

FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK **SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE** **2014 CIVIL WAR TRUST PARK DAY**

Nearly 150 years after the final shots of the Civil War were fired, a new wave of volunteers will descend on America's battlefields - only these dedicated troops will wield paint brushes, trash bags and hammers in the line of duty.

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, history buffs and preservationists from around the country will team up with the Civil War Trust to help clean and restore America's priceless battlefields, cemeteries and shrines. Park Day is the nationwide volunteer effort created by the Civil War Trust, underwritten with a grant from History T and endorsed by Take Pride in America, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Now in its 17th year, the annual hands-on preservation event comprises more than 100 sites in 24 states. Volunteers will participate in activities ranging from trash removal to trail building, while learning more about each site from local experts. In exchange for their effort, volunteers receive t-shirts or patches. Individuals of all ages and ability levels are welcome, and many activities are appropriate for groups, like scout troops or corporate outings.

In New London, Fort Trumbull State Park, will participate in Park Day. Needs range from cleanup, painting and minor repairs inside the fort and its grounds. For more information about Park Day at Fort Trumbull State Park, please contact Irving Moy by e-mail at irvingmoy@yahoo.com

WHAT: "Park Day" historic preservation event at Fort Trumbull

WHEN: April 5, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fort Trumbull State Park, Visitors Center
90 Walbach Street, New London, Connecticut
Meet at the Visitor's Center at 8:30 to register and to receive your assignment .
Bring gloves and a rake; all other supplies will be furnished.

The event will be held rain or shine. You can come and go as your schedule permits. Come and make a difference.

The Civil War Trust is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. To date, the Trust has preserved more than 35,000 acres of battlefield land in 20 states. Learn more at www.civilwar.org, the home of the Civil War sesquicentennial.

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