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150th Anniversary of Battle of Fort Pulaski

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Our area is steeped in history specifically when it comes to the Civil War.

This weekend Fort Pulaski will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Siege on the fort.

It's also the Anniversary of Major General David Hunter's General Order Number 7.

It was a precursor to the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves at the fort and Cockspur Island.

Today a re-enactor from the African American Civil War Memorial came to Pulaski to explain to visitors the importance of Hunter's Order and the impact it had on the Civil War.

"It's important because it set the stage for the eventual Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery. Indeed that became a key point in the reconstruction policy," explains Asa Gordon a re-enactor from the African American Civil War Memorial.

Events continue throughout the weekend not just at Fort Pulaski but also at Battery Park on Tybee Island.

Things kick off tomorrow at 10 with a cannon demonstration. There will also be fort tour, a musket demonstration and a re enactment of the siege on the fort.

For a more detailed list log onto: <http://www.nps.gov/fopu/fortpulaski150.htm>

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