



PAMPLIN HISTORICAL PARK & THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

6125 Boydton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803 • 1-877-PAMPLIN/804-861-2408 • www.pamplinpark.org

Contact: Patrick Olienyk, Director of Operations, polienyk@pamplinpark.org

Pamplin Historical Park Announces Spring Operating Hours

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 17, 2009

Petersburg, VA - Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier announces that effective March 2, 2009, the Park will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The Park will continue to be open by reservation only on weekends.

"We are extremely pleased to reestablish regular operating hours this spring," said Executive Director, A. Wilson Greene. "With the warmer weather our attendance always perks up and we look forward to welcoming everyone from students to visitors from around the region and the country."

Pamplin Historical Park has been open by reservation only since January 2 when the faltering economy forced the Park's Foundation to reduce funding, causing staff layoffs. During the winter the Park has trained nearly three dozen new volunteers, rehired some of its former employees, and cross-trained the permanent staff to perform a variety of duties. "Our generous members have been instrumental in helping us get back on our feet," said Greene. "Many of the Park's friends contributed significantly to our general operating fund, which has allowed us to begin to rebuild our professional staff."

Pamplin Historical Park has operated highly regarded school field trips during the spring. According to Greene, some 32,000 students have reservations to visit the Park between March and early June. Revenues from these programs will allow the Park to serve walk-in visitors as well.

Anyone can make a reservation to visit the Park on weekends throughout the spring. A basic fee of \$100 allows up to ten people to tour the Park on Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance. "Once a group has made a weekend reservation, we will open the Park that day for general visitation," explained Greene. Regular Park admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

###

Pamplin Historical Park is located in Dinwiddie County near Petersburg at Exit 63A off Interstate 85. The 422-acre site includes four museums, four historic structures and more than three miles of interpretive trails. A National Historic Landmark and a Gem Attraction as listed by AAA, Pamplin Historical Park is owned and operated by the Pamplin Foundation of Portland, Oregon. For more information, please call 804-861-2408 or visit www.pamplinpark.org.