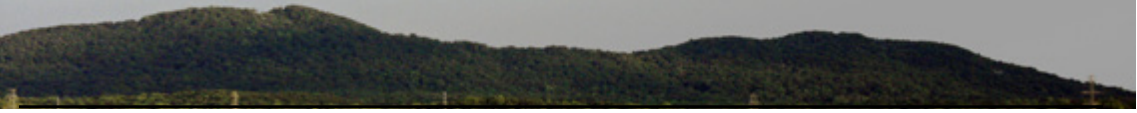




EARTHWORKS



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ABT Park Day April 13

By Bill Gurry

The American Battlefield Trust (ABT) sponsored "Park Day" was held in conjunction with our regular workday on April 13. Adam Strotman welcomed our volunteers at 8:30 am.

Robert and Gayle took a very large crew to clean out water diversion structures and the culvert at the base of Big K, and to rebuild and clean up the fence and build some water diversion features on the environmental trail. Jay and Aleks with Janie directing traffic did important work of rebuilding the stone steps at the last place where the Mountain Trail cuts through the earthworks toward the top of Big K, trashed the social trail on top of the earthwork, and placed a stack rail fence on either side of the trail to protect the earthworks. Geoff and Eric did some stone step work, cleaned up the

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New Facility Manager

It is with great pride that I announce the selection of our new Facility Manager, Carlos Hurston. Carlos has worked at Kennesaw Mountain for the past 12 years and through hard work and diligence, he has worked his way up from a WG-5 to a WG-7 and now the Facility Manager. The official start date for Carlos is April 28. Please be sure to stop by and congratulate him on his promotion.

Nancy Walther
Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Trillium

Danny Leigh found this fine specimen of trillium in the park during April - one of my favorite plants.



Memorial Day Of Service Event Planned

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield NPS staff is planning a special event on Saturday, May 25th. Details may be found at [Memorial Day of Service at Kennesaw Mountain](#). Registration for this event is required and is limited to 75 individuals. Registration is at the above site and is open.

May Work Day

This month's work day will be on May 11 (rain date May 18). We will meet at the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot and will be working the trail from the parking lot to Noses Creek. Registration opens at 8:00 am. Please arrive by 8:30 am for introductions and instructions for the day. Be sure to sign up - see page 7.

Trail Ambassador Director Report - February, 2019 – April, 2019

At this time we have a total of 52 active Trail Ambassadors. We added 4 new Trail Ambassadors in quarter 2. Please welcome Don Olds, Gavin Gaffney, Laurie Poppel and Randy Fine. Currently there are 6 Trail Ambassador candidates with partially completed requirements. There are 10 individuals who contacted me for information but have not started requirements.

The end of February through early May are the busiest time of year for interpretive events at the park. Most of the field trips which bring school aged children to the park, as well as spring break, occur in the March – April time frame. During this time Trail Ambassadors supported the following:

- 1 Artillery Demo
- 1 Infantry Demo
- 15 Field Trips
- 1 Junior Ranger Day
- Raptor Program – 2 shows
- 5 days of spring break programming (4/1 – 4/5)
- 2 Ranger led hikes
- 3 Trail Work Days
- 1 Saturday, 10 high school students invasive plant removal program

In March, Cam Graham met with 12 members of the International Club of Atlanta – a group of retirees originally from other countries or who spent most of their careers working overseas. He presented an overview of the origin of the park, expansion of park, Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Brumby, overview of Confederate and Union defense/strategy in the battle of Kennesaw Mountain and ultimate outcome. He then took these folks on a 7.5-mile hike – the oldest person completing the hike was 88 years old!

Going forward will begin planning for annual Trail Ambassador meeting.

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

The Mud Road - Conquered!

Fellow mudders:

I walked the Brumby section where the big mud was. This was the day after the last rain.

There was no mud. There was water flowing in both ditches. The spring in the middle of the road was not running but had been, but ran into the ditch, not down the trail. (dark spot in the photo)



Bill Gurry

A Time To Remember

Fred Feltmann

March 8, 2009

At this time in our lives,

It is important to remember

those who have gone before us

- be it a grandparent, father/mother,

sister/brother or even one of our children.

They gave the full measure of their lives

that we may be free.

So, remember them this month,

for we owe them more than we can ever repay.

And for those still among us, be sure to thank them for

their service to us and to our Country.

