



# The Gettysburg Quarterly

## New! *Treasures of the Civil War* Opens June 16

During the Civil War, the fate of a nation rested with a handful of political, military and cultural leaders. Some had wartime roles that demanded leadership of them; some had the challenges of leadership thrust upon them. All had one thing in common: while charting the future course of the nation during its greatest crisis, they achieved national fame. Powerful and prominent, they became celebrities – and Americans clamored for details about the lives of these leaders, their families and friends.

The Treasures of the Civil War exhibit gives a rare glimpse into the professional and personal side of the great leaders of the age – an up-close look at the personal belongings and objects associated with these leaders.

Most of these artifacts have never before been exhibited at Gettysburg, gathered from outstanding collections throughout the U.S. The 13 legendary leaders featured are: Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, George G. Meade, John Reynolds, George Pickett, Alexander Webb, William Sherman, George Custer, John Mosby, Frederick Douglass and Clara Barton.

Installed in the Gilder Lehrman Institute Special Exhibits Gallery in the GNMP Museum and Visitor Center, admission is included in the standard museum admission fee, or you may purchase a ticket for only the Treasures of the Civil War exhibit. The exhibit continues through 2015.



**Confederate General George Pickett's Spur.** Described as striking and distinguished, Pickett typically wore an immaculate uniform featuring spurs like this. From Gettysburg National Military Park Collection. Photo credit Bill Dowling

## 9 Days of Battle Anniversary Programs: June 29 - July 7

Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation are working together to create special programs from June 29 through July 7 for the 150th battle anniversary. All programs are free to the public unless otherwise specified. Highlights include:

**June 29, 30, Sacred Trust Talks and Book Signings** – The park is a co-sponsor to this year's bigger and better Sacred Trust event. Join renowned historians, authors, National Park Service Rangers and others for talks and book signings that will focus on 1863 topics, in

a casual take on a formal lecture series. The diverse range of speakers includes James McPherson, Allen Guelzo, Harold Holzer, Brooks Simpson, Ethan Rafuse, Scott Mingus Sr., and Peter Carmichael, to name a few. Topics encourage the general public, as well as students of the Civil War, to delve deeper into the nature of the conflict that divided our nation. Events take place from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

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**June 30 “Gettysburg: A New Birth of Freedom” Commemorative Ceremony** on stage near Meade’s Headquarters - This signature Civil War sesquicentennial event includes music, a keynote address by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, and “Voices of History,” a dramatic reading of eyewitness accounts written by soldiers and citizens swept into the events of the battle and its tragic aftermath. Country music artist Trace Adkins will sing the National Anthem accompanied by the United States Military Academy Orchestra. The ceremony will end with a procession to the Soldiers’ National Cemetery to see luminaria marking each of the more than 3,500 graves of soldiers killed in the battle of Gettysburg. Sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation. Musical prelude: 7:30 p.m. Ceremony: 8 p.m. Luminaria: 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**July 1 – 4 National Park Service Programs for 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.** During the days of the battle anniversary, with July 4 focusing on the battle’s aftermath and



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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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consequences, is offering a wide range of free programming at dozens of different locations and appealing to all levels of interest.

These special park interpretive programs have been designed to accommodate larger groups of visitors, with a wide variety of programs and multiple opportunities in different places on the battlefield. So if it’s really busy and you don’t want to get back into your car and you’re near the Museum and Visitor Center, you can enjoy the special activities like Sacred Trust events, the family activity tent, and ranger programs in and around the Museum and Visitor Center. You can take a free shuttle to the Civil War living history camp at the Pennsylvania Memorial, and to numerous other program and event locations. You can walk to the Signal Corps demonstrations and the “Voices of Battle” programs near Meade’s Headquarters.

**Key Moments** – 30 minute programs that provide a brief overview of the events that occurred in a specific location on that day of the battle. Minimal walking. Presented hourly from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. each day.

**Overview Hikes** – Gettysburg National Military Park Rangers guide these 60-90 minute programs that provide a fuller overview of a phase, or phases, of the battle. The hikes involve more walking and are more in-depth than the Key Moment programs.

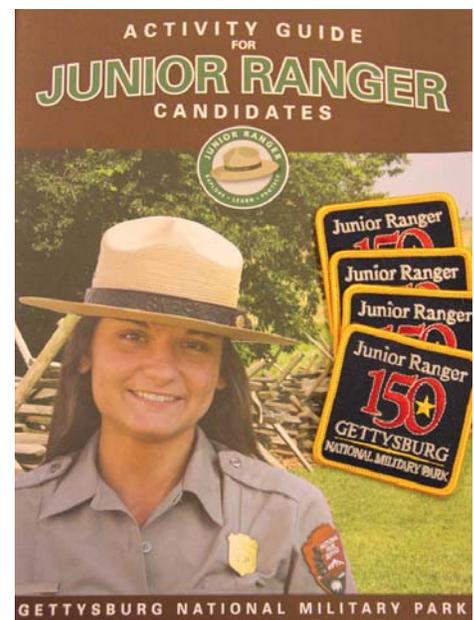
**Battlefield Experience Programs** – These are special programs that offer a unique opportunity to be at a specific place on the battlefield at a moment when some important event or decision was made, or to simply have a unique, one-time experience during the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.

