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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR WAR OF 1812 COMMEMORATION LIVING HISTORY EDUCATION STATIONS ALONG THE PARKWAY

Jackson, MS, April 1, 2013 ---Dr. Bryant Boswell, President of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association, announced the following locations and times when re-enactors portraying Andrew Jackson and the 1813 Tennessee Volunteers will be making presentations to students and to the public along the Natchez Trace Parkway:

Educational Stations are open to the public from 9:00AM – 1:00PM, Monday and Tuesday, April 15 – 16.

The following historical presentations are scheduled every 10 minutes at four stations within four different sites, beginning at 9:00AM. The general public is invited to listen in as students are taught about Andrew Jackson's 1813 journey from Natchez to Nashville during the War of 1812.

Site A: Old Trace Park on Barnett Reservoir

Station 1 – General Andrew Jackson, General John Coffee, and Colonel Thomas Hart Benton

Station 2 – Blacksmith

Station 3 – Cooking and Fire Building

Station 4 – Flintlock and runnin' ball demonstration

IN ADDITION

Performances by the Tennessee Militia Fife and Drum

Site B: Parkway Information Cabin – Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Station 1 – Mississippi Territory Indian Tribes in the War of 1812

- Station 2 – Indian Stick Ball
- Station 3 – Cooking
- Station 4 – Basket weaving

Site C: Old Trace/Brashear's Stand – On the Parkway, behind MS Craft Center

- Station 1 – The Old Natchez Trace
- Station 2 – The Stands along the Old Natchez Trace/Brashear's Stand
- Station 3 – The hospital at Brashear's Stand/The medicine of the period
- Station 4 – The uniforms and accoutrements of the Tennessee Militia

Site D: The Choctaw Agency – On the Parkway, West side of I-55

- Station 1 – The War of 1812 National Perspective (Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, Gulf Coast)
- Station 2 – The Choctaw Agency with Silas Dinsmoor, Choctaw Agent
- Station 3 – The Indian Agency System with William Clark, Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Missouri Territory
- Station 4 – General James Wilkinson

The presentations are part of a ten-day commemoration of the bicentennial of the 1813 Natchez Expedition as part of the War of 1812, sponsored by the Natchez Trace Parkway Association. It represents a significant development in the association's goal to create living history programs along the parkway. The Natchez Trace Parkway Association is a non-profit, friends organization for the Natchez Trace Parkway, a national park. The organization was founded in 1934 to promote the creation of the parkway. It works closely with the National Park Service to enhance the visitor experience by encouraging people to explore, complete, support and protect the parkway.

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