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Current NPS Covid 19 Status - As of 7/28/21

- There is a mask mandate for all persons to wear masks while indoors in the Visitor Center.
- Shuttle bus is not restarting until March or so.
- The theater has closed until further notice - the NPS will not be showing the film at this time.

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Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for more info on the project.

November 13, 2021 Work Day

This month's workday will include work on the trail leading up to Little Kennesaw. Registration will be done in the field next to the Pigeon Hill parking Lot (Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory Dr). Parking passes will be provided for volunteers. Registration will open at 8:00 am. All volunteers should sign in by 8:30 am. In case of pending inclement weather, we will post a cancellation notice at least 12 hours prior to the workday on our website.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Crew Leader Training Class

We will be hosting a Crew Leader Training Class January 8, 2022 for anyone wishing become a Crew Leader for our Work Days. Contact Mike Collett for more information: trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

December Newsletter Deadline

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

Thank you Doesn't Seem Enough

By: Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator

The weather is finally beginning to cool and soon the leaves will change color. We have finally reached Autumn. Even though we are approaching the winter months, we have begun a new fiscal year. In fact, we have already completed a month of the new fiscal year. As many of us know, each year seems too past more quickly than the previous. We always ask: "Where did the year go?" "Is it the holiday season already?"

With the COVID-19 pandemic still fresh in our minds, we had high hopes for the FY2021 and hoped to bring volunteer opportunities back to pre-COVID positions. However, COVID still had the upper hand. That did not and does not deter the Kennesaw Mountain Volunteer. No, the park's volunteer program and its dedicated volunteer members continue to provide a beautiful and safe environment for our park visitors. An earlier article stated that, "Kennesaw Mountain volunteers will continue to adapt and overcome any change that we may be presented with in the upcoming year" and this was true. This will remain true. KEMO volunteers overcame and adapted and continue to do so. Due to the dedication of KEMO volunteers, KEMO continues to thrive.

Unfortunately, due to COVID precautions, we will not be holding our annual Volunteer-In-Parks Appreciation Dinner this year. It is always one of the most enjoyable gatherings for volunteers and staff alike. However, with this said, please know that Superintendent Patrick Gamman, myself, and all the other Kennesaw Mountain Staff members, continue to appreciate all the hard work and dedication given to this park. There are not enough words to truly express our gratitude to our volunteers. We hope that this time next year, we all will be able to meet again to express our gratitude in person as well as enjoy good food and good company.

Thank you and we wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." – John F. Kennedy

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!

October 9,2021 Work Day Follow-up Report

We were able to finish the work started on the Environmental Trail on 9/25/21.

Mike, Donald, Kurt, Jeff, Geoff, Yvonne, and Fred and drivers Eric, Rich, and Bill led volunteers to cover roots in a couple of locations on the trail and debarmed the rest of the way around the Environment Trail. The volunteers were divided into 4 separate groups to accomplish the work. With the help of our Trail Ambassadors Debbie, Laurie, and Karen we were able to process our volunteers quickly and get them out on the trail performing maintenance. Donald took a group to clean the drains as you start up the mountain. Mike of the Park's Maintenance Department assisted, allowing us to have the required materials on site faster. Our volunteers from Allatoona and Hillgrove High School ROTC departments, Marietta High School Sportsmans Club, the Atlanta Outdoor Club and several individuals contributed greatly to the successful workday.

On Friday Mike, Bob, Rich, and Bill prepared the trail for Saturday.

Our next workday is November 13, 2021.

Thanks to everyone for your help.

Mike Collet
Trails Director



Marietta High School Sportsmans Club -Photo by Donald Olds

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS JNROTC
ISMAILI CIVIC
KMTC CREW LEADERS
KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
KSU HEALTH CLASS
REI
WALTON HIGH SCHOOL
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

We had 45 volunteers from the above groups, along with several individuals participate in this month's work day. Thanks for everyone's help this month! We had 14 members of the Trail Club supporting this effort (crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board members) - thanks as well!