**Voices of Battle Programs** – July 1-4 at the stage north of Meade’s Headquarters. These 45 minute programs feature living historians who will bring to life the eyewitness accounts of the soldiers and

civilians who experienced the tragedy of the Battle of Gettysburg. 7:30 p.m. each evening.

**Living History Camps & Demonstrations** – Nearly 500 Union and Confederate infantry and artillery troops and other supporting units will present demonstrations and programs near the Pennsylvania Memorial and at Pitzer’s Woods throughout the day to illustrate the life of the Union and Confederate soldier and demonstrate the tactics used by both armies in the Battle of Gettysburg. The camps will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Please note: living history events are July 1-3 only and there will be no demonstrations on July 3 after 12 p.m.)

**Special Junior Ranger Patch and Commemorative Keepsake**



Throughout 2013, kids can earn a special 150th anniversary Junior Ranger patch by completing activities in the Junior Ranger activity book. In addition, during the park’s nine-day commemoration from June 29 through July 7, Junior Rangers will earn a keepsake identity card of one of six different Gettysburg soldiers and civilians - designed to look like a Civil War daguerreotype.

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## Family Activity Tent

From July 1 - 4, the front lawn of the Museum and Visitor Center will house a special family and children's tent full of activities, programs and hands-on opportunities. Stations will include a Living History stage where a new Gettysburg "personality" will be revealed each hour; Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery drilling stations; soldier pastimes circle, dress-up photo booth, and an "Ask a Ranger" desk. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Museum and Visitor Center Ranger Programs** - Rangers will present regular programs on the battle, the life of the Civil War soldier and care of the wounded at regular times throughout the day in and around the Museum and Visitor Center, July 1 - 4.

**July 5, 6, 7 Sacred Trust Talks and Book Signings** - Three additional days of noteworthy historians, authors, Park Rangers and others providing talks that examine the nature of the Civil War 150th years ago. The speakers on July 5 through 7 include: Ed Bearss, Scott Hartwig, Ta-Nehisi Coates, James Swanson, Ron Maxwell, Wayne Motts and more. Events take place from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

Details for all programs will be in a commemorative event guide to be published by the park and the Gettysburg Foundation in early June. The information is already available now on the park website at: [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

# The Cyclorama Saga Concludes



**Demolition of the Cyclorama building in early March, 2013, funded by the Gettysburg Foundation.**

On March 11, 2013, the final portion of the drum fell and crews were hard at work sorting recyclables and breaking concrete into rubble.

The area will be returned as much as possible to its appearance at the time of the fighting in 1863, and the commemorative period, 1864-1938. On the building footprint itself we will have grasses, some fencing, and the eventual return of the 5th U.S. Artillery battery B tablet and cannon. Rebuilding fencing and returning the monument to their original positions will be done in a later phase in 2014.

**Timeline for the remaining demolition work:** According to the Gettysburg Foundation, which has provided the funding and hired the contractors to do the project, building demolition will be complete by approximately April 19. The contractors will then do grading and seeding for about 10 days, finishing by April 30. For most of the month of May we will fence the area off so that grass can become established. We hope to open the area for foot traffic by Memorial Day (weather permitting).

## What's involved in future phases?

- Reconfigure and reduce the size of the existing Cyclorama building parking lot in order to rehabilitate Ziegler's Ravine.
- Partially rehabilitate historic grades of Ziegler's Ravine by regrading a 350 foot section of roadway to follow the Battle Era topography of Ziegler's Ravine.
- Rebuild the 1863 historic fencing within the study area.
- Rehabilitate the historic grades of Cemetery Ridge in the footprint and immediate vicinity of the Cyclorama building.
- Rebuild the commemorative era sidewalk that was displaced by the Cyclorama building.
- Monuments displaced by the Cyclorama building would be replaced in their historic footprint. These are the 5th US Artillery Battery F tablet, the 90th Pa. Infantry monument, the 88th Pa. Infantry monument, 1st Mass. Sharpshooters position marker, and the 12th Mass. Infantry monument.

Additional work will also include removing the old Visitor Center parking lot. Because we anticipate needing all available parking during the 150th anniversary year at Gettysburg, we are postponing the landscape work until 2014 at the earliest. The timing in 2014 or afterward is dependent on additional fundraising by the Gettysburg Foundation.



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## Moose Donation Supports Preservation at the Pennsylvania Memorial



The Pennsylvania Moose Association presented Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation with a \$25,000 donation to pay for recent preservation work at the Pennsylvania Memorial during a ceremony on March 8, 2013. Holding the check, from left, are park Superintendent Bob Kirby, PMA Moose Charities Committee Chair Rich Charles and Gettysburg Foundation President Joanne Hanley.

What can *you* do to prepare for Gettysburg's 150th?

Get important updates through social media. Follow Gettysburg National Military Park on Facebook and Twitter to get breaking news and updates about events, parking, shuttles, how the weather might affect certain events, and more. Sign up at:

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For information about Gettysburg NMP events, call 717-334-1124 or visit [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

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For battle reenactments, lodging and other special events in the Gettysburg area, go to: [www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com](http://www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com)