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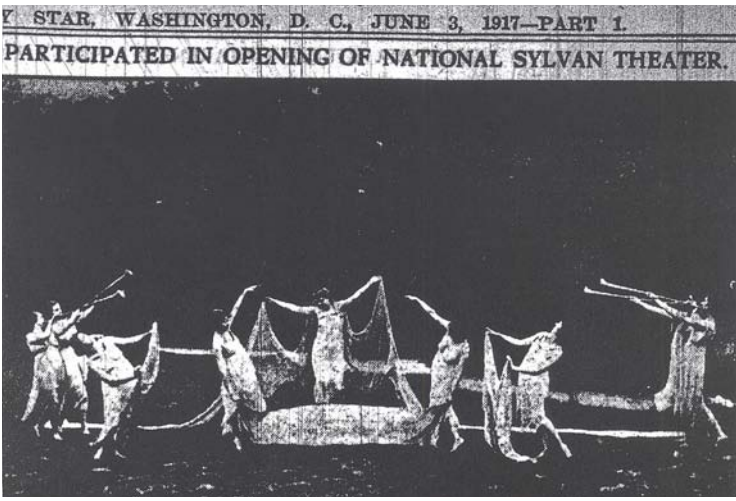
June is a great time to experience your national park! Our ranger staff presents interpretive programs throughout the park from bike tours and evening walking tours to shorter detailed programs of each memorial.

To learn more about the future of the National Mall, visit the National Mall Plan website ([www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan)) to read current alternatives, express ideas, and follow our progress.

Page through this newspaper to find out more about the many fascinating ranger programs offered throughout the park. Our park staff and volunteers will be glad to answer any of your questions. Thanks for visiting, and have a wonderful experience at National Mall and Memorial Parks!

### Sylvan Theatre

By Ranger John Lockwood



Article in the Sunday Star, June 3, 1917

Although the Sylvan Theatre is in a quiet, almost overlooked corner of the Washington Monument grounds, it is a major historical site nonetheless. The theatre had its beginnings in the spring of 1916, when the city held several plays on the Monument grounds, in the same area now occupied by the theatre. Influential Washingtonians enjoyed it so much, they decided to build a permanent outdoor theatre there. There were no difficulties in either funding or construction, a rarity in the history of the National Mall. Opening night was June 2, 1917, at 8:15 P.M.

It was considered a major event in Washington, D.C.'s history. The Sylvan was the first government-owned theatre in the nation. Some 10,000 to 15,000 people showed up. In addition to the general public, President and Mrs. Wilson were there, plus the Cabinet and their wives, many members of Congress, several Supreme Court Justices, the entire diplomatic corps, and soldiers from nearby Fort Myer, Virginia. Hundreds of show business performers were

there to take part in the play, including Lady De Bathe, better known as Lillie Langtry. Sarah Bernhardt could not make it, but did send a message, which included: "I have always dreamt for this wonderful country a national theater."

The production was "The Drama Triumphant," written by Mrs. Christian Hemmick. Music was provided by the United States Marine Band. It was a three-part performance of drama, comedy, and dance. The first part was called "The Birth of the Drama," and took place on Mount Olympus, home of the gods and goddesses in Greek-Roman mythology. Part two was "The Degradation of the Drama," set in medieval England. The series concluded with part three, "The Triumph of the Drama," placed in contemporary Washington.

One of the popular scenes in the show involved Lillie Langtry, appearing as Britannia, decked out in armor and helmet, and armed with a trident, appearing in a tableau, or "living picture." After the play ended, performers and audience alike sang a rousing rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Then they had to leave---it started to rain.



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Join National Park Service rangers every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. for FREE guided bike tours of the Nation's Capital. (Family Tours are given on the third Sunday of the month from 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.)

Tour season begins Saturday, March 28, and continues through Sunday, November 29, 2009. Please bring your own bike, helmet (required), and water. All tours begin at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial plaza.

