



CIVIL WAR IN 1862 VIRGINIA

Battle of the Ironclads

Peninsula Campaign including Richmond
Fredericksburg



September 6~10, 2012

****This tour will include an exclusive entrance into the Monitor Lab!* ***



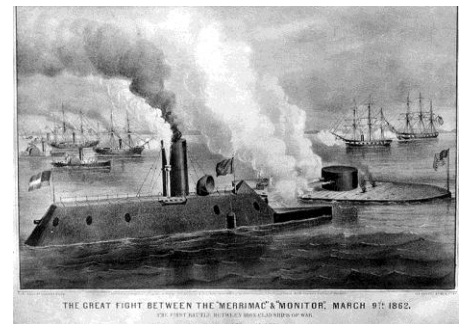
One day in August of 1861, a cantankerous man from New York wrote a long letter to the President. He was John Ericsson, a brilliant inventor. The "writer," the letter said, offered to construct a vessel for the destruction of the Rebel fleet at Norfolk. He wanted no pay.

The letter went unanswered and Ericsson fumed. He had heard rumors that the Confederates were converting a fifty gun frigate the Merrimac, into an Ironclad of revolutionary design.

However, it took Cornelius Bushnell, a Connecticut manufactures' interest to make the union's own Ironclad, the Monitor a reality.....and none too soon! The Merrimac on her first attack burned one ship, sank another and drove one aground. March 9 1862 the day following the Merrimac attack, the Monitor met the Merrimac for their battle at Hampton Roads. This day changed Navy battles forever.

Both the Union and Confederate governments and military leaders recognized the extremely strategic location of the Virginia peninsula formed by the York and James Rivers. Discover how the Union Army planned its avenue of advancement toward the rebel capital of Richmond in 1862, and how Confederate General "Prince John" Magruder fortified against it.

Stand on the very banks that residents of Hampton stood as they watch the two ironclads meet. Discover the human side of the Hampton Roads struggle through the Civil War.



Day One - September 6, 2012 ~ Tour Begins

3:00 pm Participants check-in to **Marriott Newport News City Center**
740 Town Center
Newport News, VA 23606

5:00 pm **Group departs for dinner and evening speaker**

Day Two - Friday, September 7, 2012

Full Breakfast (included at hotel)
8:00 am Meet historian **John Quarstein** for **full-day tour**

Begin with a driving tour past **Skiffes Creek**. The redoubt here was built by Magruder to help protect his right flank along the James River. We walk the fortifications where the **Battle of Lee's Mill** took place on April 5, 1862, and drive by the site of the **Battle of Dam No. 1**, the only site where McClellan attempted to break Magruder's defenses. We will also take a side journey to **Ft. Eustis** to view the Navy's Ghost Fleet. Pass **Warwick Court House**, occupied by McClellan's troops and the site where an observation balloon was deployed. We then drive by **Young's Mill**, whose earthworks were Magruder's first defensive line across the peninsula.



10:00 am Cruise on board **Miss Hampton II** for the **Monitor-Merrimack Harbor Cruise**. We will pass over the site of the Battle of the Ironclads on March 9, 1862.

Visit **Ft. Wool**, (weather permitting) which was used by Union forces against Confederate-held Norfolk just after the beginning of the Civil War. Incomplete at the War's outbreak, it was the companion fortification to Fort Monroe. Constructed on the Rip Raps, a small artificial stone island constructed by the Federals in the middle of Hampton Roads, it was originally named Castle Calhoun. The fort was renamed Fort Wool following its use in the operations against Confederate-held Norfolk in May 1862 in honor of Major General John E. Wool.

3:00 pm Visit **The Mariner's Museum**, America's premier maritime museum.

The Mariner's Museum features a "Clash of Armor" exhibit that tells the story of the famous sea battle between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack (Virginia)*. The museum showcases items recovered from the *Monitor*, which sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras on the last day of 1862, including its iron anchor. **Have a special in-depth tour of the Monitor Center with your historian guide. **Group will have an exclusive tour of the Monitor Lab.**

6:30 pm Enjoy an evening at the historic **Boxwood Inn** (Newport News, VA).

Costumed staff will treat us to a candlelight dinner and show in Civil War style. Highlighting the era of fluttering fans and southern hospitality, Boxwood Inn's Doorway Singers showcase the music of the Stephen Foster era. "An Evening in Old Virginia", when time moved more slowly. Dinner includes Peanut soup, salad, baked chicken or ham, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, bountiful desserts and beverage.

Day Three - Saturday, September 8, 2012

Full Breakfast at the hotel (included)

Tour the **Lee Hall Mansion**.

