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Anne Strand Receives 2018 George and Helen Hartzog Enduring Service Award

By Amanda Corman

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, Anne Strand was awarded the 2018 Southeast Region Hartzog Enduring Service Award. Prior to Lockheed Elementary School's Civil War play, a small ceremony was held to present Anne with the great honor. As part of this presentation, Amanda Corman. Volunteer Coordinator. read the official letter from Southeast Regional Director Stan Austin as well as spoke briefly on the



many undertakings that Anne accomplished during her ten years as a volunteer at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Superintendent Nancy Walther spoke on how the park has appreciated Anne's hard work and dedication as well as her personal gratitude for all Anne has done over the years. Superintendent Walther then presented Anne with a beautiful engraved crystal bowl.

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Anne was deeply touched and spoke not only to the adults in the audience but also to the elementary children. Her encouragement, even though she has retired, continues to inspire remaining volunteers as well as the future generation of volunteers.

The Hartzog Enduring Service Award is awarded to an individual whose service has had a sustained, positive impact on the National Park Service. It is meant to recognize those who have chosen to make a difference in parks or offices through specific volunteer work that has resulted in exceptional and lasting improvements in helping to advance the mission of the park or office where he/she volunteers or has volunteered.

Anne Strand joined the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KEMO) Volunteer-In-Park program in 2008 as a member of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC). Anne quickly became an active member and within a year she had gone from 77 hours to 266 hours of volunteer service. At the end of FY2017, she had donated over 5,000 hours to the park. As part of the KMTC Board, she served as Secretary and for a number of years as Membership Director. As KMTC Secretary and Membership Director, she maintained records of over 500 Trail Club members and ambassadors. This does not include the countless number of one-day volunteers who have participated in

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monthly trail work days. In 2010, Anne and her husband, David, developed a new volunteer program called the Trail Ambassadors. In 2014, Anne worked closely with park staff and management to develop the 150th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain events. She was able to help manage many different programs which included fundraising, marketing, and event planning for the three-day event.

In her 10 years of volunteer service, Anne Strand has made great strides to reach members of the community regardless of their age. During the past decade, Anne has been a key contributor in the park receiving seven National Park Foundation Grants (two Active Trails, four Ticket to Ride, and in Every Kid in a Park) totaling \$61,900.00. As part of these grants, the park has been able to reach both elementary and high school students at Title I schools in Douglas, Paulding and Cobb Counties. Recently, Anne has helped the park reach a new audience within the senior citizen community. She has brought the history and trails of Kennesaw Mountain to various senior citizen community centers within Cobb County and developed partnerships with the Cobb County Senior Services program, Sterling Estates Senior Living Communty, and with a local branch of the YMCA.

Congratulations, Anne! Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park appreciates the hard work and dedication you have provided. Words are unable to express how we appreciate all that you have done in making Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park beautiful and sharing it with others around you.

Thanks For The Opportunity To Serve!

Many thanks to the park staff for the magnificent engraved Waterford crystal presentation bowl. It is truly beautiful and I am proud to display it in our home. Above all, I appreciate the wonderful and rewarding experience that I have had as a park volunteer for these 10 years of my retirement, my "3rd career." It has been a great for me to use my past experience in totally new areas and to learn so much as well. This article by Volunteer Coordinator, Ranger Amanda Corman, is so thorough and her remarks are awesome!

I want to thank the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club officers and members who provided David and me so many

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opportunities. With your support, we were able to develop the very successful Trail Ambassador program and be involved in fundraising and volunteer management for the 150th Battle Anniversary. Although we did not work on the park trails, we learned so much about the art and science of building and maintaining hiking trails and their value to the park and community. We enjoyed connecting with REI, KSU and JROTC programs to recruit volunteers and support for trail work. Thanks again for a memorable experience that David and I will always cherish.

Anne Strand

President's Corner

Another busy month! We had a small ceremony for Anne Strand who has been awarded a Hartzog award for Southeastern Region volunteer of the year. That same day we watched a play by Lockheed Elementary School about the Civil War and Marietta GA. These kids did really great at portraying real historic people and telling the story in first person. It was accurate history put to script and portrayed by students. I almost cried at the reality of what was being said.

