



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

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### **Pamplin Historical Park's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium**

The first in a series commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War

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Petersburg, VA – Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier invites history enthusiasts to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, which will take place at the Park's Education Center on October 15-17, 2010. The theme for this year's Symposium is "The 1860 Presidential Election and the Coming of the Civil War."

Guest speakers from across the country will share their knowledge of the controversial politics of the year before the Civil War. This year's distinguished faculty includes George Rable from University of Alabama, Elizabeth Varon from University of Virginia, Gary Ecelbarger, author of *The Great Comeback: How Abraham Lincoln Beat the Odds to Win the 1860 Republican Nomination*, Joseph G. Dawson from Texas A&M University, William W. Freehling from Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Russel McClintock from St. John's School in Shrewsbury, Mass, and A. Wilson Greene from Pamplin Historical Park. Program topics include the nomination of Abraham Lincoln, slavery, secession, and disunion in party politics. The speakers are all published authors on their topics 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 dinner with the speakers on Friday, October 15th is available by reservation only.

Reservations are required for this event, so please call (804) 861-2408 or visit [www.pamplinpark.org/events.html](http://www.pamplinpark.org/events.html) for a registration form. Space is limited. All participants will receive a letter of confirmation.

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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 and four antebellum homes. 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).