Grant Writer Needed

One of the ways of getting funds for the various activities supported by the Friends/KMTC is to receive grants. To do this, the Friends (and KMTC) need the expertise of someone who is versed in completing grant applications. If you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com. In the past the Trail Club has successfully applied for grants of \$10,000 and more. One of these successful efforts provided the funds to build the bridge across John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm West Trail! Other grants that the Trail Club successfully applied for included the funding of the Ticket-To-Ride program providing transportation, program and materials to introduce grade school children to the park. So this is a very important and worthwhile position on the Friends Board. Our previous grant writer retired after 15 years of successful service to the Trail Club. We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this volunteer position if you would more details/information about this position.



Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

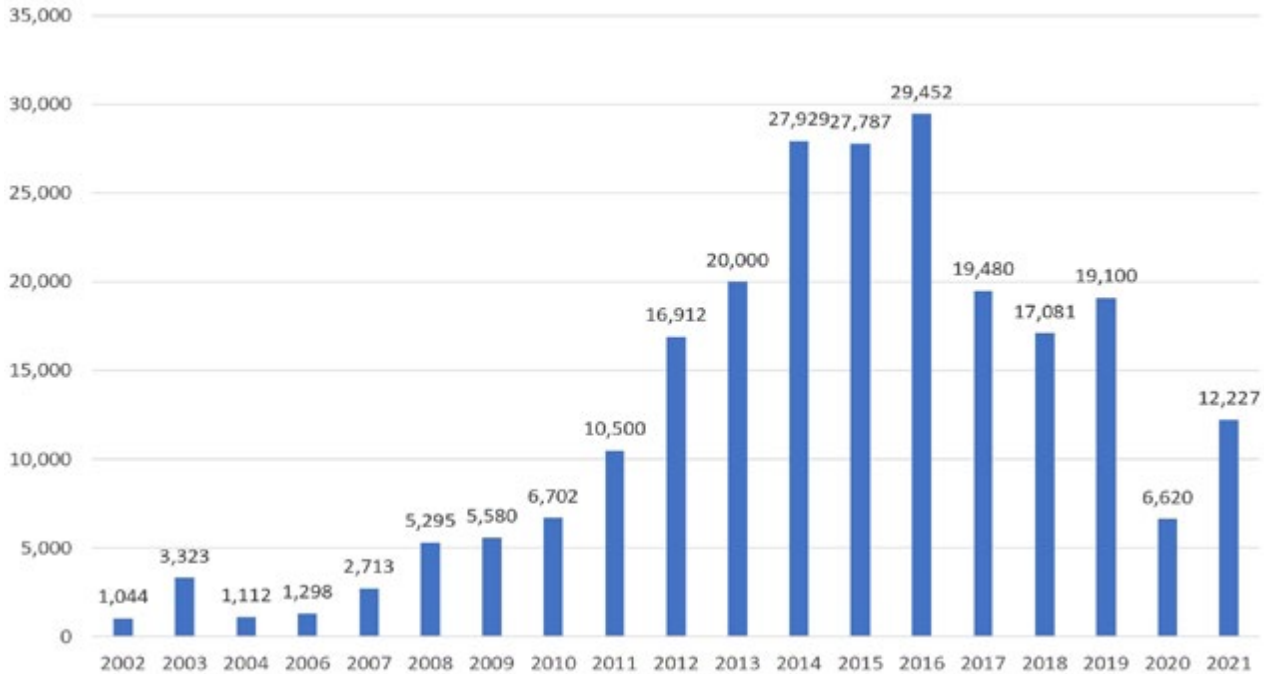
Donald Olds (Interim) -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Training Positions Available!

In an effort to improve smoother transitions in leadership, we are adding training slots for the various Directors and President. Initial training slots are for President/Vice President, Trail Ambassador Director and Communications Director. Contact Donald Olds - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org - for additional information.

