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## New Master Volunteer Rangers

Two Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club members have earned the privilege of becoming a member of the Master Ranger Corps. Former KMTC president and current IT Director Jerry Givan and Trail Ambassador Mark Miller have qualified to become members of this select group of volunteers working for the National Park Service. Each of these new Master Volunteer Rangers has contributed more than 500 hours of service during the last year. Jerry and Mark join the seven other KMTC members who have achieved this special status: Larry Shogren, Jay Haney, David Strand, Anne Strand, Fred Feltmann, Ed Holsworth, Harry Carpenter and Doug Tasse. We encourage more club members to try to achieve this special status and also to become future leaders of our club. This will help ensure that our great trail work and Trail Ambassador programs will be sustained in years to come.

*David Strand*

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## REI Funds A Successful Year

REI grant of \$15,000 for 2012-13 ended on September 30, 2013 and a final report was submitted to REIGives. Thanks to the generous support of REI and the hard work of the KMTC volunteers, this has been an amazing year!

During 2012-13 volunteers devoted over 11,000 hours to numerous park projects. Visitors have improved access to the Illinois Monument at the most historically significant area of the park. Native trees and bushes were planted at the visitor center picnic area to mitigate noise pollution from an adjacent county road. A neglected and underutilized Environmental Trail near the Visitor Center was restored with improved trail path, signage, fencing and benches, providing a new hiking and learning experience. Boy Scouts, supervised by Trail Club leaders, contributed over 1000 work hours installing stack rail fencing throughout the park to protect and conserve the park lands.

Maintaining the park's 20+ miles of hiking and equestrian trails in a sustainable way was the focus of the monthly Trail Work Days. Each year maintenance is done on the heavily traveled mountain area trails (Big Kennesaw Mountain, Little Kennesaw Mountain and Pigeon Hill), including erosion control measures and pruning. The Camp Brumby Trail leading from the Visitor Center to the site of the historic CCC camp received much needed dirt and mulch to improve the trail surface for hiking and running. Due to flooding problems, a raised trail (turnpike) was constructed in the south end of the park to keep trails open year round for hikers, runners and equestrians.

The Trail Club intensified its emphasis on volunteer recruitment and the volunteer experience. The partnership with Hands On Atlanta brought urban groups to participate in Trail Club activities in suburban Kennesaw. Atlanta colleges, Georgia State University and Georgia Tech, have participated and indicate they will send students back in the spring. Strong relationships have been developed with JROTC groups in three (3) local counties and their student officers take pride in



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## Is Your Thing Invasive Plants?

"Invasive plant" control has continued to need our help and we are looking for people to lead some dedicated work days. To do this we will need you to take our crew leader training that is usually offered in February each year. You should contact Scott Mackay at [president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!

## Eagle Project Update

Eight BSA Eagle Scout candidates completed projects in the park in fiscal year 2013 totaling over 1000 hours.

Ryan Mikdulka, Troop 1, Smyrna, 450ft. of snake rail @ visitor center, 155 hours

Jordan Roberts, Troop 321, Dallas, 150 ft. of split rail @ Burnt Hickory, Environmental Trail signage, 85 hours

Connor Ashford, Troop 700, Kennesaw, 250 ft. of split rail @ Burnt Hickory, 105 hours

James Friedrich, Troop 700, Kennesaw, 250 ft. of split rail @ Burnt Hickory, 105 hours

Chase Fowler, Troop 321, Dallas, 250 ft. of split rail @ visitor center, 120 hours

Porter Hawley, Troop 252, Marietta, 750 ft. of snake rail @ visitor center, 131 hours

Aleks Willoughby, Troop 510, Kennesaw, 440 ft. of split rail @ Kolb Farm, 195 hours

Mitchell Benson, Troop 700, Kennesaw, amphitheater fencing and viewing area, 130 hours

Our first Eagle project of fiscal 2014 was completed on September 28th. Logan Hopkins, an Eagle candidate with Troop 4, of the Latter Day Saints Church, Kennesaw Ward, completed the construction and implementation of new hand rails on the pedestrian bridge entering the visitor center picnic area. These look absolutely awesome and are a welcome addition to the area, ensuring safety to our visitors using the bridge. Logan and his crew of 16 scouts and adults spent 112 man hours on the project. If you get a chance, stop by and check them out. A hearty thank you to Logan and his team and best of luck on completing your Eagle Scout designation!

2014 looks to be a extremely busy year for Eagle projects with over fourteen already in the planning or early implementation stages, including our first Girl Scout "Gold" award candidate. These

service projects are an important aspect in maintaining and enhancing Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. They also give these young men and women an opportunity to learn leadership and project management skills, while achieving the highest award in their respective youth programs. Thank you to the scouts that choose to complete their project with us, as well as our KEMO volunteers who join us on these projects.

*Donald Olds*

Scout Projects Director



*Logan Hopkins, Troop 4, Eagle Project - photos by Donald Olds*



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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

FAX: 770-516-9120 (Call first, so I can turn it on!)

# Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Addition Protects Historic Battle Site

ATLANTA, GA. – A significant site in the Battle for Atlanta has been added to the nation's most visited Civil War battlefield site, The Trust for Public Land and The National Park Service announced today.

The site includes Nodine's Hill and it is now part of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in metropolitan Atlanta. The 42-acre property saw fighting, particularly centered on Nodine's Hill, in the June 1864 Kennesaw Mountain battle, when the Confederate Army led by Gen. Joseph E. Johnston tried to halt the advance of Union forces led by Gen. William T. Sherman.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is almost 3,000 acres and aside from protecting a major Civil War site, it also provides a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities in metro Atlanta. According to the NPS, Kennesaw Mountain is the nation's most visited Civil War site.

"Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is a great destination for both history enthusiasts and nature lovers, and this addition to the park offers something for every visitor," said Curt Soper, Georgia state director for The Trust for Public Land. "It was particularly important to protect Nodine's Hill in the Civil War's sesquicentennial years and permanently preserve the site of fierce fighting in the Atlanta Campaign."

"As we approach the Civil War 150th commemoration of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, this is the opportune time to reaffirm our national commitment to the protection of these hallowed grounds and create a lasting legacy, one that will be enjoyed for generations to come," said Nancy Walther, Superintendent, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

The Nodine's Hill land includes remnant Union entrenchments, rifle pits, and cannon placements.

After victories in 1863 at Vicksburg and Chattanooga, Sherman marched his Union forces south to Atlanta in May 1864. Johnston's forces defended Atlanta, in part by using the ridges of land northwest of the city to slow Sherman. By June 19, Johnston had retreated to a strong defensive position at Kennesaw Mountain near Marietta, 20 miles from the center of Atlanta. Kennesaw Mountain was the last major battle before Sherman's forces reached the outskirts of the city.

Known as Hays Farm, the property is also adjacent to a 58-acre, 40-home subdivision built after an unsuccessful conservation attempt in 2005.

Funding for the \$1.76 million addition to the national park came from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). LWCF is generated from offshore oil and gas receipts, rather than from taxpayer dollars. U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss and U.S. Representative Phil Gingrey (R-11) supported this conservation effort.

The National Park Trust is supporting and assisting in acquiring inholdings in National Parks across the country and provided financial support to The Trust for Public Land to protect this property. Additionally, National Park Trust and The Trust for Public Land were joined by the National Park Conservation Association, Civil War Trust, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in advocating for the preservation of Hays Farm at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

"The National Park Trust is very pleased to work with The Trust for Public Land on this important preservation effort," stated Jonathan Cohen, NPT board member. "In addition, as part of our commitment to engage local students with the importance of park preservation, NPT created an education module that aligns the science and history of the Kennesaw Battlefield with state standards. NPT also will bring nearly three hundred 5th-grade students from Hollydale Elementary and Fair Oaks Elementary to the park in November for a day of outdoor education."

Founded in 1972, The Trust for Public Land is the leading nonprofit working to conserve land for people. Operating from more than 30 offices nationwide, The Trust for Public Land has protected more than three million acres from the inner city to the wilderness and helped generate more than \$34 billion in public funds for conservation. Nearly ten million people live within a ten-minute walk of a Trust for Public Land park, garden, or natural area, and millions more visit these sites every year. Learn more at [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Press Release

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*Assault Trail - photo by Scott Mackay*

## 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 no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 20123(October 2012- September 2013) and Fiscal 2014 (October 2013 - Present):

### FY 2013

*AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ALLIANCE AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY*  
*ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC*  
*ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER - KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY*  
*AMANA ACADEMY*  
*AMERICORPS NCCC TEAM*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 1, SMYRNA, EAGLE PROJECT*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CH, MARIETTA, GA*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 204*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 252, MARIETTA, EAGLE PROJECT*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 321, DALLAS, EAGLE PROJECTS (2)*  
*BSA TROOP 277, FUMC, MARIETTA, GA*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 455*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 510, KENNESAW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EAGLE PROJECT*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 700, DALLAS, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS (3)*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, MARIETTA, GA, SERVICE PROJECT*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 504, SNELLVILLE, GA*  
*CUB SCOUT PACK 422, ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH*  
*CUB SCOUT PACK 312, TURNER CHAPEL, MARIETTA, GA - BEARS & WEBELOS SERVICE PROJECT*  
*CUB SCOUT PACK 1417, MARIETTA, GA*  
*CUB SCOUT PACK 8750*  
*E. PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AF JROTC*  
*FLIGHTWORKS EMPLOYEES*  
*GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNI*  
*GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY FEMALE SOCCER TEAM*  
*GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY HOUSING*  
*GEORGIA TECH*  
*GEORGIA TECH, DELTA CHI*  
*GEORGIA TECH RESIDENT HALL STAFF*  
*HANDS ON ATLANTA*  
*HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY*  
*HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S SOCCER TEAM*  
*KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC*  
*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY*  
*KOHL'S, ACWORTH STORE*  
*KONE EMPLOYEES*



