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October Trail Work Day Cancelled

Dear Crew Leaders and Volunteers

Regretfully, due to the closure of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park as a result of the shutdown of the federal government, we have decided to cancel our October Trail Day.

It takes a considerable amount of planning and preparation for a trail day to be successful and we will not be able to have access to do those things while the park is closed. We were expecting several large groups of volunteers and they will need to be notified in advance so they can get the message to all their participants.

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September 14 Trail Day: Prep and Go

The work needed to be done; but how could we do it? For our September volunteer work day, that question had to be answered quickly. Three major work projects were planned and they all got done. That's a pretty straight forward statement, isn't it? Please read on for some important details.



There was a wonderful turnout of volunteers on a beautiful September morning. Several groups came, along with many new and returning trail builders to help us with the work.

One job was to fill and crown sections of the Old John Ward

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New Assault Trail Bypass Now

Open!

For all of you who helped, **Thank You!** Total community involvement has worked to get this bypass section of the Assault Trail



finished. Those who worked on it know where it is; those who have stumbled up and down the steep hill will appreciate it. You folks who don't know where it is - you will!

The trail leading from Cheatham Hill to the Illinois Monument is now greatly improved. The trail goes past the formerly overlooked McCook Monument and crosses two creeks. To say that getting this work completed was a 'monumental' undertaking would be an understatement.

Completing the work without impacting the area was difficult, especially because of the heavy and cumbersome material that had to be taken to the site of the bridges that were constructed.

Photos above by Fred Feltmann

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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 if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!

September 14 Trail Day....

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Road trail; this project is very near completion. A lot of dirt fill was added and compacted, then covered with wood chips to stabilize the soil. The work looks wonderful and is holding up to the traffic of many joggers, horses and visitors.

Another project was improving the trail corridor of the Assault Trail bypass. That work has made a big difference in the trail surface from our initial rough cut efforts on a prior trail day. The trail is smooth and the rise gradual; not like the rough, steep trail it's replacing. This trail will soon be open and all the work done on this trail day will help make that possible.

Extensive prep work was required to get another project closer to completion. This work included pouring cement footings that met park specifications and having the structural beams and all other wood and supplies to the remote site and ready for installation. Hours of effort by several club members meant materials were there Saturday and teams put in support beams and fitted tread to a 24 foot and another 18 foot bridge. We completed the work on two bridges in a little over 2 hours. It also helped that much of the work was performed by an engineering fraternity from Georgia Tech. Yes, they did some construction work but they also hauled tons of rock.

The area where we worked on this September work day will be a key staging area for the Park's 150th commemoration activities next June. Volunteers have made tremendous improvements which will benefit the enjoyment of this important area for many users over many years. All our prep work and your volunteer work have made everything a 'go'.

Thank you all for making this a September work day to remember. Please come back and admire and enjoy what you did.

Doug Jasse

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

A View from the President's Chair

It's October and we had a great turnout for our annual meeting last month. Our new leadership has been elected in and we are all ready to work together over the next year to do great things. 2014 brings with it the biggest event in 25 years for the park – the 150th anniversary of the battles at Kennesaw Mountain. You might have noticed that all of the work we have been doing over the last months, and the work we have planned up until June of 2014 is focused on making the park look its best. We have also started a fund raising effort to augment the parks budget and help make this celebration the best of the best. We want to be sure the visitor experience includes our southern hospitality. To meet our goals we will need volunteers and money.

If you are taking the time to read this newsletter you are probably also interested in deeper knowledge of what we do. Now is one of the best times to get involved with the inner workers of our organization. We are expanding our ranks and need additional energized and dedicated individuals to come forward and join us to help us move forward toward our goals. If you have an interest in joining our leadership group, please contact me and ask how to get involved. Being part of a well established non-profit is a great resume builder; but more importantly a great experience if you are the kind of person who wants to make a difference in life.

Come get involved with our team and get to know us. Who knows what inner potential you could unleash in yourself; you could become one of our 2015 directors.

On another note, we need more crew leaders to help lead work groups on our work Saturdays. And, our activities with school groups has been increasing on the week days and other weekends. If you are interested, please sign up for our November Crew Leader class (first Saturday). We will provide the training you need for an exciting and rewarding side career in volunteering. Also, if you love hiking or horseback riding the trails and are out there often, please consider becoming one of our trail ambassadors.

