



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

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## **Pamplin Historical Park's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium** Guest Speakers Will Provide Insight Into Civil War Naval Operations

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Petersburg, VA – Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier invites history enthusiasts to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, which will take place at the Park's Education Center from October 17 to 19, 2008. The theme for this year's Symposium is "Blue Water and Brown: Naval and Combined Operations in the Civil War."

Guest speakers from across the country, all considered the expert in their field, will share their knowledge of 19<sup>th</sup>-century naval and combined operations. This year's distinguished faculty includes Dr. John Coski from The Museum of the Confederacy, Dr. Chris Fonvielle from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, John Quarstein from the Newport News and Hampton museum operations, William Marvel, award-winning author from New Hampshire, Dr. Steven Wise from the Marine Corps Museum at Parris Island, Dr. B. Frank Cooling from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Dr. Craig Symonds from the U.S. Naval Academy and the Mariners Museum. Program topics include blockade running, the C.S.S. Alabama, the Wilmington and Fort Donelson Campaigns, and the Confederate navy along the James River and in Hampton Roads. Each speaker is a published author on his topic and copies of their books will be available for purchase and signing throughout the Symposium.

The Symposium runs from Friday evening's opening reception through Sunday afternoon's panel discussion and raffle drawing. All meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday are included in the Symposium price. An optional private dinner with the speakers is available for those attending the Symposium as well as others.

Reservations are required, so please call (804) 861-2408 now as space is limited. All participants will receive a letter of confirmation with additional information once registered.

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One of "Virginia's Best Places to Visit" according to the Travel Channel, and designated as a National Historic Landmark, Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier is a 422-acre Civil War campus located in Dinwiddie County, Virginia offering a combination of high-tech museums and hands-on experiences. The Park has four world-class museums, four antebellum homes, and costumed living history every day. The Park is also the site of The Breakthrough Battlefield of April 2, 1865 and America's premiere participatory experience, Civil War Adventure Camp. For more information, please call 804-861-2408 or visit [www.pamplinpark.org](http://www.pamplinpark.org).