This Italianate mansion was Magruder's headquarters during the Warwick River siege, part of McClellan's 1862 Peninsula Campaign. The **Donald R. Tharpe Gallery**, located in the mansion's English basement, houses an exhibit dedicated to interpreting the 1862 Peninsula Campaign. This comprehensive exhibit tells the story of the events that took place on the Peninsula in 1861 and 1862, including the June 10, 1861 Battle of Big Bethel. Meet Mrs. Lee, a young wife and Mother who shortly after building her house the war came to her front door. Learn the trials and the sacrifices she had to make for the War.

Depart for **Richmond**

Meet John Quarstein – complete the Peninsula Campaign in Richmond

Dinner (included) in Shockoe Slip – Richmond

Drive to Fredericksburg – **check-in Marriott Fredericksburg**

Sunday, September 9, 2012

Full Breakfast (included) at the hotel

Full day Tour of **Fredericksburg Battlefield including the town**

The **Battle of Fredericksburg** was fought December 11–15, 1862, in and around Fredericksburg, Virginia, between General Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac, commanded by Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside. The Union army's futile frontal assaults on December 13 against entrenched Confederate defenders on the heights behind the city is remembered as one of the most one-sided battles of the American Civil War, with Union casualties more than twice as heavy as those suffered by the Confederates.

Burnside's plan was to cross the Rappahannock River at Fredericksburg in mid-November and race to the Confederate capital of Richmond before Lee's army could stop him. Unfortunately, bureaucratic delays prevented Burnside from receiving the necessary pontoon bridges in time and Lee moved his army to block the crossings. When the Union army was finally able to build its bridges and cross under fire, urban combat resulted in the city on December 11–12. Union troops prepared to assault Confederate defensive positions south of the city and on a strongly fortified ridge just west of the city known as Marye's Heights.

On December 13, the "grand division" of Maj. Gen. William B. Franklin was able to pierce the defensive line of Confederate Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson to the south, but was finally repulsed. Burnside ordered the grand divisions of Maj. Gens. Edwin V. Sumner and Joseph Hooker to make multiple frontal assaults against Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's position on Marye's Heights, all of which were repulsed with heavy losses. On December 15, Burnside withdrew his army, ending another failed Union campaign in the Eastern Theater.

6:00 pm **Dinner at Olde Silk Mill Bed and Breakfast**
Local Gospel Singers Entertainment

Day Four - Monday, September 10, 2012

9:00 am Full Breakfast (included) at the hotel

9:00 am **White Oak Museum – special tour**

10:30 am Time in Fredericksburg

1:00 pm Depart for Newport News to pick up cars

We will make a Richmond Airport drop at 2:15 pm for those flying out of Richmond. Make flights after 4:15 pm

4:00 pm Drop off at Marriott City Center, Newport News

**** Space is limited on this tour due to the tour of Monitor Lab ****

Tour Price Includes:

- Motorcoach Transportation throughout tour
- Transfer to the Richmond airport the last day
- 4 Nights lodging at Marriott's in Newport News and Fredericksburg
- 4 Full breakfasts
- 4 First Class Dinners
 - Entertainment at the Boxwood Inn
 - Gospel Singers at the Olde Silk Inn
- Historian Guide service throughout tour
- Tour of the Ironclads
- Tour of the Peninsula Campaign including Richmond
- Tour of Fredericksburg Battlefield
- Tips for historians
- Cruise aboard the Miss Hampton II
- Admission to Lee Hall Plantation
- Presentation from Mrs. Lee
- Admission to Mariner's Museum
- Admission to Monitor's Lab – available **only** on tours with Civil War tours.net
- Admission to Fredericksburg Battlefield
- Admission to White Oak Museum – special presentation
- All taxes and tips for meals, lodging, and attractions
- Civil War Tours.net escort – Cathy Strite

Price of the package is:

\$1,186.00 per person double occupancy

\$1,741.00 single occupancy

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All participants are responsible for getting to & from the Marriott in Newport News. However we will be offering bus service from Fredericksburg to Newport News so those coming from the North do not have to go south to get to their cars the last day.

For questions and to check availability please call:
Cathy Strite at **(717) 201-4381**

All-In-One Tours/Civil War Tours.net
3303 Saddlewood Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

**REGISTRATION FORM ~ Civil War in 1862 Virginia
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TO REGISTER for this tour, please fill out the form below and mail it with your **non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 per person** to:

All-In-One Tours/Civil War Tours.net
Attention: Mike Strite
3303 Saddlewood Circle
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Final Payment is due on or before August 1, 2012 and becomes non-refundable at that point. **Trip Insurance is recommended** and a form from Access America will be sent along with your registration confirmation.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Roommate(s) name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Number of people you are registering: _____

Amount of check enclosed \$ _____

(Make Checks payable to All-In-One Tours)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

Please Note: Tour price reflects a 3% discount if paying by check; 3% will be added back if using credit card for payment

Type of Card: Visa MasterCard Discover (Please circle one)

Card Number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiration Date: _____ / _____

Signature _____

Any dietary restrictions? _____

PHONE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Space is limited and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.



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