For more information call Bike Program Coordinator, Ranger Jason Martz at 202-438-4391, or check our website: [www.nps.gov/mall](http://www.nps.gov/mall)

**Saturday, June 6 - Unexplored Tales of the City – Untold Stories of D-Day and WWII**

D-Day, June 6, 1944 is an historical day during the Second World War. We will concentrate on stories about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, as well as lesser known stories of those who fought and lived through D-Day. Special emphasis will be given to the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Navy. Join our rangers for this bike tour about the untold stories of D-Day, and the Second World War.

**Sunday, June 7 - History of the Mall - Explore the History of America's Front Yard**

The history of the National Mall is as diverse and fascinating as the history of our nation itself. From George Washington's vision of the Federal City to the District of Columbia of today, how has this span of green space in the heart of the Nation's Capital been altered over time? How has this area been influenced by great natural, cultural, historical, and social events through time? Join us to see and hear how the National Mall has evolved into what you experience today.

**Saturday, June 13 – Off the Beaten Path - Civil War at Sea**

Join National Park Service rangers for a tour detailing the great events of the American Civil War at sea. This aspect of the Civil War tends to be unfairly overshadowed by the movements of armies across the landscape. Losing the war at sea was an outcome that neither side

could afford, for it directly affected the livelihood of the armies commanded by General Grant, General Sherman, General Lee and a host of others. Pitched battle between ironclad ships, the sinking of a vessel off the coast of France, and the closure of vital ports will be recounted as we pass by several landmarks which remind us of the drama and sacrifice of the Civil War.

**Sunday, June 14 - On This Date in History - Flag Day!**

Celebrate Old Glory on its special day! Go beyond the myths and legends to discover the true story of our national colors. Trace the origin of the Stars & Stripes to the British Empire, and examine the Flag's connections with the United States Army, George Washington, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and an early hero of the United States Navy. During the Civil War, a soldier knew that carrying the flag into battle meant certain death, but he did so anyway, all the while acknowledging the greatest honor of his life. Come hail the flag's broad stripes and bright stars in 1814 as Francis Scott Key proclaims its finest hour, then carry the flag to the top of Mount Suribachi in 1945 to help inspire a nation again at war. The flag has emerged as this nation's proudest and most revered symbol, and endured more than two centuries of challenges to become a recognized expression of freedom itself. Find out how and why.

**Saturday, June 20 – Unexplored Tales of the City – All Rise! The History of the Supreme Court**

The heart and soul of our national identity, and the bedrock of our federal government are embodied in the august words of the United States Constitution. The interpretation of the meanings and principles of that sacred document are the ultimate authority of the Supreme Court. That famous group of black-robed men and women have guided and followed the will of the people, and acted as a check and balance on the egos and ambitions of Presidents and Legislators. The history of the Supreme Court is the story of powerful

personalities, incredible challenges, desperate conflicts, and great moments of social change. The issues facing the Court are often emotional and always contentious. Join National Park Service rangers for a bike tour exploring the Justices, cases, and decisions that have shaped our nation's history.

**Sunday, June 21 - People of D.C. - Famous Names, Extraordinary Stories**

Get to know the people behind the city. See and hear how the influential personalities of Washington, D.C. have affected the city, the landscape, the architecture, and the culture of the Nation's Capital over time. Presidents, first ladies, governors and mayors, authors, poets, famous and infamous characters alike have helped shape the history of Washington, D.C. These people have helped influence, not only the city, but the entire nation. These are their stories.

**Sunday, June 21 - Family Tour The History of the National Mall – Myth Busters Edition**

Fact or Fiction- Can you tell the difference?

Have you heard the story about George Washington's wooden teeth, or the other face carved on the back of Abraham Lincoln's head in the Lincoln Memorial? The city of Washington, D.C. was created out of a swamp...right?

