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## **Fort Mackinac Returns to 1862: "Stanton Guard" Civil War Reenactment Weekend Set for June 21–22**

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — During the summer of 1862, Fort Mackinac held an unusual title: political prison. On June 21–22, reenactors portraying the “Stanton Guard”—a company mustered to guard political prisoners at Fort Mackinac in 1862—will join park interpreters to present unique programs throughout the historic site.

All special programming is included with regular admission to Fort Mackinac. Reenactors will assist the Fort Mackinac staff with regular programming, such as cannon and rifle demonstrations, as well as leading an additional program, The Stanton Guard at Fort Mackinac, after the 12:00 p.m. rifle firing demonstration. Reenactors will be on site 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.

### *Event Schedule Highlights:*

Saturday, June 21

Reenactors on site 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Morning Cannon Salute/Fort Mackinac Open for the Day

10:00 a.m. Rifle Firing Demonstration followed by The Changing Face of Fort Mackinac

Program

11:00 a.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration followed by Mackinac National Park:150 Program

12:00 p.m. Rifle Firing Demonstration followed by The Stanton Guard at Fort Mackinac

Program

1:00 p.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration

2:00 p.m. Drill Activity and Rifle Firing Demonstration

3:00 p.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration, followed by Soldier's Uniform and Equipment Program

4:00 p.m. Rifle Firing Demonstration

5:00 p.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration

6:00 p.m. Rifle Firing Demonstration

6:30 p.m. Cannon Firing Demonstration

7:00 p.m. Fort Mackinac Closed for the Evening

Sunday, June 22

Reenactors on site 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Morning Cannon Salute/Fort Mackinac Open for the Day

10:00 a.m. Rifle Firing Demonstration followed by The Changing Face of Fort Mackinac

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7:00 p.m. Fort Mackinac Closed for the Evening

Fort Mackinac is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Standing guard over Mackinac Island for more than 240 years, the fort features original military buildings, immersive exhibits, and breathtaking views.

More information on the event can be found [here](#). Tickets can be found [here](#). A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). Additional pictures 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 Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Benjamin Blacksmith Shop, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek, and Michilimackinac State 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](http://www.mackinacparks.com).*

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