*HOLDER CONSTRUCTION*  
*KSU BETA ALPHA PSI*  
*LOCKHEED MARTIN*  
*McEACHERN HONOR SOCIETY*  
*OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, NORFOLK, VA*  
*OMEGA PRIVATE ACADEMY*  
*OMEGA PHI ALPHA - KSU, NATIONAL SERVICE SORORITY*  
*POPE HIGH SCHOOL FRESH LIVING CLUB*  
*PROJECT PLUS*  
*ROTARY CLUB*  
*REINHARDT UNIVERSITY*  
*ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TEEN GROUP, MARIETTA*  
*SENIOR SUMMER PHILANTHROPY COURSE OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS (GLENN INSTITUTE FOR PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE LEARNING)*  
*SILVERPOP -ATLANTA*  
*SIMS ADVENTURE AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP*  
*SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL (TEENS, TRAILS & TRENCHES PROJECT)*  
*STANFORD ALUMNI*  
*THE MOHAWK GROUP*  
*UNKNOWN KARATE SCHOOL*  
*US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE*  
*VOLUNTEER KSU GROUP*  
*WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS*  
*WALTON COMMUNITIES TSC*  
*WALTON TEEN CORPS*  
*WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC*

In addition, the following individuals/groups/businesses have donated materials, etc. to the Club:

Zachary Fox, owner of "Fox Specialty Dogs and Street Eats" donated 6 large cases of drinking water for our November work day. Zachary has volunteered with us several times as well.

Hertz Equipment Rental, Sandy Plains Rd.

The following Groups participated this past month (October):  
*There were no projects this October.*



# Ticket to Ride Program

On November 2, the Douglas County Middle School students in the Ticket to Ride program had great weather for their first trip to the park.

In partnership with the KMTC, the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park received a National Park Foundation grant to provide a new group of students the opportunity to visit a national park. Before their park visit, Park Ranger

Amanda Corman and Trail Ambassadors visit students during after school classes in the 21st Century Community Learning



They had a great view of the surrounding area and saw the cannon placements that gave the Confederate soldiers an advantage over the advancing Union army. Students then had the experience of hiking down the steep mountain trail.

Once down from the mountain, students were sent to either the Visitor Center or the outdoor amphitheater. Each group was able to see the new park movie, "**Kennesaw: One Last Mountain**" and have a Civil War soldier presentation by John Tolbert. Ms. Christy Ferrell, a Douglas County 21st CCLC Director later remarked, "I have spoken with the school coordinators and understand the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the teachers were very proud of their behavior as well! Thanks again, to all

involved with the Ticket To Ride Grant. We truly appreciate all your efforts!"

During November and December, the school visits will continue so that all seven (7) middle schools have their orientation sessions and invitations to the park. A second park visit for each school is scheduled for the spring when the focus will be on hiking the environmental trail and preserving the park for future generations. It is hoped that this experience of coming to the national park will open up new opportunities to the students and translate into a new and diverse generation coming back to the park to hike its trails and live its history.

*Anne Strand*



Centers program. Students learn about national parks, the history at Kennesaw Mountain, what they will experience there and are invited to visit. The grant is called "**Ticket to Ride**" since it funds school buses to transport students



for two (2) park visits per school.

The sixty ( 6 0 ) students and ten (10) adults who participated on Saturday were from the Factory

Shoals and Mason Middle Schools, both located south of I-20 in West Georgia, about an hour's ride from the park. After their buses took them to the parking lot on Kennesaw Mountain, twelve (12) Trail Ambassadors, led by Jay Dement, walked with the students to the mountaintop.

*Photos by Fred Feltmann*



# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>November</b>			
11/9	8:30-1:00	Illinois Monument Parking Lot	November Trail Work Day
11/10	2:00	Gone with the Wind Museum	Free tour & book reading & signing: <u>The Art and Life of Atlanta Artist Wilbur G. Kurtz</u> by David O'Connell
11/11	7:00	Visitor Center	Monday Night Lecture Series, Phillip Whiteman, " <b>Letters from Sherman's Soldiers</b> "
11/14	7:00	KSU Bailey Performance Center	Cobb Civil War Roundtable - David Thompson, " <b>Confederates at the Keyboard</b> "
11/16	8:00, 9:00 pm	Pickett's Mill State Park	Lantern Tour, \$8.00; register at <a href="http://friendsofgastateparks.org/index.php/Pickett-s-mill">http://friendsofgastateparks.org/index.php/Pickett-s-mill</a>
11/28	All day	Park Visitor Center	<b>CLOSED!</b> - <i>The Park Staff and KMTC wish you all a Happy and safe Thanksgiving!</i>
<b>December</b>			
12/7	9:00-12:00	Visitor Center	Ticket to Ride program, Douglas County Middle Schools
12/14	11:30-4:00	Old Hwy 41 pkg lot	December Trail Work Day - <b>NOTE - Winter times!</b>



## November Trail Work Day - 11/9/13

Our November Trail Day, 11/9, will begin 8:30 am at the Illinois Monument parking lot. Work is planned for the East Kolb Farm Trail. Due to heavy visitor use, there are numerous areas that need to be filled in. Also areas of trail tread are in need of grade correction to stop erosion issues. We'll also be pruning trail sides and do clean out at feeder creek at the steel bridge. This work day will give everyone a chance to learn trail maintenance techniques. Materials and tools will be on site. Come enjoy a morning of trail work!

