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Find A Park This Summer!

Going on a vacation this summer? If so, go to <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/memorial-day.htm>.

On this page there is a calendar where you can search for events by date, park, state or event. There are even actual live events being hosted by several parks within driving distance on Memorial Day weekend. So go and explore our parks (Be sure to verify on this website and the park's local website to be sure the event interested in has not been cancelled).

Oh, and be sure to tap on the "Playing Taps" video on the front page of the website - it's well worth it. There are many other Virtual activities and links to explore on this website as well.

Also, "[Thank You For Your Service!](#)"

Fred Feltmann

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Mask Directive - National Park Service

We have now received guidance regarding the Executive Order Mandating the Wearing of Masks.

The mandate is that a mask is to be worn in federal buildings AND on federal lands. That means that while visitors are in the park, they are mandated to wear a mask. However, now there is more specific guidance to what wearing a mask "on federal lands" means.

Per the Department of the Interior and National Park Service, Kennesaw Mountain NBP will implement this executive order by taking the following measures:

- Masks or facial coverings will be required by visitors, staff, and volunteers while inside any federal buildings. This includes the Visitor Center, museum, and restrooms.
- While outdoors and on the trails, masks and facial coverings should be worn when proper social distancing cannot be maintained. For example, a mask may not be required for the entire hike on a trail but should be used when passing others on the trail if social distancing cannot occur. Masks should be worn outside in areas where people congregate and social distancing cannot occur (such as trailheads and specific areas of interest, like our cannons).
- In accordance with applicable law, NPS will provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals.

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator

June Newsletter Deadline

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

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

Newsletter 1

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>



Friends Work Day Project

On Saturday April 3rd a small group of Covid-masked volunteers met with Mike from the park to make mulch for use in the park's landscaping, the new park plant nursery, and on the 22+ miles of hiking trails. The project was suggested by the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain in early March with a goal of getting at least a few truckloads of mulch made before snake and yellow jackets season. Scott Mackay, Rich Robinson, Donald Olds and Fred Feltmann made up the perfect sized team to feed old fencing materials (cedar and locust wood) for a four-hour work morning (we are volunteers you know). Mike from the park staff had a well thought-out-plan that included bringing along a chop saw and generator so we could cut out portions of wood that contained nails or screws. He also was in charge of the chipping machine and manned the safety controls as we, volunteers, fed it a steady stream of materials.

Five people was a good size for feeding the chipper. We had enough of us to keep the machine continuously fed while still having time to wipe a brow, sip some water, or step over to cut out some nails. After four hours we had chipped up 4 of the 10 piles of wood and created two truck loads of good mulch. The smell of freshly chipped cedar and locust wood was nice too. The only downside I noticed was my pants pockets had somehow filled with chipping dust and one volunteer found a tick trying to crawl up his leg. Which is a good reminder as the warmer days return – check for ticks.

Special thanks to Carlos at the park for enabling us to get this done in an efficient and safe manner.

Scott Mackay

President - Friends of KMNBP



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

"The Days Are Long -Years Short"

I don't know why but it just hit me last night (feel free to choose most any night) while I was watching a rerun of "Law and Order" and I kept thinking maybe I'd seen it before: there was something about it. What it was, was that no one was wearing a mask. Ok, I know that many, many programs are on that were produced before the pandemic but all of a sudden I noticed the difference.

In my sphere it has been a year since meetings ended and we were suddenly not getting together. To me, it doesn't seem like a year has passed by; maybe to you either. Blink and the past seems like yesterday.

Remember that the Park was closed for a while; the work there was very limited. Calling off a Trail Day suddenly became no big deal. Some trail work went on and the Trail Ambassadors still monitored the trails but the days of doing those things were far between. Mind you I'm merely an observer and not a participant. When I drive by the Park there always seemed to be a large number of visitors walking the trails. Do you think they know how long it's been since normal activities were disrupted?

Maybe yes and maybe no, only you who do the volunteer work may know the answer. I do hear that some trails need work and that people missed going in the visitor center. But the Park Staff has done an excellent job of keeping things going. And for sure the club's trail workers have responded when called upon, as have the Trail Ambassadors.

