



National Mall and Memorial Parks

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DAILY INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS



Join National Park Service rangers to learn more about the meaning, symbolism, and significance of the park's many memorials. No prior sign-up is required, and all programs are free. Program length varies. For more information contact a ranger at each memorial.

Programs are offered at the following memorials...

- World War II Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Scheduled Programs are presented on the hour from:

10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

**Additional programs on request.

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Wake Island: America's First Victory

By Ranger Tim Olling

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor caught the United States by surprise beginning nearly four years of warfare. The damage was devastating: 18 ships were sunk or severely damaged, hundreds of planes destroyed or damaged, and over 3,500 casualties occurred. The country was in shock and disbelief. Yet merely four days later, American forces won the first victory of the war at a place few had ever hear of—Wake Atoll.

Wake Atoll had been originally discovered in the mid-sixteenth century by Spanish explorers. Due to the treacherous currents around the atoll, the Spanish never attempted a landing on the three islands. Over the next several centuries, the atoll remained devoid of human life due to both the currents and the lack

of fresh water.

In the 1890s, the United States took an interest in the atoll with the intent of using it as a transoceanic cable base as well as a coaling station for the Navy. Once again, though, the



Wake Atoll

currents and lack of fresh water thwarted the plans. The United States did not look at Wake again for another forty years.

During the early 20th century, tension between the United States and Japan was slowly increasing, and Wake Atoll became integral to United States defensive plans. Located 2,000 miles west of Pearl Harbor, Wake could be used as an air base for long-range aircraft to fly reconnaissance missions. This would allow the United States military to detect Japanese fleet movements well before they could approach Pearl Harbor. The plan included

dredging the lagoon to use it as a submarine base. Unfortunately, it was mid-1940 before funding became available to start the work on Wake, and by that time it was already too late to convert the atoll into a military base.

Work began in earnest in December 1940 when the Morrison-Knudsen Company sent the first shipload of men and materials to Wake. Morrison-Knudsen's contract called for the company to create an airfield (capable of handling the largest aircraft in existence), storage magazines, roads, hospitals, storage facilities, a submarine base, and barracks. They were not, however, responsible for creating gun emplacements, trenches, beach defenses, or anything else needed to defend what they were building, as that was the military's responsibility.

The defense of Wake was based on a garrison of 980 marines who would defend the atoll from air raids and small-scale raiding parties, and repel ship bombardments. There would also be a marine fighter squadron based on Wake to

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www.nps.gov/mall

National Mall Plan Website:
www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan

Radio: 1670 AM

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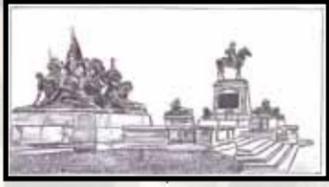
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MAY

Don't Forget...

Daily ranger programs presented at the memorials, every hour from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Artwork by Ranger Dennis Mosso						1 🕒 11 a.m. 🚲 1 p.m. 🚶 5 p.m.
2 🚲 1 p.m. 🚶 5 p.m.	3	4	5 🕒 11 a.m. 🕒 6 p.m.	6	7 🚶 10 a.m.	8 🕒 11 a.m. 🕒 1 p.m. 🚶 10 a.m. 🕒 7 p.m. 🚲 1 p.m.
9 🚲 1 p.m.	10	11	12 🚶 6:30 p.m. 🕒 10 a.m.	13	14	15 🚶 5 p.m. 🚲 1 p.m. 🕒 1 p.m.
16 🚲 1 p.m. 🚲 2:30 p.m.	17	18	19 🕒 6:30 p.m.	20	21 🚶 10 a.m. 🚶 10 a.m.	22 🕒 6 p.m. 🕒 11 a.m. 🚲 1 p.m. 🚶 10 a.m.
23 🚲 1 p.m. 🕒 5:30 p.m.	24	25	26 🕒 6 p.m.	27	28	29 🚶 10 a.m. 🚲 1 p.m. 🕒 7:30 p.m.
30 🚲 1 p.m. 🕒 8 p.m.	31	<h2>Memorial Day Concert</h2> <p>National Park Service promotes BYOWB (<i>Bring Your Own Water Bottle!</i>) to the National Symphony Orchestra Memorial Day Concert at the U.S. Capitol.</p>				

PROGRAMS

Saturday, May 1
Empire of Liberty
11 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.,
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Two hundred and seven years ago, the United States of America doubled in size overnight. Discover how the Louisiana Territory came to be a part of our country, and how Jefferson justified this extraordinary purchase. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jennifer Ripley at 202-426-6841.

