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2019 COMMEMORATION CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

--Opportunities for nearly all ages during August 23-25 events --

(Hampton, VA) The Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau is seeking volunteers to work various shifts August 21-25 for the 2019 Commemoration of the First African Landing. Events will take place at Fort Monroe and other Hampton venues. Assistance is needed for the preparation and implementation of planned activities spanning the weekend. Individuals that are interested in volunteering will be assigned age and ability-appropriate roles.

The majority of volunteer opportunities exist on Saturday, August 24, and include such activities as setting up tables and chairs, supporting vendors, assisting at youth and
musical stages, assisting with games and arts and crafts, and sharing information with attendees.

Individuals interested in volunteering should register by visiting http://www.FirstAfricanLanding.com and clicking the VOLUNTEER button near the bottom of the page. Individuals may electronically complete and submit the registration form. Volunteers may also call 757-722-1222. Upon receipt of applications, Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau staff will provide confirmation and assignment.

Commemorative events held August 23-25 recognize the 1619 first recorded African landing in English-occupied North America at Point Comfort. A series of programs, events, and exhibits presented by the Hampton 2019 Commemorative Commission throughout calendar year 2019 serves to engage residents and visitors in learning about the critical 1619 turning point in our nation’s history and presents opportunities for reflection and education.

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