



The Gettysburg Quarterly

Gettysburg Battle Anniversary Programs

The National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation are planning nine days of special programming from June 29 through July 7, 2013 throughout Gettysburg National Military Park. We hope you'll join us for these free, once-in-a-lifetime events!

June 29 – 30 Sacred Trust Talks and Book Signing Events. Sacred Trust brings together renowned authors, historians, National Park Service rangers and others to share perspectives on the battle of Gettysburg with members of the public. Free. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg National Military Park.

June 30 “Gettysburg: A New Birth of Freedom” Commemorative Ceremony. This evening event will take place on an outdoor stage near Meade’s Headquarters on the Gettysburg battlefield and will include music, a keynote address, 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. The ceremony will end with a procession to the Soldiers’ National Cemetery to see luminaries marking each of the more than 3,500 graves of soldiers killed in the Battle of Gettysburg. The ceremony is sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation. Free.

July 1 – 4 National Park Service Programs for 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg - Special Ranger Programs. During the days of the battle



Gettysburg National Military Park. Photo by Dave R. Rodriguez

anniversary, with July 4 focusing on the battle’s aftermath, the park will offer the following interpretive program opportunities. Free.

- **Living History Camps** – Two full battalions of Union and Confederate infantrymen accompanied by artillery 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. (PLEASE NOTE living history events are July 1-3 only.)

- **Key Moment Programs** - Each day of the battle, and on July 4, Park Rangers will present ranger guided programs at locations where key events occurred

during that particular day of the battle, or during the battle’s aftermath.

- **Overview Hikes** - Each day of the battle, and on July 4, Park Rangers will present 60 minute overview hikes covering different phases of the battle and its aftermath. These will involve more walking than Key Moment programs.

- **Battlefield Experience Programs** - Park Rangers will provide special programs that allow visitors to experience critical moments of the battle at the approximate time they occurred 150 years ago. **This will include a July 3 Commemorative March across the field of Pickett’s Charge**, with visitors organized by NPS rangers to represent the Confederate brigades that participated in the attack and the Union soldiers that defended against it.

- **Voices of the Battle** - Each evening at 7:30 p.m. visitors can gather and listen to the voices of soldiers and civilians describing their experiences during the battle and aftermath.

- **Special Junior Ranger Patch** – Beginning this spring and continuing throughout 2013, kids can earn a special 150th anniversary Junior Ranger patch by completing an activity book associated with the battle anniversary activities.

- **“Kids and Family” Activities** - For kids we will have a “Kids and Family” programs tent with activities throughout the day outside the Visitor Center, and a special interactive Signal Corps station July 1 through 3 near Meade’s Headquarters.

- **Park Ranger Programs at the Museum and Visitor Center** - Park Rangers will present Battle Overviews, Civil War Soldier, Care of the Wounded programs on a regular schedule in the Museum and Visitor Center or at Interpretive Program stations outside the



Ranger program on Seminary Ridge.

building. In addition to programs in the museum, the park will offer some programs at sites including the Cemetery, Little Round Top and the Angle.

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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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Winter Lectures - The Civil War in 1863

Gettysburg Park Rangers will continue their popular, free winter lecture series throughout January, February and March, with a special look at the Civil War in 1863. Programs will explore topics such as the Army of the Potomac’s resiliency; the Vicksburg Campaign; the fighting at Chickamauga and at Chancellorsville. Lectures examine the command and legacies of Fighting Joe Hooker, Admiral David Dixon Porter, Robert Gould Shaw and the men of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry unit. A special lecture on January 19 will offer an opportunity to examine original artifacts from the park’s collection. Additional topics include larger issues such as the strategic dilemma of the Confederacy in 1863; the cultural meaning of Gettysburg; the mythology of Pickett’s Charge; and the unique perspective of Union army surgeons at Gettysburg.

The lectures are sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park and take place on Saturdays and Sundays through March 10, except January 13. They are held at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center in one of the film theaters through February 24 and in the Ford Motor Company Fund Education Center on March 2, 3, 9 and 10. Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

Gettysburg Sesquicentennial Seminars

March 14-16 Gettysburg Sesquicentennial Seminar, "The Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150th." Sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. Contributing partners include the Gettysburg Foundation and the Society for Civil War Historians. Registration is required. Fee. To register or learn more go to: <http://www.cwfuture150.com/conference-program/>

June 21 – 25 Civil War Institute. Sponsored by the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and Gettysburg National Military Park. Conference participants will discover new dimensions of the events of 1863, with a special focus on the Gettysburg Campaign, through lectures, discussions, and tours of the battlefield. Registration is required. Fee. For more information contact 717-337-6590 or <http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/>

October 25-27 Gettysburg National Military Park Seminar - Gettysburg to Appomattox. Leading historians will explore the war from Gettysburg to Appomattox in a two and a half day seminar at the Gettysburg campus of Harrisburg Area Community College. The seminar will also include field programs on the Gettysburg battlefield, conducted by park rangers and licensed battlefield guides, and an evening reception at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. The seminar is sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park and the Civil War Institute of Gettysburg College with generous assistance from Harrisburg Area Community College-Gettysburg Campus and the Gettysburg Foundation. Registration is required. Fee. For more information go to: <http://www.nps.gov/gett> or call 717-334-1124 ext. 3251.



Cemetery program, left; and a Gettysburg shoulder ride, right, photo by Dave R. Rodriguez.

Exhibits, Concerts and More

June 15 Gettysburg National Military Park's Brass Band Concert. The Wildcat Regimental Band will perform free at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center as well as present an evening concert at the Pennsylvania Memorial.

June 16 Exhibit Opening: "Treasures of the Civil War" - This special exhibit will feature rare Civil War artifacts that provide links to leaders of the Civil War era, including Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, George G. Meade, Frederick Douglass and Clara Barton. This glimpse into the lives of these extraordinary people will help visitors gain a better understanding of the magnitude of the Civil War and its lasting impact on our nation. Sponsored by Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg Foundation and other partners. Included in museum admission ticket. Continues through 2015.

August 16-17 18th Annual Civil War Music Muster - Civil War brass bands, fife and drum and parlor music are presented in concert. Performers include the Susquehanna Travellers, the Victorian Dance Ensemble, The Libby Prison Minstrels, The Irish Volunteers Civil War Band, additional performers to be announced. All performances take place at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center and the Dobbin House Courtyard, followed by a

concert at the Pennsylvania Memorial in the early evening. Free.

Nov. 16 Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies - An annual event held in conjunction with the Gettysburg Address anniversary. A parade of Civil War living history groups begins at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Nov. 16 11th Annual Remembrance Illumination, Soldiers' National Cemetery. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation. From 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. luminary candles will be placed on each Civil War grave as a testament to the sacrifices made here in 1863. Free.

Nov. 19 150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address - an annual observation with memorial services held annually in the Soldiers' National Cemetery. The program includes the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Soldier's National Monument and a formal ceremony with a keynote speaker. Sponsored by the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg College.

Nov. 19 Graveside Salute to the United States Colored Troops in the Soldiers' National Cemetery - immediately after the Dedication Day ceremony. Sponsored by "For the Cause" Productions.



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Dedication Day 2012



A crowd of 9,000 people attended the November 19, 2012 commemoration of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Director Steven Spielberg, *center*, was the keynote speaker, pictured here with Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent Bob Kirby, *left*, and Joanne Hanley, President of the Gettysburg Foundation.

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