

General Grant

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General Grant National Memorial

Ulysses S. Grant's 200th Birthday



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SUPERINTENDENTS MESSAGE



Thank you for joining us today for Ulysses S. Grant's bicentennial birthday at General Grant National Memorial, commonly known as Grant's Tomb. It is the largest Mausoleum in North America and is the final resting place of former General and President Grant and his wife, Julia Dent Grant.

The National Park Service has protected and maintained Grant's Tomb since 1959 when it was designated as a unit of the National Park Service. Since then, we are dedicated to preserving the Memorial and sharing the achievements that Grant accomplished during his lifetime, as a civilian, Commanding General of the Union Army and 18th President of the United States.

Grant has had an enduring relationship with the African American community with his support of emancipation, his efforts during Reconstruction to improve opportunities for African Americans and his signing of a comprehensive civil rights act. "Let Us Have Peace" was not only Grant's slogan when he was running for President, but also the way he wished to heal and unite the nation after the Civil War.

General Grant National Memorial with its architectural design modeled after the tomb of King Mausolus at Halicarnassus, was constructed to honor the man who brought the Civil War to an end and remains a memorial to his beliefs and memory. It represents gratitude for the Civil War hero who helped preserve the Union.

It is the mission of the National Park Service to ensure park visitors and the general public learn, understand and appreciate the preservation of this history and this significant resource now and for future generations. To achieve this, we have created and offer on site and virtual programs and will be reestablishing outreach and living history programs with costumed reenactors.

I am very proud of our team here at Grant's Tomb and all that they have accomplished especially as the nation continues to struggle through a historic pandemic. We look forward to continuing to fulfill our mission. I also extend a special thank you to all public agencies, partners and individuals who work with us to achieve our collective goals. On behalf of the National Park Service and General Grant National Memorial thank you for joining us at this historic commemoration.

PROGRAM
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST

Welcome

National Park Service

Mistress of the Ceremony

Savona Bailey-McClain, Executive Director, West Harlem Art Fund

Presentation of the Colors

United States Military Academy (USMA) Corps of Cadets and West Point Honor Guard

National Anthem

USMA West Point Band

Invocation

Fr. Matt Pawlikowski, USMA Chaplain

Proclamation from the State of Colorado

Diana Linnen on behalf of Governor Jared Polis

Speakers

Frank Scaturro, President of Grant Monument Association
Ulysses Grant Dietz, Great, Great Grandson of Ulysses S Grant

Keynote Speaker

Brooks D. Simpson, Author of "Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph Over Adversity, 1822-1865"

Special Guest Speaker

Lieutenant General Darryl A. Williams, West Point General

Wreath Laying Ceremony with USMA

Grant Monument Association Wreath—Frank Scaturro

Grant Family Wreath—Ulysses Grant Dietz

National Park Service Wreath—Ramon Mangual, Supervisory Park Ranger

Presidential Wreath—General Mark Milley and Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams

Rifle Salute and Taps

USMA Corps of Cadets and West Point Honor Guard

Benediction

Reverend Jacques DeGraff, Canaan Baptist Church in Christ

Retirement of Colors

United States Military Academy of Cadets and West Point Honor Guard

Closing Remarks

National Park Service

RECEPTION AND PRESENTATIONS

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Refreshments

Courtesy of Grant Monument Association

Book Signing & Presentation

Join Brooks D. Simpson, author of *Let Us Have Peace: Ulysses S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction, 1861-1868* for a presentation in the plaza.

Educational Programming and Activities

Ranger Talks and Junior Ranger Activities in the plaza.



Ulysses S. Grant was fresh out of the United States Military Academy at West Point, when he reported for duty with the 4th U.S. Infantry on September 30, 1843 at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri, the largest military post in the country at the time. The 21-year-old second lieutenant found his work as a quartermaster, managing equipment and supplies, to be dull.

