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Harman Farm Preserved



The passing of the deed, from left, Jim Lighthizer, Civil War Trust; Pat Noonan, The Conservation Fund; Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service; Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; and Bob Kirby, Gettysburg NMP Superintendent.

In March, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that the National Park Service (NPS) acquired 95 acres of the former Gettysburg Country Club property. The land – now known by its historic name, the Emanuel Harman Farm – is where major fighting occurred on the first day of battle, and is now part of Gettysburg National Military Park.

“Gettysburg will always have a sacred place in America’s heritage for the pivotal role it played in our nation’s history and for the enormity of the sacrifice that took place here,” Secretary Salazar said. “With the addition of the Harman Farm to the Gettysburg National Military Park, we are able to include another important chapter in the story that helped shape our country.”

During the battle, Confederate Brigades advanced and retreated over the fields of the Harman farm to attack Union

positions on McPherson and Seminary Ridges. In the 1950’s the property was developed into the Gettysburg Country Club and operated as such until the club closed in 2008.

The NPS tried for almost 20 years to acquire this property for preservation purposes; however, offers to the country club owners and the Susquehanna Bank (which foreclosed on the property in 2008) were declined. In March 2010, a developer bought the property and created a development concept plan for over 200 housing units.

The Conservation Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting important places across America, successfully negotiated with the developer to acquire fee title to the 95-acres and subsequently conveyed it to the NPS.

Joanne Hanley, New Gettysburg Foundation President

The Significance of a Partnership of Trust

In early February, Joanne Hanley made the transition from a career loaded with leadership experience in the National Park Service (NPS) to her new role as president of the Gettysburg Foundation. The Gettysburg Foundation is the non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the NPS to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg.

Joanne believes a strong relationship between partners is developed and nurtured over time, and is the result of communication, transparency and trust. She says,



“I am deeply honored to be able to work to continue our nation’s legacy of remembrance in this new capacity at Gettysburg. I hold the partnership between the public and private sector at Gettysburg – between the NPS, the Gettysburg Foundation, and the other partners – in high esteem. What has been created here is an amazing testimony to cooperation and collaboration that must continue to succeed.”

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A Look at Upcoming Projects

Monuments and Cannon - Park staff at the cannon shop continues to rehabilitate cannon carriages in the facility rented by the Gettysburg Foundation. We are on carriage #277 and #278 out of 412. Look for newly restored carriages to be placed on the field this spring.

The monument preservation branch has also been working on contracts to repair and restore missing features on numerous monuments, including: 18th Pa.; 56th Pa.; 90th Pa.; and 149th Pa.

We will be contracting for repairs to: 10th Mass., 11th Mass., and 4th New York (Smith's Battery) as well – two of which were severely damaged by vandalism in 2006.

Upcoming annual cyclic maintenance projects include:

- Replace roofs on historic structures



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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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The Eisenhower home, right; the John Blocher house along Biglerville Road on the Gettysburg battlefield, center right; and the National Cemetery comfort station, bottom right.



- Design/Construction drawings to replace fire detection systems in 51 historic structures
- Replace electrical systems in barns
- Restore the Collis Memorial
- Cyclic monument preservation projects.
- Repaint seven structures at Eisenhower NHS
- Rehabilitate the National Cemetery comfort station
- Rehabilitate foundation walls on historic structures
- Remove asbestos siding and rehabilitate exterior on the the Cobean barn
- Replace boilers in historic structures
- Stabilize the John Blocher house
- Rehabilitate Cobean house outbuildings
- Rehabilitate Eisenhower NHS Farm 3 Barn



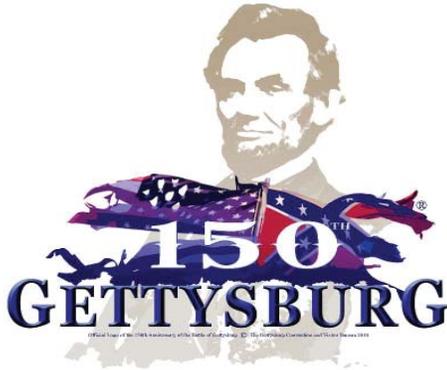
Rostrum - With funding from a donor to the Gettysburg Foundation, the park has the opportunity to restore the National Cemetery Rostrum in time for the Sesquicentennial. This structure, built in 1879, was one in a series of similar rostrums erected in Civil War-related national cemeteries that same year. The park is currently researching how to restore the numerous lost commemorative features to the rostrum, such as weeping vines and ivy on the trellises.