Wednesday, May 5
Grant vs. Lee: The Overland Campaign of 1864
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

In May of 1864, Lt. General Ulysses Grant went head to head with Robert E. Lee in a campaign that spanned a month, contained some of the Civil War's fiercest combat, and would spell the end for Lee's Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox a year later. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. Contact Jonathan Manchester at 202-426-6841.

Wednesday, May 5
WWII Operations & Vehicles
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The operations and vehicles of World War II proved to be monumental in history, and invaluable for the United States' rendezvous with destiny. We

will view bronze timeline panels and era photographs to learn about the Pacific and Atlantic battle zones. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Victor Pillow at 202-841-1774.

Saturday, May 8 & 22
The Better Angels of our Nature
11 a.m. - 12 p.m., 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

In his inaugural address Abraham Lincoln spoke of a nation identified by the better angels of our nature. Inspired by this sentiment, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain came to exemplify the ideals that this nation is founded upon. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. Contact Garrett Radke at 202-426-6841.

Saturday, May 8
Migratory Bird Day Events
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Migratory Bird Day on the Mall with various family-friendly activities. Pick up a program brochure at the Survey Lodge Ranger Station. Contact Janet Buerger at 202-497-1397.

Saturday, May 8
China-Burma-India: the Forgotten Theater
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

A forgotten theater of World War II was China-Burma-India. It is recognized in the World War II Memorial, but many people know very little about it. We will explore why this theater was so important to

the war effort. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

Wednesday, May 12
African Americans in the Military
6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

African Americans have fought in every U.S. conflict since the American Revolution, however, their legacy has often been overlooked. Their conflict against prejudice and racism was often as difficult as their situations in the theater of war. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Victor Pillow at 202-841-1774.

Saturday, May 15
These Dead: Civil War Photographs and their Legacy
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn how the medium of photography matured during the Civil War and created powerful images that left a legacy for the future. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. Contact Janet Buerger at 202-497-1397.

Wednesday, May 19
Women In Wartime
6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

American women have served in wartime since the Revolution, such as Deborah Sampson who impersonated a man to join the Continental Army. Come learn more about Sampson, other individuals, and female units which became prevalent during World War II. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Victor Pillow at



202-841-1774.

Saturday, May 22
The Forgotten War
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Korean war: was it really a war, or just a conflict? It raged for three years, yet many people are still unfamiliar with its details. Was it forgotten, unknown, or simply ignored? Join us for a fascinating look at this time in our history. Meet at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Contact Raul Nazareno at 202-426-6841.

Sunday, May 23
Nuts About Squirrels
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Squirrels - you see them every day, but do you really understand them? Why do they run on the other side of the tree from you? Do they hibernate? Join us to learn about the Eastern Grey Squirrel and their history in Washington D.C. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Liz Cavanaugh at 202-426-6841.

Wednesday, May 26
George Mason: The Forgotten
Founding Father
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Even though he is one of our 'Founding Fathers', George Mason is often forgotten. Why? Come learn about the 'Father of the Bill of Rights' and his ideas and writings that inspired Thomas Jefferson to draft the Declaration of Independence. Meet at the George Mason Memorial. Contact Natalie Grime' at 202-426-6841.

Saturday, May 29
Memorial Day Concert Rehearsal
- FREE: West Lawn of U.S. Capitol
7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 30
Memorial Day Concert - FREE:
West Lawn of U.S. Capitol
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

WALKING TOURS

Saturday, May 1
Who Won the Civil War?
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The obvious answer to that question is only partially correct. The last Civil War veteran died only fifty years ago. Why has this conflict, that took 620,000 American lives, been termed "our felt history"? Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

Sunday, May 2
The Trees of Constitution Gardens
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Join a ranger for a moderate stroll through Constitution Gardens - created in 1976 to celebrate the American Bicentennial. The area was originally in the Potomac River ("Potomac Flats") and then headquarters for the U.S. Army and Navy. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial kiosk. Contact Harry Gedney at 202-438-9640.

Friday, May 7 & 21
A Day with a Ranger
10 a.m. - mid afternoon

Spend the day with your very own park ranger and learn about the history and architecture of the National Mall from A to Z. The tour ends on the grounds of the Washington Monument (entrance not included). Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Brad Berger at 202-438-4173.

