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April 2 – The Assault that Would Decide the Fate of the Confederacy

Journey back 140 years to the minute from the assault that would decide the fate of Petersburg and the Confederacy!

Join Pamplin Historical Park April 2, 2005 to commemorate the 140th year anniversary of the Breakthrough Battle. Special programming throughout the day includes the world premiere of the Civil War Combat movie "War So Terrible", meet General Robert E. Lee and General Ulysses S. Grant as they discuss their actions and views on the Civil War, see Don Troiani, "America's Premier Military Artist" discuss his depiction of the April 2, 1865 Breakthrough in his painting "Medal of Honor", be an Armchair General as the final battles of Petersburg are recreated in miniature and re-fought, plus attend the opening of Pamplin Historical Park's newest exhibit "Honor, Controversy, and Memory" which explores how veterans memories were used to tell the story of the events of April 2nd, shaping the history of this battle.

Saturday April 2, 2005 Pamplin Historical Park & the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier will be open 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Park is located 30 minutes south of downtown Richmond. Take I-95 south, I-85 south to Exit 63-A and follow signs. Admission for Adults is $13.50, Seniors (62+) $12, Children (6-11) $7.50 with Children under 6 free. For Park information visit www.pamplinpark.org or call 804-861-2408.

Background on World Premiere of the Civil War Combat Movie
"War so Terrible" was two years in the making. This feature movie was filmed for Pamplin Historical Park in cooperation with Historical Films, Inc. and was completely filmed in Virginia. April 2, 205 is the world premiere of the film which is scheduled to be shown daily at Pamplin Historical Park in the Battlefield Center. Two versions of the film are planned; the new 48 minute adult version will be complimented by a 25 minute version, suitable for children later this summer. Pamplin Historical Park is currently designing a new Education Center scheduled to open late 2005 in which the movie will be screened daily.

Background on General Lee and General Grant
Pamplin Historical Park is please to announce that the following acclaimed individuals will join the Park in the commemoration of the 140th Anniversary of the Breakthrough.
Robert Channell from Abbotts Town, PA to serve in the role of General Ulysses S Grant and David Palmer from Fincastle, VA as General Robert E. Lee.