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New Visitor Center Film, “Echoes of the Past,” to premiere Saturday April 26.

“Arkansas Post: Echoes of the Past,” a new orientation film will be shown for the first time beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday April 26, 2003 in the Visitor Center theater at the Arkansas Post National Memorial.

Replacing a twenty year old film, *Echoes of the Past* includes up-to-date research covering the history of Arkansas Post. Expanded sequences discuss American Indian and African American Roles at Arkansas Post.

Live action sequences featuring historic reenactors and Quapaw Indians were filmed at the park and other locations last fall. As no original buildings survive at the Post, historic sites throughout the middle south served to recreate life at "Poste de Arkanssea." Locations used in the filming include Fort Toulouse, Alabama, Fort St. John Baptiste, Louisiana, Saint Genevieve, Missouri, and the Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock.

Following the premiere of the film, at 2:00 Saturday afternoon a regularly scheduled Louisiana Purchase program “The most disagreeable hole in the universe” - Life in Colonial Arkansas will be held in the Visitor Center theater.

Arkansas Post National Memorial is located on Arkansas Highway 169 approximately seven miles south of Gillett. It can be reached via US 165 and is about 20 miles south of DeWitt or 20 miles north of Dumas. All activities are free and there is no fee for entrance to the park. Programs and activities taking place in the Visitor Center are wheel chair accessible. For more information, contact Arkansas Post National Memorial at (870) 548-2207, or visit the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/arpo/>

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