It's been a long year and it seems like it has flashed by and every day it's an effort to make things work in ways that we're not used to. Sure one can conference call or Zoom a meeting but that was not the norm last year; now - well you know the answer to that. The days just drag by, figuring out where you can go, who you can be with and in many cases how you are going to do it. Major League sports can be called off or shifted away at a moment's notice.

Planning revolves around doing things electronically. And that fact, electronically, is a perfect example of making you have a long day. Internet down and/or a cell phone failure and you'll spend an inordinate amount of time trying to figure

out how to communicate and especially how to do your work or assignments. Thus, we've now become accustomed to living with the anxiety of things beyond our control making our day seem so much longer. Perhaps so much so that we've forgotten that pretty much that's the way it's always been.

Good news is that we're coming out of the pandemic, and yes it will be around for a while longer, perhaps forever; who knows. Just like hiking on the trail, things change and we have to adjust to the conditions. Someone stumbling at the lead can slow you down. In the past for a Trail Day, about all we had to worry about was the weather forecast. Now the days are long thinking about all the other considerations and mainly who will be affected. Since last April & May so much has gone by and yet it's the day that we seem to mainly think about.

Years do go by fast, you'll see. I was in a College Economics class when the Professor said in 50 to 60 years the Dow Industrial Average will be at 36,000:

That my friends was 1971 when the Dow was hovering at 800 and hoping to hit 1000 in a year or so (most students just laughed). Well, the Dow is now over 34000 and to me the years have flown past, just makes me think maybe one should listen to the lesson.

If you're on the Trail and someone stumbles, give a helping hand. It may make your day a little longer, but in the years to come you'll remember being there, recall when the power went out and you had to scramble to get things done. Our thinking has changed and believe me the years are short when things are changing so much each day. Take your time and enjoy every day, stumble and get back up, the stock market goes up and down and the years go by way too fast.

Stay safe on the Trail and be well.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse



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 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

FY 2020

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

BOY SCOUT TROOP 89

KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

RIVER RIDGE HS

RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC

TRUST (KSU)

WALKER HS

FY 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

KMTC CREW LEADERS

KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

KSU HEALTH CLASS

We had 4 members of the Friends of KMNBP participate in a Work Day on April 3, 2021 chipping old fence railings and posts.

Thanks!




Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Bill Gurry (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Bill Gurry - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Janie Brier - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

One of Our Own - In Guatemala



2021/2022 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 80+ 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, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

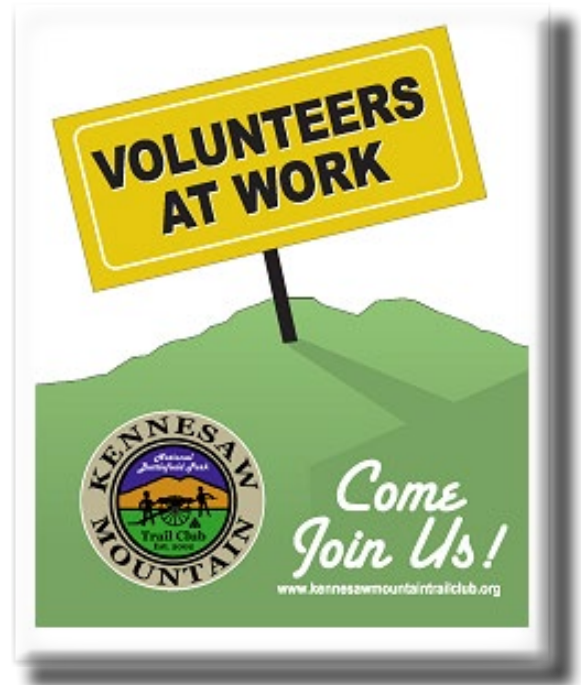
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.” There are several ways to donate:

- 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 <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- 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

All Work Days and events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are cancelled indefinitely at this point.

All trails are now open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd., are now open. Visitor Center is now open. The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays..

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page_internal

We will send out an email when events warrant a restart of work days and events and when the Visitor Center reopens.

