

ANNUAL EVENTS



RiverBlast!

Spring

Port Columbus' largest annual living history event, RiverBlast features demonstrations and reenactments of events and scenes from the daily life of sailors and marines during the Civil War, as well as cannon firings, arms drill, skirmishes and a variety of craft and trade demonstrations. Riverblast draws naval and marine reenactors from around the country to be part of the weekend.



Cool History

Year-Round

"Cool History" encompasses a year-round series of living history events, each focusing on a particular theme. In addition to two annual Cool History events, other one-time programs may be scheduled throughout the year.

- Captured: Combat Tours of the USS Water Witch (*November*)
- Medical Mysteries: Civil War Naval Surgery (*July*)



The Southern Pirate Festival

October

Our only non Civil War related event, The Southern Pirate festival is a day full of piratical festivities for young and old alike, both civilian and "pirate."

Costumed pirates roam the crowds and provide entertainment, along with demonstrations, games and entertainment of all kinds. Whether you're a pirate or just want to come have fun, there's something for everyone.



Victorian Holiday Open House

December

Free to the public, as our gift to the community. The museum is decorated in traditional Victorian holiday style, a Civil War Santa will visit with children to hear their Christmas wishes (photo packages are available for a package fee).

To close each day, Santa fires the museum's original cannon from the CSS Jackson!



Admirals Circle Dinner

October

Each October, Port Columbus hosts the Admiral's Circle Dinner, which honors someone who has supported the museum to an extraordinary extent. The black-tie dinner is the largest fund-raising event of the year for the naval museum and features entertainment and a silent auction showcasing works from Columbus' finest artists and goods from local merchants.



Civil War Naval History Symposium

January

Each year, authors, experts, scholars and buffs convene at Port Columbus for the Civil War Naval History Symposium, with speakers covering a broad range of related topics. This symposium is open to the public.

Visit www.portcolumbus.org for more details and images of all the events.

2010 EVENTS (3RD-4TH Q)

•JULY

Cool History: Medical Mysteries *July 10-11*

Annual living history recreation of shipboard surgery, medicine and other Civil War Naval medical methods, performed in one of the museum's recreated ship environments.

•OCTOBER

Admirals Circle Dinner *October 11*

Port Columbus' annual black-tie fundraiser dinner, featuring entertainment, silent auctions, and the recognition as "Admiral" of an individuals who has supported the museum.

Southern Pirate Festival *October 23*

The Southern Pirate festival is a day full of piratical festivities for young and old alike. Costumed pirates roam the crowds and provide entertainment along with demonstrations, games and entertainment of all kinds, whether you're a "pirate" or just want to come have fun.

•NOVEMBER

Captured! *Combat Tours of the USS Water Witch* *November 26-27*

Relive the battle for the USS Water Witch as you walk the decks, guided by uniformed sailors. Watch scenes from the capture recreated in this living history tour on board the Water Witch recreation.

•DECEMBER

Victorian Holiday Open House *December 4-5*

Free to the public, as our gift to the community. The museum is decorated in traditional Victorian holiday style and a Civil War Santa will visit with children to hear their Christmas wishes. To close each day, Santa fires the museum's original cannon from the CSS Jackson!

•YEAR-ROUND

Sea Ghosts: *Tours of Haunted Port Columbus* *Last Thurs. Each Month*

Nighttime, lantern-light tours of Port Columbus, featuring stories and evidence gathered during paranormal investigations of the museum, as well as history of the surrounding exhibits.

Scared Shipless: *Professional Ghost Hunts* *Quarterly*

Learn how to perform a paranormal investigation with these overnight classes offered by Effigy Paranormal. After lessons on equipment and methods, you'll take part in an investigation of the museum. Your evidence may even be used in our monthly Ghost Tours!

2010: August 6, October 29 and 30.

(Tentative Date)*

2011 EVENTS

•MARCH

RiverBlast! Port Columbus' 10th Anniversary *March 12-13*

Living History, Demonstrations, Arms and Cannon Drill, Skirmishes and Reenactments, Cannon Firings and other activities. RiverBlast! 2011 will feature the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of Port Columbus.

•APRIL

150th Symposium: Soldiers, Sailors, Slaves and Civilians *April 6-9*

Multi-day cooperative symposium discussing the role of Soldiers, Sailors, Slaves and Civilians during the Civil War, and the effects of the War on each group.

Each day will take place at a different location in Columbus. See website for details.

Columbus Prepares for War *April 16-17**

A living history presentation portraying Columbus, GA and the surrounding area preparing as war loomed on the horizon. From military preparations to women's groups raising funds and materials for the war effort, reenactors will portray a variety of situations facing the community in April 1861.

•MAY

Memorial Day Commemoration *May 30*

Ceremony recognizing the service and sacrifice of all Veterans, especially those of the Sea Services during the civil war. FREE. Memorial ceremony held outside at cannon, with a cannon salute at close of ceremony.

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