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 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2019 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU
BSA TROOP 75
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA
BSA TROOP 1011
CAMPBELL HS
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, McEACHERN UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SERVICE DAY - KSU
SWINERTON CARE CREW
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS
VENTURE CREW 540
VOLUNTEER KSU
WALKER SCHOOL
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)



BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
FLIGHTWORKS
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
GEORGIA TECH
MT PARAN CHURCH
VOLUNTEER KSU
WHEELER HS
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following groups participated in our April work days:

ATLANTA OUTDOOR
ALLATOONA HS JROTC
HILLGROVE HS JROTC
KSU
MARIETTA HS
CUMBERLAND SCHOOL
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

We had a total of 108 volunteers as well as approximately 25 KMTC staff participate this month's 4/13/14 Work Day.



The “Last” of 150 Troop Position Markers at KMNB

By Bill Gurry

On a hike one fall day in 2013, I came upon a group of teenage boys carrying a couple of blue signs headed the other way. One of the boys explained to me that these were troop position markers fabricated by Boy Scouts as part of an Eagle project. The boy’s name was Jonathon Wood of Troop 29 of Marietta. As I recall, they were signs for Ruger’s and Knipe’s brigades of Williams’ division of Hooker’s XX Corps that took the brunt of the assault at Kolb’s Farm on June 22, 1864. (Two more signs for the same two brigades were set to mark their second position during the main attack on June 27.)

The first sign set by Jonathon was for Mebane’s Tennessee battery in the redoubt at Cheatham Hill and is pictured below. This was to be the first of 150 troop position markers that have now been placed by Boy Scouts to identify troop positions along the trails and roads in the Park. A few of the signs are brown to indicate other historical features, such as New Salem Church and the original road up Kennesaw Mountain.

The signs were placed under the direction of Eagle Scout Coordinator/Trail Club President/Crew Leader/sometime Trail Boss/utility man Donald Olds. The selection of the signs, sign information, and placement started under the supervision of former long-time KMNB historian Willie Johnson and was finished under the supervision of KMNB Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar.



The signs are made of three cedar boards joined with biscuit joints on the inside, glued, and bound together with wood dowels. The signs are assembled, then finished, then lettered, then stained, then mounted on pressure treated supports, then dug directly into the ground without any concrete.

The signs are placed at the edge of the trail tread to prevent any impact on historic ground and so that the maximum number of visitors can see them and be informed about the Park history. Thus, a sign may not be exactly where the unit was positioned. For example, the US Regulars signs are on the Hardage Mill Trail at Gist’s salient rather than deep in the woods to the west at their actual position where no one could see them.

Since Jonathon and his friends set the first signs, 24 Eagle Scout candidates have led 388 volunteers logging 4,665 volunteer hours to fabricate and set the 150 signs.

The “last” three signs were set on Saturday, April 6 by Eagle Scout candidate David McAskill of Troop 797, St. Peter & St. Paul Church in Marietta. David set three signs that day. The signs were fabricated in David’s garage, stained at the Church, and assembled at a picnic area at the Park. Pictured below are David and Donald with a sign for Strahl’s brigade just north of John Ward Creek on the Kolb’s Farm East Trail. It is fitting that David set this “last” sign. David is an experienced battlefield trampler having visited battlefields from Brown’s Mill to Gettysburg, Vicksburg to Fort Sumter, and many places in between. He is extremely knowledgeable about the history Kennesaw Mountain.

I’m told that the first list of signs included 10 signs, eventually growing to 90, then to 110, then to 150. So I won’t say equivocally that the Stahl sign is going to be the “last.”

The troop position signs (with occasional maintenance) will provide historical reference to Park visitors for many years to come, and I have heard compliments from historical preservationists from other parts of the country visiting the Park. The placement of these signs is one of many, many historical improvements to the Park in recent years. Thanks to the 24 Eagle Scout candidates, their 388 friends, to adult Scout leaders and parents, to Donald, and of course to the Park staff for this effort.

KMNB- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Memorial Day and Volunteering

Memorial Day is May 27th, a day to remember those who died in military service for the United States. At a recent Cobb County Senior Center age 55+ veterans meeting, former Army Captain Donna Rowe gave a talk to us. She served during the Vietnam War as a Triage Nurse on assignment at the military hospital complex in Saigon.

She talked about her experiences working with the unit; particularly the extreme stresses of prioritizing care in a war casualty environment. Needless to say, there was lots of action when making quick decisions to save lives; crucially important work. Teamwork was key to getting their job done; thank goodness for that.