Thanks,

*Doug Tasse*  
KMTC Trails Director

*Preparing for the November Work Day - photo by Doug Tasse.*



## 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. We generally will meet at 8:30 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m (see specifics for the actual day - e.g. see article for actual work day). 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.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. 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](http://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](mailto: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!

Book Report  
**RE-UNION of COL. DAN McCOOK'S  
THIRD BRIGADE, SECOND DIVISION  
FOURTEENTH A.C.  
"Army of the Cumberland"**

**Assault of Col. Dan McCook's Brigade on  
Kennesaw Mountain, Ga. June 27, 1864**

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

May Haney recently brought this book to my attention, available on line at <http://archive.org/stream/reunionofcoldanm00mcco#page/12/mode/2up> and other places. It is the 144-page minutes of the McCook Brigade reunion held in Chicago in August 1900. It is relevant both as a history of the attack on Cheatham Hill, of the Atlanta campaign, and as a first person account of the beginning of the creation of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. (The spelling "Kennesaw" is used throughout.)

The business of the re-union was to form an organization to bring together comrades who had shared and suffered so much together 36 years earlier and to remember those who had passed on both during and since the war. The units involved were the 85<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, and 125<sup>th</sup> Illinois, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Ohio (McCook's regiment), the 22 Indiana, all in the June 27<sup>th</sup> attack, and Battery "I" of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois, not with the brigade at Cheatham Hill. The Kennesaw Memorial Association was also formed at the re-union for the purpose of creating a "monument to those of our comrades who fell on that memorable day of June 27, 1864." 60 acres of land had been purchased by Capt. L. J. Dowdy of the 86<sup>th</sup> Illinois who later transferred ownership to the Association in 1904. This act eventually led to the formation of our Park. (In the 1890s when the five original Civil War battlefield parks were created, another group of veterans proposed that the park to commemorate the Atlanta Campaign be at Peachtree Creek.)

Most of the book consists of histories of the campaigns of the brigade, battles and histories of the regiments in the brigade, tributes to the fallen, and biographies of the leaders. The book includes biographies of Col. Dan McCook with several eyewitness accounts of his wounding, of Col Oscar F. Harmon who succeeded to command of the brigade and was killed a few minutes later, and of several others. Col. Harmon's prospective son-in-law, Captain W. W. Fellows who has a monument on the battlefield, is also mentioned a few times.

Another paper describes the appearance of the ground in 1897, mentioning the shallow grave pits left open when the dead buried in front of the Confederate works were moved to the Marietta National Cemetery, filled in with leaves, with mounds of red earth on either side. The author says that the old growth of timber was gone, a second

growth of trees was growing, the tunnel was still open, and the rebel works still showed their strength, although the head logs were gone and saplings were growing in the trenches. (This was before time, rain, and the dirt bikes and hikers who put a trail on top of the works wore them down. They are much better protected today.)

A veteran of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Ohio wrote: "I want to visit [the battlefield] again sometime. How is it cared for?" On about page 136 is a fundraising appeal. (Sound familiar?). "I hope to live until I again visit this historic spot, and there on monuments of everlasting granite read the names thereon of those who fell, thus perpetuating the valor of the American volunteer soldier." Thanks in part to actions taken by the veterans at this reunion, we now have Kennesaw National Battlefield Park.

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organizing cadets in community service. At monthly work days, the Trails Director gives an orientation to the work site, the significance of working in a national park and leaving something of lasting value. As snacks are passed out and as they leave, volunteers are thanked and encouraged to return. Posting work day pictures on KMTC Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/kmtcsocial> has increased hits and interest.

Since the opening of the nearby Kennesaw REI store, there has been a close working relationship with the KMTC. A KMTC information table was set up in May 2013 to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> store Anniversary; monthly Trail Work and National Trails Day posters are always posted on the store bulletin board. Winter Trails Day, publicized and supported by REI, was a great success with great weather and a local cross country team bringing its members to improve the trails they run each week. For the first time, REI sponsored National Public Lands Day, with pre-registration on the REI website. A section of trail with two new bridges was opened; the Assault Trail was improved so that hikers no longer stumble up and down a steep hill. While the trail work was underway, REI store employees and KMTC Trail Ambassadors had a nearby tent promoting the trail work and the REI store. REI is a great partner and we are so fortunate to have this partnership. The good news is that REI has already awarded a \$10,000 grant for the 2013-14 year and so the success will continue!!

