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THE CIVIL WAR IN PORTSMOUTH **First Saturday Event at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum & Lightship *Portsmouth***

April 7, 2012— Join the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum for their April First Saturday family event, “The Civil War in Portsmouth.” In the spring of 1862 during the Civil War, the conflict became more intense for the Hampton Roads area. Come and see how the war impacted Portsmouth and the Gosport Navy Yard. Learn about the construction of the C.S.S. *Virginia*, the Battle of Hampton Roads and how Portsmouth changed hands from Confederate then Union occupation in May 1862. Enjoy living history demonstrations, hands-on activities and exhibits exploring the conflict in depth. As with all our First Saturday events, admission and activities at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and Lightship *Portsmouth* are **FREE** and open to the public.

To find out more about this special program please contact the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum at (757) 393-8591.

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