

Are you a military history enthusiast looking for a fun way to give back to your community? Have you ever thought about volunteering with the National Park Service? The Castillo de San Marcos needs your help! Volunteers-in-Parks (VIPs) perform a wide range of tasks, such as demonstrating historic weapons, giving interpretive programs, answering questions, assisting with safety, and generally helping visitors get the most out of their experience. Find Your Park, join our VIP corps, and help bring the Castillo to life!

We're looking for outgoing individuals who love talking to people and can commit at least 4 hours a week to the Castillo. Schedules are flexible, and there are many ways that you can help connect visitors to our park. Love teaching but hate being stuck indoors? National Parks are some of the country's best open-air classrooms, and there are so many amazing stories to share with the people who come through our gates. Visitors come from around the world to see our historic city, and there's never a dull day at the Castillo de San Marcos.

Always wanted to fire the cannons and muskets on the weekends? Our historic weapons crews are primarily VIPs, and no experience is necessary; we provide extensive on-the-job training. We also have a cache of reproduction historic uniforms that VIPs can borrow while at the park, so there's no need for an expensive investment in a kit. Our Historic Weapons program is a major draw and an extremely memorable part of a Castillo visit, and we can't do it without our VIPs.

If you would like to read more about volunteer opportunities at both the Castillo and Fort Matanzas, you can visit [www.nps.gov/casa/getinvolved/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/casa/getinvolved/volunteer.htm) and read through our VIP Handbook.

If you have questions, or are ready to get started as a VIP, email our Volunteer Program Manager at [casa\\_volunteer@nps.gov](mailto:casa_volunteer@nps.gov).