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### **Battlefield Park Receives Exhibit Funds for Sesquicentennial**

**FREDERICKSBURG, VA---**Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park this week received \$1.6 million to rehabilitate the exhibits in its two visitor centers. The funding comes from fees charged across the National Park System and is intended to help the park prepare for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War by replacing exhibits that are almost fifty years old.

Superintendent Russ Smith commented that replacing the exhibits has been one of the park's top priorities. He went on to say that, aside from being outdated in design and materials, the current exhibits project a 1960's view of history and don't deal with the effects of the war on the local community nor provide a context for the battles in the war. Rehabilitation of the exhibits will be the final stage in a ten-year program of renewal of interpretive facilities at the park.

Work should be completed within two years. The Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center is scheduled to be complete in time for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg in December of 2012 and the Chancellorsville Visitor Center in time for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville in May of 2013.

Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park encompasses four major Civil War battlefields: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House.

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