

Civil War re-enactment comes to Fort Stevens

Northwest Civil War Council presents living history event

WARRENTON — The Northwest Civil War Council will present a full re-enactment at Fort Stevens State Park from Saturday to Monday, Sept. 5 to 7. This is one of the largest events of the year for the NCWC and will include as many as 800 Civil War re-enactors presenting living conditions and circumstances of early 1863 as well as battle re-enactments each day with artillery, infantry and cavalry.

The event is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. The event offers more than seven acres of living history with re-enactors in period clothing and uniforms,



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Admission is \$20 per carload and a \$5 day use fee to the Park Service, and \$5 per person at the bike gate.

The Northwest Civil War

Council is a nonprofit living history organization dedicated to educating the public and its members about the American Civil War. Through membership in the NCWC, one has the opportunity to recreate portions of the past in educational drama at re-enactments through which the spectator as well as the participant discover and learn more about their history and the people who lived during the year 1863 in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

A re-enactment is a gathering of period personalities living and working within the event portraying their particular impression. Members wear authentically reproduced clothing, use black powder weapons,

cook over open fires and sleep in canvas tents while participating in battle re-enactments and military or civilian life.

Re-enactors speak in the manner and use the etiquette of the mid-19th century, they write in journals of their experiences and work in first person at events — all in the name of “living history.”

The NCWC is an umbrella organization that represents the re-enacting units making up its membership. The active membership is just over 900 people from all over the Northwest, and the organization sponsors events throughout Oregon and the Northwest.

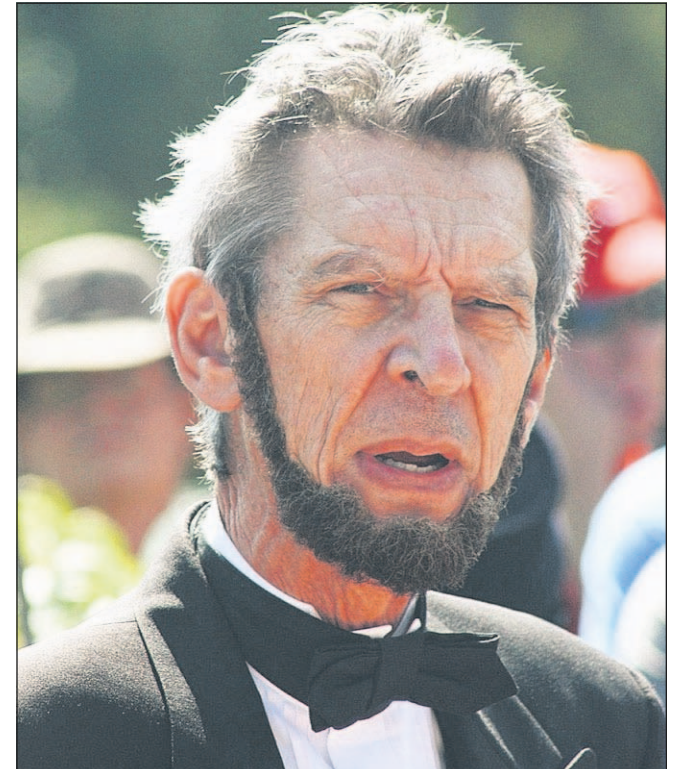
Members also participated in over 100 school presentations this year featuring anywhere from one or two re-enactors to 10 full “stations” demonstrating several aspects of the period including medical, artillery, infantry, cavalry, the Sanitary Commission and more. The club also marches in several parades, provides honor guards and salutes at funerals and memorial services. Members also research, locate and document unmarked Civil War veteran’s gravesites, then acquire period headstones from the federal government, prepare the foundation for the headstones and have a period memorial service while marking those grave sites in cooperation with the Sons of Union Veterans.

For more information, go to www.nwcwc.org or the Facebook page at CivilWarOregon.



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The annual Civil War Re-enactment at Fort Stevens State Park takes place Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5, 6 and 7.



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An Abraham Lincoln re-enactor will speak around 1 p.m. Sunday during the Civil War Re-enactment at Fort Stevens State Park.

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