National Park Service rangers will lead families on a journey through the myths and legends surrounding the National Mall. This tour is an excellent introduction to the history of the National Mall. Participants will discover fascinating details about the lives of American presidents, and the way we memorialize them. Discover where these famous and infamous stories first started, and find out if truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

Parents – Please note: all participants (children and adults) must have their own bike and helmet. Reservations for Family Tours are required. Please call Bike Program Coordinator Ranger Jason Martz at 202-438-4391 to make reservations. Space is limited.



## Ranger Led Bike Tours - Continued

### **Saturday, June 27 – Unexplored Tales of the City - The City of Magnificent Intentions**

Legendary author Charles Dickens used these words to describe the city of Washington in his *American Notes*. When Dickens visited America in the 1840s, Washington was a city still in its infancy, struggling to define itself among the family of world capitals. Thrust into status as a city from its birth, the capital had to grow at an incredible rate to justify its rank as the seat of government for the young United States of America.

Join rangers as we explore the growth of Washington, D.C. from a mere idea on paper, to the inspiring national symbol that it has become.

### **Sunday, June 28 – Off the Beaten Path - Drink Up, America! The History of American beverages**

What do beverages have to do with American history, you might ask? Have you ever heard of the Boston Tea Party? What about the Whiskey Rebellion? People and events throughout our history have had an extraordinary impact

on what liquids end up in our glasses and bottles. There are fascinating stories of the drinking habits of presidents and generals. Which president didn't allow any alcohol in the White House? What other president threw a party so wild that it almost wrecked the building? Agriculture, wars, commerce, and exploration have all helped make American beverages popular around the world, and even propelled them into space. If you find yourself thirsty for knowledge, join National Park Service rangers for a refreshing look back on this fun topic.

## Ranger Led Programs

**Every Saturday in June  
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

### **“Viva la Revolution”: the South American Rebellion from Spain**

The statues along Virginia Avenue, NW honor those who helped the United States acquire its freedom, as well as Latin American revolutionary leaders. Bernardo Galvez helped the United States during its revolution; Jose San Martin, Simon Bolivar, and Jose Artigas led rebel forces that liberated twelve million people in South America from 1810-1824.

Join a National Park Service ranger for a two-hour walking tour of the history and culture of the Spanish and Latin American statues on Virginia Avenue. The tour will start at the entrance to the Foggy Bottom Metro Station (23rd & I Street, NW) and will end at the intersection of Virginia and Constitution Avenues, NW. This will be a strenuous walk, and comfortable shoes are recommended. There are no public restrooms along the route. Contact Mike Balis at 202-438-9710 for more information.



**Thursday, June 4  
5:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., and 9:00 P.M.**

### **The Battle of Midway**

On June 4, 1942, the battle of Midway became the turning point in the Pacific War. The Imperial Japanese Navy intended to destroy the United States Naval Fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor. The Americans were able to gather some information about Japanese intentions, and on June 7, 1942, the Battle of Midway turned the tide in the Pacific War. How did the Americans know about Japanese intentions and

plans? How did this battle turn the tide against the Japanese? Come and learn about this battle and its historical consequences in the Second World War. This program begins at the World War II Memorial, and is free of charge. Contact Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066 for more information.

**Thursday, June 4, 18, & Friday, June 26  
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

### **Nuts about Squirrels**

Squirrels - we see them every day, but do you really understand them? Why do they run on the other side of the tree from you? Do they really hibernate, and what are the benefits to having squirrels in Washington D.C.? Join us to learn more about the Eastern Gray Squirrel and their history in Washington D.C. Tour begins at the World War II Memorial ranger station. Contact Chris Cusumano at [christopher\\_cusumano@nps.gov](mailto:christopher_cusumano@nps.gov) for more information.

**Thursday, June 4, 11, 18, 25  
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

### **The History and Mystery of the Tidal Basin**

Come out and explore the history and mysteries of the Tidal Basin! Have you ever heard about how Jefferson couldn't take the heat, or smell? How about the Speedway Daredevils (horse and horsepower)? Have you seen the 400-year-old stone carvings, or the foxes sunning themselves on the roof, or the moonlight patrols? This program begins at the entrance to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Contact Harry Gedney at 202-438-9640 for more information.