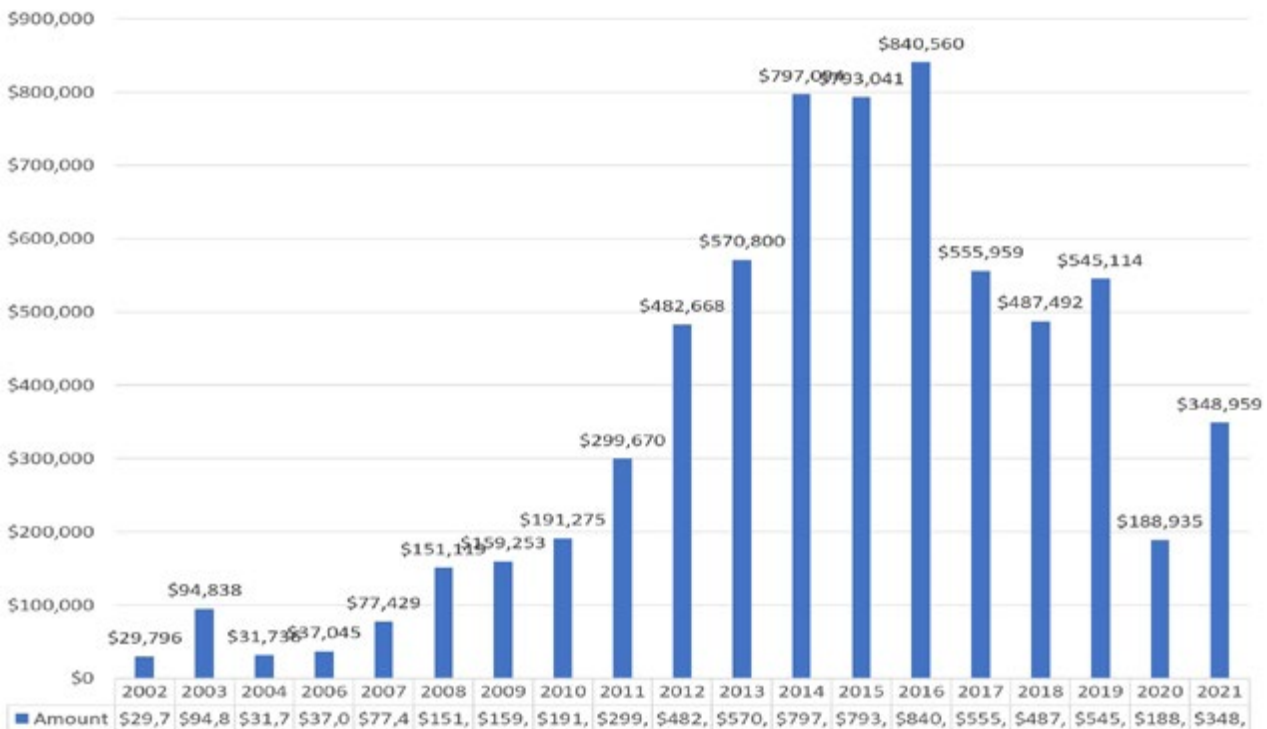
Volunteer Hours year ending Sept. 30 2021



Volunteer Hours

Each Fiscal Year we submit our hours worked to the National Park Service, documenting our service. This is made up of two components - hours that the volunteers who participate in our Work Days contributed, and the hours the Crew Leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board Members contributed. The decrease in hours for 2017 - 2019 can be attributed to only one thing - we had several work days cancelled in each of those years for inclement weather. As for 2020 and 2021 - there is only one reason for the fewer hours - Covid 19. We are hoping 2022 is a better year. We have a number of projects that will be of interest to all of our visitors and volunteers- stay tuned! As for the value of the volunteer hours, each year the federal government analyzes the effort - this year a volunteer hour was valued at \$28.54.

Value of Volunteer hours year ending Sept 30 2021



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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
11/13	8:00 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	KMTC Work Day
12/11	8:00 am - noon	TBD	KMTC Work Day
1/8/22	Crew Leader Training Class		

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are still being conducted.

