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Shiloh National Military Park

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Site: SHIL

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Vision Statement

Since its establishment more than two decades prior to the creation of the National Park Service, Shiloh National Military Park has preserved the history of the epic Civil War Battle of Shiloh on the ground it occurred. More recently Shiloh's mission expanded with the designation of the Shiloh Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark, and the development of the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center.

Today Shiloh is widely regarded as America's best preserved battlefield. Our centennial vision is to build upon the strong legacy of preservation, commemoration, and education first begun by actual battle veterans, to insure the park's resources, and the nationally significant stories they represent, remain relevant to current and future generations.

Critical to this vision is implementation of the Shiloh NMP Land Protection Plan: By acquiring key parcels within the park's 1894 authorized boundary, the battlefield can obtain a natural topographic border along the edges of historic "Shiloh Hill."

Landscape restoration efforts will include re-establishing features such as historic fields, roads, and orchards; removal of exotic species, restoring damaged or missing battlefield markers and monuments, replacing defective replica artillery carriages, and rehabilitating historic roads critical for public access.

To enhance visitor understanding and appreciation, and to better tell the park's compelling stories to diverse audiences, Shiloh will use the most current technologies to provide a variety of educational and interpretive programs. High on the list of priorities is replacement of the 50+ year-old Shiloh orientation film, and upgrade of the outdated Visitor Center auditorium. The park will also rehabilitate its wayside exhibits, both on and off the park, and install new exhibits on an "Indian Mounds" interpretive trail.

Following legislative directives, the park will complete development of its new Corinth Unit. We will continue to work with local governments to preserve and interpret not only the 1862 siege and battle of Corinth, but also the protracted military occupation by both Confederate and Union armies, and the successful operation of a progressive "contraband camp" where 6,000 newly ex-slaves - men, women, and children - took their important first steps towards freedom.

Shiloh will be a leader in planning and observing the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015), cultivating effective new partnerships with both public and private entities.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Haywood S. Harrell

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.

Shiloh will strive to enhance condition of all known significant natural and cultural resources and assets to a favorable performance level of good condition by FY2016. Critical to creating a clear vision of proactive management practices and establishing sustainable stewardship goals, the park requires a new General Management Plan to replace that prepared in 1980. Landscape restoration efforts for Shiloh battlefield and related historic sites associated with the siege, battle, and occupation of Corinth, Mississippi, will include re-establishing features such as historic fields, roads, and orchards; removal of exotic species, restoring damaged or missing battlefield markers and monuments, replacing defective replica artillery carriages, and rehabilitating historic roads critical for safe public access.

OFS 5348A & 5347A; PMIS 38772; 16705; 58940; 114983; 133292; 16007; 12239; 28755; 88297; 59049

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Complete all cultural resource inventories for designated priority resources.

Although considerable documentation exists detailing the location and condition of park cultural resources, many of the documents are outdated given the acquisition of new lands and the expansion of the park to include resources associated with the siege and battle of Corinth, Mississippi. The park will work to complete a Cultural Landscape Inventory, Cultural Landscape Report, and a Historic Resource Study by FY2016.

PMIS 39740; 41076; 41257

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STEWARDSHIP

Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Shiloh will build upon the strong legacy of preservation, commemoration, and education first begun by actual battle veterans, to insure park resources, and the nationally significant stories they represent, remain relevant to current and future generations. Critical to this vision is implementation of the Shiloh NMP Land Protection Plan to acquire key parcels within the park's 1894 authorized boundary and complete the preservation goal envisioned by the veterans who fought here. Following legislative directives, the park will complete development of the new Corinth Unit, to preserve and interpret significant resources relating the compelling history of the 1862 siege and battle of Corinth; the protracted military occupation of the community by both Confederate and Union armies; and the successful operation of a progressive "contraband camp" where 6,000 newly ex-slaves - men, women, and children - took their important first steps towards freedom. To establish a new strategic vision for an expanded park mission which includes the new Corinth Unit, a new General Management Plan is required, and adequate funding increases will be needed for an expanded park operation.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

Shiloh proposes to reduce the environmental impacts of park operations through a combination of methods. We will develop, review, and continually improve our Environmental Management System (EMS). We will reduce our generation of solid and hazardous wastes and step up efforts to recycle more operational and visitor waste material, reduce energy consumption in facilities and vehicles, and energetically expand purchases of green products. Our management of the park landscape will incorporate sustainable elements such as reducing the need for irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides, and mowing, and assuring that new developments incorporate low environmental impacts processes and materials.

We will encourage our staff and visitors in these efforts through consciousness raising, educational programming, publications, recognition, and awards.

PMIS 136135; 136156

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ENVIRONMENT

Engage partners, communities, and visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Shiloh will continue efforts to educate visitors, the local community, and local government entities through wise stewardship and proven/informed resource management practices, educational/interpretive programs, park sponsored publications, hand-on activities, and actively incorporate others in our management efforts to instill a sense of shared responsibility and stewardship for land and natural resources within partners and volunteers.

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RECREATION

Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The park will continue to expand the current Junior Ranger programs at both Shiloh and Corinth to reach more visiting children, printing the junior booklets using Eastern National donation account funding.
PMIS 69127

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The staff will work with professional educators in the tri-state area surrounding the park to develop and improve upon the already extremely effective spring "School Days at the Park" field program to increase education program contacts with more area boys and girls, by providing expanded curriculum based/park based educational opportunities in both the spring and fall sessions.

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EDUCATION

Promote life-long learning to connect generations through park experiences.

Enroll an additional two million children in the Junior Ranger program.

The interpretive staff will continue to expand the current Junior Ranger programs at both Shiloh and Corinth to reach many more visiting children, continuing to print the junior booklets using Eastern National donation account funding.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

To connect with visitors requiring improved access services and needs to fulfill and enhance their park experience, Shiloh will provide for an accessibility upgrade of all audio-visual interpretive programs located at the Shiloh Visitor Center and Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center by FY2012.

PMIS 131968; 131969; 131970; 131971; 131972; 69759; 71061

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EDUCATION

Impart to every American a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks.

Increase visitors' satisfaction, understanding, and appreciation of the parks they visit.

To enhance visitor understanding and appreciation, and to better tell the park's compelling stories to diverse audiences, Shiloh will use the most current technologies to provide a variety of educational and interpretive programs. High on the list of priorities is replacement of the 50+ year-old Shiloh orientation film, and upgrade of the outdated Shiloh Visitor Center auditorium. Fortunately, a new orientation film for the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center auditorium has been funded and is currently under development, with a targeted completion in FY2009. The park will also rehabilitate its wayside exhibits, both on and off the park, and install new exhibits on an "Indian Mounds" interpretive trail. Shiloh will be a leader in planning and observing the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015), cultivating effective new partnerships with both public and private entities.
PMIS 107767

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PROFESSIONALISM

Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The staff at Shiloh National Military Park continues to make the establishment of a safer and healthier workplace and visitor environment a high priority. This is evidenced by accomplishments in conducting training and all-hands meetings focused on specific work and environmental conditions; assessing high profile visitor use areas for hazards; updating SMIS; using the DOI safety and health website, SafetyNet; revising safety policy and requirements documents; monitoring OWCP issues; and establishing workplace safety and health elements in all employee performance plans. The park is constantly monitored for hazards, and the staff annually reduces hazardous fuels and trees from park lands. The entire staff commits itself to continuously strive to reduce safety and health incidents—both at work and home, lost-time injury and illnesses, and visitor accidents.
PMIS 39752; 38571; 69787; 115304

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