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## *These Walls Are Talking*

# Frying Pan Meeting House Tales to Be Told

The past meets the present at the Frying Pan Meeting House on April 26, 2015. *These Walls are Talking...* is a history program which brings to life traces of the Civil War in Virginia. Visitors may forget which century they live in while mingling with reenactors, viewing exhibits, and hearing stories from members of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m.

Many are familiar with the role of Native Americans during Virginia's colonial period, but few of us are familiar with their continued participation in key historical events such as the Civil War. Pulling from their intimate knowledge of the riverine landscape, Pamunkey men served as pilots and scouts on Union gunboats traversing Virginia waterways. Women held ground on the reservation, working to aid Union soldiers who camped near their community throughout the war. This program gives voice to the Pamunkey Indian Tribe as they share untold stories of their ancestors who risked everything to support the Union cause.

Journey back in time to the days when the Frying Pan Meeting House served as a field hospital. Visit with Kyle F. Wichtendahl, educational programming coordinator from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and learn about a surgeon's medical kit. Hear John W. McCaskill, from History Alive, recount stories about the treatment of African American prisoners of war. Watch as the cavalry ride up our nature trail as other Civil War cavalry once did. Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy a free wagon ride shuttle from the County Store to the Meeting House. The event is free.

The event runs rain or shine with backup indoor space. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Directions and shuttle service to the Meeting House are available at the County Store. For more information about Frying Pan Farm Park or this event, visit online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark). Or call 703-437-9101.

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