See Page 12/13 for list of NPS Staff Events for November!

All trails are open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd., are open. Visitor Center is now open, however masks are required.

The Visitor Center theater is closed - the movie will not be shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays, however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top Parking lot until further notice.

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ>. 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:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

Parking and registration will be at the **Pigeon Hill Parking Lot** (at the corner of Old Mountain Rd and Burnt Hickory. Registration will open at 8:00 am. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Volunteer are to gather in the field adjacent to the Parking lot no later than 8:30 am.

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 trails@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.

In case of pending inclement weather, we will post a cancellation notice at least 12 hours prior to the work day on our website - www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

Blast Off the Past

Good thing about being retired is that one is able to pick and choose what and when to do things. First of all, don't believe that, there are always any number of things that eat up time and choices have to be made. Take for instance launching a 90 year old man into space. Man, I really wanted to see that but I had a meeting (and not a virtual one). Yes, the fabled Captain Kirk *William Shatner* of Star Trek fame was aboard the "Blue Origin Rocket Ship" launched morning of October 12. "Capt. Kirk" and three others blasted off for a short trip to some Sixty Six Miles above the Earth. Sure wish that I could have seen it when the rocket took off; but missed it to go to a meeting.

No problem missing the launch, I could look it up online when I got home. As usual, I open up a news site and figured that the launch would have been the top feature; well it wasn't. In fact one site didn't even have it posted and another posted the launch quite a bit far down the list. So, yes, this was the second time "Blue Origin" went to space with people on board, I marveled at the fact that non-NASA Astronauts were on board; but what really struck me that in just the second time up - it now seemed normal.

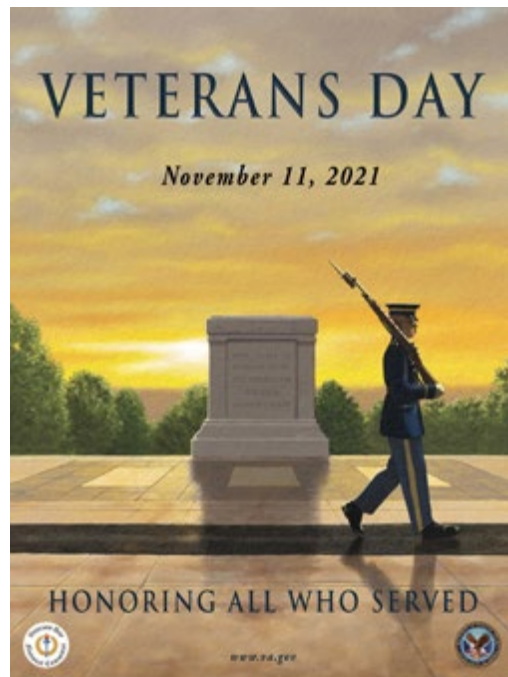
Everyone's heard the term that it ain't "Rocket Science," except when something, especially people, is rocketed into space - that is rocket science. Yes the progress of space exploration and uses of space ships will become much more prevalent in the future, the applications to science and economy will expand.

Coming to Kennesaw Mountain, it's evident that what is there now certainly wasn't over a hundred years ago. If you're fortunate enough to volunteer at the park then most likely, if a newbie, you'll anxiously look for the KMTC newsletter or an online post to see if your picture or for sure what you patrolled, helped with or worked on will be included.

Just like the rocket launch, sometimes doing the same thing is old news. However it's not; yes, breaking in a new trail is exciting, keeping a trail in use and safe is equally important. I'm sure that the turn around on a rocket is difficult as is maintaining a trail or helping out at the park. What you do is exciting, as William Shatner said upon exiting the spacecraft, "I hope that I never lose this feeling." Do good and enjoy what you do and you too won't lose the feeling of excitement right here on earth.

