



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

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## **The Tools of American Freedom**

### **Full Story - 490 Words**

How far away can you feel the heat from a flamethrower? How fast can a Gatling gun fire? How do you disarm a land mine? Learn about America's awesome military heritage at Pamplin Historical Park's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Americans at War" event on September 17 and 18. Action-packed programs, living history displays, and participatory activities showcase four hundred years of our country's military history.

The sites and sounds of nine American military conflicts come alive through weapon demonstrations, military maneuvers, and over 25 military vehicles on display. Explore re-created historic encampments and field fortifications. Examine original uniforms and weapons. Talk with veterans, active duty military personnel, and re-enactors to learn more about the lives and duties of our service men and women throughout history. The American Revolution, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, as well as current events, will all be represented.

Get into the action! Ride in a World War II-era 2-ton truck, fire a black powder rifle and practice your throw at the Grenade Training Course. Experience air combat through computerized flight simulators and learn to dog-fight, World War I style, using model airplanes. Listen to the drums of the American Revolution and the swing of World War II. Honor our active military by adding a personal message to a banner that will be sent to U.S. forces in Afghanistan for Operation Citizen Soldier/Operation Military Kids.

Through a full day of fun and patriotism, families can honor our military and share stories of America's military past and present. Andrew H. Talkov, Director of Education and Interpretation, says, "Americans at War is an excellent opportunity for families to reflect on the sacrifices that American men and women have made throughout our history, and are making today to ensure our freedoms."

Pamplin Historical Park's Executive Director, A. Wilson Greene, feels that this event "allows people to get up close and experience the things that most people can only see in drawings and photos." All active duty military personnel may show their military I.D. for free admission to this year's event.

“Americans At War” will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18 at Pamplin Historical Park’s Hart Farm complex. Admission rates are Adults \$13.50, Seniors (62+) \$12, Children (6-11) \$7.50 and free for children under 6. Event admission also entitles you to visit Pamplin Historical Park’s four museums, three antebellum homes, and the Civil War battlefield of April 2, 1865.

Pamplin Historical Park is just 30 minutes from downtown Richmond. To get there take I-95 south, then I-85 south to Exit 63-A (U.S. 1 South). Go through two traffic lights and turn left onto Duncan Road (Route 670). Follow Duncan Road for approximately 1 mile. The Hart Farm is on the left.

For a schedule of activities visit [www.pamplinpark.org](http://www.pamplinpark.org) or call 804-861-2408. Pamplin Historical Park is a non-profit organization.

### **Short Version - 255 Words**

How far away can you feel the heat from a flamethrower? How fast can a Gatling gun fire? How do you disarm a land mine? Experience this and much more at Pamplin Historical Park’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Americans At War” event on September 17 and 18.

Four hundred years of our country’s military history come alive through weapons demonstrations, military maneuvers, recreated encampments, hardware displays, and over 25 military vehicles. Talk with veterans, active duty military personnel, and costumed re-enactors from nine American conflicts to learn more about the lives and duties of our military men and women throughout history. Participate in activities that range from coordinating a simulated dog-fight to writing messages to our soldiers abroad.

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### **Listing - 50 Words**

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