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## **Abraham Lincoln Returns to Norfolk**

Our 16<sup>th</sup> President sailed across Hampton Roads from Fort Monroe to the opposite shore at Ocean View on the night of Friday, 9 May 1862 to walk the beach and verify that it was a suitable place to land troops to march upon the City of Norfolk. Satisfied, he authorized Union troops under command of General John Wool to sail to Ocean View the following day to march into Norfolk. The troops were met outside the city limits by Norfolk Mayor William Lamb, who accompanied them to the steps of the courthouse, where he formally surrendered the city. Norfolk was under Union occupation for the remainder of the Civil War.

What if Lincoln had entered the city after its surrender and taken quarters at Fort Norfolk? What if he had held a press conference at the Fort for interested citizens and members of the press?

On Sunday, 5 August 2007, renowned Lincoln interpreter George Buss will portray the president at just such a press conference. Assuming the role of Abraham Lincoln, he will answer questions about the occupation of Norfolk, his views of the war and the importance of Fort Monroe.

Sponsored by **The Norfolk Historical Society** and **Fort Monroe National Park Foundation**

Where: Fort Norfolk, 801 Front Street, Norfolk VA 23510

When: Sunday, 5 August 2007 at 1:00 PM

Free and open to the public

Picture I.D. required to enter Fort Norfolk