**Saturday, June 6  
12:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M.**

### **This Day in History - D-DAY: June 6, 1944**

On June 6th, 1944, the combined military forces of the Allied nations launched an invasion of occupied France to begin the liberation of Europe from Hitler's Nazi stranglehold. This massive assault required planning, determination, teamwork, and courage on a scale never seen before. Under the command of

Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower, airborne and amphibious troops filled the skies, and stormed the beaches of Normandy. This daring operation resulted in many casualties, but because of the sacrifices and bravery of so many, the next step towards victory was achieved. This program begins at the World War II Memorial. Contact Nate Adams at 202-438-6640 for more information.

**Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7  
Throughout the day**

### **The Battle of Midway**

“My greatest hope is that we encounter a favorable tactical situation, but if we don't, and the worst comes to worst, I want each of you to do his utmost to destroy our enemies. If there is only one plane left to make a final run in, I want that man to go in and get a hit. May God be with us all. Good luck, happy landings, and give 'em hell.”

These were the inspirational words of Lt. Cdr. John C. Waldron, USN, commander of Torpedo Squadron Eight (VT-8) to his men the night before the June 4, 1942, attack on the Japanese carrier fleet at Midway. Prophetically, only one man survived the attack. In just a few minutes, all fifteen of VT-8's aircraft were shot down, and twenty-nine of thirty crew members were killed, but not in vain. National Park Service volunteer Dan Arant will discuss the Battle of Midway, a major turning point in the Pacific War. His talk will include Japanese strategy and tactics, the crucial role of U.S. intelligence, highlights of the battle, and the outcome's short and long term implications. He will employ some fifty photographs provided by the U.S. Naval Institute. Meet inside the World War II Memorial on the Pacific side.





**Tuesday, June 9, 16, 23, 30**  
8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**Mason and Jefferson: How Their Beliefs Shaped America**

Join us on a walking tour of the George Mason and Thomas Jefferson Memorials as we explore the thoughts and beliefs of two of the men who influenced the documents that we rely on today. Program begins at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Contact Tyler Smith at 202-426-6841 x351 for more information.

**Friday, June 12**  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Who Won the Civil War? Slavery, Causes, Consequences and Steps toward Reconstruction**

The obvious answer to that question is only partially correct. The last Civil War veteran died only fifty years ago. Why has this conflict, that took 620,000 American lives, been termed “our felt history?” We have to start at the Washington Monument to find out! Meet on the west side (the side facing the Lincoln Memorial) of the Washington Monument. Call Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603 for more information.

**Friday, June 19**  
5:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., and 9:00 P.M.

**The Naval Battles in the Pacific War**

The Battle of the Coral Sea, the Battle of the Solomon Islands, the Battle of the Philippine Sea, and the Battle of Leyte Gulf were all key naval battles between the United States Navy and the Imperial Japanese Navy in the Pacific Ocean during the Second World War. All of these naval battles had direct connections to how the war in the Pacific would be determined. The critical nature of all these battles will be discussed. These programs begin at the World War II Memorial and are free of charge. Contact Paul O’Brian at 202-438-7066 for more information.



**Friday, June 19**  
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

**The Lincoln Haunts Jaunt**

Celebrate our sixteenth president’s bicentennial by stopping at sites that would have been familiar to Abraham Lincoln. This walking tour will concentrate in areas around Lafayette Square, the White House, and Pennsylvania Avenue. Meet at the base of the Washington Monument for this two-hour walking tour. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

**Sunday, June 21, 28**  
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

**Family Nature Walk**

Ever wonder what tree and plant species are in the park, or what animals live in the park? Use your senses to see, hear, smell, and touch nature. Come join a park ranger to explore the park! Conclude with a sunset view of the Tidal Basin. B.Y.O.B! Bring Your Own Binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. Tour begins at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Contact Kristel Nelson at 202-497-1357 for more information.

