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## **Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial News Release**

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### **Special Guided Van Tours “African-American Civil War History at Arlington National Cemetery” February 22 and 29 at 10:00am**

In recognition of Black History Month, Arlington National Cemetery and the National Park Service announce special guided van tours of Arlington National Cemetery focusing on African-American Civil War history. The tours are two hours in length and will visit important sites associated with the Arlington Plantation and the early history of the cemetery including historic slave quarters, Freedman’s Village, and Section 27 - burial site of freedmen and United States Colored Troops. Tours will start at the Arlington National Cemetery Visitors Center. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (703) 235-1530 for reservations.

Arlington was a working plantation for sixty years prior to the Civil War, and home to the Custis and Lee families as well as over sixty enslaved people. During the Civil War the United States government seized the property and established a community for runaway/refugee slaves called Freedman’s Village on one part of the estate and created Arlington Cemetery on another part.

Arlington National Cemetery is the most hallowed burial ground of the nation's fallen and one of the most visited tourist sites in the Washington, DC, area. The Visitors Center is accessible via the Blue Line on the Metro. Parking is available at the Visitors Center (cash only).

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial is a unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Additional information is available on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/arho](http://www.nps.gov/arho) or by calling (703) 235-1530, Monday through Friday.

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