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Fort Fisher to Host Unique Night Firing Demo May 13, 2017

KURE BEACH--Fort Fisher State Historic Site will present the artillery program, "Deadly Showers of Cast Iron" on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Highlighting the program will be the firing of the newly refurbished 32-pounder "Rifled & Banded" seacoast gun throughout the day and, for evening ticketholders, at a special night firing demonstration.

Daytime firings will be held at 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 4:30 pm, and 4:45 pm. The special nighttime firing demonstration begins at 8 pm and tickets are \$5.00 per person (12 years and older). Kids under 12 attend free. Tickets will only be sold on the day of the event. Visitors are encouraged to arrive well before 8 pm to attend the night firings. Immediately following the program, the site will raffle off the reproduction garrison flag flown over Shepherd's Battery throughout the day. You must be present to win.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site is located at 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd S, Kure Beach, N.C. 28449. For more information, please call the site at 910-458-5538. The site is part of the Division of State Historic Sites in the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR), the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. Led by Secretary Susi H. Hamilton, NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call (919) 807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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Fort Fisher will host a special night time firing demonstration of its 32-pounder rifled and banded cannon at the program "Deadly Showers of Cast Iron" at 8 pm on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Tickets for the special nighttime firing demonstration are \$5 per person (ages 12 years and older; kids under 12 attend free) and are available on the day of the event.