Saturday, May 8
International Migratory
Bird Day Walk
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.,
2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day! Join a ranger on a guided walk around the National Mall to see how many bird species we can identify. Binoculars provided. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Robert Steele at 202-438-9574.

Wednesday, May 12
Bird Walk around
the National Mall
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.,
2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join a guided bird walk with a ranger through Constitution Gardens and Ash Woods to see how many bird species we can identify. Binoculars provided. Meet at the World War II Memorial. Contact Robert Steele at 202-438-9574.

Saturday, May 15
The Lincoln Haunts Jaunt
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

We will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's life by stopping at sites that would have been familiar to him during his presidency. This walking tour will concentrate in areas around Lafayette Square, the White House, and along Pennsylvania Avenue. Meet at the Washington Monument. Contact Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

Friday, May 21
Bird Walk around Hains Point
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.,
2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Join a ranger on a guided bird walk around Hains Point to see how many bird we can identify. Binoculars provided. Meet at the George Mason Memorial. Contact Robert Steele at 202-438-9574.

Saturday, May 22 & 29
Vive la Revolucion: South
America's War for Freedom
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why some of Latin America's greatest leaders have statues in the heart of the Nation's capital? Join a ranger for a guided tour of the memorials to the heroes that helped liberate Latin America from Spain. Meet at the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. Contact Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

BIKE TOURS

Saturday, May 1
Unexplored Tales of the City:
Freemasons
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

This tour will uncover the rich history and influence of Freemasons. Their work can still be seen throughout Washington, D.C. This tour will investigate the truths and myths that surround this sometime mysterious group. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jason Martz at 202-438-4391.

Sunday, May 2
Off the Beaten Path
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

In a city full of colossal and iconic memorials to great men and even greater deeds, these statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance can be found all over the city, yet, their stories have gone largely untold, until now. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

Contact Jason Martz at 202-438-4391.

Saturday,
May 8
History
of the Mall
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

From George Washington's original vision to the District of Columbia of today, how has this span of green space in the heart of the Nation's Capital been altered over time? Come see how The National Mall has evolved into what you experience today. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jason Martz at 202-438-4391.

Sunday, May 9
People of D.C.
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Get to know the people behind the city. See and hear how the influential personalities of Washington, DC have affected the city, landscape, architecture, and culture of the Nation's Capital over time. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jason Martz at 202-438-4391.

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Sunday, May 16
The Union in Crisis: Part II
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

This tour will cover the first two months of Lincoln's Presidency starting with Lincoln's inauguration, through the firing on Ft. Sumter, and culminating in Lincoln's concern for the defenseless capital. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Eric Pominville at 202-359-7040.

Sunday, May 16
Family Bike Tour: Amazing Events
in the Nation's Capital
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Whoa... That happened here! This tour will guide families through the ages to discover exciting events that took place in and around the National Mall. From hot air balloons over the White House, to canal boats floating down Constitution Avenue. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jason Martz at 202-438-4391 to make reservations.



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Sunday, May 23
Literary Bike Tour of the National
Mall
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Over the years the beautiful monument and memorials of the National Mall have inspired untold millions, including numerous authors, poets, and playwrights. Learn more about the fascinating associations between famous authors and the memorials of the National Mall. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Eric Pominville at 202-359-7040.

Saturday, May 29
Off the Beaten Path
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Sunday, May 30
Unexplored Tales of the City
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Were you taught that George Washington cut down a cherry tree or Abraham Lincoln wrote his Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope? These tours prove once and for all that true American history is stranger than fictitious American history. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Jason Martz at 202-438-4391 for more information.

Wake Island: America's First Victory

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help repel air attacks. Although they would receive the various armaments they needed, barely half of the required number of marines were sent to Wake. All total, there were 510 Army, Navy, and Marine personnel on the atoll when war broke out. As a result, not only were the defenses not complete when the Japanese attacked, but there were not enough personnel to man all of the weaponry!

During the first three days of the war, the Japanese bombed Wake repeatedly, destroying most of the recently completed buildings, and eight of the twelve fighter planes, and inflicting a 60% casualty ratio on the fighter squadron's personnel. The airfield itself was left untouched for future Japanese use. Having thus softened up Wake, the Japanese then attempted to capture the atoll.

The Japanese believed they had knocked out Wake's artillery batteries and air power, and subsequently attempted a landing on the morning of December 11, 1941. In reality, although they had devastated

artillerymen damaged nearly every ship in the fleet.

