

**Bennett Place State Historic Site**  
Site of the Largest Surrender of the American Civil War  
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**2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**  
**(2011-2015)**

❖ **February 23**

***The Emancipation Proclamation; An Exploration. Bennett Place State Historic Site.***  
***150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Civil War commemorative event series.***

On January 1, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation to a divided nation. There were many mixed reviews among North and South. Join historian Earl Ijames who will explore the Emancipation Proclamation and explain what it really meant for persons of free color, enslaved African Americans, and the rest of the American population from January 1863 until the end of the American Civil War. The "Trail to Freedom", a living history guided tour will take place throughout the day. In addition, museums and historic sites will present displays and exhibits of African American heritage, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the American Civil War. Event is Saturday, 10am-4pm.

**March 23-24**

***TAR HEELS: Soldiers of the Old North State. Bennett Place State Historic Site.*** Ever wonder where the term "Tar Heel" originated? Military living historians will exhibit life of the more than 125,000 Southern soldiers who served the Old North State during the American Civil War. Visit with Confederate soldiers as they put on display the uniforms and equipment of the North Carolina soldier. Camplife, military drill, musket firings, and other activities will continue throughout the weekend on the Bennett Farm. Program is Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday 10 am-3 pm. Admission is FREE and donations graciously accepted.

**April 6**

***Civil War Park Day. Bennett Place State Historic Site.*** This national workday for volunteers is a cooperative effort between the Civil War Preservation Trust and Civil War historic sites across the United States. Come out and support your local Civil War historic site. Projects include preparing the Spring garden and landscaping, clearing nature trails, and preparations for the 148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Surrender commemoration. Program is 9 am-4 pm. Volunteers please contact the Bennett Place staff for more information.

## ❖ ***April 20-21***

***War and Surrender Depicted Through Photography, Art, and Journalism, 148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Surrender Commemoration. Bennett Place State Historic Site.***

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Join us as we showcase the American Civil War throughout history and how it has been portrayed through photography, art, and journalism. Historians, artists, and authors will share their artwork, books, and exhibits on how the war has been viewed and preserved. Military and civilian living historians will be encamped around the Bennett Farm demonstrating life in April 1865. The annual Unity Monument wreath laying ceremony will take place with special presentations and guest speakers. Event activities are ongoing Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

## ***May 11***

***Confederate Memorial Day Observance. Bennett Place State Historic Site.***

***(North Carolina Observance)***

Join living historians portraying the American soldier who served in the Confederate army during the American Civil War. Learn how this traditional observance of sacrifice and honor began in 1866 by the ladies of Columbus, Georgia and how it evolved in to the national recognition of all American soldiers known as Memorial Day. Program is Saturday 10am-4pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

## ***May 25-26***

***Memorial Day Remembrance: The United States Military Through the Ages. Bennett Place State Historic Site.***

Following the American Civil War a “Decoration Day” began in communities across America remembering those Union soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Senator John A. Logan, a former Union officer on staff with Major General William T. Sherman, was instrumental in making this a formal national day honoring our fallen soldiers, which became Memorial Day. Join military living historians representing the American soldier of all time periods with a “United States Military Through the Ages”. Program is Saturday 10am-4pm, and Sunday 10am-3pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

## ***September 28-29***

***Tar Heel Harvest Fair & Farmer’s Market. Bennett Place State Historic Site.***

During the early development of America communities celebrated the harvesting of the crops, cooler Fall weather with the coloring of the leaves, and good fellowship with family and friends. The Bennetts and fellow farmers took their produce and livestock to market in local towns such as Hillsborough and Chapel Hill enjoying a similar atmosphere. Join us as we celebrate the beginning Fall season with a variety of farmyard livestock, produce stands, children’s games, wagon rides, live music, and other communal festivities. Program is Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday 10 am-3 pm. Admission is FREE and donations graciously accepted.

## ***October 12***

***90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Unity Monument. Bennett Place State Historic Site.***

A special exhibit will be on display in the Visitor Center through the month of October sharing the 90 years of history of the establishment of the Unity Monument.

## ***December 14-15***

***Christmas in the Carolinas During the Civil War. Bennett Place State Historic Site.*** Visit Bennett Place during the Christmas season and witness how this occasion was celebrated in the Piedmont Carolinas during the American Civil War. Living historians will decorate the farm in a typical modest fashion of the time with cooking, wrapping packages, and a visit with Ole St. Nick. There will be music and caroling along with hot apple cider and Christmas cookies. Program is Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-3pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.