Finally, if you have any special skills that you think might help us, please come forward and offer your help. We could use hike leaders, map makers, invasive plant mangers, pruning experts, equipment operators, erosion control experts, sawyers, event registrationers, parking lot supervisors, water and snack haulers, history story tellers, wild flower experts, photographers, botanists, trail guide writers, publicity writers, grant writers, fund raisers, newsletter journalists, and more.

If you have a special passion skill, we can probably put it to use.

Come volunteer, what else are you doing with your spare time?

Scott Mackay

president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

New Crew Leader Training Class Scheduled

The new Crew Leader Training Class will be all day on Saturday November 2 at Visitor Center. People who want to become a crew leader should contact me to get on the list. I have a list already started.

Scott Mackay

President@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

A Note From One of Our Sponsors!

Hello All,

I just wanted to thank you for a successful National Public Lands Day! We had 70 volunteers & I am pleased with all the work that got accomplished. You guys did an amazing job! You guys are so great to work with. Have a wonderful day!

Nicole Warren-Miller

Outdoor Programs & Outreach Market Coordinator
REI Atlanta Market



Above - "Before" photo - photo by Doug Tasse

Below- Finishing touches - photo by Tom Hunter



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For these reasons, the decision had to be made now to cancel the Sat. Oct. 12 Trail Day. We hope to do the work that was planned for October on the November 8 work day.

The work we hoped to do in November will be rescheduled. Work contracted to be done later in Oct.. prior to the Nov. work day will have to be rescheduled and completed before we are prepared for volunteers to work at the site. We will send a notice when that Nov. project has been scheduled and post information on the web site and Facebook.

Doug Tasse

Trails Director
KMTCC

Election of KMTCC Officers

September 21, 2013

The following officers of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club were elected for 2013-2014 at the General Meeting on September 21, 2013.

President

- Scott Mackay

Vice President

- Curt Spinney

Secretary

- Anne Strand

Treasurer

- Tom Okerberg

Trails Director

- Doug Tasse

Scouts Director

- Donald Olds

Trail Ambassador Director

- David Strand

Historian

- Jay Haney

Communications Director

- Fred Feltmann

Outreach Director/Social Media

- Cindy Witt

Membership Director

- Anne Strand

Information Technology Director

- Jerry Givan



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 2012 (October 2011- September 2012) and Fiscal 2013 (October 2012 - Present):

FY 2012

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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL PHILMONT CONTINGENT (TWO CREWS)

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NW GA (BCHNWG)

BANK OF AMERICA

CHATTAHOOCHEE NRP

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA

CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA

DEVEREUX GEORGIA, KENNESAW

GE (GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 22613, MARIETTA, GA

GREEN YOUTH GROUP

HANDS ON ATLANTA

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP

LIFE UNIVERSITY

REI, KENNESAW STORE

ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL

SADDLE UP COBB (SUC)

STARBUCKS

SERVECOBB

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TROOP 89, POWDER SPRINGS, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL, SERVICE PROJECT

TROOP 277, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TROOP 741, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

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AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ALLIANCE AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER - KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

TROOP 75, SERVICE PROJECT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 700, DALLAS, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, MARIETTA, GA, SERVICE PROJECT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 321, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY FEMALE SOCCER TEAM

GEORGIA TECH

HANDS ON ATLANTA

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

KSU BETA ALPHA PSI

OMEGA PRIVATE ACADEMY

OMEGA PHI ALPHA - KSU, NATIONAL SERVICE SORORITY

POPE HIGH SCHOOL FRESH LIVING CLUB

REINHARDT UNIVERSITY

SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL (TEENS, TRAILS & TRENCHES PROJECT)

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Volunteers!

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TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WALTON TEEN CORPS

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

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

The following Groups participated this past month (September):

WOODSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

KENNESAW MTN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

DELTA CHI, GEORGIA TECH

AMANA ACADEMY

BOY SCOUT TROOP 504, SNELLVILLE, GA

UNKNOWN KARATE SCHOOL



New Assault Trail Now Open!