Ms. Rowe started off by saying how comfortable she was talking to us as we were her kind of people (more on that later). Although her talk was mainly about experiences, she also gave a few statistics which really got my attention. Although many of us at the meeting had served during the time she did, the numbers she gave were some which most had never thought about. Of course, she gave the number of names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in DC and she noted there is one 15 yr old Marine and 16 and 17 year old soldiers who were killed in combat - a startling statistic to hear. Yet, what got our attention was that the average age of service members during that time was 18-19 years old. Also, some 77% of service members were volunteers, and females were 100% volunteer. The only war to have a younger average age for service members was the Civil War.

As I've been away from the Trail Club for several years I called Bill (VP & acting Trail Director) after the April Trail Day and asked what he figured was the average age of Trail Club volunteers; he quickly answered 25.5 years old. Well that answer was too quick, so since I have a degree as a Sociologist I contacted Rena (Membership Director) she estimated the age of workers, directors, supervisors and anyone else who helped with trail work. In my calculations, I came up with average age of 24.89 years (pretty darn close Bill!).

Thinking again of Memorial Day, the average age of service members during WWI was 24.25 and WWII was 26. And the average age attending our age 55+ meetings is probably 70 (an age I wish I could remember).

I feel comfortable writing to my fellow volunteers, especially since another statistic Ms. Rowe mentioned was that Vietnam era soldiers were, as a group, the most highly educated. Next time you come to volunteer, look around and you'll see how you fit comfortably into the group of educated people working as a team.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse

KMTC past president and Adjutant, Marine Corps League
ps: Check out "**Veterans History Project**" on Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park home page

ABT Park Day, April 13, 2019

Continued

steps, and cleaned out water diversion features at the grand staircase. Danny and Pic were back out fighting the huge privet grove near Kennesaw Ave. – eventually they will win here. Curt and Coach Rich did the annual ditch clean out on the mountain road and completely rebuilt the French drain at the curve, which was working really well during the 3.5" rain event on 4/19. Ken and Andy cleaned out the foundations at the CCC Camp Brumby – this is a bigger job than you think – just try it. Bill made it up and down the mountain 3 times during the day and later borrowed 4 volunteers from Robert and Gayle to do maintenance on the lower Mountain Trail and rebuilt a step with advice from Geoff on his way down to lunch. Donald was running around in the Gator and on foot keeping crews supplied with materials, water, and tools and keeping everything going.

Fred with his camera and Trail Ambassadors were all over the place.

At noon, Amanda handed out ABT Park Day T shirts.

After the President's post-workday debriefing meeting (lunch), Donald returned to lead 11 Cub Scouts and parents to do maintenance on the Unknown Soldier trail.

I sent a very short story and a few of Fred's photos to the ABT and have received thank you notes for our efforts from two staffers at ABT.

REI EARTH DAY 4/20

Ken, Robert, Donald, and Bill assembled on April 19 to stage materials for the next day. However, due to wet conditions caused by very heavy rains and a change for the worse in the forecast for Saturday, we cancelled the REI workday for Saturday. However, a large group of crew leaders and Rena and ***INCLUDING SCOTT*** staffed a booth at Old Country Brewery to promote the club.

2018/2019 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. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2019 (September, 2019).

As we approach our 17th 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.kennesawmountaintrailclub.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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
May, 2019			
5/11	8:30 am - 1 pm	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below. <i>Rain Date: 5/18/19 - Same time and location!</i>
June, 2019			
6/1	8:30 am - 1 pm	Cheatham Hill Parking Lot	National Trail Day/Trail Work Day - REI sponsored event Register at https://www.rei.com/events/92156/national-trails-day-at-kennesaw-mountain/243106
6/8	8:30 am - 1 pm	Cheatham Hill Parking Lot	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
July, 2019			
7/13	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.

See pages 14 - 15 for additional events presented by the National Park Staff at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park!

Go to [Memorial Day of Service at Kennesaw Mountain](#) for a details regarding this event.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://](http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj)

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. 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 **Pigeon Hill Parking Lot** (Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory)

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 recommended.

We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. 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!

Before And After

Photos by Bill Gurry & Jay Dement

A problem occurred on the Mountain Trail at the last place (going up) where the 1973-4 trail cut through the earthwork. The last step had pulled away making it too steep for some hikers to climb. Hikers made a new social trail, unfortunately, right on top of the 1864 earthwork.

