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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 located in Fredrick, MD will be conducting conservation work on two large monuments this summer.

Starting on June 8, 2011, this preservation team will remove the eagle from the top of the Ohio Monument located near the Cravens House on the Lookout Mountain Battlefield and transport it to a workshop on the Chickamauga Battlefield. Last year, it was discovered that the eagle was not made of bronze, but instead it constructed of a metal rod skeleton that is covered with thin copper sheets. The metal rods are severely corroded and the eagle is in danger of breaking off at its anchor point. A metals conservator will conduct repairs on the corroding metal of the inner skeleton and patch a bullet hole in the eagle before it is returned to its perch on top of the Ohio Monument.

On June 20, 2011, the preservation crew plans to move to Braggs Reservation on the Missionary Ridge Battlefield, where they will work on the Illinois Monument. 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 areas directly surrounding these two monuments will be fenced off and temporarily closed to protect the public while the crew completes this important preservation work on or about July 27, 2011. The staff wishes to apologize for any inconvenience that these activities might cause Park visitors.

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