



# The Gettysburg Quarterly

## Volunteers are vital to the parks



Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site literally could not succeed without our volunteers. Here is a look at some of the accomplishments of our incredible volunteers in the past year.

**Friends of Gettysburg Volunteers** - In early June, 326 volunteers descended on the battlefield for six and a half hours and they accomplished a HUGE amount of work. The event is the park's biggest volunteer day of the year. Volunteers reported for duty from 21 states. They cleaned headstones, repainted inscriptions, cut brush, built fences, painted buildings and fences, and even cleaned out a barn.

**Adopt-A-Position** – Last year 1,413 volunteers worked 4,972 hours helping maintain the Gettysburg battlefield. They cleared historic stone walls on the northern slopes of Culp's Hill, removed weeds and leaves around their adopted monuments and markers, and painted fences at the Eisenhower Show Barn.

**Park Watch Patrol** – Now in its 16th year, Park Watch volunteers report

numerous in-progress incidents, assist visitors, and help law enforcement staff with parking, traffic and crowd control at special events. Park Watch volunteer Ed Hamilton single-handedly cleans up areas of the park by picking up litter during his many hours of foot patrols. So far in fiscal year 2011, the 120 volunteers have put in 5,945 hours of service.

**Visitor Services Volunteers** – This special volunteer corps assists visitors at six contact stations: the Visitor Center Information Desk; Visitor Center Plaza; Resource Room; Museum Galleries; National Cemetery; and the West End Guide Station. In the first six months of 2011, 50 Visitor Services volunteers logged over 3,500 hours of service. They also assist the park with student education programs, Homeschool Days, crowd control during anniversary battle walks, and distributing survey cards.

**Civil War Living History Volunteers** – By invitation from the National Park Service, volunteers from reenactment units set up encampments and programs on the battlefield on 27 weekends last year, representing infantry, artillery, cav-

alry, medical, signal corps, and 15 different civilian units. These 1,400 volunteers donated over 23,000 hours of service, with an estimated 82,000 visitors attending 330 formal programs. Another 9,000 visitors toured the living history encampments and explored Civil War life in an informal setting.

**Eisenhower NHS Volunteers** – This past year, approximately 15,000 hours of volunteer service were provided at the Eisenhower Site on duties such as presenting interpretive tours and talks, assisting with small preservation projects such as the reconstruction of a historic fire hose box, and trimming of shrubs to maintain the historic landscape. Volunteers also help with special events, including *Mamie Remembers Gettysburg* Day, World War II Weekend and other living history events. In addition, Eisenhower NHS has two special volunteer programs, the Senior Ranger Corps and the crew of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69).

To learn more about how you can get involved, go to: [www.nps.gov/gett/sup-portyourpark/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gett/sup-portyourpark/volunteer.htm)

# Anniversary Programs Take Shape for 2013

Many exciting events and programs are being planned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in 2013. The current slate of park events includes:

A winter lecture series on the War in 1863;

Living history weekends on the battlefield from April through October;

A special exhibit - Treasures of the Civil War - throughout 2013 to be co-sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation;

Spring and fall Gettysburg Seminars to be co-sponsored by Gettysburg College;

Musical performances;

Co-sponsorship by the park of the 2013

Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College;

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg - Special Ranger Programs;

Co-sponsorship of a lecture series, Sacred Trust – Gettysburg Perspectives with the Gettysburg Foundation;

Special events associated with the 2013 Congressional Medal of Honor Convention;

Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies;

The Remembrance Day Illumination in the Soldiers' National Cemetery with the Gettysburg Foundation;

Dedication Day – 150th Anniversary of

the Gettysburg Address at the Soldiers' National Cemetery;

Graveside Salute to the U.S. Colored Troops at the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

In unison with other National Park Service sites, Gettysburg NMP events and programs will commemorate defining events in our nation's history and their legacy in the continuing fight for civil rights.

As part of a national Civil War 150 initiative for parks, Gettysburg NMP now has eight Civil War trading cards which are given to younger visitors as a reward for participating in interpretive programs. Two dozen national parks have a set of unique trading cards which are being distributed to visitors for free.



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Gettysburg National Military Park, established in 1895, is the site of the great Civil War battle that repulsed the second Confederate invasion of the North. The mission of the National Park Service at Gettysburg is to preserve and protect the resources associated with the battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery and provide an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

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Gettysburg National Military Park's eight Civil War trading cards are now available, free.



In addition to the park's web page at [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett), you can now follow Gettysburg National Military Park's news on Facebook and on the park's official blogs: "From the Fields of Gettysburg," and "The Gettysburg Schoolbus"

# The Lost Artilleryman's Head

In August, a special team of National Park Service employees went to Manchester, New Hampshire, to make a rubber mold of the head and the top of the ramrod on the artilleryman featured on their Civil War monument. This bronze artilleryman was created by the same sculptor who did the artilleryman on the 4th New York monument (Smith's Battery). We believe the two artillerymen were made from the very same mold.

The team included Lucas Flickinger, supervisor of the park's monument preservation branch; Joe Catchings, a long-time member of the Gettysburg NMP monument preservation team; and Brian Griffin, a new summer employee on the monument preservation crew who is a sculptor, and took the lead for the trip. The team also included Vic Gavin, retired supervisor of the park's monument preservation branch; and Dennis Montagna, a monument preservation specialist from the National Park Service's northeast regional office.

The rubber mold will be used by a foundry to make the wax, which we will then be used to pour bronze for the new head

and rammer. We hope to make progress on this project through the rest of this year.

Brian Griffin is also going to begin sculpting a new arm for the 11th Massachusetts. Both Smith's Battery and the 11th Massachusetts have been missing key features since they were vandalized in February 2006. Despite a \$30,000 reward for information, no arrests or convictions for the infamous night of vandalism at Gettysburg have yet been made. If you know something, please get in touch with Gettysburg National Military Park law enforcement.

Clockwise from the top: The bronze artilleryman from the 4th New York monument (Smith's Battery) at Devil's Den, the morning after the 2006 vandalism attack; Peeling the rubber mold off the head of the artilleryman in Manchester; and applying rubber to the artilleryman's head to make the mold.



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## Framed Lock of Lincoln's Hair Donated to Park

In late June, Heritage Inns, Inc., of Gettysburg, donated an unusual artifact to Gettysburg National Military Park - a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair. The lock of hair was collected by Dr. Robert K. Stone during the autopsy conducted following President Lincoln's death. Later it was presented by Dr. Stone to Enoch Pratt, a prominent unionist and philanthropist in Baltimore. The hair is framed and dated by Dr. Stone, "April 1865."

Lock of Lincoln's Hair Donated to Park - from left, Max Felty, of Gettysburg Tours, Inc., Bob Kirby, Gettysburg National Military Park, Thomas E. Metz, Heritage Inns, Inc., and Gettysburg Tours, Inc., and Donna McCleaf.





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## Civil War Bullets Found In Fallen Tree

In early August, Gettysburg National Military Park employees got a reminder that the past is still with us. Park maintenance employees were cutting through a fallen oak tree on Culp's Hill when the chain saw hit bullets. The cuts revealed two different minie balls in cross section. The pieces of the tree with the exposed bullets have been placed in the park's museum collection.

The park's natural resource specialists believe the tree was 100 years old when the bullets hit it in 1863. Because it was growing near the top of a dry, rocky slope it grew slowly, it was only about 8 to 10 inches in diameter when it was a century old.

For more information go to: [www.nps.gov/gett/parknews/newsreleases.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gett/parknews/newsreleases.htm)