The Eisenhower home needs exterior preservation work, including repairs to the shutters, windows, and major repainting. We are now doing the shutters and windows. The exterior painting will be performed by contract this summer.

Cyclorama Building - We also plan to complete the public planning process for the future of the Cyclorama building and begin implementation of the chosen alternative.

Blogs, Special Events Planned for CW150

To mark the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War, Gettysburg National Military Park is launching new social media programs, including a blog for history and current events and a blog for teachers and students of the Civil War.



From the Fields of Gettysburg is a new weekly blog by park rangers and historians that will explore a wide variety of history topics and park news.

“From the Fields of Gettysburg will be a wonderful resource for people anywhere in the world who want to know more about what happened here, and why it’s so important even today,” said Scott Hartwig, a supervisory historian at the park. “We can blog year-round, in any weather, and our visitors don’t even need to be in Gettysburg to participate.”

In addition to Hartwig, numerous park historians and rangers will be contributing regularly, including Angie Atkinson, Matt Atkinson, Bert Barnett, Troy Harman, John Heiser, Tom Holbrook, Evangelina Rubalcava, and Karlton Smith. Katie Lawhon will write about park news and management issues.

The Gettysburg School Bus is a new monthly blog for educators that will serve as a bridge between the park ranger and the teacher, offering answers for classroom questions, new ideas for teaching units in the classroom, bulletin boards, paper and project ideas, and cross-curricular connections with other



Hard-working volunteers hit the slopes of Little Round Top on April 2nd for the Civil War Trust’s “Park Day.” Volunteers cut brush to reveal historic terrain and original breastworks.

teachers. Barbara Sanders, the park’s education specialist, is the blogger.

Look for the blogs on the park website: www.nps.gov/gett.

Although the official 150th anniversary for the Battle of Gettysburg is July 1-3, 2013, Gettysburg’s commemoration will run from 2011 to 2015. The park is joining all other Civil War sites, the Gettysburg Foundation, and a wide variety of community partners in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The NPS commemorates these defining events in our nation’s history and their legacy in the continuing fight for civil rights. Nps.gov/civilwar150 is a website with a comprehensive calendar of events, historical features and resourc-

es designed to illustrate the relevancy of events that occurred 150 years ago.

“Gettysburg events, activities and programs during the four years will honor the brave men and women whose courage and devotion to duty shaped our nation,” said Bob Kirby, park superintendent. “We will include stories of both well-known and lesser-known events, soldiers and civilians, and an important goal of the commemoration is to reach new and younger audiences — Gettysburg for a New Generation.”

For more information about events and programs in the Gettysburg community go to www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com.



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Hanley, continued

Joanne's career in the NPS includes roles as general superintendent of National Parks of Western Pennsylvania—including Flight 93 National Memorial and Fort Necessity National Battlefield; superintendent of Women's Rights National Historical Park; interpretive planner of National Capital Regional Office; site manager of Glen Echo and Clara Barton National Historical Sites; and other positions.

Her experience with NPS partnerships and nationally significant sites represents the perfect leadership mix for the Gettysburg Foundation. Her commitment to our nation's history and her track record at nationally significant sites is a perfect complement to facilitating the Foundation's mission which includes the funding and operation of the park Museum and Visitor Center as well as a long history of projects in the areas of land, monument and artifact preservation, battlefield rehabilitation and education.

To learn more about the mission of the Gettysburg Foundation and to become a Friend of Gettysburg go to www.gettysburgfoundation.org.



Superintendent Bob Kirby handing quarters to Gettysburg school students during the launch event for the new Gettysburg "America the Beautiful" quarter held January 25th in the park Museum and Visitor Center. A crowd of 1600 people attended the event. Gettysburg quarters are now in public distribution. Gettysburg Foundation photo by Bill Dowling.