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There were huge beams that had to be positioned, concrete bridge footings poured and tons of stone, rock, fill dirt and mulch added. Thank goodness the weather cooperated and all our volunteers cooperated to get it finished. You'll have to experience the beauty of this newly routed trail. But keep in mind the turmoil that occurred there some 150 years ago. All of our volunteers were respectful in their work and the results show their dedication.

Thank you to all the Trail Club crew leaders and ambassadors, school and scout groups, organizations, individual volunteers, Park staff and REI for making this addition to Kennesaw National Battlefield Park a reality.

There's more work to be done toward our goal of being ready for June 2014 commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. I appreciate everyone's help in exceeding expectations on this project. We know we can meet the challenge; we'll do it together. Come join in our work and be a part of history in the making.

Thanks!

Doug Tasse

KMTC Trails Director

PS Those who were there know how much FUN we had!

Volunteers-In-The-Park (VIP)

Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Kennesaw Mountain National Battle Park hosted a dinner and awards ceremony for all of the volunteers who worked with the National Park Service (NPS) Staff this past fiscal year. It was a great evening, and the excellent new film for the Park, *One Last Mountain*, was provided for the view pleasure of the attendees.

Also, the NPS staff recognized several volunteers for outstanding service:

1. John Tolbert - 2013 Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Volunteer of the Year
 - a. John Tolbert is part of our living history volunteers. He is part of our cannon crew. He has assisted the park for a number of years, becoming a volunteer at the age of 12. His father was one of the founding members of the volunteer program, especially the living history program, here at the Park.
 - b. John not only is part of the cannon crew, he has provided countless "Life of a Civil War Soldier" programs to school children, has assisted in research to create an even more correct interpretation of the history at the Park, and much more.
2. David Strand - Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer service at the front desk of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center.
3. Doug Tasse - Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer service in the preservation and beautification of the natural resources of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Again, the NPS Staff at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park wish to thank all of the volunteers who have served the Park and the visitors to the this past year!

REI Registration Tent For National Public Lands Day

- photo by Tom Hunter



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
October			
10/3	7:00	KSU Center	Cobb Civil War Roundtable-Clarke Otten, "Civil War in Sandy Springs"
10/5	9:00-12:00	Visitor Center	Ticket to Ride program, Douglas County Middle Schools***
10/12	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 Pkg lot	October Trail Work Day***
10/12	9:00-12:00	KSU Center	KSU Civil War Symposium (free)
10/13	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration- Confederate Artillery***
10/14	7:00	Visitor Center	Monday Night Lecture Series, Dr. Keith Bohannon*** "Re-enlistments in the Army of Tennessee"
10/24	7:00	Marietta Museum of History	Mike Shaffer-"Civil War in Cobb County" (free)

November

11/2	9:00-12:00	Visitor Center	Ticket to Ride program, Douglas County Middle Schools
	TBD	TBD	Crew Leader Training Course - contact Scott Mackay for details
11/9	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 Pkg lot	November Trail Work Day
11/11	7:00	Visitor Center	Monday Night Lecture Series, Phillip Whiteman, "Letters from Sherman's Soldiers"
11/14	7:00	KSU Bailey Performance Center	Cobb Civil War Roundtable- David Thompson, "Confederates at the Keyboard"

*****Special Note** - Check the status of the Park - currently **ALL activities** at the Park have been cancelled!***

October Trail Work Day - 10/12/13

Our October Trail Day, 10/12, 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 cut at feeder creek at the steel bridge. This work day will give everyone chance to learn trail maintenance techniques. Materials and tools will be on site. Come enjoy a morning of trail work!

Thanks,

Doug Jasse
KMTc Trails Director

REI Registration Tent - photo by Fred Feltmann



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 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. 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

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

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

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

So, You Enjoy Working In The Park....

