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PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE
AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

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Memorial Day Celebrations at President Lincoln's Cottage

Rare opportunity for the public to enjoy free guided tours of USSAH National Cemetery and to picnic on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home.

Washington, D.C. – President Lincoln's Cottage will host an array of activities on Memorial Day, May 27th 2013, to honor the men and women who have served in the U.S. military. Family-friendly activities include guided tours of the first National Cemetery, commemorative ceremonies honoring veterans at multiple locations, picnicking opportunities on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home, and tours of President Lincoln's Cottage, the seasonal residence of the Lincoln family during the Civil War. President Lincoln's Cottage is presenting these programs in partnership with the Armed Forces Retirement Home, the National Park Service, and the Illinois State Society. Registrations requested; visit www.LincolnCottage.org/MemorialDay2013 to register and learn more information.

Sailors from the USS Abraham Lincoln will be present at a wreath-laying ceremony at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home (USSAH) National Cemetery at 10:00AM. Visitors will then have the rare opportunity to take guided historical tours of the USSAH National Cemetery, predecessor of Arlington National Cemetery, at 10:45AM and 12:30PM. Visitors are encouraged to pack a picnic and enjoy lunch on the South Lawn of the Cottage and at the picnic tables behind the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center. Tours of the Cottage will be offered on the hour between 10:00AM and 3:00PM, and entrance to the Cottage is by admission only (\$15 for adults, \$5 for children, military and other discounts available). A ceremony honoring John A. Logan, a Civil War general and a leader in the movement to make Memorial Day a National Holiday, will take place further downtown at Logan Circle at 2:00PM. The wreath-laying ceremony, cemetery tours, access to picnic grounds, and Logan ceremony are free of charge.



Pictured: A family enjoying a tour of the USSAH National Cemetery, Memorial Day 2012.
Credit: President Lincoln's Cottage.

President Lincoln's Cottage, the "Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. While living here for more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here. Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours on the hour, 7 days a week. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: www.lincolncottage.org or call 202-829-0436.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. President Lincoln's Cottage is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit: www.preservationnation.org.
