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Monument Preservation Work to Continue in Park

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is please to announce that a National Park Service crew from the Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) located in Fredrick, MD will be conducting conservation work on eight of the park's large monuments this spring. The HPTC crew, which is made up of masons, medal conservators and exhibit specialists, will be cleaning all stone surfaces, re-pointing joints, cleaning and waxing all metal statues and plaques, and inspecting the monument for other repair needs.

The projected work scheduled for the four Missionary Ridge monuments is as follows:

- Iowa Monument in Rossville Gap, March 19 – March 23
- Minnesota Monument at the Delong Reservation, March 19 – April 4
- Iowa Monument at the Sherman Reservation, April 10 – April 13
- Ohio Monument at the Ohio Reservation, April 13 – May 5

The schedule for working on the four monuments on the Chickamauga Battlefield is as follows:

- Florida Monument, March 13 – May 25
- Wilder's Brigade Monument, March 23 – April 16
- Georgia Monument April 24 – June 7
- Kentucky Monument, May 7 – 25

The areas directly surrounding these monuments will be fenced off and temporarily closed to protect the public while the crew completes this important preservation work. The staff wishes to apologize for any inconvenience that these activities might cause Park visitors.

This monument preservation work is timely as the National Military Park prepares to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War events that occurred on the Chickamauga Battlefield in September 1863 and on the Missionary Ridge Battlefield in November 1863.

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