



PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE  
AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME

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## **Dining Out for D.C. Emancipation Day**

*LINCOLN Restaurant and President Lincoln's Cottage partner to honor District holiday.*

**Washington, D.C.** – LINCOLN Restaurant and President Lincoln's Cottage are presenting a uniquely-D.C. philanthropic dining event. From 11 am until midnight on Tuesday April 16, 2013, diners can visit LINCOLN Restaurant, located at 1110 Vermont Ave, NW Washington DC 20005, in honor of D.C. Emancipation Day. The restaurant will donate twenty percent of sales on that day to President Lincoln's Cottage in this first-time partnership.

President Lincoln signed the Compensated Emancipation Act on April 16, 1862, which legally ended slavery in the District of Columbia. As a result, 3,100 enslaved people in D.C. were freed. Today, April 16<sup>th</sup> is a local holiday known as D.C. Emancipation Day. "Shortly after signing the Compensated Emancipation Act, President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation while living here at the Cottage," says Erin Carlson Mast, Executive Director of President Lincoln's Cottage. "Although commemorations of D.C. Emancipation Day faded in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, interest in the holiday has grown in recent years, and we are honored to celebrate this 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary with our generous community partner, LINCOLN Restaurant."

"Lincoln commuted past the site of our restaurant every day on his way down to the White House from the Cottage – one of several reasons we are thrilled to join with President Lincoln's Cottage in celebrating this important holiday," says Alan Popovsky, owner of LINCOLN Restaurant. "Donating to the Cottage, which provides free admission to thousands of local students, is a worthwhile endeavor. LINCOLN is already dedicated to supporting local farmers and artists, and now we're proud to say we celebrate and support local history education, too."

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LINCOLN is a unique restaurant located in the heart of Washington D.C.'s Penn Quarter. It features a seasonal small plate menu by Chef Demetrio Zavala. Drinks and dishes pay homage to Abraham Lincoln's favorite foods and are crafted from fresh ingredients supplied by local farmers. The restaurant's interior design is a highlight, centered around nearly a million copper pennies embedded in the floor, a large white settee that brings to mind Lincoln's perch in his memorial, and a colorful backlit emancipation proclamation. LINCOLN showcases modern American cuisine at private events, power lunches, cocktail parties, fundraisers, late night happy hours, wedding receptions, corporate events, holiday parties and rehearsal dinners at their location in Washington, D.C. For more information on LINCOLN restaurant, visit: [www.lincolnrestaurant-dc.com](http://www.lincolnrestaurant-dc.com) or call 202-386-9200.

President Lincoln's Cottage, the "Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. While living here for more

than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here. Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours on the hour, 7 days a week. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org) or call 202-829-0436.

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