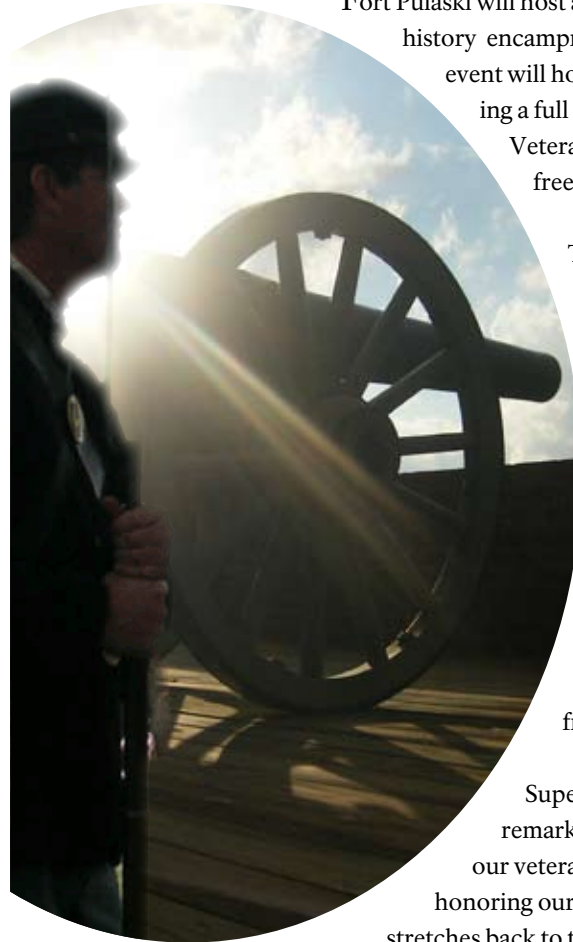
This summer also marks the second season of work by our highly successful Historic Preservation Team. This team of dedicated Historic Preservation students is funded by the gate receipts you pay to visit Fort Pulaski. Fort Pulaski currently keeps 100% of these fees and uses them to reduce the backlog of maintenance that has been piling up since 1847 completion of this 25 million brick fort.

The park has accepted the exciting challenge of completing a 100% restoration of the fort in time for the 100th birthday of the National Park Service in 2016. This requires both an increase in staff and an increase in funds. The park has charged \$3.00 per person since 2002. This is well below the average charged by other attractions in the Savannah area. We first mentioned this increase in our fall 2007 newsletter and now plan to implement an increase to \$5.00 per person on January 1, 2009.

Charles E. Fenwick

Park to Commemorate Veterans' Day

Fort Pulaski will host a special two-day Civil War living history encampment on November 8-9, 2008. The event will honor our nation's veterans by offering a full schedule of activities inside the fort. Veterans and current military will receive free admission.



The 48th NY Volunteer Infantry will recreate many aspects of daily life at a major Civil War-era post. A variety of stations will be positioned throughout the fort allowing visitor to learn about military inspections, mail calls, bayonet drills, barracks life, infantry drills, and cannon firings. A special military salute to veterans will be offered at 4 PM on Saturday. In-depth tours will be offered hourly from 10 AM-3 PM on Saturday, and again from 11 AM-2 PM on Sunday.

Superintendent Charlie Fenwick remarked, "What better way to honor our veterans of today and yesterday than by honoring our tradition of military service that stretches back to the roots our nation and includes the Civil War era that Fort Pulaski preserves."

Tis the Season...

Candlelantern Tours Just Around the Corner

Join in the celebration of the holiday season at Fort Pulaski National Monument. On the evenings of Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14, 2008, staff and volunteers will conduct the annual Candlelantern Tours, creating anew the Confederate Nog party held inside the fort in December 1861. The event includes special tours, refreshments, hot cider, and period music. An impressive cannon demonstration caps each program of merrymaking.

Programs will be presented at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. both evenings. Anyone interested in attending should call (912) 786-5787 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Entrance Fee: \$5.00 per Adult. Reservations can be made in person or over the phone. If making a reservation over the phone, please send cash or check payable to the National Park Service, as well as a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Advance reservations are required. A limited number of tickets are available

*Fort Pulaski National Monument
Candlelantern Tour
P.O. Box 30757, Savannah, GA 31410*

Daily Ranger Programs

Fort Pulaski National Monument offers visitors daily interpretive programs inside historic Fort Pulaski. Activities include musket & soldier drills, Civil War soldier talks, and guided fort tours. Activities are scheduled from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday.

Schedule of Activities:

- 11:00 Guided Fort Tour**
- 12:00 Musket & Soldier Demo**
- 1:30 Musket & Soldier Demo**
- 2:30 Guided Fort Tour**
- 3:30 Musket & Soldier Demo**

Living History Days

Living History Days are presented every weekend at Fort Pulaski. Saturday programs reflect Federal garrison life from 1862 to 1865. Activities include cannon firings, musket drills, Civil War soldier talks, and guided fort tours.

