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**PORT HUDSON STATE HISTORIC SITE TO HOST 153RD ANNIVERSARY CIVIL WAR SEIGE
OF PORT HUDSON**

For the battle's 153rd anniversary year, Port Hudson State Historic Site will host its annual re-enactment of the Siege of Port Hudson on Saturday and Sunday, April 2–3. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., volunteer re-enactors in Union and Confederate uniforms will stage activities characteristic of the 1863 siege. Artillery, cavalry, and infantry branches as well as the cooks, laundresses, and tradesmen, or sutlers, who accompanied the armies, will be portrayed. Main re-enactment battles will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Siege of Port Hudson lasted May 22 through July 9, 1863, marking the longest siege on American soil. Thousands of men died during the significant victory in the Union's strategy to control the Mississippi and Red Rivers, cutting off Confederate forces from much-needed supplies.



Hear the cannons roar, as they did during the battles that took place at Port Hudson during the spring and summer of 1863.

In addition to battle re-enactments, visitors can enjoy living history demonstrations and a class on Civil War-era dance. Reproductions of Civil War merchandise will be available for purchase at the picnic area near the main battlefield, including concessions from the Zachary High School band.

Admission to the site and event is \$4 per person and free for children (12 and under) and seniors (62 and older). Port Hudson State Historic Site, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1974, is located on U.S. Hwy 61 near Zachary, about 15 minutes north of Baton Rouge. For more information, call 888.677.3400 toll free or 654.3775 locally.

Note: A detailed schedule of events follows.

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 2

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| 11 a.m. | Artillery demonstration on north end main field |
| 1 p.m. | Civil War Dance class behind museum |
| 2 p.m. | Battle on main field |
| 3 p.m. | Medical demonstration at Sutlers' Row |

Sunday, April 3

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| 10 a.m. | Re-enactor church service at cannon platform |
| 12:30 p.m. | Artillery demonstration on north end main field |
| 1:30 p.m. | Battle on main field |
| 2:30 p.m. | Medical demonstration at Sutlers' Row |