

Bennett Place State Historic Site
Site of the Largest Surrender of the American Civil War
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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
(2011-2015)

February 16

The First Year of Freedom in North Carolina: Pursuing Freedom with the Hoe and the Sword, the Book and the Lord. Bennett Place State Historic Site. Join us as we celebrate Black History Month with special guest, Dr. Reginald Hildebrand, as he shares the stories of freedom for African Americans following the surrenders at Appomattox and Bennett Place. This event will be held in conjunction with the Durham Civil War Roundtable and sponsored by the Bennett Place Support Fund, Inc. Meeting is at 6:30 pm-9pm. Refreshments will be served following the lecture. Admission is FREE to members of the DCWRT and \$5.00 per person for non members. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door depending on availability of seating.

March 24-25

TARHEELS: Soldiers of the Old North State. Bennett Place State Historic Site. Ever wonder where the term "Tarheel" originated? Living Historians will demonstrate 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 exhibit the uniforms and equipment of North Carolina soldier. Soldiers will demonstrate the marching, musket firings, and camp life around the Bennett Farm throughout the weekend. Program is Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday 10 am-3 pm. Admission is FREE and donations graciously accepted.

March 31

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 parks across the United States. Come out and support your local Civil War park. Projects include preparing the Spring garden and landscaping, preparations for the 147th Anniversary Surrender commemoration and other upcoming events. Program is 9 am-4 pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

❖ **April 28-29**

147th Anniversary Surrender Commemoration and the 50th Anniversary of Bennett Place State Historic Site. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

150th Anniversary of the American Civil War commemorative event series. This year we celebrate 50 years of Bennett Place as a North Carolina State Historic Site. Guest speakers and authors will make presentations on the history of Bennett Place and the making this national landmark at formal historic park. Sunday there will be a wreath laying ceremony held at the Unity Monument along with special presentations and guest speakers. Military encampments and civilian life will be depicted throughout the weekend. Event activities are ongoing Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

May 10

Confederate Memorial Day. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

(North Carolina Observance)

Join living historians portraying the American soldier who served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. Learn how this traditional observance of sacrifice and honor has coincided with the recognition for all American soldiers since the Civil War. This also marks the 150th anniversary when North Carolina seceded from the Union. Program is 10am-4pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

❖ **May 19-20**

Joining The Southern Cause. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

150th Anniversary of the American Civil War commemorative event series.

(Lorenzo Bennett, the oldest son, enlisted on May 12, 1862, in the 27th NC and went to war. This living history program will depict the young civilians who enlisted in the war. An enlistment station will be set up part of the living history program) Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

May 26

Memorial Day Remembrance. Bennett Place State Historic Site. Following the American Civil War Memorial Day began in small communities across America, which recognized those soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Following the war, General John Logan, a Union officer on Major General Sherman's staff, was instrumental in making this federal legislation possible. Join American soldiers with a "United States Military Through the Ages" memorial program. Program is 10am-4pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

June, July, August

Second Saturdays. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

Join us for the 3rd Annual Second Saturdays as all of our North Carolina State Historic Sites and Museums share the history, culture, and arts of the Tarheel State. All three special events are held the SECOND Saturday of each month, 10am-4pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

❖ **September 22-23**

Life on the Homefront in Piedmont North Carolina 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War commemorative event series. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

Civilian costumed interpreters will demonstrate how life on the homefront was beginning to change with the impact of the war. Domestic chores such as cooking, sewing and gardening as their husbands and sons began to head off to war. Program is Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-3pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.

December 8-9

Christmas in the Carolinas During the Civil War. Bennett Place State Historic Site. Visit Bennett Place during the holiday season and witness how Christmas was celebrated in the Piedmont Carolinas during the Civil War. Living historians will decorate the farm in a typical modest fashion. There will be music and caroling along with refreshments served. Program is Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-3pm. Admission is FREE and donations are graciously accepted.