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**War of 1812 Military Encampment and Wreath-Laying Ceremony Planned for
Andrew Jackson's 252nd Birthday**

Presidential site will offer half-price admission for celebration on March 15

HERMITAGE, Tenn. (March 1, 2019) – Andrew Jackson's Hermitage will celebrate the 252nd anniversary of Jackson's birthday Friday, March 15 with programs for the public. The day will include half-price general admission, a wreath-laying ceremony at Jackson's tomb and a two-day War of 1812 military encampment on the grounds of the home of the nation's 7th president.

"March 15 is always a special time for us at The Hermitage," said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of Andrew Jackson's Hermitage. "Whether it is through new programming or the guest of honor placing the wreath at Jackson's tomb, we are continuously looking for unique ways to improve the experience guests have during Jackson's birthday celebration."

Serving as the keynote for the wreath-laying ceremony at Jackson's tomb will be former regent of the Andrew Jackson Foundation, [Richard G. Cowart](#). He currently serves as a chairman of [Baker Donelson's](#) Health Law/Government Relations and Public Policy Department and is a member of its board of directors. Assisting Cowart with the wreath-laying will be the adjutant general with the Tennessee National Guard, Maj. Gen. [Jeffrey H. Holmes](#).

Guests attending the celebration of the birthday anniversary will be the first to experience The Hermitage's two-day [War of 1812 Military Encampment](#). Experience the sights and sounds of a 19th-century military encampment as General Jackson's forces are encamped on the grounds of The Hermitage. The camp will feature interactive military drills, weapons demonstrations, blacksmiths repairing tools for the camp and residents of Tennessee debating the issues of the era at the tavern.

Visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets to the birthday celebration early to avoid the line at the ticket office. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thehermitage.com.

Not able to attend the anniversary of Jackson's birthday? Not a problem. During the month of March, all Tennessee residents will receive \$5 off an adult general tour ticket by showing a valid Tennessee driver's license for on-site ticket purchases.

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 more than 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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