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‘Civil War Days’ to include symposium, living history storytelling, and historian discussions on Lincoln’s legacy and the Soldier experience

Three days of events at National Army Museum are free and open to the public

Fort Belvoir, Va.— The National Museum of the United States Army in Alexandria, Virginia will host “Civil War Days,” April 13 – 15. During this special three-day event, visitors will have access to expert-led programs and hands-on experiences that will explore one of the most consequential military conflicts in America’s history. All events are free and open to the public, though some require advance registration. Many programs will be available virtually. Details and registration are available on the Museum’s website theNMUSA.org.

Highlights of “Civil War Days” will include:

Thursday, April 13, 7 – 8 p.m. (virtual only, advance registration required)

Lincoln’s Legacy: A Panel Discussion

Museum professionals from Ford’s Theater, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and President Lincoln’s Cottage discuss Lincoln’s impact on America — from leading the military effort to reunite the country to his contribution in liberating its enslaved people.

Friday, April 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (in-person and virtual, advance registration required)

Symposium - A New Birth of Freedom: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War

Historians, period experts and authors will lead presentations and discussions about President Lincoln as commander in chief during the Civil War, including Lincoln’s decisions on military strategy and leadership, how he managed the political fallout, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation and the conspiracies that played a part in his assassination.

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (in-person only, open to all with free Museum tickets)

Civil War Living History and Hands-On Education Activities

Historical interpreters will share stories about the Soldier experience and invite visitors to take a closer look at their uniforms, equipment and weapons. Local Civil War historic sites and museums will come together to offer hands-on activities such as Soldier communication signals, Morse code and battlefield medicine.

Complementing “Civil War Days,” the Army Historical Foundation will host a Battle Ride, “**Angles on the Battlefield: Women in the Civil War,**” on **March 25**. The event will explore the experience of women in battle and on the home front. The day-long tour with historians and experts will include the Antietam National Battlefield, the Village of Waterford, Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, and The Winery at Bull Run. Advance registration and a registration fee are required. Details are available at ArmyHistory.org.

Media are invited to request **live broadcasts and on-site coverage** by contacting Susan Smullen, nmusa.pao@gmail.com. The Museum Campus has a dedicated public entrance at 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

More details about the Museum can be found in the [Museum’s media kit](#). A collection of high-resolution photos is available <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usarmymuseum/>.

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About the National Museum of the United States Army

The National Museum of the United States Army provides the only comprehensive portrayal of Army history and traditions through the eyes of the American Soldier. By preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting invaluable artifacts, the National Army Museum creates learning opportunities for all visitors and bonds the American people to their oldest military service. We are America’s Army Museum.

The U.S. Army owns and operates the Museum. The Army Historical Foundation continues its fundraising role in support of the Museum and manages all retail, catering and special events.

For more information on the National Museum of the United States Army visit www.theNMUSA.org.

About The Army Historical Foundation

The Army Historical Foundation establishes, assists, and promotes programs and projects that preserve the history of the American Soldier and promote public understanding of and appreciation for the contributions by all components of the U.S. Army and its members. The Foundation serves as the Army’s official fundraising entity for the Capital Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army. The award-winning, LEED- certified Museum opened on November 11, 2020, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and will honor the service and sacrifice of all American Soldiers who have served since the Army’s inception in 1775. For more information on the Foundation and the National Museum of the United States Army, visit www.armyhistory.org.