Although they were out of gun range, the Japanese fleet's problems were not over. The surviving planes of VMF-211 had



TBD-1 from USS Enterprise over Wake Island

initially remained on the ground in order to preserve the element of surprise. Once the artillery batteries opened fire, they were cleared for take-off, each armed with full loads of machine gun ammunition, and two 100 pound bombs. They spent the next hour making repeated strafing and bombing runs on a widely-scattered enemy fleet, having to return to Wake to rearm after each bombing run. Despite their lack of numbers, the remnants of VMF-211 inflicted more damage on the Japanese with bullets and direct bomb hits, sinking yet another destroyer.

The decisive American victory at Wake accomplished two very different things. Coming on the heels of a devastating defeat at Pearl Harbor, it was a badly-needed morale builder providing Americans a sign of hope. Conversely, it greatly humiliated the Japanese, who felt they could never be defeated in battle.

As CDR. Mistake Kumara of the Imperial Japanese Navy recalled after the war, "Considering the power accumulated for the invasion, and the meager forces of the defenders, it was the worst defeat the Japanese Navy ever suffered."

In the end, though, the courage and valor of the Americans defending Wake came to naught. The Japanese resumed bombing Wake, eventually returning with a far more powerful fleet, and a far larger landing force. After fighting for the better part of twelve hours, the garrison was eventually surrendered when it became clear that further resistance would eventually lead to both the garrison and civilian contractors being annihilated. The United States would finally re-take the atoll on September 4, 1945, and it was officially turned over in a brief ceremony aboard the USS Levy (DE-162).



Three inch anti-aircraft gun

the fighter squadron (VMF-211), the heavy artillery batteries were undamaged, fully manned, and alert.

Realizing the only way to defeat the Japanese was to draw them into point-blank range of his heavy artillery batteries, Maj. James Devereux repeatedly ordered his artillerymen to hold their fire. When the range dropped to just over two miles, the order to commence fire was finally given, and the marine gunners proceeded to savage the attacking fleet.

The Japanese flagship was hit repeatedly amidships before managing to steam out of gun range, badly damaged. As the flagship was being pummeled, another battery sank the first major Japanese warship of the war, when its third salvo detonated a destroyer's magazine. As the Japanese fleet fled pell-mell away from Wake desperately trying to get out of gun range, the marine



How to Visit the Washington Monument

All persons who wish to visit the Washington Monument must have a ticket. One person may pick up to six tickets. Open daily (except July 4 and December 25).

Timed entry tickets are required and may be obtained in two ways:

- Free, same-day tickets may be picked up at the Washington Monument Lodge (located at the base of the Monument along 15th Street) on a first come - first serve basis, the morning of your visit. Monument Lodge opens at 8:30 a.m.
- Reserved tickets may be obtained in advance by visiting www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777 (for individuals) or 1-877-559-6777 (for large groups). Reserved tickets are often booked 30 days or more ahead of time. Please plan accordingly. All reserved tickets carry a \$1.50 convenience charge.

Summer Hours: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Monday, May 31 - Monday, September 6

Rest of Year: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**National Mall and Memorial Parks
Cell Phone Tours**

Lincoln Memorial: 202-747-3420
First Amendment: 202-595-0085
Cherry Blossom Festival: 202-747-3465

Worthy of the Nation: A City of Trees

By Ranger Jan Buerger

President Washington and Peter L'Enfant had a magnificent park in mind for the Federal City—not an afterthought, like Boston's encircling "Emerald Necklace," or New York City's Central Park oasis—rather a city core to serve as an international showcase representing the nation and its universal ideals. With spring and summer here, the Mall continues to reveal a "City of Trees."

L'Enfant's 1791 plan featured a grand L-shaped public-park: the intersecting esplanades behind the President's and Legislature's Houses meeting at the site of a Washington Monument, with smaller parks and monuments the foci of radiating avenues. However, L'Enfant's aggressive techniques caused Washington to relieve him of his duties. His vision endured, however, while for decades the city remained a muddy wilderness with stumps of trees for avenues,



Farragut Square Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*), large old tree that likely dates from the dedication of the Square in 1881.

making passage difficult. President Jefferson, distressed at the residents' destruction of local woodlands, contributed to the park. He lined Pennsylvania Avenue—from White House to Capitol—with Poplars worthy of the plan.

