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National Park Service to Hold Open House Meetings at Fort Monroe National Monument

The National Park Service (NPS) is hosting two open houses on April 30, 2012 to kick off planning efforts for Fort Monroe National Monument. The monument was added to the national park system by presidential proclamation on November 1, 2011. The open houses provide an opportunity for the public to learn about and participate in the planning process. The National Park Service is working collaboratively with the Fort Monroe Authority and the City of Hampton on the overall vision for the entire peninsula.

“It is important to have the voice of the community and other stakeholder groups to discuss what makes Fort Monroe so special,” said Superintendent Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, a Virginia native and first NPS staff at Fort Monroe National Monument. “These discussions will build a solid foundation for the future of Fort Monroe National Monument.”

When: April 30, 2012
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: The Chamberlin, Historic Fort Monroe
2 Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, Virginia

Two meetings are planned to provide interested citizens with opportunities to attend and express their thoughts regarding the future of Fort Monroe National Monument. The public will be able to submit comments at one of the meetings or, comments may be submitted electronically through May 04, 2012 by using the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website (PEPC) at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/FOMR-1>

Known first as "The Gibraltar of the Chesapeake" and later as "Freedom's Fortress," Fort Monroe on Old Point Comfort in Virginia has a storied history in the defense of our Nation and the struggle for freedom. Fort Monroe was the third oldest United States Army post in continuous active service until its closure in September 2011. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Fort Monroe National Monument was proclaimed on November 1, 2011 and includes portions of the peninsula including fortifications and the North Beach area.

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