**Wednesday, June 24, Thursday, June 25, Sunday, June 28**  
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

**Sacrifice and Circumstances**

How did a conflict resulting in over 33,000 U.S. deaths come to be called the “forgotten war?” American Soldiers in the Korean War suffered through trying circumstances to protect the free world. Harsh terrain and sub-zero weather were a constant ill-favored companion for U.S. troops who were ill-prepared for what politicians and generals thought would be a quick and decisive battle. The Korean War is often referred to as the “forgotten war,” but we can do our part to remember it. Spend time learning about and reflecting on the circumstances of this war and the conditions experienced by soldiers. Tour begins at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Contact Victor Pillow at 202-426-6841 x345 for more information.

**Thursday, June 25**  
5:00 P.M., 8:00 P.M., and 9:00 P.M.

**North Korea Crosses the 38th Parallel**

The Korean War broke out when North Korea attacked South Korea on June 25, 1950. In the midst of the Cold War the United States was tested in military terms for the first time. The United Nations, an organization only five years old, would face its first crisis. What were the origins behind the unprovoked attack that started the war? How did the United States react when this happened? Under what circumstances did twenty two countries from the United Nations support the Republic of South Korea?

Come learn more about this forgotten war. The program is free of charge and will begin at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Contact Paul O’Brian at 202-438-7066 for more information.

**Sunday, June 28**  
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

**A Tradition of Honor**

Join National Park Service rangers for a tour of the Japanese-American Memorial to Patriotism During World War II. Learn more about the internment of over 100,000 Americans without any due process and the service of over three thousand of them. Contact Mike Balis at 202-438-9710 for more information about this program and where to meet.

**Tuesday, June 30**  
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

**Personalities and Politics: National Mall Presidents**

What did the four presidents of the National Mall do well, and not so well? How did personality and character shape their presidencies? What legacies did they leave after their term in office concluded? This program begins at the entrance to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Contact Paul Maisto at [paul\\_maisto@nps.gov](mailto:paul_maisto@nps.gov) for more information.



**National Park Service Cell Phone Tours**

It’s easy! Just call the following phone number to listen to National Park Service rangers present programs about various aspects of the Lincoln Memorial.



NOTE: Please be respectful. No speakerphones within memorials. Standard cell phone rates apply.

**Lincoln Memorial**

**202-747-3420**

## “ . . . This was a people’s war, and everyone was in it.”

By Ranger Dave Rappel

This quote from Oveta Culp Hobby, inscribed in the World War II Memorial, is a concise statement of the nature of the Second World War. This is how one American family was impacted by the War.

William and Ethel Witkovsky had a dairy farm in Tuscola County, Michigan. They raised nine children on that farm, and by 1941 six of them were still at home. By 1945 only one was still on the farm while three were overseas. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had declared a national emergency in September, 1939, after Germany invaded Poland. In September, 1940, Congress passed the Selective Service and Training Act to speed up the expansion of U.S. forces after Hitler’s conquest of France the previous June. The following month the draft began.



American beachhead at Leyte, Philippines

Twenty-three year old twins Clayton and Clifton Witkovsky were called up on August 6, 1941, and both were sent to the Army. Clayton was assigned to the 95th Coast Artillery Regiment, and was rushed to reinforce the defenses of Hawaii after the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. After reorganization in 1943, he was a clerk in the headquarters of the 866th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion. In October, 1944, his unit participated in the liberation of the Philippines, and went on to serve on Okinawa. Clifton was trained as a military policeman, and ended up in Europe late in 1944. Both brothers were home by the end of 1945.

An executive order by President Roosevelt in December 1942, prohibited anyone eligible for the draft from enlisting in the armed forces. This was intended to stop men in occupations critical to the war effort, such as miners, skilled industrial workers, or farmers, from inadvertently threatening production with overzealous patriotism. Local draft boards decided who could be spared for military service. This led to the contradictory situation of young men “volunteering for the draft”. Single men, unemployed or just passionately patriotic, would present themselves before the board, and beg to be taken ahead of schedule. The boards were usually happy to oblige. This is how the youngest Witkovsky brother, Robert, entered the Army on February 25, 1943.