We have a never-ending list of projects! We also have a never-ending need of Crew Leaders. So, if you have worked with us over the last months/years, and would like to take on a little more, see Doug, or any of the volunteers during the work day, or contact him via e-mail (trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) to let him know your interest. We'll be conducting another Crew Leader course in the coming months to help prepare you for the role of Crew Leader. You'll then be in charge of various projects on our Work Days. And as a reminder, the more Crew Leaders we have, the easier the workload - many hands make short work of a project. And with lots of Crew Leaders, we have a larger pool of volunteers, such that we will have a lighter workload on us all. And there is this - you'll be part of a great group of folks who want the Park Visitors have great experience, you'll be providing them a safer environment, and lastly, you'll have an opportunity to be part of the overall planning process in concert with the National Park Service.



Fred Feltmann



September 28, 2013 National Public Lands Day.

Photos, above, by Tom Hunter.

Photos, left and below by Fred Feltmann



Civil War November, 1863

Overview: November 1863 is best remembered for what was to become the most famous speech made during the American Civil War - the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln. Again, as in October 1863, the weather dictated what senior commanders could do in the field.

November 2 President Lincoln was invited to make a speech at the dedication of the new cemetery at Gettysburg. Jefferson Davis visited Charleston and publicly stated that he believed the city would not fall.

November 3 Sherman continued his march to Chattanooga. Unwilling to rely on a single rail line from Decatur to Nashville for his supplies, he ordered that it was rebuilt as double tracked.

November 4 General Bragg, supported by Jefferson Davis, rid himself of General Longstreet and his 20,000 men who were sent to support Confederate troops at Knoxville.

November 7 General Meade, commander of the Army of the Potomac, attacked Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Several Confederate redoubts were captured at Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock River and 1,629 prisoners were taken.

November 8 Meade continued his assault on Confederate positions but by now they are no more than skirmishes as opposed full-scale assaults.

November 9 Lincoln visited the theatre to see a play called "The Marble Heart" that starred John Wilkes Booth.

November 14 Sherman arrived at Bridgeport at the head of 17,000 men. His men had covered 675 miles in just fourteen days. Sherman was told by Grant not to expect any help from the Army of the Cumberland, as it would maintain its defensive position rather than an offensive one. *(That's over 48 miles a day, on average!)*

In the South, the Confederate Government ordered the use of force in its efforts to collect taxes. This included the confiscation of property and was primarily directed at farmers in North Carolina who were refusing to pay their taxes.

November 15 Sherman started his campaign against Chattanooga. Accepting Grant's advice, Sherman viewed the role of the Army of the Cumberland to be solely defensive.

November 16 Longstreet finally reached Knoxville. However, lacking heavy artillery, Longstreet was unable to besiege the town, which was well defended by Union troops commanded by General Burnside.

November 18 Lincoln left Washington DC en route to Gettysburg.

November 19 The dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg took place. 15,000 people assembled there. The dedication started with a two-hour speech by Edward Everett as to the course of the battle. Lincoln spoke after Everett and for only ten minutes and received polite applause. Some in the gathering were unaware that he had even spoken. 'The Times' in London considered Everett's speech to have been very good while the President's was a disappointment. His speech was carefully prepared and not, as was once thought, put together on the train journey from Washington to Gettysburg. Lincoln himself said "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here."

November 20 Sherman's advance on Chattanooga was delayed by heavy rain.

November 21 With better weather, Sherman prepared for his attack on Chattanooga.

November 23 Unionist troops took Orchard Knob just outside of Chattanooga. The capture of this position gave them a height advantage over Confederate positions around Chattanooga.

November 25 Sherman started his main assault against Confederate positions around Chattanooga, especially the men based on Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. By 3 PM the positions held by the Army of Tennessee had fallen. Seven Medals of Honor were awarded for the Union assault on Missionary Ridge. One went to Lieutenant Arthur MacArthur, the father of Douglas MacArthur.

November 26 The Army of the Potomac threatened an attack on Richmond.

Bragg withdrew his forces from the Chattanooga area To Dalton, Georgia, having lost 10% of his men – 6,667 out of 64,000. Bragg was not to know that Sherman's army had suffered a similar percentage of casualties – 5,824 out of 56,000 men. By withdrawing, Bragg kept his army as an effective fighting unit. However, Sherman's army was free to advance on Atlanta.

November 27 The Army of the Potomac meets that Army of Northern Virginia at Mine Run

November 30 An attack on the Army of Northern Virginia was cancelled at the last minute when Meade decided that Lee's men were too well dug in.

