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National Park Service Announces Tenth Year of History at Sunset

Fredericksburg, VA: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park announces its tenth year of “History at Sunset,” a series of ten Friday evening programs. The series will begin on Friday June 10 and run weekly through August 12. The programs begin at 7 p.m., and with the exception of the June 24th program, run for 90 minutes. This year’s series includes seven programs never presented, including an exploration of Stafford County’s Sherwood Forest (July 8), a look at the Civilian Conservation Corps at Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield, and a first-ever tour of the Hawkins Farm at Chancellorsville.

In its first decade, History at Sunset has become something of a local institution. In 2010, the series attracted its 10,000th visitor. This year, we will present our 100th program. The focus of the series remains on the human experience of war—the story of common people caught amidst uncommon events.

All programs begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately 90 minutes

- June 10 *Fredericksburg 1861—Movers and Shakers and Institutions of Import.* Meet at Market Square. John Hennessy and Donald Pfanz.
- June 17 *Seeking Death Everywhere: Jackson’s Attack to the Buschbeck Line.* Meet at the Jackson Flank Attack tour stop, Chancellorsville. Frank O’Reilly and Jake Struhelka.
- June 24 *Gordon’s Flank Attack.* Park on Hill-Ewell Drive at Route 20, meet at Stop 3 on the Wilderness Battlefield. Covers two miles of walking, lasting nearly two hours. Greg Mertz and Jake Struhelka
- July 1 *Inside the Muleshoe: Lee and Crisis on May 12, 1864.* Meet at the Bloody Angle parking area, Spotsylvania Battlefield. Jake Struhelka and Ryan Longfellow
- July 8 *Stafford’s Sherwood Forest: Slaves, Balloons, and a Washington Plantation.* John Hennessy and Caity Stuart. The entrance to Sherwood Forest is exactly one mile east of McDuff Green Park, on Route 3 in Stafford County.
- July 15 *Scarred Jewel: Brompton Amidst War.* Meet at Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center. Eric Mink and Greg Mertz
- July 22 *“Beyond the Call of Duty”: The Medal of Honor in Fredericksburg’s Slaughter Pen.* Tidewater Trail (Route 2). Frank O’Reilly and Donald Pfanz.
- July 29 *The Forgotten Front at Chancellorsville: Combat on the Orange Plank Road.* Meet at Tour Stop 4, McLaws Drive, Chancellorsville. Beth Parnicza and Eric Mink.
- August 5 *Building a Battlefield: The Civilian Conservation Corps and Spotsylvania Battlefield.* Park on Anderson Drive near Tour Stop 4, Spotsylvania. Eric Mink and Caity Stuart.
- August 12 *War Comes Home: An Exploration of Lower Caroline Street.* Meet at the city dock. John Hennessy and Steward Henderson

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