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## James A. Garfield National Historic Site News Release

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[NOTE: Pictures of Mr. Arrington and an image of the book cover are available on the park website at [www.nps.gov/jaga](http://www.nps.gov/jaga) and under “Park News”]

### **Local Employee Contributes to a National Civil War Handbook**

The National Park Service’s new official handbook for the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War contains a chapter written by local resident Todd Arrington. Todd works as Chief of Interpretation at James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor.

Other articles in the *The Civil War Remembered* were written by nationally recognized historians James McPherson, Ira Berlin, Eric Foner, David Blight, and others. Todd was one of only two National Park Service employees invited to submit an article for this publication.

Superintendent Sherda Williams noted that “Todd’s participation reflects not only his scholarship, but also his experience here, at Gettysburg National Park and at Homestead National Monument of America [Nebraska]. We are very proud that we have someone of Todd’s caliber leading our interpretive programs.”

The National Park Service preserves more than 40 battlefields, historic homes, and other sites associated with the war. They include places like Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland, which saw the bloodiest one-day battle in American history; Pecos National Historical Park in New Mexico, location of the largest battle west of the Mississippi River; Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi where soldiers fought for control of the Mississippi River; and Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, the home of the famed abolitionist and Abraham Lincoln’s friend, who spent his life fighting for social justice and equality.

There is a new Civil War 150th commemoration website that includes historical features and a timeline and calendar of events (<http://www.nps.gov/civilwar150/>). The site includes Twitter and

Facebook links where people can follow the “reporting” of fictional 1850s reporter Beglan O’Brien to hear about events as they happened in 150 years ago.

*The Civil War Remembered* handbook was published by Eastern National for the National Park Service. Eastern National is a nonprofit cooperating association that partners with and supports national parks across America. They support the James A. Garfield National Historic Site here in Mentor by providing a sales outlet in the park’s visitor center.

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