Movie Premiere A Success

The premiere of the new movie "**Kennesaw: One Last Mountain**" was held at the Earl Smith Strand Theatre on Sunday, Sept. 22. It was the first showing of the new movie created by the National Park Service for the Battlefield Park Visitor Center. The movie premiere had strong support from the City of Marietta and the Gone with the Wind museum. It was a sellout with standing room only!

Using local actors and more than 150 re-enactors to recreate the battles around Kennesaw Mountain, the movie was narrated by Emmy-winning narrator Peter Coyote. In addition to battle stories, the film depicted the involvement of African-Americans, both slave and free, and the impact of the war on local families. As the Marietta Daily Journal editorial remarked about the movie, "It got bravos from those in attendance at the debut, and will no doubt be applauded by those at the Visitors' Center as well."

Civil War organ and harmonica music introduced the program prior to the movie. Remarks were made by Nancy Walther, Park Superintendent, Sherri Fields, Deputy Regional Director, National Park Service Southeast Region and Willie Johnson, KMNBP Historian. Kathy Bearden, KMTC Trail Ambassador announced the club's fund-raising initiative for the park's 150th Battle Commemoration in June 2014.

Trail Ambassadors were in the theater lobby distributing bags labeled History is coming! June 2014 that included cards with the 150th Commemoration logo and the new website www.battleofkennesawmountain150.com. Proceeds from the movie ticket sales will support the fund-raising campaign for the Civil War 150th commemoration. The premiere of "**Kennesaw: One Last Mountain**" was the successful beginning of a yearlong commemoration of events 150 years ago, an opportunity to show off the historic treasures of our park and our community.

Anne Strand



Movie Premier - Full House! Photo by Scott Mackay.

BOOK REPORT

Narratives of the Generals

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

Each of the three commanders in the Atlanta campaign wrote memoirs of the war. Federal General William T. Sherman's first edition was completed in 1875 and is cleverly entitled **Memoirs of William T. Sherman**. The narrative runs 955 pages in two volumes. Modern printings likely are printed in one combined volume and may include 200 pages or so of a chronology, various appendices, endnotes, and an index. Sherman completed an updated second edition in 1885. Sherman starts with his ancestors and ends with his resignation from the army in 1884 (in the second edition). Sherman includes 183 pages on the Atlanta Campaign.

Sherman's memoirs tend to be more balanced with less self-justification than Hood's or Johnston's memoirs, but it's easier to do so if you are the victor in the campaign and in the war rather than the vanquished. But this is not always true. For example, Sherman wrote only one paragraph on the failed attacks of June 27th at Kennesaw Mountain, about half of which explains why he ordered the attack. Sherman's narrative is for sale in the Visitor Center.

Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston's memoirs are entitled (take a deep breath); **Narrative of Military Operations: Directed, During the late War Between the States** and were completed in 1874. Johnston's narrative runs 469 pages. Johnston starts after the firing on Fort Sumter and ends with the surrender of Johnston's last command in North Carolina. Johnston includes 108 pages on his part the Atlanta Campaign up to when he was relieved from command. He also includes a lengthy commentary at the end of his narrative defending his actions during the Atlanta campaign.

Johnston was much criticized after the war, and his narrative includes much blame on others for the shortcomings of the record of the armies under his direction. He particularly attacks his subordinate and successor, John Bell Hood, and his boss (with whom he wouldn't communicate) President Jefferson Davis. Johnson's narrative is easily found for free on the web. I find the one at www.archive.org to be the easiest to read.

Confederate General John Bell Hood's memoirs are entitled; **Advance and Retreat: Personal Experiences in the United States and Confederate States Armies**. Hood's narrative was completed before his death in 1879. Hood (and his wife and oldest son) died of yellow fever. They were survived by 10 remaining children who were adopted by families in five different states. The one-legged general's wife had given birth to 11 children in less than 11 years (including three sets of twins for those of you who just did the math). Hood's narrative was published

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September 14 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



3 Volunteer groups: Left - Woodstock NJROTC; Center - Delta Chi Fraternity, Georgia Tech; Right - Kennesaw Mountain NJROTC. Thanks!



September 28 Work Day

It takes all kinds of people to make a Work Day a success!