In 1851, the nation was splitting. Congress and the Smithsonian Institution, reprising the park scheme, made it a symbol of federal union. They hired Andrew Jackson Downing to create a design for the whole Mall, "an extended landscape garden[...] planted with specimens properly labeled, of all the variety of trees[...]" Parts of this went forward (around the White House, Ellipse and Lafayette Park), but Downing tragically drowned in 1852, and momentum waned again.

The centennial of the Declaration of Independence (1876) and the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877) combined for a watershed event in the beautification effort. In 1871, Grant appointed Alexander Robey Shepherd (1835-1902), champion of beautification, to head the Board of Public Works. Shepherd initiated a crash "Comprehensive Plan of Improvements" that transformed the Capital from a city of mud to a "City of Trees." He dredged and covered its polluted canal (now Constitu-



Grant Memorial Bur Oak (*Quercus alba*), associated with the original U.S. Botanic Garden and Frederick Law Olmsted's design for Union Square, the largest tree of its species in the city.

tion Avenue), and made it a main sewer; he removed the railroad tracks that marred the Capitol's Esplanade, paved the streets, and planted 60,000 trees. In a grand experiment in urban silviculture, he lined the streets with maples, poplars, lindens, sycamores, elms, ashes. By 1874 his extravagant spending and dubious techniques had thrown Congress into a tailspin, and resulted in his demise. Media and public, though, loved the new Washington, praised it as "the City of Trees," equal to any Capital in the World, and compared its tree-lined avenues to Berlin's famous "Unter den Linden."

Frederick Law Olmsted and firm, the McMillan Commission (Elm Walks), advocates of the Jap-

anese flowering cherry trees, Lady Bird Johnson and others followed. Today, the Mall is a grand display of trees from across the nation and world.

In May, at least 44 of the city's tree species flower including Black Locust, Buckeyes, the Carolina Silverbell, Catalpas, Black Cherries, Chinese Chestnuts, the Chokeberry, Crabapples, Flowering and Kousa (Japanese) Dogwoods, Lindens, five varieties of Magnolias, the Redbud and Tulip Poplar. See if you can identify them! Enjoy!



Jefferson Elm (*Ulmus americana* 'Jefferson'), National Mall, one of the 600 trees planted in rows on the Mall by the McMillan Commission in the 1930s, an American elm cultivar with a triploid genetic arrangement that makes it Dutch elm disease resistant.

Eastern National Bookstores



Serving the Visitors to America's National Parks and Other Public Trusts

National Mall and Memorial Parks is a very inspiring and powerful place, but your experience does not have to end in Washington, D.C. Continue learning more about park sites and American history by visiting the many Eastern National bookstores throughout the park. Capture the moment, take home a book, and explore the ideas and values that make visiting National Mall and Memorial Parks such a stirring experience. Eastern National, a park partner, operates four bookstores located at:

Washington Monument Lodge
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Franklin Delano
Roosevelt Memorial
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Washington Monument Lodge

www.easternnational.org

Park Concessionaires

Guest Services, Inc. manages all retail operations for National Mall and Memorial Parks. This includes refreshment kiosks and gift stores throughout the park. They also operate the following recreational opportunities...



GUEST SERVICES

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202-479-2426

www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com

East Potomac Tennis Center
202-554-5962

www.eastpotomactennis.com



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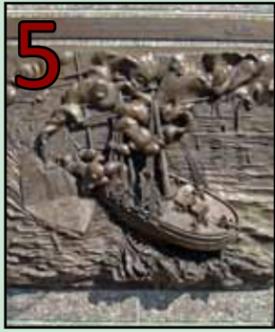
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Self Guided Walking Tour: Pennsylvania Avenue and the Civil War

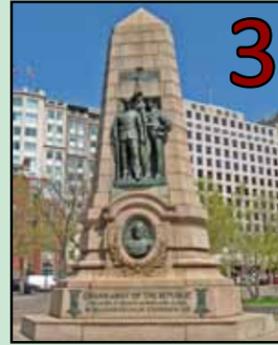
During the month of May we celebrate Memorial Day, a day to honor all those who fought and died serving our country. Pennsylvania Avenue is home to numerous statues and memorials that commemorate distinguished men and momentous occasions in American history, especially during the Civil War. Beginning at the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial and concluding in Sherman Park, this one mile journey will chronicle many Civil War personalities and expose the origins of Memorial Day.