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open daily from 10 AM till 5 PM.

Register for Our Work Days!

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

signup.com/go/VvayYQj. 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:

All planned work days for the upcoming months have been cancelled until further notice.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we resume our work day schedules, 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 as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Work Day Parking Lot Training

Nine wonderful people attended Jay Haney's ZOOM class on parking for workdays, and other events at the park. Jay has been managing parking for a number of years and says he is 'trying to retire' (He hasn't learned that there is no such thing as 'retirement', so we won't tell him).

The first thing that we learned was that SAFETY is the highest priority. Be aware of your surroundings and remember 'they' are in vehicles and you aren't. People who have been through the training will need to be issued Safety Vests. There are some safety vests in the KMTC garage that are used and returned. Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator, also has KEMO safety vests that can be issued directly to those people.

We learned that we can get about 80 cars in the Superintendent's field at the VC and 50 in the Cheatham Hill Road lot. This is dependent, very much, on how wet the ground is, the number of people expected and, of course, the weather.

If you are interested in learning about parking, the program is on the KMTC website at <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>.

The Trail Club is always in need of people who can manage parking. The job takes about an hour to 1.5 hours on workdays, and is ideal for people who don't normally do heavy hiking (or up to 4 - 5 hours if you stay till the end of the work day to make sure everyone leaves). Parking involves directing traffic, answering questions, spacing, organization and a quick smile. Remember that the parking people are frequently the first and last people that our volunteers will see.

But when thinking about parking, an old cliché comes to mind, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" That's right, most importantly, the parking people have to remain flexible.

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey



Note: As time as progressed - safety gear was introduced - notably the safety vests. Photos by Fred Feltmann



This photo and photos below and to left were taken prior to 2017 - since then safety vests have been provided to the Parking crews.



Airplane Crash on Little Kennesaw

By Andrew Bramlett

On January 20, 1933, a small mail plane crashed into the north side of Little Kennesaw Mountain. There was only one fatality, pilot Glenn T. Fields.

Glenn Tyree Fields was born February 23, 1908 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. His parents were R. Monroe and Florence Fields. In 1929, Fields became a pilot after studying at Kelly Field, in Texas. Afterwards, he became a flight instructor at the Roosevelt Air School of Mineola, New York, and he also served as a pilot on the Miami-Jacksonville run for Eastern Airlines. In 1930, he became a mail pilot for American Airways. The next year, Fields married radio singer Mabel Norma Greer of Covington, Kentucky, in a small ceremony at the house of Greer's parents. Fields and his wife had one child, Norma Glenn Fields. They moved to Atlanta prior to 1933.

According to the January 28, 1990 *Marietta Daily Journal*, in 1932 Fields was flying for American Airways when he noticed a burning house on Marietta's Whitlock Avenue. He flew his plane low to the ground and the noise of the engine woke the house's sleeping occupants, allowing them to leave unharmed. According to newspaper accounts of the time, the event actually took place in March of 1933, when Fields's replacement, Usher Rousch, awoke the occupants of a burning Smyrna house with his airplane's engine.

On January 20, 1933, Fields took off from Chicago onboard a Stearman 4 CM-1, a biplane modified for use as a mail plane. His destination was Atlanta's Candler Field, where his wife and six-month-old child waited. Candler Field, originally the Atlanta Speedway, opened as an airport in 1925. Today, it is Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

As Fields approached Chattanooga, he was forced to land because of heavy fog. At 9:10 AM, Fields took off from Chattanooga, and made his way towards Atlanta. He ended up slightly off course and found himself in another fog. Unfortunately, that fog covered Kennesaw Mountain. At 10:15 AM, Fields crashed into a tree on Little Kennesaw's north face, 75 feet below the summit. The land was at the time owned by Charles Runyan. The plane caught on fire soon after the crash. Fields had died instantly, and his body was badly burned by the fire. Newspapers reported that without American Airways records of who was flying that day, identification of the remains would have been impossible. His only remaining personal possessions were a watch and gun.