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*Anne Strand*

## 150 years ago -- Civil War December 1863

The armies on both sides of the American Civil War were effectively driven to a halt by the weather. The impact on the soldiers in the field was huge with scurvy and dysentery affecting many.

**December 1st:** Meade decided to withdraw the Army of the Potomac away from Richmond. In the previous few days, his army had suffered badly from the very poor weather.

Bragg offered his resignation to Jefferson Davis after the defeat at Chattanooga. Even now, in the aftermath of a significant defeat, Bragg chose to blame others in his army, namely Major-General John Breckenridge, who he described as a drunk, and Cheatham who Bragg claimed was unfit for duty.

**December 2nd:** Lieutenant-General W H Hardee was appointed on a temporary basis to succeed Bragg as commander of the Army of the Tennessee.

**December 3rd:** General Longstreet concluded that he did not have sufficient resources to take Knoxville, so he ordered his army to withdraw to its winter quarters at Greeneville.

**December 4th:** Persistent heavy rain made Longstreet's withdrawal very difficult for his troops who had to endure very harsh conditions.

**December 7th:** The fourth session of the Confederate Congress met in Richmond. Despite brave words from Jefferson Davis, all present knew that it had been a bad year for the Confederacy.

**December 8th:** President Lincoln announced the Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction to Congress. He offered a full amnesty to those who fought for the Confederacy except to former Federal army officers who had resigned their commission to fight for the South. Anyone who was found guilty of mistreating Union prisoners was also exempt from any Presidential pardon as were senior government officials. Lincoln also promised that all property in the South (except former slaves) would be restored to their legal owners. He also guaranteed that any Southern state would be allowed back into the Union if just 10% of those in a state swore allegiance to the Union. Each of these states would also have to abandon slavery.

**December 10th:** The Army of the Potomac went into its winter quarters as no more maneuvers were expected in view of the weather and the great difficulty this placed on movement.

**December 15th:** The lack of money available to the Confederacy was all too clear to Brigadier-General E P Alexander, part of Longstreet's command, when he noticed men marching in their bare feet. Longstreet ordered his men to exchange their footwear with the boots worn by captured Union soldiers.

**December 16th:** General J E Johnston was appointed commander of the Army of Tennessee. General Bragg went to Richmond and became the military adviser to President Jefferson Davis.

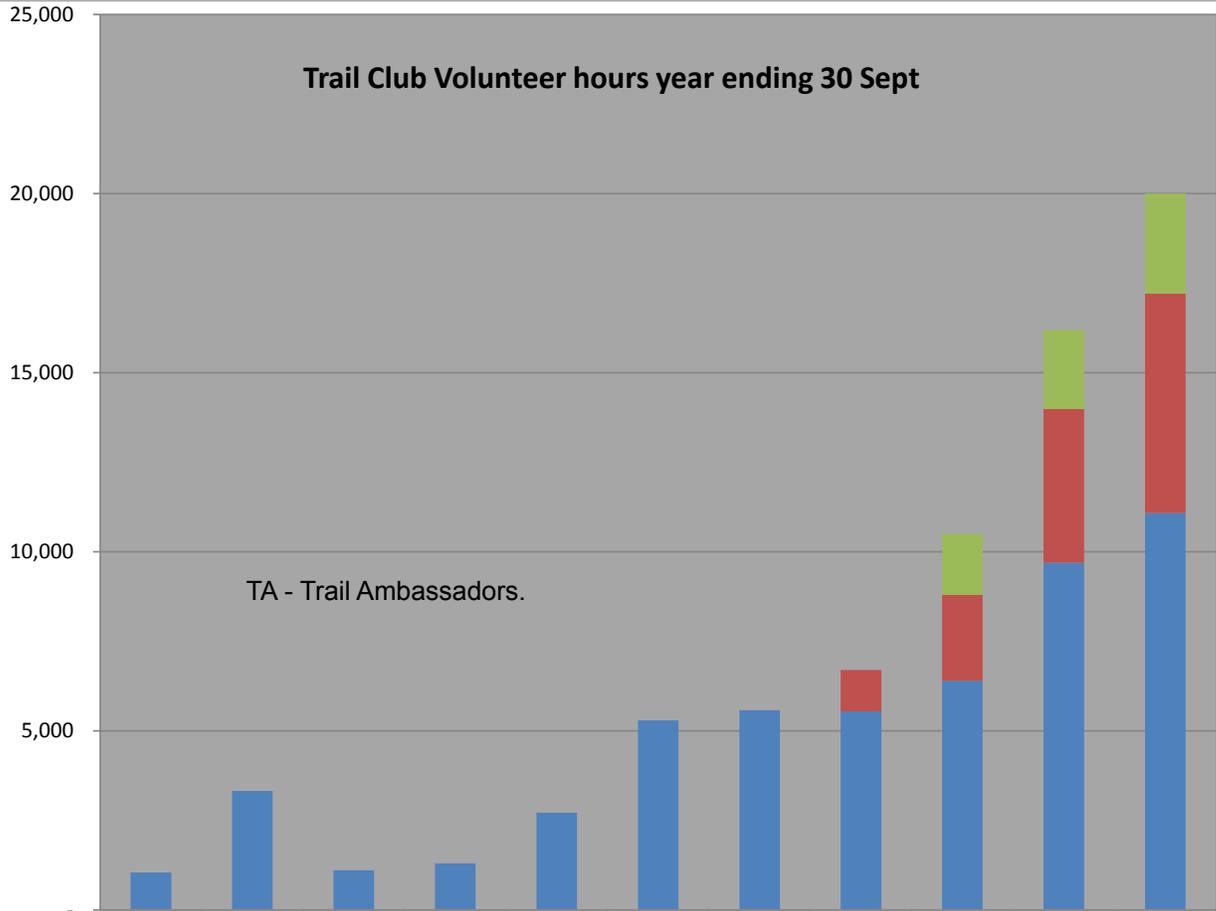
**December 18th:** Union troops were suffering the same hardships as those in the South. Union troops at Knoxville had no winter clothing and they slept under their ponchos as no tents had been sent there. Both North and South had more casualties as a result of ill-health and disease as opposed to actual combat. Despite their hardships, General Grant applauded the work done by the men at Knoxville and praised Burnside's leadership.

