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Experience Fireworks of a Different Kind at ‘Fire at Night’ July 3 at Colonial Michilimackinac

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, July 3. Gates open at 9:00 p.m.

“This event allows us to share some new and exciting elements of Michilimackinac with our visitors,” said Craig Wilson, Chief Curator for Mackinac State Historic Parks.

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 9:00 p.m. A banner will be posted on the fence and staff will be stationed there. This is a free event, but donations are encouraged. This event is subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. For more information visit mackinacparks.com. A downloadable version of this release can be found here. 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, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, the Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, 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 online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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