On the mountain at the time were two locals, W.P. Bearden and Glenn Ashley. Bearden had been cutting wood, and Ashley was hunting rabbits at the time of the crash. When they reached the crash site the reserve gas tank exploded, and Bearden was injured. As other locals climbed the mountain, they found parts of the plane as far as 75 feet from the wreck. Three sacks of mail were recovered from the wreckage, which were soon given to Marietta's postmistress,

Mrs. A.S. Clay.

Once an ambulance reached the mountain, it took three hours to remove the body. It was taken to Marietta's Mays Ward funeral home. At Candler Field, Field's wife and child still waited. The wives of several other pilots brought her home before telling her the news. The crash remained a memorable event of Marietta's history for quite some time. The crash was reported in newspapers as far away as Napa Valley, California. Souvenir hunters began to remove parts of the destroyed plane soon after the crash, and the exact site of the wreck has been lost to history.



Glenn T. Fields



January 21, 1933 *Atlanta Constitution*

National Park Service News Release

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Office of Communications
202-208-6843
www.nps.gov



Find your next adventure with the new National Park Service app



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Contact: NewsMedia@nps.gov

The new National Park Service app is available for download in the [iOS App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). NPS image.

WASHINGTON – Just in time for National Park Week, the new National Park Service (NPS) mobile app (go.nps.gov/app) is now available for visitors to national parks across the country. Created by park rangers with visitors in mind, the NPS App gives the public up-to-date information about all 423 national parks in one easy-to-use app.

Visitors can download the NPS App in the iOS App Store and Google Play Store to plan a trip, find interactive maps, download maps and tours ahead of time and find things to do and places to visit during [National Park Week](#) and beyond.

“National Park Week is a time for us to celebrate national parks and experience them in new ways,” said **Deputy Director Shawn Benge**. “We hope that visitors will recognize this opportunity to use the NPS App to discover their next national park adventure and learn more about these incredibly special places.”

During a time when many visitors are choosing to visit parks close to home, users of the App will be able to find a selection of nearby parks to explore. While planning a trip, users can build personalized trips and save and share information about their upcoming adventure with friends or family. The app is available offline, so visitors can download necessary resources ahead of time – especially important for visits to more remote areas.

While on a visit to national parks, the public is reminded to [recreate responsibly](#), follow park safety guidelines and wear masks while inside all federal facilities and outside where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The NPS App is fully accessible and includes tools for visitors with accessibility needs. While in the park, visitors can access self-guided tours to learn more about the park, create and share a virtual postcard and stay informed of alerts and closures.

With millions of visitors to national parks every year, visitors need a trusted source for park information available on their mobile device in one single app. During this first stage of the app, NPS staff are continuing to add detailed information and resources for users. The NPS App will continue to be a tool for visitors in the years to come as NPS staff develop new features to enhance the experience of visitors to national parks.

www.nps.gov

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov, and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA



FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is FriendsOfKMNB.org.

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Programs supported: Outdoor Education
KEMO Trail Club
Living History
Trail Ambassadors

Contact List - Updated 10/27/20

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KMTC Website

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>

NPS Website

[https://www.nps.gov.KEMO](https://www.nps.gov/KEMO)

Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

Volunteer Sign-up website

<http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>

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Memorial Day

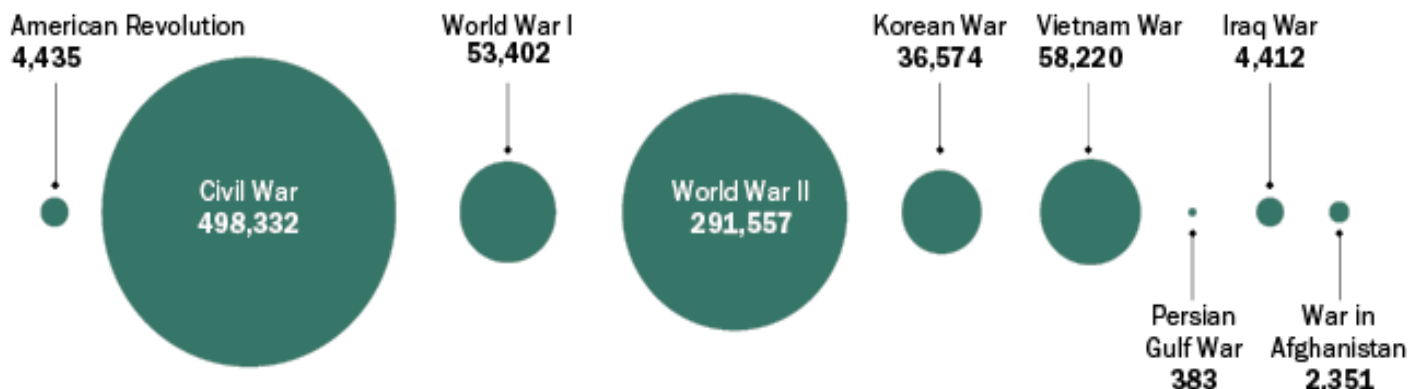
By Jay Haney



- Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States.
- Many cities have laid claim to have begun Memorial Day, though President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. as the birthplace of Memorial Day in May 1966.
- While there is some dispute as to the origin of the day, the first was observed on May 30, 1868, under proclamation by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first official observation involved placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.
- By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).
- Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30 up to 1971 when the National Holiday Act of 1971, designated the last Monday in May to be Memorial Day.

Military Deaths in America's Major Wars

Number of American soldiers who died while fighting in major conflicts...



Note: Figures do not include deaths outside theaters of conflict. Civil War deaths are based on incomplete returns due to estimates of Confederate deaths. Figures as of May 2015.

Source: Congressional Research Service, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; U.S. Department of Defense.

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United States National Cemetery System

- A system of 147 nationally important cemeteries in the United States. The authority to create military burial places came during the American Civil War, in an act passed by the U.S. Congress on July 17, 1862. By the end of 1862, 14 national cemeteries had been established. A national cemetery is generally a military cemetery containing the graves of U.S. military personnel, veterans and their spouses, but not exclusively so. The best known national cemetery is Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C.. Some national cemeteries, especially Arlington, contain the graves of important civilian leaders and other important national figures. Some national cemeteries also contain sections for Confederate soldiers. In addition to national cemeteries, there are also state veteran cemeteries.
- The National Cemetery Administration of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs maintains 131 of the 147 national cemeteries as well as the Nationwide Gravesite Locator, which can be used to find burial locations of American military veterans. The Department of the Army maintains two national cemeteries, Arlington National Cemetery and United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, and 39 other cemeteries across the United States under Army National Military Cemeteries. The National Park Service (NPS) maintains 14 cemeteries associated with historic sites and battlefields.
- The American Battle Monuments Commission, an independent agency, maintains 24 American military cemeteries and other memorials outside the United States.

Local Observations

The National Memorial Day Association of Georgia is hosting the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Marietta National Cemetery on Monday, May 31, 2021. The event normally takes place at noon and honors our Veterans, both past and present, who served as well as those who gave their life for our country's freedom. The ceremony features patriotic music, posting of the colors, prayers, a gun salute, as well as inspiring speakers. All Veterans as well as the general public are invited to attend. This year's ceremony was cancelled on 4/23/21.



There are normally Memorial Day ceremonies at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA as well; however for this year details have not been released as yet, though all indications are that it will be cancelled, as was the ceremony at Marietta National Cemetery.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is planning for a 2021 virtual observation, which will be presented on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>

Focus City Grant – Reflection

by Marjorie Thomas

In 2019, the metro-Atlanta parks (Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park, and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield) were awarded a National Park Foundation Focus City Grant to provide fieldtrip opportunities for underserved students in our areas. Our partners for this grant included the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club and Cobb Water.

Funding allowed for the hiring of a one-year shared interpretive ranger to assist with program development, communications between schools and the parks, reporting for the three parks, etc.; funding was also set aside for buses to bring students to the park. The shared interpretation ranger, Sheila Malone, began at KEMO in February 2020... then the park shut down in March 2020 due to COVID. That pandemic negatively impacted 1,305 students (between the three parks) who were already booked for fieldtrips that got cancelled.

