



# Volunteer of the Month

## Helen Liptak



This month Helen Liptak was nominated unanimously Volunteer of the Month by Harpers Ferry National Historical Park’s Management Team.

Early May, Helen, at the recruitment of her granddaughter, took on the task of sewing over 100 volunteer patches on new polo shirts. These shirts were purchased as a result of special project funding the park received because of its substantial and highly visible volunteer program. Over 250 shirts were purchased altogether, with nearly 125 being patchless. As soon as the boxes of shirts arrived at her doorstep, the sewing began. Within a two week period, Helen had completed over 60 shirts. This is not her first time volunteering with for National Park Service. In 1999, Helen performed similar work for staff at Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord, Massachusetts.

Helen, an 89-year old Massachusetts native, graduated in 1939 from Bay Path College in Springfield, Massachusetts. After graduation she was employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance a short time before marrying and starting a family. Over the past 65 years Helen has volunteered her time and talents to a number of organizations including; the local Catholic Church, the Boy Scouts of America and the National Park Service. Her call to volunteer service remains strong and she has certainly instilled that ethic in her children and grandchildren. Mother of four and grandmother to six, Helen remains very active for her 89 years. In addition to sewing, she enjoys gardening, birding, cooking, walking, vacationing on Cape Cod and spending time with her family.



Just because you live out of state does not mean you can’t volunteer for Harpers Ferry National Historical Park! Anything is possible! If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at Harpers Ferry, please call (304)535-5017.



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If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering at Harpers Ferry Park, please contact the park’s volunteer coordinator at the address or phone number listed below. Volunteer today and give back!

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Volunteer Coordinator**

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