A bronze relief at the U. S. Navy Memorial depicts Admiral David Farragut's victory at Mobile Bay, August 5, 1864. Farragut ran a large Federal flotilla past Confederate forts to enter the bay where his flagship, USS *Hartford*, pictured in the relief, was engaged by the armored CSS *Tennessee*. Farragut's forces subdued the Confederate ship and assumed control of the last major port on the Gulf coast.



U.S. Navy Memorial

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial. The GAR, a veterans group, was founded shortly after the end of the Civil War and was led for a time by former general, then

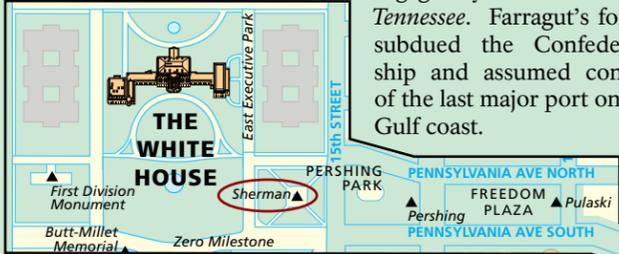


G.A.R. Memorial

Ulysses S. Grant is depicted coolly sitting on his horse Cincinnati while the chaos of battle rages around him. Grant, the military leader, and Abraham Lincoln, the political leader, will forever be linked in the past, present, and future. They not only led the Union out of war but they also gaze at one another across the two-mile expanse of the National Mall. Even their memorials were dedicated just over one month apart in 1922.



Ulysses S. Grant Memorial



Sherman Memorial and Logan bas relief

6 William T. Sherman. In November, 1864, his forces cut all communication and lived off the land as he led Federal forces through Georgia on their march to the sea, destroying the Confederates' will to fight on. Upon emerging along the Atlantic coast, Sherman telegraphed President Lincoln, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the City of Savannah [GA]."

All four arms of the military are represented at the base of the statue along with famous battle scenes and bas reliefs of eight of

his commanding officers, one of which is John A. Logan. Logan has his own statue in Washington, D.C., located where 13th Street, P Street, Rhode Island Avenue, and Vermont Avenue meet just a few blocks to the northeast of the White House. Logan is often credited with helping to make Decoration Day, now Memorial Day, a nationally recognized holiday to remember all those who died in defense of this country.



Logan Memorial



Hancock Memorial

4 Winfield Scott Hancock fought under Meade's command at Gettysburg. Hancock's forces helped repel the massive Confederate charge on July 3, 1863 known as Pickett's Charge.



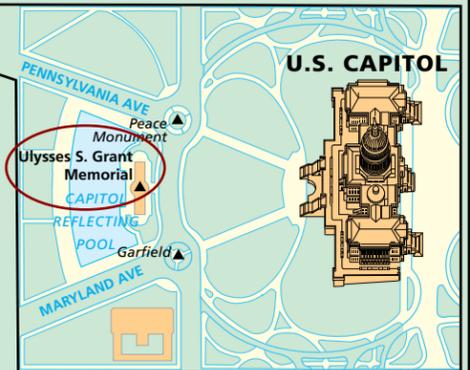
The Grand Review



Meade Memorial

George G. Meade commanded the Union Army of the Potomac from its victory at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in July, 1863 through the conclusion of the war in April, 1865. He led his army in the Grand Review along Pennsylvania Avenue in May, 1865.

The Grand Review took place along Pennsylvania Avenue on May 23 and 24, 1865. Approximately 145,000 Federal soldiers marched along the grand avenue and received accolades from the crowds that included high ranking military officers and President Andrew Johnson. This parade of victorious soldiers helped heal the recent wounds caused by the assassination of Abraham Lincoln six weeks earlier.



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Ranger Q & A

Interview with Ranger Dennis Mosso



Q: What made you become a ranger, and how long have you been with the National Park Service?

A: I saw an advertisement for government jobs, and decided to apply. I was offered a position at the Old Post Office Tower in March of 1988, and moved here in 1989. I will retire this September after working for the National Park Service for twenty two years.

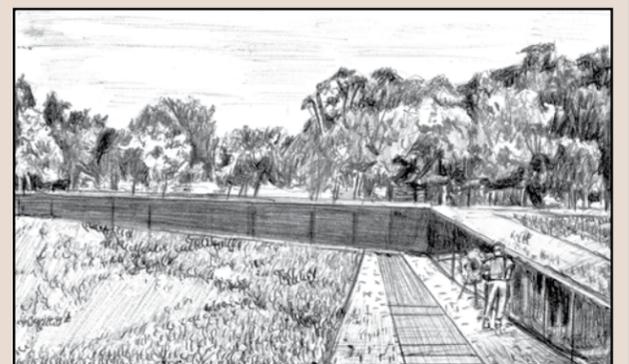
Q: What do you enjoy most about working here?

