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Terry E. Brown Selected as Superintendent at Fort Monroe National Monument

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Terry E. Brown has been selected as the next superintendent at Fort Monroe National Monument (FOMR). Brown, a 24-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS), previously served as chief of visitor experience and engagement for the National Parks of Boston. He succeeds Kirsten Talken-Spaulding who served as the first superintendent of FOMR and was recently selected as superintendent at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park in Fredericksburg, VA. Brown will begin his duties at FOMR on **Monday, June 13, 2016**.

"We are pleased to select Terry as the next superintendent of Fort Monroe National Monument," said NPS Northeast Regional Director Mike Caldwell. "Terry is a leader who is a proven collaborator and knows the benefits of partnerships in all that we do. I know Terry's passion of history and community engagement will help us take Fort Monroe beyond its initial establishment towards a bright future in the years ahead."

Brown most recently served as chief of visitor experience and engagement for the National Parks of Boston, which includes Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area. Prior to that, Brown served more than five years as site manager of Boston African American National Historic Site.

"I look forward to bringing my passion and energy for our national parks to the management of 'Freedom's Fortress' and one of the nation's most historic harbors," said Brown. "Above all, I look forward to helping visitors to better understand and appreciate all aspects of our shared history."

Brown's career with NPS began at Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River. He also served as an interpretive park ranger at Independence National Historic Site from 1992-2004 and as a supervisory park ranger at National Mall & Memorial Parks from 2004-2008. Additionally, he detailed as site manager at Old Post Office Tower, chief of interpretation and education at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, superintendent at Springfield Armory National Historic Site, and as chief of interpretation and education at Boston National Historical Park. He is the recipient of several NPS awards and honors, including the Outstanding Service Award for 2004 Federal Executive Board of Excellence in Government in the category of Improved Federal Image.

Among his many accomplishments during his tenure in Boston, Brown is particularly proud of the lasting relationships he built with nonprofit and community organizations, developing a motivated and engaged staff, and serving as a member of the management team that helped to restore the historic restoration of the African Meeting House.

"Fort Monroe is a site of national and international significance where over 400 years of history comes alive," said Fort Monroe Authority Chairman and former Congressman Jim Moran. "As we prepare for the 400 year commemoration of the first Africans to arrive at Old Point Comfort in 2019, I believe Superintendent Brown's experience in visitor engagement will enable us to tell the full story of this historic site throughout our country and the world."

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“The Fort Monroe Authority team of employees and consultants welcome Superintendent Terry Brown to the Fort Monroe National Monument,” said Executive Director Glenn Oder. “Superintendent Brown’s experience in urban park management and creating collaborative programs and exhibits will provide significant benefit as we begin planning for the new Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center.”

Brown was born in Columbus, Georgia and raised in a military family. He spent a good portion of his childhood overseas and graduated from Afcnt Brunssum International High School in the Netherlands in 1987. He returned to the United States to further his education at Grambling State University in Louisiana, where he graduated with a Criminal Justice degree in 1992.

Brown’s son, Terry, Jr., is working on a bachelor’s degree at Grambling State University in Louisiana, and daughter, Zarrja just completed her first year of college at Suffolk University in Boston. His wife, Jennifer, recently accepted a position as a museum program specialist at the Smithsonian Institute’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

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