The very nature of how we provide interpretive and education programs changed from March 2020 on. The summer months were then spent learning how to develop and deliver virtual programs.

During the fall, a collaborative teacher workshop, hosted by all three parks, was offered to help teachers learn about each park's resources and specific programs that were now being offered. Some funds from the grant were used to support the schools that participated in the teacher workshop; additionally, some funds from the grant were utilized to help each park purchase much needed technology to support virtual program development.

All three of the metro- Atlanta national park units have now designed age appropriate lessons for synchronous and asynchronous programs. At present, 1,580 students have been served through our Focus City grant. Programs have been given to students within Cobb County, and as far away as Washington state. The pandemic has allowed us an opportunity to create virtual programs that were a little different, a little outside our comfort zone, and definitely relevant for the time. We are thankful that we have been able to continue with virtual interpretation and education programs this past year to now...but we also definitely look forward to a time in the not-so-distant future when we can return back to "normal" with our programs and outreach efforts.

Flowers of Spring - 2021

Anne Page took these pictures on 4/13/21 between the Cheatham Hill Road lot and steel bridge over Ward Creek. The most wild flowers we can remember this year.



Blood Root



Buckeye



Dogwood



Dwarf Crested Iris



Green and Gold



Jack in pulpit - flowers on this plant will appear in May.



Trillium - flowers on this plant have not appeared yet.

Jay Haney & Anne Page Mosby

New Park Employees!



Ms. Lori Vann

Ms. Lori Vann has been hired as the park's new Administrative Assistant and will begin her assignment in early May. Ms. Vann was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. She pursued a degree in Accounting at Jersey City State College obtaining 24 hours in Accounting. Federal

Government education includes, Disbursing Officer School at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, Military Accounting Course (MAC) in Indianapolis, Indiana, Planning Programming Budgeting and Execution System (PPBES) in Indianapolis, Indiana and Leadership Training Program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She began her career with the National Park Service in 2002.

- Ms. Vann's civilian assignments and pursuits over three decades include:
- Started as a Co-Op student at the Military Ocean Terminal while attending Jersey City State College.
- Supervisory Disbursing Officer at the Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne New Jersey where she was overseer of the collections and disbursements for temporary duty travel.
- Supervisory Fiscal Specialist for the Department of the Interior, National Business Center (NBC) in Washington, DC. She supervised the Accounts Payable section of the National Business Center.
- Budget Analyst for the National Park Services at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Atlanta GA 2002 where she was responsible for formulating, executing, financial planning, and tracking funds for the park.
- Budget Analyst for the Southeast Regional Office (SER) in Atlanta, GA, responsible for preparing the permanent change of station relocations and temporary duty for the Region travel authorizations and training the travelers to use the travel systems. She acted as the liaison between the Southeast Region and the Accounting Operations Office.
- Program Analyst for the Northeast Regional Office (NER) in Philadelphia, PA, tracking the Budget for the Natural and Cultural Resources Division.
- Budget Analyst for Rock Creek Park at the National Capitol Region (NCR), in Washington DC, where she formulated, executed, and tracked the budget for the park.

Ms. Rebecca Roarty

Ms. Rebecca Roarty has been hired as the Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant for the park's fee program. She comes to KEMO from Crater Lake National Park in Oregon, where she served as an Acting Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant in a detail position, and was their Lead Visitor Use Assistant prior to her detail assignment. She is originally from Florida. Says Rebecca, "I've been with the NPS on and off since 2007. I've had the pleasure of working at 10 different parks and one national forest so far, and realized I can make more of an impact at the smaller monuments vs. the larger parks. I'm truly honored to have been chosen for this position, and I look forward to working with you all in the future!" Rebecca will begin her assignment at KEMO in early June.



A Rainy Day In Georgia

Fred Feltmann - 10/11/15

It was a raining morning in GA, that day....

And who should come a-calling in the parking lot, looking for a snack....

"If I don't look at him, he'll go away, or at least not take my photo."

Drenched I am! What a place to look for food - only a duck would do this!

Wait, I'm not a duck...and I'm perched on this sign....

Where's lunch?

They don't come out in the rain?????"

Ah, a rainy day in GA.

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