And hey it's almost Turkey time - hope that ship is back by Thanksgiving-

Doug Jasse





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 provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

Sign up for the quarterly Friends Newsletter -
<http://eepurl.com/hhkPhf>

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

Contact List - Updated 9/21/21

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KMTC Website	http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
NPS Website	https://www.nps.gov.KEMO
Facebook Page	http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website	https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ

* updated

Kennesaw Mountain and the Swiss Alps

(In memoriam to USMC veteran, Jim Mathis,)

by Susan Caolo

I have experienced the Swiss Alps and Kennesaw Mountain many times, but until I met USMC veteran, James "Jim" Mathis, I never connected the two. Back in December 2017, I met Jim at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center while recruiting interviewees for the KMNBP Veterans History Project (VHP). A KMNBP staff member, who knew Jim, arranged

the introduction. Jim greeted me with a big warm smile and genuine interest as I explained details about the Veterans History Project. When I asked if he'd be willing to participate, he responded like so many veterans do, "Yes, but I don't have anything very interesting to share." We spent the next few minutes sitting and talking casually in a corner of the KMNBP Visitor center. I was impressed by his vitality and passion for hiking and mountaineering for which he credited to his time in the Corps. He said he lived nearby in Marietta, so hiking KMNBP was part of his daily routine when he wasn't in Switzerland guiding Alpine hikers. It was also at

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Interviews with Veterans – WWII to present day



005VHP James E. Mathis , U.S. Marine Corps
In Memoriam, January 19, 1939 - May 26, 2018



- ✦ Branch: U.S. Marine Corps
- ✦ Rank: Corporal E-4
- ✦ Service Dates: 07-15-1957 to 06-27-1960
- ✦ Service Areas: Lebanon, Japan
- ✦ Conflict: Lebanon Operation 1958
- ✦ Unit/Battalion: Gulf Battery, 2nd Battalion 10th Marines; Charlie Battery; 1st Battalion; 12th Marines
- ✦ Birthplace: Washington D.C.





All interviews archived by the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress for future generations
Visit: www.loc.gov/vets Interviews conducted by Susan Caolo, www.scaolo.com


Kennesaw Mountain and the Swiss Alps


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state summits he had *not* completed, but I think it was less than 10, maybe even 5! Either way, this initial conversation made quite an impression as to Jim's character and passion for the outdoors and mountaineering. I looked forward to learning more about his Marine Corps experiences and how they shaped his life after the service. We exchanged emails so that I could send the required paperwork and schedule a time for Jim's official VHP interview.

n December 13, 2017, Jim and I met for the interview in the conference room of the KMNBP administration building. Jim and I had spoken numerous times about the Veterans History Project prior to December 13th, so the interview flowed like a comfortable conversation.

Jim was born on January 19, 1939 in Washington D.C. and he began his Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina on July 15, 1957. Jim joined the Marines shortly after graduating high school since he couldn't afford college and he didn't want to be drafted. Prior to high school, Jim thought he would join the Navy because of a Navy Chaplain he met on his newspaper route. The Chaplain took him to visit Anacostia Naval Air Station and bought him a sailor hat. But reading about Marines in Battle Cry by Leon Uris during his sophomore/junior year changed his mind.

hroughout the interview, Jim's attention to detail and his natural storytelling ability made for compelling recollections of "first time" Marine related experiences. The rigorous physical training, discipline, travel by train, plane, and ship and exposure to people and places he had never dreamed of seeing apparently became a way of life for Jim. As I listened to Jim talk about decades of guiding groups through the Swiss Alp villages in summer, I could visualize the beauty of my own summers in Switzerland many years ago. But I never connected Kennesaw Mountain to the Swiss Alps until I interviewed Jim for the Veterans History Project. I realized how important the people he met hiking at Kennesaw Mountain, the camaraderie, were to him.

any of the veterans I interviewed also share a close connection to Kennesaw Mountain so I thought it would be appropriate to honor the memory of Jim Mathis by sharing his comments about the Marines and the friendships he made hiking Kennesaw Mountain. If you would like to listen to a short excerpt from the interview, follow this link and scroll down. www.scaolo.com/interviews

For more information about the 2017-2018 Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park -Veterans History Project, visit: <https://www.nps.gov/kemo/veteran-s-history-project.htm>

Special thanks to FRIENDS of KMNBP for funding the transcriptions of these interviews.