Trail maintenance day brought out several Jr NROTC groups along with Scout groups, students, outdoor groups. We continued our restoration work on the main trail up Kennesaw Mountain.

Warmer weather has brought out more people and more events at the park. This has also increased our trail ambassador workload to greet people and steer them to each event at the right times.

Have you heard that the latest survey indicated we have 2.7 million visitors a year now. We are definitely a popular place.

Lastly, please remember we are an all-volunteer organization and we rely on local donations to operate. See our donation link on our website.

Scott Mackay
President, KMTC



Trail Ambassador Highlights - April, 2018

April was a very busy month for Trail Ambassadors (TAs). The first week in April was Spring Break and the park presented an exciting event each day. Starting off the week was Kid Cannon Crew followed by Carrie Berrie, Life of a Soldier, Bird Walk, Leave No Trace, 2 Raptor Presentations and a TA led hike. The hike leader was Jay Haney. Helping with the events were Rena Bailey, Karen Petrella, Cam Graham, Mark Floyd, Jay Haney, Anne Page Mosby and Janie Brier.

Fortunately the weather for April Trail work day was gorgeous. Supporting the volunteers and crew leaders on another successful trail work day were Anne and David Strand, Kathy Bearden, Cam Graham, Karen Petrella, Kerry Sustak, Rena Bailey, Sally Hunter and Janie Brier.

Rounding out the month was the annual Junior Ranger Day. TA roles for this event included registration, parking cars, manning the 4 stations through which the children rotated. Many thanks to Scott Mackay, Anne and David Strand, Noura Soued, Lucy Denzin, Alicia Gutierrez, Scot and Gwyn Posey for their hard work. My deepest thanks to all the TAs who volunteered for these events and for the generous gift of their time.

Janie Birer

Director, Trail Ambassadors

Veterans History Project

During this past winter, NPS Intern Susan Carolo conducted interviews @ the park. Her objective was to interview military service veterans which would represent a time period from WWII through the present. Ms. Carolo did an excellent job of asking questions and recording the comments. While listening to the recordings you'll experience the empathy she displayed and hear stories of participant's experience on a number of different topics.

Ms Carolo spent a lot of time compiling these interviews and although her internship had expired she became a volunteer and completed the web page.



Please pull up the project and listen to the comments. They are now on the park website and the full interviews will soon be available at the United States Library Of Congress listed as Veterans History Project.

Check it out, as there are interviews of persons associated with the park and KMTC; along with others. Also, there are a couple of participants who have since passed away, making this project even more important.

https://www.nps.gov/kemo/veteran-s-history-project.htm (photos & voice)

Doug Tasse

Summer

(On being a teen again) 5/5/98 Fred Feltmann

The dog days of Summer.

Lazy, hazy days of Summer.

Carefree, happy days.

Nothing to do,

no where to be when.

Walking through the woods.

Going down to the swimming hole for a quick, cooling dip.

Playing ball - baseball, that is.

Watching the thunderheads forming in the distance.
Listening for the clap of thunder; seeing the flash of lightning; and getting stuck in the sudden downpour.
And looking for the rainbow.

Being with the guys (or gals).
Just shooting the breeze.
Talking baseball.
Or taking in a movie,
just to get cool.

And when it gets boring, get a book, or a radio. And get absorbed.

Ain't it fun being alive!

A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2017 (October 2016- September 2017 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- Present):

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FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY ALLATOONA NJROTC BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU

BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA BSA TROOP 1011 HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL HILLGROVE HS NJROTC KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL KEY CILIR KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS KSU BETA ALPHA PSI KSU PHI SIGMA PI PACK 405. McEACHERN UMC PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSII POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE DAY - KSU VOLUNTEER KSU U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS

The following groups participated in our May work days:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC HILLGROVE HS NJROTC KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC CAMPBELL HS OUTDOOR ATLANTA KSU

VENTURE CREW 540 BOY SCOUT TROOP 75 We had a total of 83 volunteers

participate this month, along with our crew leaders. Trail Ambassadors and Board Members.







