



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

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President to lead Jamestown Commemoration

White House announces President's visit to event honoring Jamestown's 400th anniversary

Williamsburg, VA -- The White House announced today that President **George W. Bush** will participate in ceremonies honoring the 400th anniversary of Jamestown on May 13, the final day of America's Anniversary Weekend. The President will join thousands of Americans who will gather at Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement and Anniversary Park during the May 11 - 13 event to commemorate the 1607 founding of the first permanent English settlement in America.

Specifics of the President's visit were not announced.

"Today's exciting announcement caps a decade of planning and preparation," said **Stuart W. Connock**, chair of the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee. "The President's participation in Anniversary Weekend festivities underscores the pivotal role Jamestown played in our nation's history and helps further focus the world's attention on Jamestown's legacies -- representative government, free enterprise and a culturally diverse society."

Anniversary Weekend is the centerpiece of *America's 400th Anniversary*, the 18-month commemoration that began in May 2006 and continues through 2007.

"Three cultures came together at Jamestown -- English, Virginia Indian and African -- and forged for all time America's traditions of democratic government, diversity, free enterprise and the rule of law," said **Thomas K. Norment, Jr.**, co-chair of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and chair of the Jamestown 2007

Management Committee. “We are proud that the President will lead us in paying tribute to those rich contributions Jamestown made to the fabric of our national life.”

“The journey that began with the settlement at Jamestown changed the world, and is still changing the world today,” said **Frank B. Atkinson**, chair of the federal Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission. “We welcome President Bush as we pause for a moment on this continuing journey to remember the courage and sacrifice of those who embarked upon that journey four centuries ago and to celebrate their lasting contributions to America and the world. His presence both honors and enriches America’s 400th Anniversary commemoration.”

Single-day, date-specific tickets to Anniversary Weekend provide visitors with access to the entertainment and programming at Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement and Anniversary Park. Guests may purchase tickets at \$30 for adult and \$15 for children 6-12. Children younger than six-years-old receive free admission. Tickets are being limited to 30,000 per day to ensure guests enjoy a comfortable visit.

Anniversary Weekend tickets and accommodations are available through Colonial Williamsburg, the official hotels of the commemoration, and may be reserved by phone at (866) 400-1607 or through www.Americas400thAnniversary.com. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Callers outside of regular operating hours will be prompted to leave a message, which will be returned the next day.

Jamestown 2007, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. The nation’s first representative government, free enterprise system and culturally diverse society began at Jamestown. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies began in May 2006 and continue into 2008. Major corporate sponsors of America’s 400th Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC), Verizon (NYSE: VZ) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Other supporters include Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (NYSE: BUD), AirTran Airways (NYSE: AAI), Consol Energy and CNX Gas Corporation, Dominion, James City County, Lockheed-Martin, McGuireWoods LLP, Philip Morris USA, SunTrust, TowneBank and Wolseley PLC/Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Contributors include the City of Poquoson and Rutherford Insurance. More information about the commemoration is available at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com.

The federal Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission was created by Congress (Public Law 106-565) to work with the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee in planning and executing an anniversary commemoration of national and international scope. The Commission is comprised of a chairman and fifteen members who were appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior in spring 2003. For additional information, visit www.JamestownJourney.org.

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