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LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD ANNOUNCES MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE, SUMMER HOURS AND ENTRANCE FEE INCREASE

In honor of America's veterans, active duty personnel, and casualties from our nation's wars, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will host a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 11:00 AM. The program will include a ranger talk, "They Were Called, and They Went", as well as posting of the colors by the Hardin American Legion Post #8 and the James Louk Post 7481 Veterans of Foreign Wars and honor songs by drummers from the Hardin High School Indian Club.

In preparation for Memorial Day, each grave of the approximately 5,000 persons interred at Custer National Cemetery will be decorated with a small American flag by students from Pretty Eagle Catholic School and Fort Smith Public School on Wednesday, May 20. More information about the cemetery, as well as a register of interments, is available at the visitor center. Memorial floral decorations are permitted at Custer National Cemetery gravesites, provided they are removed by the following Sunday, May 31.

Extended summer hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM begin at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument on Monday, May 25, and remain in effect through Labor Day. The visitor center will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM daily. The self-guiding tour road to Last Stand Hill/Battle Ridge and the Reno-Benteen Battlefield will also be open from 8:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

Starting on June 1, 2015, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will increase visitor entrance fees in order to fund important maintenance and improvements within the park. Entrance fees support a wide range of projects that improve the park and visitor experiences, including rehabilitation of trails, and support for ranger-led programs and educational materials. The entrance fee change will be phased in as follows: private, non-commercial vehicle \$15; motorcycle \$10; per person walk-in \$10. A final increase will occur January 1, 2016, when the fee per private, non-commercial vehicle rate will increase to \$20. Motorcycle entrance fee will increase to \$15, with the per person fee to remain at \$10.

During the 2014 public comment period, the vast majority of comments supported an increase. As always, requests for fee waivers are considered on a case-by-case basis, and entrance fees are often waived for school groups. Entrance to Custer National Cemetery remains free of charge.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument administers the site of one of the most famous battles in American history, the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Scheduled interpretive ranger programs are offered at the visitor center daily during the summer. For more information, please call (406) 638-2621, or visit our web site at www.nps.gov/libi.
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