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OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 2 SITE 10 HOT SPOT 2 MCAS CHERRY POINT NC
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Civil War 150th anniversary a lifetime event for re-enactors

The Associated Press

FORT SUMTER NATIONAL MONUMENT, S.C. — For thousands of Civil War re-enactors, the next four years are a chance to capitalize on the public's curiosity about a century-old hobby that demands such attention to detail that the fights seem almost real.

The die-hards converging soon at the site where the War Between the States began 150 years ago with a Confederate artillery barrage on Union-held Fort Sumter can't wait to help others understand why they spend weekends tramping through the rain, sleeping in tents in snow-covered fields, cooking on open campfires and enduring mock battles in wool coats under the hot Southern sun.

They're expecting a surge of interest in a pastime that has roots at the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913, when Confederate veterans retraced Pickett's Charge. Re-enacting took hold for good five

decades ago during the Civil War's centennial. "The 150th cycle is going to be great. It's going to bring us some new re-enactors and it's going to bring a lot of attention and publicity," said Reece Sexton, publisher of the Civil War Courier newspaper and two companion magazines considered bibles by enthusiasts.

"The hobby is not going to die. It does need some new blood."

There is no nationwide association for re-enactors, but Sexton estimates as many as 50,000 take part at least occasionally.

An estimated 1,000 re-enactors will be in Charleston, S.C., for the festivities surrounding the April 12,

1861 attack on Fort Sumter, the first shots of the war. Organizers will explode a starburst shell over the fort, signaling re-enactors manning some 30 cannons ringing the harbor to begin a 30-minute barrage.

Sexton expects up to 12,000 re-enactors in Virginia for the 150th anniversary of Bull Run, the first major battle of the war, in July.

But the capstone will come in 2013, when the Gettysburg anniversary could draw as many as 25,000 re-enactors and four times that many spectators to the fields of Pennsylvania.

There are re-enactments yearly of many

major Civil War battles and of numerous smaller skirmishes at locations near the battlefields. None is permitted on the actual battlegrounds.

But the next four

years will be special. "Among a lot of re-enactors I'm talking to, this is it. This is the anniversary they have been waiting for," said George Wunderlich, a re-enactor and execu-

tive director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Md.

Interest in re-enacting has ebbed and flowed over the decades.



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NOTICE OF UNITED STATES NAVY'S INVITATION For Public Comment on Proposed Plan Operable Unit 2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina

This **Proposed Plan** presents a revision to the original selected remedy for past environmental concerns at Site 10, Hot Spot 2 at Operable Unit (OU) 2 of Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, and provides the rationale for this preference. The United States Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes a Soil Cover with Groundwater Monitoring as the appropriate remedy for Hot Spot 2, because the original remedy of Soil Vapor Extraction was not effective at this soil hot spot.

The Navy, the lead agency for site activities, and the support agencies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 4, and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) issues this document. The Navy and the USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, will make the final decision on the Preferred Alternative for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 after reviewing and considering all information submitted during the **45-day public comment period from April 11 to May 25, 2011**. The Navy and USEPA, in consultation with NCDENR, may modify the Preferred Alternative or select another remedial action for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 based on new information or public comments; therefore, public comments on the Preferred Alternative are invited and encouraged. Interested parties may submit written comments to:

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The Proposed Plan is based upon the findings of previous site-related documents contained in the Navy's Administrative Record for MCAS Cherry Point. The Administrative Record can provide important background and site investigation information about the Site. The Proposed Plan and specific Administrative Record reference documents associated with OU2, Site 10 are available via the MCAS Cherry Point Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) public web site and can be accessed at <http://go.usa.gov/2EH>, then click "Administrative Record File" link.

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If you do not have personal access to the internet, a hardcopy version of the Proposed Plan may be obtained at the Havelock-Craven County Library (301 Cunningham Boulevard, Havelock, North Carolina 28532) during normal business hours. The library can be contacted at (252) 447-7509.

In addition, you are invited to a **public meeting** regarding the investigations and the Preferred Alternative for OU2, Site 10, Hot Spot 2 at MCAS Cherry Point. The meeting is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, April 27, 2011
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
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