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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: May 14, 2018

History Comes to Life at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

On May 9, 36 students from the Gifted Program at Lockheed Elementary School in Marietta performed a play at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to help tell about the Civil War. The play began with on oration about the first shot of the war at Fort Sumter, and ended with a handshake between Generals Lee (Confederate) and Grant (Union) at Appomattox. The majority of the script was written by the fourth and fifth graders, with research and editing assistance provided by their Gifted Teachers, Mrs. Noura Soued and Mrs. Alisa Rusk.

Said park superintendent Nancy Walther, "These students were a joy to watch and were stellar in their performances. I sat on the edge of my seat, captivated by every word." The kids, dressed in period clothing provided by the park, shared insights from differing perspectives with enthusiasm and sincerity. Some of the featured speakers (performed by the kids) were Abraham Lincoln, Emma Stephenson (an African American nurse), Union and Confederate soldiers as well as members of the U.S. Colored Troops, and Robert E. Lee, among others. The students, who enthralled everyone in the audience with their stellar performance, truly brought history to life with their program.



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2018 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your "sweat equity" alongside our 40+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big "ask". We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, "The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.". There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website http://www.kennesawmountaintrail-club.org
- Subscribe to Amazon "Smile" where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club* Attn: Tom Okerberg Whitlock Accounting Services 739 Kennesaw Avenue NW Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

Date Time Location Event

June, 2018

6/9 8:00 am - 12 pm Visitor Center Trail Work Day (Meet in the amphitheater next to the picnic

area.)

July, 2018

7/14 8:00 am - 12 pm TBD Trail Work Day

August, 2018

8/11 8:00 am - 12 pm TBD Trail Work Day

See, also, the flyers on pages 11 - 13 for all National Park Service Programs this month at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park!

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at http://

SignUp

Com

Formerly VolunteerSpot

<u>signup.com/go/VvavYQj</u>. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center please arrive there by 8:30 am. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are *Highly* recommended.

If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If your school, church, business, or community organization

would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: effective immediately

Convenience Items to be Sold at Top of Kennesaw Mountain

Kennesaw, GA– On weekends now through Labor Day, Eastern National, a partner of the National Park Service, will be selling convenience items at the top of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Eastern National will operate a sales trailer to provide items that might be needed or wanted by park visitors. Items for sale will include bottled water, Powerade, snacks (including ice cream), caps, t-shirts, sunscreen, and more. The sales trailer will be in operation on Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays from 10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is the second year of the seasonal sales trailer operation at the mountaintop for Eastern National.

Eastern National is a not-for-profit cooperating association with Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Eastern National's mission is to promote the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality experiences, products, and services. The proceeds from your sale with Eastern National help fund interpretive and educational programs locally at Kennesaw Mountain.

For more information, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

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5/12/18 Work Day Photos Photos by Fred Feltmann



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Lockheed Elementary Civil War Play

5/9/18 - photos by Fred Feltmann









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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for June

**All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted. Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

Everyday @ 1:00 pm Ranger Led Museum Tour June 2 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm 'Civil War Music'

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Decatur Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

June 2 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am 'Life of a Soldier'

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. This ranger-led presentation will utilize various reproduced props and personal items to illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

June 3 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 'Infantry Demonstrations'

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battle-field Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.). *Demonstrations will take place on top of Kennesaw Mountain*.

June 3 @ 11:00 am & 3:00 pm 'Cheatham Hill Walk'

Historian Brad Quinlin will lead a guided history walk on the historic battle at Cheatham. Each of these programs last approximately an hour and consist of a short, 250 yard paved and dirt path. *Please meet the historian at the Cheatham Hill Drive parking area near the Illinois Monument.*

June 9 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm 'Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day'

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Parking and registration is at the Overflow Parking Lot on Old Highway 41. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the student is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club's website.

June 9 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 'Civil War Music'

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Decatur Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

June 9 @ 11:00 & 3:00 'The Unsung Hero'

(each program is 45 minutes in length)

This program highlights the role that African Americans played in the Union Army serving first as undercooks and then as stretcher bearers. This program, offered by historian Brad Quinlan, provides researched information of the sacrifices of these unsung heroes of the war.

June 10 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 'Artillery Demonstrations'

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.). Demonstrations will take place on top of Kennesaw Mountain.