**December 21st:** By this day most military operations had ceased because of the weather.

**December 26th:** The paper strength of the Confederate Army was 465,000 men but only 278,000 were actually present for duty. The discrepancy was accounted for by those men off through illness and the many thousands who had deserted. The North was not in a particularly good position either as it was having major problems enforcing conscription.

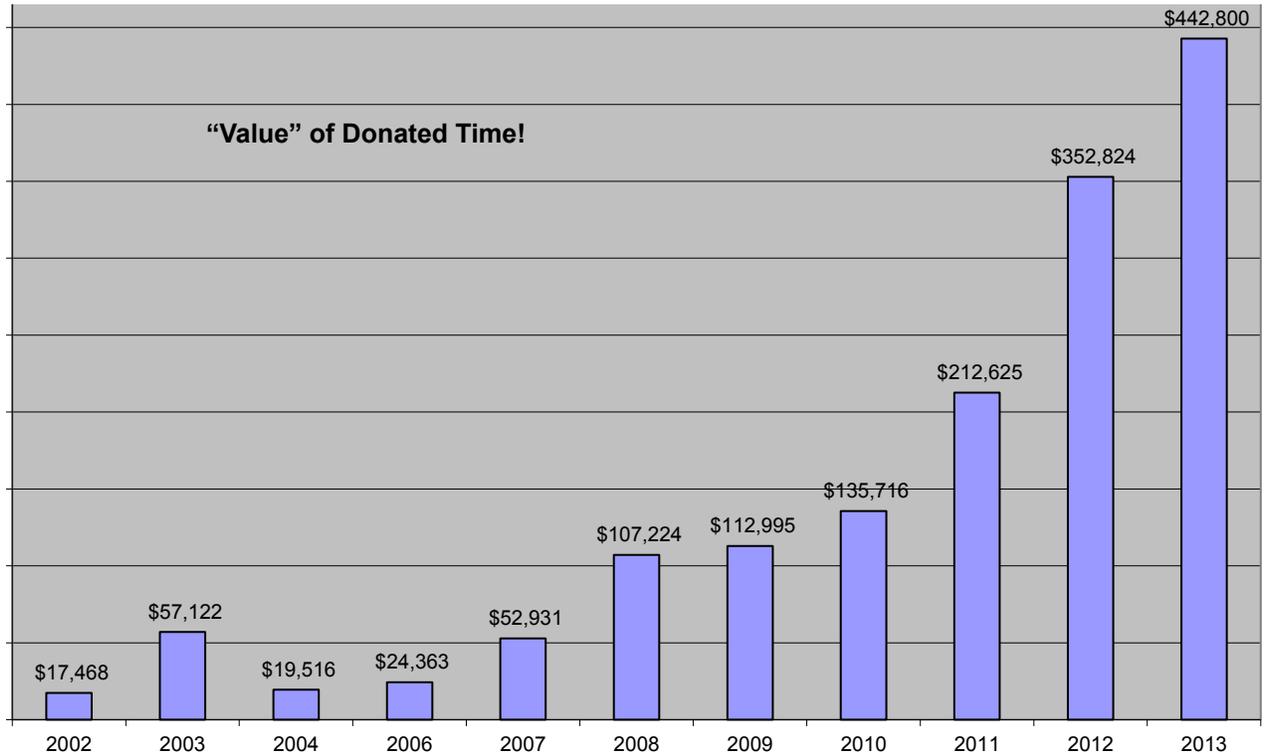
**December 29th:** The first signs of scurvy were reported in both camps along with frequent outbreaks of dysentery.

