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Corps Hosts Lewis and Clark Activities at National Great Rivers Museum

The Lewis and Clark Expedition is just days away from departing Camp River Dubois and venturing up the Missouri River again. May 14, 2004 marks the bicentennial of the Expedition's historic journey west. In cooperation with the National Signature Events in Hartford and Madison, Ill., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will offer a variety of learning opportunities for the public May 15-16.

As part of the commemoration, the National Great Rivers Museum will be open for special demonstrations, speakers and tours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 15 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 16. Daily presentations and demonstrations by Corps rangers will include diplomacy techniques, music of the time, recruiting and journaling.

Presentations by some of the most respected authorities on the Lewis and Clark Expedition will be available to the public May 15-16. The schedule is as follows:

May 15

1 p.m. – Dr. Hal Stearns from Helena, Mont., will speak on “The Other Members of the Expedition.”

3 p.m. – Dr. Ray Wood from the University of Missouri at Columbia will speak on “Mapping the Way before Lewis and Clark.”

May 16

1p.m. – Dr. Gary Moulton from the University of Nebraska and famed editor of the Lewis and Clark Journals will speak on “The History of the Journals.”

3 p.m. – Steve Allie, curator of the Frontier Army Museum at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will speak on “The U.S. Army in 1804.”

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For the first time ever, all of Michael Haynes' Lewis and Clark paintings will be on display in the Museum's classroom. This is a great opportunity for the public to meet Haynes and view his incredible work.

The Corps will also premiere its new film *Lewis & Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage* in the Museum's theater. The film will be shown every hour on the hour during operating hours starting at 9 a.m. May 15-16. This special production, which has been two years in the making, tells the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition from a military mission perspective.

The Museum will stay open until 9 p.m. May 15 to accommodate two special theater presentations. The public is invited to attend a screening of the 1955 movie *Far Horizons* at 6 p.m. The film stars Fred MacMurray as Meriwether Lewis, Charlton Heston as William Clark and Donna Reed as Sacajawea. The National Geographic film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West*, narrated by Jeff Bridges, will follow at 8 p.m.

The public will also have the opportunity to visit the Museum's new gift shop, the Confluence Store, and the Melvin Price Locks and Dam will be open for tours May 14-16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations are not required.

Additional information is available by calling the museum at 618-462-6979.

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