Before – the first step has disappeared, making the remaining step too high for many hikers. The middle photo shows the social trail right on top of the 155 year old earthwork. The photo on the right is the same social trail looking downhill. Most every hiker I watched took the new social trail.



A work crew led by Jay and Aleks with Janie directing traffic repaired the bottom step and others above, making the bottom step much easier and making the trail uphill look much more inviting to hikers. Then, using the old fencing from the meadow at the VC, built fences to protect the earthwork and trashed the social trail. Watching hikers for a while after the workday, every hiker stayed on the trail.

Bill Gurry
Acting Trails Director



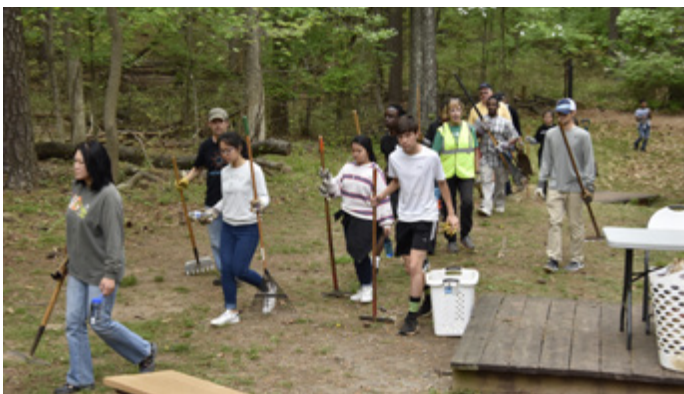
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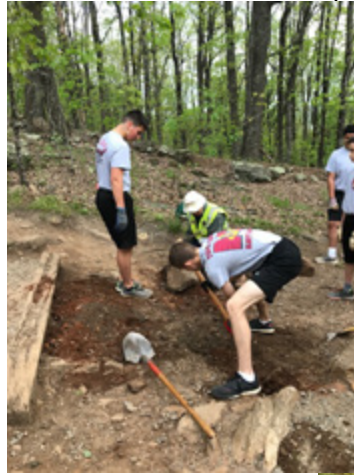


Photo - Left and above - by Andy Johnson. Cleaning out the CCC Bathhouse on the Brumby trail.

Photos, below, by Fred Feltmann.

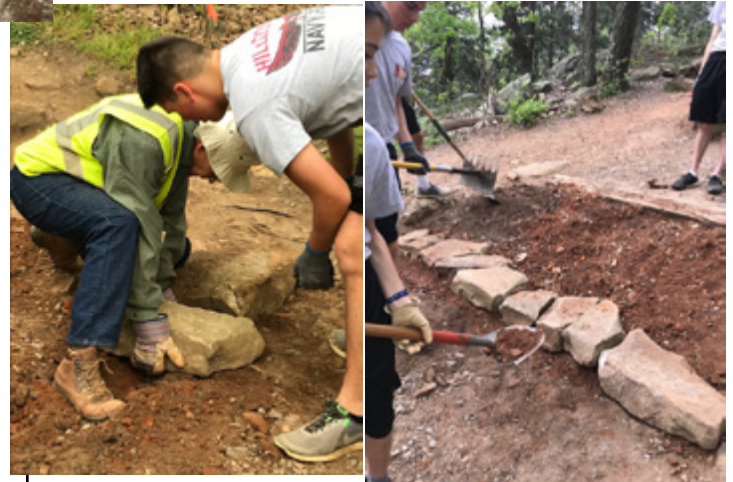






More April 13 Work Day Photos

Photos by Sally Hunter



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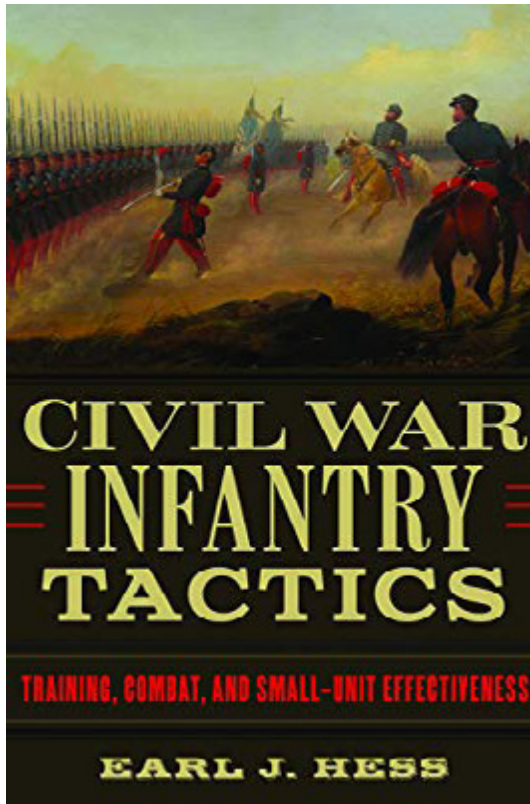
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Civil War Infantry Tactics