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY

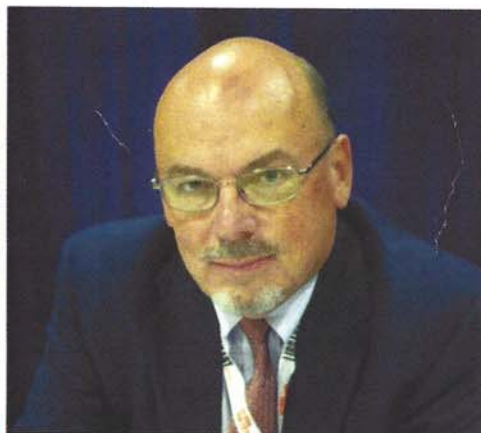


Lieutenant General Darryl A. Williams, West Point General

Lieutenant General Darryl Williams currently serves as the 60th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, responsible for developing the leaders of character the Army requires for its vision to deploy, fight and win decisively against any adversary, anytime and anywhere.

A 1983 West Point graduate, General Williams has commanded at all levels in a variety of Army, joint and multinational assignments, including the Army's Warrior Transition Command, U.S. Army Africa and most recently, NATO Allied Land Command in Turkey.

He has also deployed in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM; Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE in Liberia, where he led Department of Defense response efforts to the Ebola outbreak crisis in Africa.



Brooks D. Simpson, Keynote Speaker

Brooks D. Simpson is ASU Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University. The author of several books on the Civil War and Reconstruction, he is perhaps best known for *Let Us Have Peace: Ulysses S. Grant and the Politics of War and Reconstruction* (1991) and *Ulysses S. Grant: Triumph Over Adversity, 1822-1865* (2000).



Savona Bailey-McClain, Mistress of the Ceremony

A Harlem based curator and arts administrator. She is the Executive Director/Chief Curator of the West Harlem Art Fund, which has organized high-profile public arts exhibits throughout New York City for the past 20 years, including Times Square, DUMBO, Soho, Governors Island and Harlem. Her public art installations encompass sculpture, drawings, performance, sound, and mixed media, and have been covered extensively by the New York Times, Art Daily, Artnet, Los Angeles Times and Huffington Post, among many others. She is host/producer of "State of the Arts NYC," a podcast program on Podyssey, Radio Public, Youtube, Mixcloud and other audio platforms. She is a member of ArtTable, Advisory Board member of NYC's Dance in Sacred Places, Governors Island Advisory Council and new Board member of NY Artists Equity Association

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Frank Scaturro, President of Grant's Monument Association

Frank J. Scaturro is an attorney and author. His writings include *President Grant Reconsidered* (1998) and *The Supreme Court's Retreat from Reconstruction* (2000), and he is the co-editor of the forthcoming collection of essays entitled *Grant at 200: Reconsidering the Life and Legacy of Ulysses S. Grant*. He is the president of the Grant Monument Association, which is dedicated to the preservation of Grant's Tomb. He previously served as Counsel for the Constitution for the Senate Judiciary Committee and as special counsel to the House Select Investigative Panel. He currently serves as vice-president and senior counsel of the Judicial Crisis Network.



Ulysses Grant Dietz, Great great grandson of Ulysses S Grant

Ulysses Grant Dietz grew up in Syracuse, New York. He studied French at Yale (BA, 1977), and was trained to be a museum curator in the University of Delaware's Winterthur Program in American Material Culture (MA, 1980). A decorative arts curator at the Newark Museum for thirty-seven years before he retired, Ulysses has never stopped writing, including a book on the White House published in 2009.

Ulysses is a great-great grandson of Ulysses S. Grant. His late mother, Julia, was the President's last living great-grandchild; youngest daughter of Ulysses S. Grant III, and granddaughter of the president's eldest son, Frederick. He is on the board of the U.S. Grant Presidential Library and Museum at Mississippi State University.



Dedication of the Monument for Ulysses S. Grant, April 27, 1897



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