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The Hermitage receives highest single-day attendance since 2013

204th Battle of New Orleans commemoration brought in 3,056 guests Tuesday, Jan. 8

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Jan. 10, 2019) – More than 3,000 people ventured to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage Tuesday for the Battle of New Orleans commemoration, making it the highest single-day attendance in the previous six years. The 204th honoring of Jackson's military history surpassed even the attendance recorded at the launch of the main exhibit, "Born for a Storm," in 2015.

The record-high attendance comes as no surprise to The Hermitage, which closed out 2018 with its best overall year of attendance in 20 years.

The attendance recorded Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, was just shy of a record set during the 2013 Battle of New Orleans commemoration, which saw 3,243 guests.

"Every year on January 8, we continue the time-honored tradition of honoring Jackson's triumph at the Battle of New Orleans by opening our doors to the public," said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of The Hermitage. "It is always inspiring to see the grounds of The Hermitage overflowing with guests who come together to celebrate and learn about Jackson's storied past."

Tuesday's Battle of New Orleans commemoration offered complimentary admission to all ages and marked the only free day of the year at the presidential home. The events of the day included a keynote address from [Lt. Gen. John Castellaw USMC \(Ret.\)](#) during the wreath-laying ceremony at the tombs of Andrew and Rachel Jackson, a lecture titled "Facing Down the Firing Squad and becoming Old Hickory" followed by a book signing by author, Tony Turnbow, and educational games and activities for children.

About the Battle of New Orleans

On the foggy morning of Jan. 8, 1815, at a place that has come to be known as Chalmette Battlefield just downriver from New Orleans, General Andrew Jackson led a ragtag army of Americans to a stunning victory over the highly trained British forces at the Battle of New Orleans. It was the final major battle in the War of 1812. The battle lasted fewer than 30 minutes, and the result changed America while stunning the world. By the time the smoke had cleared, the British had sustained 2,000 killed, wounded, missing or captured. Jackson's own losses were only 71. It was the most lopsided defeat ever suffered by a British army. The battle changed how

both Americans and Europeans thought about the United States' experiment in self-government, branded Jackson as an American military hero and served as the springboard for Jackson's eventual election to the U.S. presidency in 1828. Each year on Jan. 8, The Hermitage commemorates the anniversary of this American victory with public programs for children and adults and offers free admission to the public.

About Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest, most well-preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America's first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson's mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church, and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of 228,157 annual visitors. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.