Book review by Jay B. Haney

Another impressive read from the author of *Sherman, Johnston, and the Atlanta Campaign*. Our battle of Kennesaw Mountain is one of the examples used. I completely agree with the opinions of other reviewers.

"The premier military historian of the Civil War has done it again. Earl Hess presents a multitude of detailed examples demonstrating that Civil War commanders were capable tacticians within the limits of linear warfare, that they knew, trained their soldiers for, and employed a wide variety of battlefield maneuvers....Any historian, social, political, or military, interested in the Civil War will find *Civil War Infantry Tactics* beneficial, whether for the subtleties of battlefield mechanics or for understanding the broad limits and possibilities of the battles that decided the fate of the nation."



--Samuel J. Watson, author of *Jackson's Sword: The Army Officer Corps on the American Frontier 1810-1821*

"Earl Hess has established himself as the preeminent historian of Civil War tactics. His work is always impeccably researched, lucidly written, and compelling in its conclusions. But most importantly, Hess is one of relatively few Civil War historians able to place his subject in a larger comparative and longitudinal perspective. *Civil War Infantry Tactics* is thus military history in the fullest sense, not just Civil War history. It is also a fascinating read. I cannot recommend it strongly enough."

--Mark Grimsley,
Ohio State University

With Grape and Cannister...

"With grape and cannister raking our boys both flank and in front, nothing but a depression in the ground kept them from being mutilated"

"As the 100th Illinois was forced to pull back, the wounded and dead were left on the field. One man thought killed was the 100th Illinois Color bearer, Michael Murphy. But as the dust settled it was noted "He carried the colors to within steps of the Rebel Works and brought them safely away again." Michael was unhurt during the fight of June 27th, but Michael was killed November 30, 1864 at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee holding those same set of colors that he proudly carried at Kennesaw Mountain."

Excerpts taken from "*Fifteen Years Ago, or Patriotism of Will County*" Publisher James Goodspeed, Joliet Illinois' Joliet Republican Books and Job Steam House 1876, PP338-339

This is the story of the 100th Illinois Infantry on June 27, 1864. The 100th was in Wagner's Brigade, 3rd in line behind the 40th Indiana Infantry and the 28th Kentucky Infantry during the attack of June 27. Wagner's brigade attack of June 27 was along the south side of Dallas Highway toward the first Confederate Battery of the Cheatham Hill Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield road.

Total Excerpt from the forth coming book "*If I am Killed Tomorrow, A Walking Tour of the Cheatham Hill Fight June 27 to July 3, 1864.*" Brad Quinlin and Dick Ransom

Brad Quinlin



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: effective immediately

The Mountain Trailer Store Soon to be in Operation at Top of Kennesaw Mountain

Kennesaw, GA– Beginning May 4 and operating weekends and holidays through the end of September, 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 operates a sales trailer in the spring and summer months 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 third 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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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park **Interpretive Programs for MAY**

****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**

May 3, 11, 18 @ 7:30 am – 8:30 am ‘Atlanta Audubon Society Bird Walks’

The Atlanta Audubon Society is hosting field trips at the park for interested participants to learn more about Georgia’s resident and migrating birds. These trips are a great way to meet other people who share interest in birds and the outdoors. Beginning birders are welcome on their trips! If you need to borrow a pair of binoculars, please contact the field trip leader in advance and he/she should be able to loan you a pair. This trip is free and open to the public; for more information, visit <https://www.atlantaaudubon.org/field-trips.html>

May 4 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Civil War Sharpshooters’

With heritage dating back to Europe, the American sharpshooter has been a vital component of every American conflict. This program will discuss the history of the sharpshooter and the role these men played during the Civil War and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

May 5 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Life of a Soldier’

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men paved the way for the nation that we live in today. Come out and enjoy an interactive ranger presentation that will honor their sacrifice, as well as illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

May 11 @ 11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

May 11 @ 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 Pigeon Hill Parking Lot (Burnt Hickory & Old Mountain Rd intersection). The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website: kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

May 12 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 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 Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

May 12 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’

Join historian Brad Quinlin on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes. Because this program is held outdoors, it will be weather dependent. **This program is **not at the Visitor Center**; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr.,*

Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)

May 12 @ 2:30 pm ‘Lecture/Author Signing: ‘The War Outside My Window’

Come join editor and lecturer Janet Elizabeth Croon as she discusses the story of Leroy Wiley Gresham.