A: What I enjoy the most is the creativity of designing and delivering programs to visitors. I have been an artist most of my

life, specializing in watercolors. The programs that I create for visitors are similar in that they are designed to not only inform and share information, but also to cultivate others' interests. It's like painting pictures with words.

Q: Is there a specific memorial you prefer over the rest?

A: I think that the Thomas Jefferson Memorial is my favorite; I think it's the prettiest of all. When it comes to programs, however, I think the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial may be the most interesting. There is so much information readily available to sift through and filter when creating programs and my parents' generation lived during



Vietnam Veterans Memorial by Dennis Mosso

Dennis Mosso hails from the Johnstown, Pennsylvania area, where, at the age of 19, he was drafted into the army and sent to Vietnam. After serving his country, he returned and attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, the Maryland Institute College of Art, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he received his Art teaching certificate.

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Message from the Superintendent

May is a great time to experience your national park. Our ranger staff presents interpretive programs throughout the park including park-wide walking tours and shorter detailed programs of each memorial.

To learn more about the future of the National Mall, visit the National Mall Plan website, www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan to read current alternatives, express ideas, and follow our progress.

Page through this newspaper to find out more about the many fascinating ranger programs offered throughout the park. Our park staff and volunteers will be glad to answer any of your questions. Thanks for visiting, and have a wonderful experience at National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Superintendent
John Piltzecker

“Monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

National Park Service Organic Act

August 25, 1916

Potomac Nature Packs

Birds, Bugs and Trees, OH MY!

Discover the wild side of the National Mall with nature packs designed to engage the entire family. Each pack is filled with a sketch pad, binoculars, books, park brochures, maps, and activities for the whole family. These self-guided nature packs allow the whole family to put on their Eagle eyes, and explore the unbelievable sights and sounds of the National Mall!

Packs are available at the Survey Lodge Ranger Station near the southwest corner of the Washington Monument grounds. Packs are available on a first come, first served basis, and require an adult's drivers license. One pack per family. Call 202-426-6841 for more information.



Old Post Office Tower

The Old Post Office, built between 1892 and 1899, is home to the Bells of Congress, which were a gift from England on our Nation's Bicentennial. From the observation deck, located 270 feet above the street level, the visitor can get a spectacular view of our Nation's Capital.



Operating Hours

Summer: Memorial Day through Labor Day

Monday through Saturday
9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Sunday and Holidays
10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Winter: Labor Day through Memorial Day

Monday through Saturday
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Sunday and Holidays
10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

202-606-8691

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Ranger led walking tours of Pennsylvania Avenue

Upon Request:
Saturdays and Sundays
11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Join a park ranger for an interpretive program to learn more about one of Washington, D.C.'s more impressive and fascinating landmarks, the Old Post Office Tower. Tours are by

request. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Washington Ringing Society and the Bells of Congress

First Thursday of every month
6:45 p.m.

The art of change ringing goes back to the Middle Ages, and you can experience it first-hand at the Old Post Office Tower! To learn more about the systematic ringing of the Bells of Congress, join members of the Washington Ringing Society the first Thursday of each month for a full explanation of the Bells of Congress, why they are here, and how they work. The program will be followed by their weekly practice session. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

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Roosevelt's time, so there's a closer link to him than there is to Jefferson.

Q: Is there anything specific you'd like our visitors to take away after having visited the National Mall?

A: I would like visitors to see and appreciate the connectivity that binds all our memorials and monuments together. While each may honor one specific person, event, or period of time, together they represent the history of all men and women, bound together

in their journey through time.

Q: What are your future plans after September?

A: I'm going to take a break for a while and move back to

Pennsylvania. I'll take some time to get reacquainted with old friends, and relax!

Be sure to visit the updated Lincoln Memorial website! <http://www.nps.gov/linc>

Highlights include a new Lincoln Memorial Construction Flipbook and an Interactive Site. The flipbook utilizes historic photographs to tell the story of the memorial construction from inception to completion. You can experience a virtual walk-through of the memorial, and listen to ranger reflections of the memorial and its history on the Interactive Site.

