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Experience the Power of Michilimackinac’s Weapons at ‘Fire at Night’ September 5

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Join the interpretive staff at Colonial Michilimackinac for one of the most explosive evenings of the year as they fire off all Michilimackinac’s artillery after the sun goes down, with the cannon as the finale on Sunday, September 5, with gates opening at 7:30 p.m.

“This event allows us to share some new and exciting elements of Michilimackinac with visitors,” said Craig Wilson, Chief Curator for Mackinac State Historic Parks. “Even if someone has visited in the past, I invite them to come back and see what’s new.”

Staff, dressed as British soldiers, will fire all of Michilimackinac’s weapons – muskets, the wall gun and mortar, then the cannon as the finale with the magnificent Mackinac Bridge serving as the backdrop.

Entrance for the event will be on Straits Avenue, west of the Mackinac Bridge, across from the Fort Fudge Shop. Gates open at 7:30 p.m. A banner will be posted on the fence and staff will be stationed there. This is a free event, but donations are welcome. For more information visit mackinacparks.com.

Additional pictures are available upon request.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan’s Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, Historic Downtown Mackinac, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission,

established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or on the web at www.mackinacparks.com.

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