### Trail Club Volunteer hours year ending 30 Sept



	2002	2003	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
General Management									1,700	2,211	2,795
TA-Interpretation								1,159	2,400	4,289	6,118
Trail maintenance	1,044	3,323	1,112	1,298	2,713	5,295	5,580	5,543	6,400	9,692	11,087

### "Value" of Donated Time!



## October Trail Report...

The government shutdown knocked a big hole in planned October trail work. Very little was accomplished and much was delayed. The good news is that the new assault trail and bridges had time to settle before heavy use. That area is looking great and now being used.

After the park reopened, one of our dedicated crew leaders did invasive plant cutting and spraying. Others of us got together and moved material to the site of our November trail work. That's about it for October.

During the park closure, my own 'volunteering' was mostly at home. Then we visited beaches and family in SC and FL. The wonderful low country and beaches we visited, public and private, require regular maintenance and repair to preserve their beauty and usability. So, I knew exactly what a relative meant when I asked about the public access and parking for an area of the beach that appeared to me more likely to be private. He said that the home owners and the town like it that way; it gives a feeling of ownership to the community.

That's what we promote at Kennesaw Mountain: ownership by the community. We all missed the park when it was closed. Thankfully, the volunteer work done there held up well. People respect what they own and take care of it. So, come on back to your park and help other volunteer/owners take care of it on Sat., November 9th.

See you there!

*Doug Tasse*  
KMTC Trails Director

## President's Chair

I would like to thank everyone for staying away from the park during the government mandated shut down. By staying away, it made the law enforcement's work easier.

When the park reopened, we were positioned to check all of the trails and help get everything back into normal operation. It turned out that the trails remained in good condition and the process of getting them reopened quickly went well.

Now that we are back, we are looking forward to doing some more great work. We are eight months from the 150th and we have plenty of projects we would like to finish prior to then.

*Scott Mackay*

## Welcome, New Crew Leaders!

On November 2nd, we conducted a Crew Leader Training Class. Please welcome our new crew Leaders:

Chris Griffin    Donald Olds    Hope Wilson  
Jack Johnson    Janet Perez Spinney  
Cam Graham    Larry Knight



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# 150<sup>th</sup> Events at Kennesaw Mountain NBP

## Thursday, June 26 – Sunday, June 29



### Thursday, June 26, 2014

- 7:00 pm – Kennesaw Mountain and the Atlanta Campaign – Opening Ceremonies

### Friday, June 27, 2014

#### All Day Activities at Main Park Entrance

- Civil War Medicine Tent with George C Wunderlich, Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
- Children's Activity Tent
- Event Tent (Presentations, Speakers/ Authors)

#### Highlights of Scheduled Activities (repeated throughout the day, unless otherwise specified)

- Real Time Hike – Dead Angle Assault @ Cheatham Hill (**9:00 am**)
- Union & Confederate Infantry Demonstration @ Cheatham Hill
- Cannon Demonstrations @ Kennesaw Mountain Top, Cheatham Hill, & 24 Gun Battery
- 2-3 mile Guided Hikes @ Burnt Hickory & Kennesaw Mountain
- 30 minute program overview of the following sites – Visitor Center, Kennesaw Mountain Top, 24 Gun Battery, Burnt Hickory, Cheatham Hill, & Kolb Farmhouse

#### **Musical Concert @ 7 pm, Visitor Center Event Tent**

- Featuring Claire Lynch Band and Bobby Horton

**Claire Lynch Band** is the reigning 2013 IBMA (International Bluegrass Music Association) Female Vocalist of the Year. She has been recognized and praised as a creative force in acoustic music. Dolly Parton credits Claire with the “one of the sweetest, purest, and best lead voices in the music business today.” She co-wrote a song entitled “Dear Sister” which is about an intimate farewell letter shared between a brother and sister, their lives ravaged by the destruction of the Civil War.

**Bobby Horton** is a multi-instrumentalist, seasoned performer and music historian. He has produced and performed music for thirteen PBS films by Ken Burns, including “The Civil War”.

### Saturday, June 28, 2014

#### All Day Activities at Main Park Entrance

- Civil War Medicine Tent with George C Wunderlich, Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
- Children's Activity Tent
- Event Tent (Presentations, Speakers/ Authors)

Highlights of Scheduled Activities (repeated throughout the day, unless otherwise specified)

- Civil War Fashion Show @ Visitor Center (1:00 & 4:00 pm)
- Union & Confederate Infantry Demonstration @ Cheatham Hill
- Cannon Demonstrations @ Kennesaw Mountain Top, Cheatham Hill, & 24 Gun Battery
- 2-3 mile Guided Hikes @ Burnt Hickory & Kennesaw Mountain
- 30 minute program overview of the following sites – Visitor Center, Kennesaw Mountain Top, 24 Gun Battery, Burnt Hickory, Cheatham Hill, & Kolb Farmhouse

**Illinois Monument Re-dedication (1914 – 1914)**

- Reception for Dignitaries prior to Illinois Monument Re-dedication (7:30 pm)
- Rededication Ceremony (8:30 pm)  
Speakers include: Georgia Gov., Illinois Gov. NPS  
(McCook and Cheatham Descendants will be invited)
- Luminaries (9:00 pm)

