Group Program Descriptions

Let the experts guide your group through history. With hands-on, artifact-driven, visitor-centered programs, we can help your group navigate the complexities of the Civil War, often in the space where important events happened.

Our offerings evolve daily, and we welcome opportunities to tailor programs to suit your group’s needs.

Contact us for information about:
• Admission fees and scheduling availability
• Up-to-date information about programming options
• Tailored program options

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Menu of Current Group Programs
The American Civil War Museum currently offers the following programs for groups of adults or adults with youth. All programs can be adapted for various ages, interest levels, and abilities.

Guided Tours
Join Museum educators for a guided exploration of the Civil War through the Museum’s exhibits and historic locations. Each location offers a unique vantage point for looking at a complex and surprising history through artifact-based observation and conversation.

Appomattox Location:

Appomattox Exhibit
Explore the overlapping stories of the end of the War and the reunification of a nation using artifacts, photographs, and documents in the Museum’s permanent exhibit. How did the War impact peoples’ lives, both in its final days and after surrender? Length: 30 minutes

Historic Tredegar Location:

A People’s Contest Exhibit Highlights Tour (NEW)
In our new permanent exhibit, A People’s Contest: Struggles for Nation and Freedom in Civil War America, immerse yourself in the chaos and complexity of the Civil War at a human level. With an ACWM educator, discover stories from diverse Americans struggling through the challenging war years told through colorized images, experiential displays, and unique artifacts. When confronted by the reality of war, what choices did people make? How did life change for all Americans in the aftermath?
Brown’s Island Tour
Explore the entire Civil War from a quarter-mile walk along the James River, from the iron works that cast cannon used to fire on Fort Sumter in April of 1861 to President Abraham Lincoln visiting Richmond in April of 1865. What were women, children, free and enslaved African American people doing during the War? What were conditions really like in prison camps? Encounter local stories of triumph and tragedy that exemplify life—and death—for many people during the War. Length: 45 minutes

Tredegar History Tour
Tredegar Iron Works was the Confederacy’s most important industrial complex during the Civil War. In peacetime, it supplied the vast expansion of the railroad industry; in war, it produced the largest number of cannon in the Confederacy. Discover the historic buildings on site, the vital role of the iron works, and the diverse people who worked there. Length: 45 minutes

Lunch Seminar
Choose one of our Speakers Bureau talks ($75 fee) for an onsite seminar and combine it with a lunch. Inquire for lunch options and pricing.

White House of the Confederacy Location:

White House of the Confederacy Tour
Journey through the beautifully restored house that served as home to Confederate president Jefferson Davis during the Civil War. Who else lived in, worked in, or visited the home during the War? What can their stories tell us about life during this turbulent time? Length: 45 minutes

All ACWM Locations:

Medicine in the Civil War Program
Why did more soldiers die in hospitals than in battle? How does modern medical technology compare to that of the Civil War? Despite the terrible challenges facing field surgeons and nurses, there were impressive advancements in military medicine during the War. Delve into some of these advancements as well as the reasons behind the striking death toll in an interactive, classroom-based program. Length: 30 minutes

Tailored Programs We are always excited to tailor programs to suit your groups’ needs, learning styles, content, and interests. Ask about having any of our general programs tailored to your group or about designing a program just for you. Additional fees may apply, depending on the amount of customization. Length: Varies

ACWM Richmond Locations:

Walking Tours
Walk in the footsteps of history—explore the Civil War through guided walking tours of the city that served as the center of the mid-Atlantic slave trade, capital of the Confederacy, and one of the main targets of Union forces throughout the War. Additional fees may apply, depending on tour length.