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### **Volunteers needed for Civil War Trust "Park Day" at Fort Foote and Fort Stevens**

**Washington, D.C.** - On Saturday, April 2, 2011, the National Park Service (NPS) in cooperation with the Civil War Trust will host Civil War Trust "Park Day" at two Civil War Defenses of Washington, Fort Stevens in Washington, D.C. and Fort Foote in Fort Washington, MD. This year marks the beginning of commemorative events for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. These volunteer events are opportunities for visitors to participate in the long-term preservation of these Civil War sites. The NPS and the Civil War Trust are recruiting volunteers to paint, clear brush and remove trash on "Park Day."

At Fort Foote, volunteers are needed to help remove trash, paint, and clear brush from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Fort Foote is located at 8915 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, MD. The park will provide rakes, trash grabbers and lobbers.

At Fort Stevens, volunteers are needed to help remove trash from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fort Stevens is located at 13<sup>th</sup> & Quackenbos Sts. N.W., Washington, D.C. Following this volunteer event, Park Rangers will present the program *Prelude to the Civil War*.

Come dressed for outdoor work! Long-sleeved shirts, long pants, tennis shoes or work boots, and work gloves are recommended. Come prepared; bring sunscreen and plenty of water to drink. A sign-in sheet will available at each site.

Fort Stevens is managed by Rock Creek Park and Fort Foote is managed by National Capital Parks - East. For more information about "Park Day" at Fort Stevens, please contact Rock Creek Park Nature Center, 202-895-6070. For more information on Fort Foote, please contact Fort Washington Park, 301-763-4600. Visit [www.nps.gov/cwdw](http://www.nps.gov/cwdw) for more information about Civil War Defenses of Washington that are administered by the NPS.

Civil War "Park Day" is an annual hands-on preservation event to help Civil War battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects. This nationwide annual volunteer day takes place at more

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than 100 historic Civil War parks and sites. Forts Foote and Stevens are two of the original ring of 68 earthwork forts that were built during the Civil War to protect Washington, D.C. from Confederate attack. The NPS continues to preserve as public parks 18 historic forts and batteries associated with this original network of fortifications. In 1864, Fort Stevens was the focus of Confederate attack - the only Civil War battle that took place within the nation's capital.

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