National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Arkansas Post National Memorial

2015 Digital Photography Contest

Photo Release & Entry Form

Release by the Photographer
I do hereby make the following statements, release, assignments and assurances to the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior:

I certify that I (photographer) am the person who took the photograph(s), submitted herewith collectively, the photograph(s). And I have not assigned any of my rights associated with the photographs to any third party and have sole, complete and unrestricted authority to enter into this release and to grant the rights described in this release.

I release the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior from any liability whatsoever that arises from their use of the photographs except for uses that violate the terms and conditions of this release.

I hereby grant the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior the royalty-free and nonexclusive right to distribute, publish and use the photograph(s) in publications to promote Arkansas Post National Memorial and the National Park Service or to use as they see fit.

Print (full name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

This section must be completed to register each photograph. All fields are required.

Photo #	Photograph File Name	Category	Date Shot
____	_____	_____	_____
____	_____	_____	_____
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Complete if Photographer is under 18 years old.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Model Release Form: Photo

This photo release form will be used for all Arkansas Post National Memorial, National Park Service & the U.S. Department of Interior brochures, websites, displays, articles, magazines, programs, advertisements or events.

Photo Release for Adults & For Parent or Guardian of Minor

I, being 18 years or older, hereby consent that the photographs in which I (and/or my child) appear may be used by Arkansas Post National Memorial, National Parks Service, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television or film, without compensation. Furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs, films and negatives, and the plates or files from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce, and make other lawful uses of such photographs as they may desire, free and clear of any claim whatever on my part in perpetuity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand, in the State of Arkansas, this

_____ day of _____, 20____.

Name: _____

Location: _____

Signature: _____
(Parent or Guardian must sign if, under 18 years old.)

Address: _____

City: _____, **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Arkansas Post - 2015 Photo Contest Entry Rules

Submitting Photographs

A.) Submitted photographs must be taken within the boundaries of Arkansas Post National Memorial between September 2, 2014 and Labor Day, September 7, 2015.

B.) Contestants must be amateur photographers. "Amateur" means that you earn less than 50% of your annual income through photography. Amateurs may have won cash prizes in other amateur photo contests.

C.) There are two age divisions: Youth Division contestants must be at least 6 years old and no older than 17. Youth contestants (under 18) must have a parent or legal guardian complete and sign the Photograph Entry Form. Adult Division is for contestants 18 and older.

D.) Only minor digital enhancements are allowed. Minor digital enhancements may include cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner may be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

E.) Entry of photos: Contestants may enter only 1 photograph per category.

F.) The Photo Release Form, signed by the photographer, must accompany the photographs in order to be considered for the contest.

G.) Model/Portrait Release: Photographs that include recognizable adults and children must include a signed Model Release form before the photograph will be accepted into the photo contest and displayed. The Model Release form must be attached to the photo entry form.

H.) Contestants must submit their photographs digitally on a CD either in person or by mail. Prints will not be accepted.

I.) Mail or deliver in person to: Arkansas Post National Memorial, 2015 Photography Contest, 1741 Old Post Road, Gillett, AR 72055.

J.) Contest entries must be <u>received</u> by regular mail or personal delivery **no later than 5 P.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2015. *New for 2015 – Arrangements can be made with park staff for emailing photos, but must be done so before September 11, 2015.**

K.) Arkansas Post National Memorial Employees and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in the 2015 Digital Photography Contest.

L.) Resource Protection – Any submitted photo portraying visitors engaged in activities damaging park resources such as picking plants or harassing wildlife will automatically be disqualified.

Photo Format

A.) Digital photographs received on CD must be a minimum resolution of 1024 X 768 (or higher) pixels. Formats that are accepted include: .jpg, .gif, .png, .bmp and .tif.

B.) Photographs may be color or Black and White (Grayscale)

C.) Photographs may be either in vertical or horizontal format.

D.) The six (6) categories of the 2015 Digital Photography Contest are:

1. *Macro (close-up)*
2. *Plant life*
3. *Wildlife*
4. *Recreation (people enjoying the park)*
5. *Historical/ Living History (Rangers or Volunteers doing historical talks in costume; check the Calendar of Events for Living History programs at Arkansas Post)*
6. *Landscape*

E.) Judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and change a photograph's category accordingly.

Judging

A.) Judges will base their decisions on the following qualities:

1. *Focus*
2. *Lighting*
3. *Composition*
4. *Impact*
5. *Creativity*
6. *Storytelling*

B.) There will be 1 winner for each of the six categories for each of the two age groups and out of those 12 photographs the Grand Champion will be chosen.

C.) The photos will be judged by a panel of Arkansas Post National Memorial Staff & Volunteers. The winning photographs will be displayed in the Visitor Center at Arkansas Post National Memorial and the winners will be announced via mail, e-mail, or phone.

Use of the Photos

A.) Entry materials will not be returned.

B.) Arkansas Post National Memorial, the National Park Service & the U.S. Department of the Interior reserves the right to crop registered photographs for display purposes, if necessary, and for other needs as required or as they see fit.

C.) Arkansas Post National Memorial has non-exclusive rights to use and publish the photograph on its website or in publications in conjunction with this contest. Arkansas Post National Memorial may also use the photograph in other Department publications to promote the National Park Service and Arkansas Post National Memorial, such as on its website, in National Park Service brochures, in magazines and for other marketing and promotional uses. Arkansas Post National Memorial recognizes that the photographer owns the image and the copyright to the photograph.

Prizes

Prizes are $25 for 1st Place per category, per age group, and an additional $75 for the Grand Champion. Prizes provided by Eastern National, a cooperating association that operates educational retail outlets in National Parks, and is dedicated to the preservation and use of the parks for the benefit of all Americans, visitors from all nations and future generations.