

Join Us!

*Sunday, April 10, 2011
10:00 AM—4:30 PM*

*Charlestown Navy Yard on
Boston's Historic
"Freedom Trail"*



*A Day of Civil War Commemoration on the 150th Anniversary of the
Outbreak of the War of Rebellion 1861—1865 at the*

CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD

Home of "Old Ironsides", the USS Constitution

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION



2011 marks the beginning of the Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) of the American Civil War, which began April 12th, 1861, with the firing on Federal forces at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, by the Confederate States of America, and was followed by four years of horrific war with more than 10,000 battles, big and small, resulting in excess of 1.1 million casualties, including 620,000 deaths, - more than all other American wars combined.

The Boston National Historic Park in cooperation with the J. W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall Association, Charlestown Historical Society and others are sponsoring a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration on Sunday, April 10th, 2011 at the Charlestown Navy Yard National Historic Park in Charlestown. The event will feature speakers from Civil War Round Tables of Massachusetts, Civil War Era Musicians, Naval Reenactors, Zouave and Army Reenactors.

Schedule:

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Living history encampment by the New England Brigade of Civil War Reenactors
10:00 AM – Precision drill demonstration by the Salem Zouaves, Civil War Era Reenactors
10:30 AM – Musical Presentation: "Navy Musicology of the Civil War Era" by Robert E. Kilham, Jr., 19th Century Musicologist
11:00 AM – Presentation: "Naval History of the Civil War" by Charles Viet of the U.S. Naval Landing Party, Civil War Naval Reenactors
11:30 AM – Presentation: "The Rescue of Old Ironsides" by Paul Kenworthy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
12:00 Noon – Presentation: "Charlestown in the Civil War" by Ed Callahan of the Charlestown Historical Society
12:30 PM – Presentation: "Abe Lincoln on his 1st Inaugural Address and the start of the Civil War" by George Cheevers, Lincoln Presenter
1:00 PM – Presentation: "Another Look at the Emancipation Proclamation" by Col. DeLane Anderson, USMC, Ret., Attorney at Law
1:30 PM – Presentation: "History of the Charlestown Navy Yard" by William Casey of the National Parks Service
2:00 PM – Musical Presentation: Concert by the Providence Brigade Band,
3:00 PM - Civil War Remembrance Program with representatives of the American Legion, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Memorial Hall Association, U.S. Parks Service, Charlestown Historical Association, USS Constitution, Charlestown High School Junior ROTC and others
4:00 PM - Memorial Ceremony and Wreath-laying Ceremony. At the conclusion of the program, participants will march to the Training Field for a "G.A.R.-style" memorial ceremony by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and wreath-laying at the Charlestown Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Note: Schedule subject to change