Photos by Fred Feltmann



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Photos below by Scott Mackay.



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after his death by (take another deep breath) Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard to help Hood's surviving children.

Much of Hood's narrative on the Atlanta campaign is a rebuttal of things written in Johnston's narrative. Hood's narrative Begins with his appointment to West Point and ends with his personal surrender in May of 1865. It runs 316 pages plus a 42 page appendix of reports and letters. The book includes 173 pages on the Atlanta Campaign not including the appendix.

All and all, these three narratives and those of other participants give us a wealth of information about "the great campaign," but be careful. Each of the generals wrote in part to justify their actions and inactions, particularly in response to what they considered misleading or false accusations and incorrect estimates of strengths of the armies and casualties made by the other two generals and by others in various writings. Consequently, all you may read in these narratives will not always accurate – be sure to consult other sources before you make up your mind about what actually occurred in the day and why.



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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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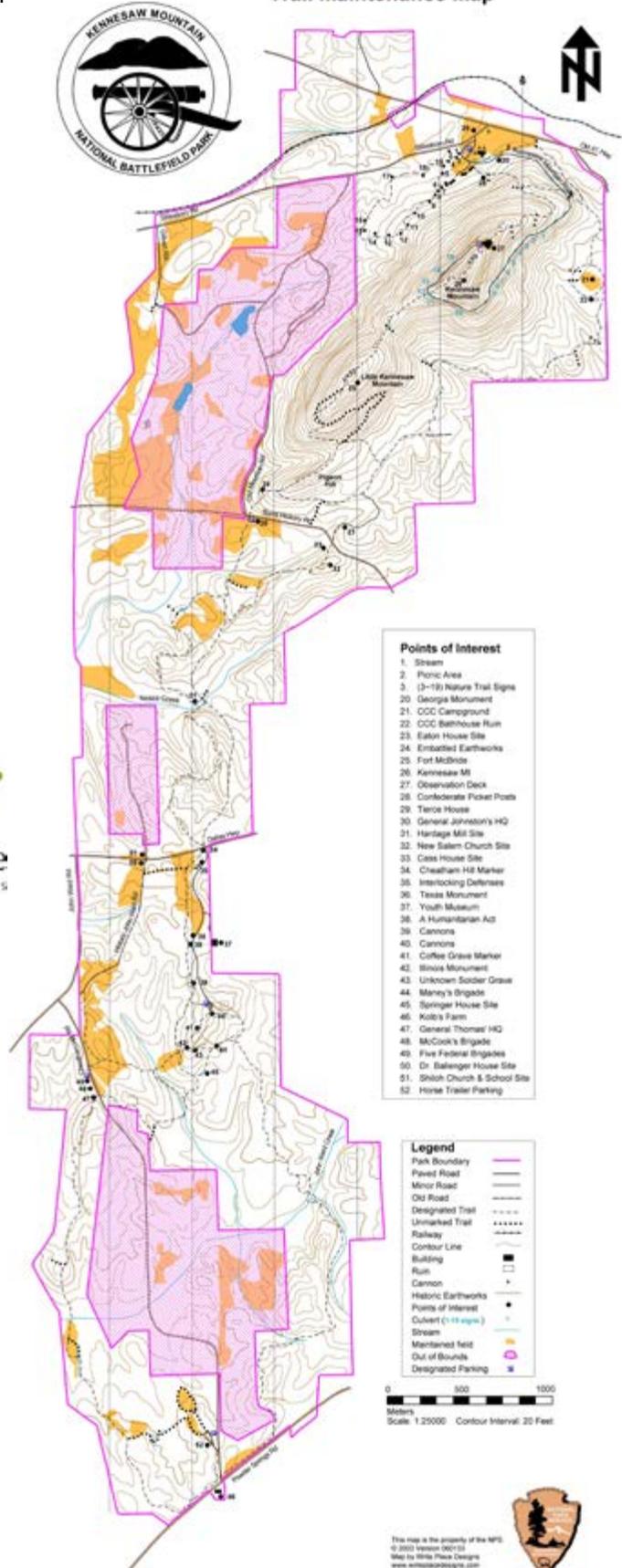


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