

Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation Signature Events

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| December 31, 2012 | Watch Night Service (Commemoration Kick Off) with Faith Community at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1127 North 28th Street, Richmond at 10:00 p.m. |
| January 1, 2013 | Annual Emancipation Proclamation Day Program with Faith Community at Fifth Baptist Church, 1415 West Cary Street, Richmond, at 10:00 a.m. |
| January 1, 2013 | Bell Tolling across the Commonwealth |
| February 12, 2013 | Annual Lincoln Birthday Observance at Lincoln Homestead in Rockingham County, at 12:00 noon |
| April 13, 2013 | Emancipation Proclamation Concert with Richmond Symphony at Richmond CenterStage, 8:00 p.m. |
| April 20, 2013 | Discussion: Cemeteries of enslaved African American with Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander and Lynn Rainville in Williamsburg |
| May 18, 2013 | Discussion: Cemeteries, causes of the American Civil War, implications of Emancipation Proclamation, and commemoration of the African American Burial Ground with Dr. David Blight and Dr. Edna Medford Greene in Richmond |
| September 14, 2013 | Discussion: Family history and cemeteries with visit to local cemeteries with Dr. Swann-Wright in Plains, Fauquier County |
| September 17, 2013 | Unveiling of commemorative plaques of African American Legislators who served in Underwood Convention and General Assembly during Reconstruction, State Capitol at 5:00 p.m. |
| October 5, 2013 | Discussion: Debt owed the enslaved and ceremony on the African American Burial Ground with Dr. Charles Ogletree in Richmond |
| November 9, 2013 | Discussion: Solutions to problems of the interpretation of slavery for the public and ceremony at the slave cemetery at Montpelier in Orange County with Rex Ellis and Whitney Battle-Baptist |
| April 2014 | Reconstruction Amendments Symposium |
| April 3-6, 2014 | Emancipation Proclamation Day Parade and Reenactment of Lincoln's visit to Richmond and Petersburg (Lincoln in Petersburg, Phase 3) |
| September 2015 | Library of Virginia Emancipation Proclamation Exhibit |
| September 2015 | Virginia Historical Society Civil War Sheet Music Exhibit |
| October 2015 | Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument |
| October 2015 | Concluding Event, Period Ball |

Other Commemorative Activities

- Legacy products and keepsakes to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation
- Two CD's will be produced for sale
- Poster will be available as a keepsake
- Bookmarks and cards honoring African Americans in Underwood Convention and General Assembly during Reconstruction

***Suggested new activities**
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