Leroy was young man of 12, resident of Macon, GA, and began keeping a diary in 1860. Leroy’s diary chronicles the rise and fall of the Confederacy from a very unique perspective. Janet edited and collected the journals into the book, “***The War Outside My Window.***”

May 18 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 pm ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. This program is free to attend and open to the public. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

May 19 @ 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, ‘Guided Cheatham Hill Walk’

Join historian Stewart Berkowitz on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes. Because this program is held outdoors, it will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr., Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

May 25 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Cheatham Hill Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is approximately 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

May 26 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’

Join historian Brad Quinlin on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes. Because this program is held outdoors, it will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr., Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

May 26, 27 @ 11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public.

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*** 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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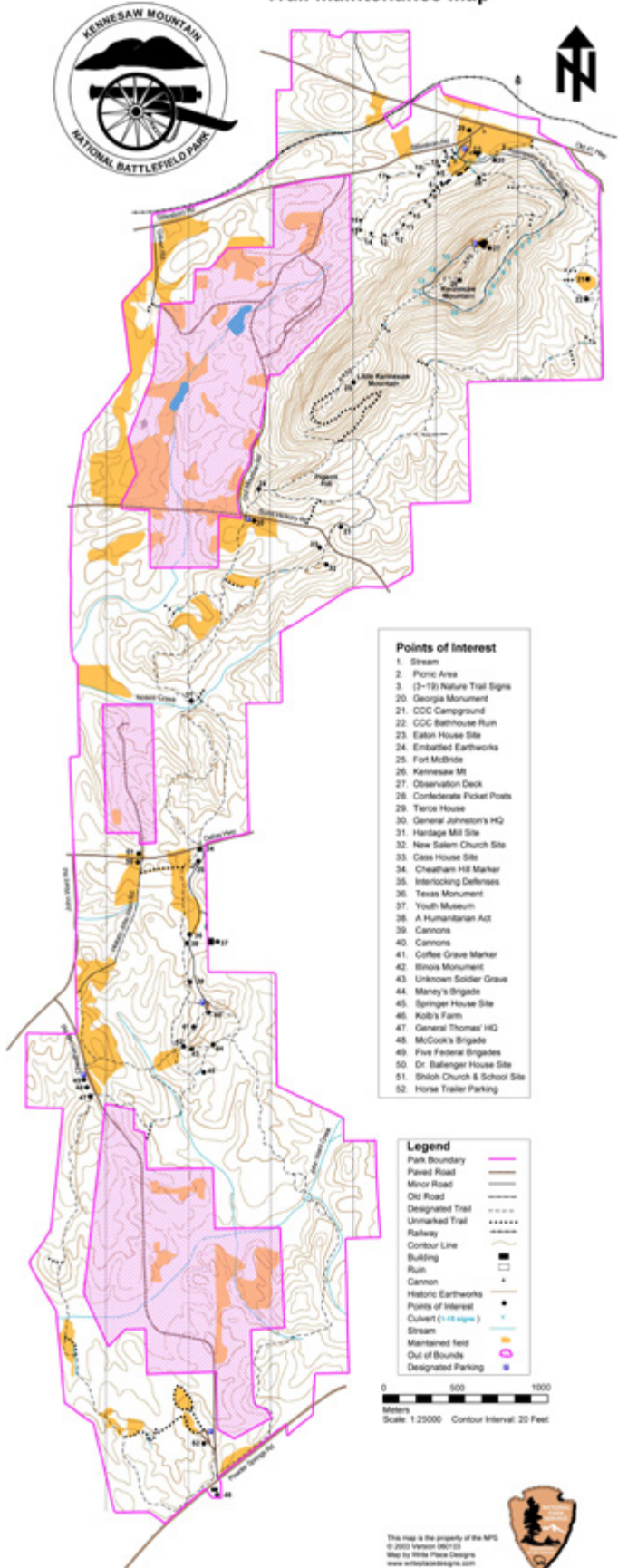


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