

Hello Friends, I wanted to let you know to save the date for the annual Appomattox/Longwood Free Civil War seminar, it is set for Saturday Feb. 1, 2025. Please mark it on your calendar and let your friends know.

I also want to let you know that a Park partner, the Appomattox-Petersburg Preservation Society, will be holding the first ever torch light first-person tours on the Appomattox Station battlefield on Friday Nov. 1 and Saturday Nov. 2 with hour-long tours starting at 6:30 pm and the last one beginning at 8:30 pm. You will meet five different characters in the tour including Jessie Scout/spy James White that discovered the supply trains at Appomattox Station; Confederate Artillery General R. Linsay Walker that repulsed three Union cavalry charges before being overrun by General Custers troopers; Medal of Honor recipient Barney Shields; an Ohio cavalryman that wrote extensively about the battle and the spirit of a French Creole artilleryman killed in the battle.

I will also be will also be leading a day-time tour of the Appomattox Station Battlefield, the old Red Oak Church site where the Confederate artillery buried their cannon, the Robertson house site where the last shots at Appomattox were fired and the last soldiers killed and wounded; and Red Fields where General Custer saved the ladies of the house from looting stragglers. Information on these events is below. I hope to see you in November.

**APPS Torchlit Battlefield Tours: November 1 and November 2, 2024.
6:30pm-8:30pm.**

For two nights, Friday and Saturday, November 1-2, 2024, APPS invites guests to step back in time as they are led on a torchlit evening tour of the Appomattox Station Battlefield. As the sun sets and the woodsmoke rises, guests will be transported back to April 1865 as living historians recount some of the stories of the battle, experiencing tales of duty, heartache,

triumph, and defeat. There will be tours every thirty minutes from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and with limited availability, you'll want to get your ticket now!

Please remember to bring appropriate clothing and footwear, as this is a rain or shine event.

“Fought Literally Up to the Muzzles” – APPS Fall 2024 Guided Walking Tour: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Join us November 2, 2024, as APPS Chief Historian Patrick Schroeder leads you over the grounds of Appomattox Station and the surrounding area, bringing to life the events of April 8, 1865. Guests will learn the pivotal role this three-hour battle played in the ultimate conclusion of the Appomattox Campaign.

This multi-site tour will include stops at the battlefield at Appomattox Station, a pristine 46-acre tract preserved by the American Battlefield Trust and entrusted to APPS, Red Fields, the home of George Abbitt, Sr. that was used as a field hospital, Red Oak Church, where more than 50 Confederate Cannon escaped the onslaught and disbanded, and the Robertson House site, which saw the last shots fired and the last casualties of the Appomattox Campaign.

Excitement and uncertainty will abound each step of your journey. Join us as we turn back the veil of time and embrace the faces of the past!

Note: Transportation will not be provided between tour stops; please carpool between sites when possible. Total drive-time between all sites throughout the tour should not exceed 15-20 minutes.

Pricing:

APPS Members - \$15

Non-Members - \$20

Children 16 and Under - \$10

Please email us at appomattoxpetersburg@gmail.com to register! And for more info and to secure your tickets on-line visit <https://www.appomattoxpetersburg.org/psa>

*****SPECIAL OFFER***** Why settle for one or the other, when you can have both? A special discounted combo will be offered for those who wish to make a true weekend of it, attending “Fought Literally Up to the Muzzles” - APPS Fall 2024 Guided Walking Tour as well as the November 2nd Torchlit Tour that evening!

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