**Sunday, June 29, 2014**

All Day Activities at Main Park Entrance

- Civil War Medicine Tent with George C Wunderlich, Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine
- Children's Activity Tent
- Event Tent (Presentations, Speakers/ Authors)

Highlights of Scheduled Activities (repeated throughout the day, unless otherwise specified)

- Reading of the Names of the Fallen @ Visitor Center Event Tent (3:00 pm)
- Union & Confederate Infantry Demonstration @ Cheatham Hill
- Cannon Demonstrations @ Kennesaw Mountain Top, Cheatham Hill, & 24 Gun Battery
- 2-3 mile Guided Hikes @ Burnt Hickory & Kennesaw Mountain
- 30 minute program overview of the following sites – Visitor Center, Kennesaw Mountain Top, 24 Gun Battery, Burnt Hickory, Cheatham Hill, & Kolb Farmhouse

**Closing Ceremony @ 5 pm, Visitor Center Event Tent**

**For further information and updates see:**

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/150Commemoration.php>

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/150events.php>

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# BATTLE OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN 150TH FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The excitement is building as we move forward with the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain 150<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Campaign! Our website, [www.battleofkennesawmountain150.com](http://www.battleofkennesawmountain150.com), is 100% devoted to the June 26 – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 commemoration. Take a look at the landing page for a sneak peak and to register for updates.

We are working with KMNBP Superintendent, Nancy Walther, to make our Sesquicentennial event the **best** of all those that have taken place over the past three years.

**We need to raise \$150,000** to ensure a *premier event*...one that will attract and excite a wide range of visitors...one that will provide convenience, enjoyment, and safety *beyond our visitors' expectations*.

Through our fundraising efforts, we will provide air-conditioned shuttle buses to transport visitors and community members from offsite parking to six designated historical sites in our Park. Cannon and infantry demonstrations, interpretive hikes, soldier encampments, period costumes, and family crafts and games will provide a variety of exciting and thought-provoking experiences. Evening entertainment will include performances by well-known civil war speakers and musicians. This wide range of historical activities will keep visitors coming back to the Park throughout the multi-day event. Our visitors will experience our Southern hospitality and leave with the knowledge of the stories and sacrifices that happened in our Park and their impact on the American Civil War.

*As key volunteers in the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club – and residents of the community that enjoys and appreciates this national treasure in our “back yard” – we are asking for your contribution.*

**We need your help!! Your donation will demonstrate KMTC dedication to prospective donors.**

**WHY NOT GIVE \$150 FOR THE 150<sup>th</sup>?**

Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event at the Park that holds such a special place in your heart!

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### Mail Call: A Look at Letters from Sherman's Soldiers

Kennesaw, GA: On Monday, November 11, 2013, researcher and historian Phillip Whiteman is presenting a program entitled, "Mail Call: A Look at Letters from Sherman's Soldiers". This presentation will look into Union soldiers in the Western theater sending and receiving letters before, during and after the Atlanta Campaign. He will look at the writing and postal materials used to send thoughts, hopes, conditions and all too often, condolences to the home front. Examples of original letters written found in the National Archives will be shown. A brief tutorial on how to find original soldier's letters will also be given at this presentation.

Phillip Whiteman is a native Atlantan and has a history degree from the University of Alabama. He is an active researcher of the societal and material culture of the Civil War Era. He participates in living history programs at National Parks and historical sites and is a member the Kennesaw Mountain Cannon Crew. Currently Phillip assists part time at the Roswell Historical Society Library and Archives and is digitizing and cataloging the military manuscripts at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park library.

The program takes place at the Battlefield's Visitor Center at 7 pm and is free and open to the public. For more information on this or any of Kennesaw Mountain's programs, please call 770-427-4686 x 0 between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

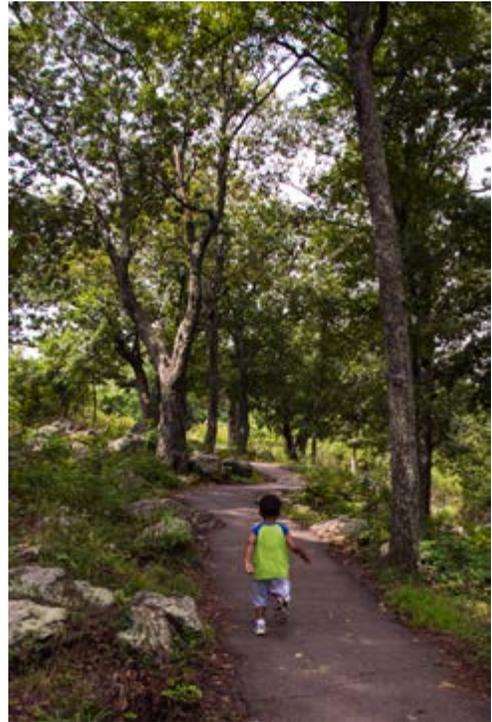
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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

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