June 10 @ 11:00 am & 1:00 pm 'Cheatham Hill Walk'

Historian Stuart Berkowitz will lead a guided history walk on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The programs last approximately an hour and consist of a short, 250 yard paved and dirt path. *Please meet the historian at the Cheatham Hill Dr. parking area near the Illinois Monument.*

June 16@ 11:00 am - 11:30 am 'Civil War Hygiene...Silent but Deadly'

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860's. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

June 17 @ 11:00 am & 1:00 pm 'Cheatham Hill Walk'

Historian Phillip Whiteman will lead a guided history walk on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The programs last approximately an hour and consist of a short, 250 yard paved and dirt path. *Please meet the historian at the Cheatham Hill Drive parking area near the Illinois Monument.*

June 17 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm < The Western & Atlantic Railroad'

The Western & Atlantic Railroad would experience many extraordinary events that would not only lead to the development of the city of Atlanta but also major changes to the South and ultimately the nation. This program will discuss the origins of the Western & Atlantic Railroad and the history of the rail line from its creation through the end of the American Civil War.

June 23 – 24 BATTLE ANNIVERSARY

Join park staff and volunteers for special programming all throughout the weekend to commemorate the 154th anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. For June 23, programs begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. For June 24, programs begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Activities include talks, walks, hikes, Living History programs (to include artillery, infantry, and civilian programs), children's games, and more. Please see the specific Battle Anniversary schedule or call the park for additional information.

** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).

*** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 154th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain June 23 - 24, 2018



SATURDAY

9:00 - Infantry Demonstration

10:00 - Artillery Demonstration

10:00 - History Hike to the 24-Gun Battery

10:30 - General Thomas Program

11:00 - Cheatham Hill Talk @

Cheatham Hill

11:00 - Memorial Field Talk

11:30 - History Hike to the **Mountain Top**

12:00 - Civil War Music Program

1:00 - Infantry Demonstration

2:00 - Artillery Demonstration

2:30 – General Thomas Program

3:00 - Infantry Demonstration

3:00 - Cheatham Hill Talk @

Cheatham Hill

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- Civilians Life Demonstrations with children's dyeing activities (activity: weather permitting)
 - **Thomas Headquarters Camp**
 - Children's Games
 - "Stump the Fifer" activity



Atlanta Trails Offers Kudos To KMTC!

Hello,

I wanted to reach out to thank you for all of the amazing work you do. And, I'm excited to announce that we just added a feature throughout our site, encouraging our readers to volunteer and support your organization and the trails that they love.

We added the following to every one of the Kennesaw Mountain trail reviews we've published, with a link to your website. (For example: Kennesaw Mountain 24 Gun Trail.) We made the addition to each page just below our trail map and above the driving directions – which is the spot that our readers spend the most time when researching a new hiking adventure.



LOVE THE TRAIL?

This trail is maintained thanks to the hard work of countless volunteers and donations from supporters of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Please support them by making a donation or joining a volunteer day. Let's work together to keep these trails maintained and open for use!

Our website is one of the primary sources of trail information in Georgia, with millions of visitors each year. And our hope is to send a wave of donations and volunteers to help support the important work that you do. It's a continuation of the education work that's at the core of our mission, including messaging of Leave No Trace, proper trail etiquette, and safety and emergency packing essentials on every trail review that we publish.

We've been overjoyed by the incredible growth of outdoor recreation in our state. But we're alarmed by the growing number of national websites, Instagram accounts and Facebook groups promoting things like off-trail bushwacking, fence jumping, waterfall climbing, cliff jumping, and irresponsible trail use – pretty much everything that's contrary to the Atlanta Trails mission. Hopefully, this new addition to our site will help increase awareness of the incredible work that you do, encourage further support of your organization, and help to further the core of our mission.

Please let us know if there are any other ways we can support you - we'd love to collaborate and help in any way we can!

Eric

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https://www.atlantatrails.com/?s=kennesaw - link to Atlanta Trails info on the Kennesaw Mountain Trails.

Sponsors/Partners CornerMany thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!









July Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than June 20th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK Trail Maintenance Map Points of Interest