All interviews are archived forever in Washington D.C. at the Library of Congress – Veterans History Project. Visit: www.loc.gov/yets

Every veteran has a story worth telling, sharing, and preserving. I continue interviewing veterans to honor their service, their stories, and their memories. Contact: susan@scaolo.com

This is a sample of the articles carried in the Quarterly Friends of KMNBP Newsletter. For more articles like this, sign up for the Friends of KMNBP newsletter - <http://leepurl.com/hhkPhf>.



10/9/21 Work Day Photos

By Fred Feltmann





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Programs for November

All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required.

**All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.*

Visitor Center Address: 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152

November 6 @ 11:00 am- Native American Program

November is Native American Heritage Month. This program, held at the Visitor Center, will trace the history of the indigenous peoples of Cobb County from their hunter-gatherer origins to today.

November 7 @ 11:00 am: Pigeon Hill Hike

On the morning of June 27th, 1864, the Union army would coordinate multi-faceted diversions and attacks against the Confederate 'Kennesaw Line'.

One of the major frontal assaults was up the rocky slopes of Pigeon Hill.

Join a ranger for this moderate .5- 1 mile hike along the battle line.

(Please meet the Ranger at the Burnt Hickory Parking Lot, GPS: 33.963276, -84.594391)

November 13 @ 11:00 am- 1 pm: Sherman/ Thomas HQ Rove

There will be a Ranger roving in the vicinity of the Sherman/ Thomas HQ site, near Activity Area 3. Come on out, say hello, and talk to us about the battle! (GPS: 33.933020, -84.604780)

November 14 @ All Day: Infantry Demo and Camp Life

Come on out for the LAST infantry demonstration of the year! Our living historians will set up a Union Camp in the field in front of the Visitor Center to showcase what life was like for the average Civil War soldier in the field. Rifle firings will occur at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm.

November 20 @ 11:00 am- 1 pm: Illinois Monument Rove

There will be a Ranger roving in the vicinity of the Illinois Monument at Cheatham Hill. Come on out, say hello, and talk to us about the battle! (GPS: 33.936937, -84.596903)

November 21 @ 11:00 am Environmental Trail Hike

This 1.33 mile hike will take you along the foot of Big Kennesaw Mountain, where you will discover the flora and fauna of north Georgia as well as Native American and Civil War history. We'll meet at the picnic area near the Visitor Center.

November 24 @ 10:30 am & 12:30 pm: Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving

Celebrations of thankfulness for the harvest have existed since pre-history. Did you know that the story of this great American holiday has origins planted in the Civil War and with Abraham Lincoln? Come out and greet special guest Larry Elliot at the Visitor Center as he portrays the 16th president and the fascinating story of Lincoln and Thanksgiving!

November 27 @ 11:00 am: Importance of Battlefields

Join Ranger Amanda as she discusses the importance of preserving historic battlefields, and the preservation efforts taken by the National Park Service. This 30-minute ranger led program will be held on the Visitor Center's front patio.

November 28 @ 11:00 am: 24 Gun Battery Talk

The 24-Gun Battery was a Union artillery position made up of 4 light artillery units. Many of these positions still exist to this day. Join a park ranger at this location to learn about the significance of these guns during the battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the role of artillery in the Civil war.

***This program is not at the Visitor Center. Please meet the ranger at the trailhead of the 24-Gun Battery at Gilbert Rd (GPS: 33.976017, -84.599580).**

**** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0*



Lincoln's Thanksgiving



When: November 24th, 2021 (10:30 am & 12:30 pm)

Where: Visitor Center Patio

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National Park Service
U.S Department of the Interior

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
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Kennesaw, GA 30152

(770) 427-4686 phone
www.nps.gov/kemo

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www.nps.gov/kemo

Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb’s Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, “We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem.”

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

[The National Park Service](http://www.nps.gov)

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