Sunday programs reflect Confederate garrison life from 1861 to April 1862. Activities include musket drills, Civil War soldier talks, and guided fort tours.

Schedule of Activities:

Saturday

- 10:30 Guided Fort Tour**
- 11:30 Cannon Firing**
- 12:30 Musket & Soldier Demo**
- 1:30 Cannon Firing**
- 2:30 Musket & Soldier Demo**
- 3:00 Cannon Firing**
- 3:30 Guided Fort Tour**

Sunday

- 11:00 Guided Fort Tour**
- 12:00 Musket & Soldier Demo**
- 12:30 Immortal 600 Prison Tour**
- 1:30 Musket & Soldier Demo**
- 2:30 Guided Fort Tour**
- 3:30 Musket & Soldier Demo**

Fall sunset over the Savannah River. NPS Photo

A STEP in the Right Direction

Student Temporary Employment Program Thrives at Fort Pulaski

Whether its accepting fees, giving tours, firing cannons, or simply giving directions to park visitors, Fort Pulaski's student hires are vital to the overall success of park.

Patrisha Williams, Joanne McMillan, Brian Bailey, Ariel Erickson, and Stephen Alemar are students recently hired under the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP), the federal employment program that allows parks to hire students enrolled as degree seeking students in an accredited high school, technical, vocational, two or four year college, or graduate or professional school. Established in 1994, the Student Temporary Educational Employment Program, allows for students to take classes while also gaining valuable experience working in the public sector.

Williams, a criminal justice major, and McMillan, a history major, attend Armstrong Atlantic State University. Brian Bailey, a mass communication major, attends Savannah State University, while Ariel Erickson is an historic preservation major attending Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD). Though many of the student hires come from nearby universities, students from across the country have flocked to Fort Pulaski in recent years, including Stephen Alemar, a mass communication major attending Frostburg State University in western Maryland. "This was a great opportunity to live and work in a beautiful and historic part of the country," said Alemar.

After graduation in 2010, Patrisha Williams will pursue a career as a game warden. Since joining Fort Pulaski, she has enjoyed assisting Law Enforcement rangers in evaluating safety issues

and aiding in the monitoring and protection of many of the park's natural resources. "Working at Fort Pulaski has allowed me to not only get hands-on experience, but also has allowed me to actually make a difference in the upkeep and protection of a national park," said Williams.

Fellow student Joanne McMillan looks to pursue a career in museum curation. At Fort Pulaski, McMillan presents guided tours, 19th century musket firing demonstrations, and also works throughout the park assisting visitors. "I've enjoyed learning the "ins and outs" of working in an historic setting like Fort Pulaski, and I feel like it will definitely help me down the road in whatever career I pursue," said McMillan.

Brian Bailey and Steven Alemar, both mass communication majors, look to work in a variety of public fields. "Fort Pulaski has been a great experience. I get to work with the public, and at the same time help tell the story of this historic park," said Alemar.

During the summer, Fort Pulaski also hired 10 high school students enrolled in college-bound educational coursework. These students helped with deferred maintenance in the park, as well as assisting the ongoing preservation efforts at the historic fort and the Cockspur Lighthouse.

Fort Pulaski Superintendent Charlie Fenwick believes the STEP program is vital to the success of the park by bringing in a diverse and dedicated workforce that is truly willing to learn. "These students are gaining valuable exposure to public service while at the same time enhancing their educational future."



STEP employees left to right, Brian Bailey, Patrisha Williams, Ariel Erickson, Stephen Alemar, and Joanne McMillan divide their time going to classes and working at Fort Pulaski National Monument. NPS Photo



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End of Summer Season Celebration

To help celebrate the end of the summer season, the staff at Fort Pulaski National Monument invite you to attend a special “Blue vs. the Gray” End of Summer Season Celebration on Saturday, August 30, 2008.

Activities at Fort Pulaski will include cannon firings, skirmish drills, Civil War soldier talks, and guided fort tours. Activities are scheduled from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The highlight of the day will be an 1862-style baseball game between members of the 48th New York and the 8th Georgia Regiments. The “historic” game begins at 11:00 AM, followed by a 12:00 noon game for kids and families. The public is invited to be a part of

history and play a game of baseball inside Fort Pulaski. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. During the Civil War soldiers at Fort Pulaski often played baseball to escape the boredom of garrison life.

One of the earliest known photographs of a baseball game was taken inside Fort Pulaski. With the close of summer, the park is now open from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The visitor center closes at 5:00 PM, the fort at 5:15 pm, and all park gates close at 5:30 pm.