Robert Witkovsky was just nineteen years old when he was selected to train for the Quartermaster Corps. By June, 1944, he was in England with the 3816th Quartermaster Gas Supply Company, ready to support the allied invasion of Europe. They provided petroleum for the U.S. military as they crossed France into Germany. The end of hostilities found Robert in Bavaria. While waiting to return to the United States, he visited a rest and recreation center



Forward fuel dump in Europe

on the French Riviera where he met Pauline Keever. She was a soldier in the Women’s Army Corps, stationed in Germany. They married in 1946.

The United States followed the example of Great Britain, and added womanpower to its manpower during World War II. The military tried to determine how many jobs could be filled by women, but American culture dictated that women’s participation would be strictly voluntary. Donna Witkovsky



US Marine Corps Women’s Reserve Recruitment Poster

enlisted in the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve on July 27, 1943. The Marine Corps trained Donna to be a motion picture projectionist. Her job was to show training films to troops at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina. On June 3, 1944, fire swept through the building which housed the film library. Fortunately to have survived, she spent the next year at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. There she met Robert McDaniel, a sailor who had been burned in an accident at an air base in England. When they were well enough to travel they

took leave, and went to his home near Cincinnati, Ohio, where they married. Donna Witkovsky McDaniel returned to active duty in the summer of 1945. She was assigned to clerical work at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. where she could be near her husband, who was still hospitalized. They were both discharged in October, 1945.

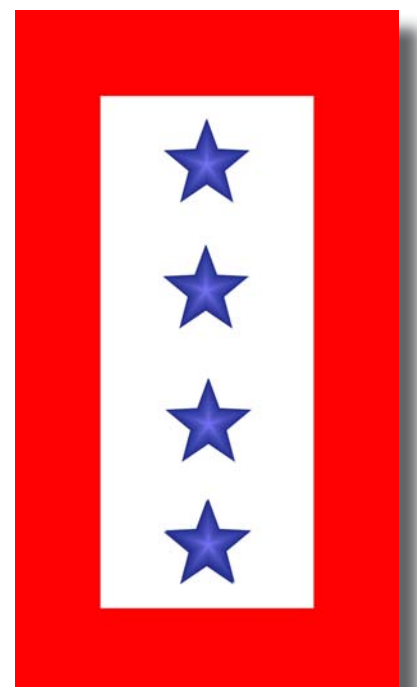
The Selective Service Act was amended in November, 1942, to exempt most agricultural workers from military service. Twenty-three year old Loren Witkovsky stayed home, and helped his sixty-one year old father operate the farm. Prior to December, 1942, married men were hardly ever drafted. Two older Witkovsky sons, Elden and Earl, were both married, and farmers; they were not drafted. As the war went on, the armed forces’ need for men caused older men to be inducted. On July 15, 1943, Oneita Witkovsky Ringle’s thirty-four year old husband George, a sales clerk in a furniture store, was drafted into the Army.

George Ringle was trained as an infantry replacement and served in the Okinawa campaign of 1945. He returned home in December, 1945. When George entered the Army, his wife went to work at a small factory in Caro, Michigan that made trigger assemblies for machine guns. It was the only defense plant in the small, agricultural community; everyone referred to it as “the war plant.”

Roberta Witkovsky, nineteen years old in 1943, and the last of the nine siblings, moved in with her sister Oneita. She was a clerk in the J. C. Penney store in Caro. Roberta bought war bonds, and corresponded with her brothers and sister in the services. She also wrote to boys she had known in high school who had been drafted.

The Witkovsky family was not unique, but they were fortunate. William and Ethel displayed four blue service stars in the front window of their farmhouse. All of the stars remained blue, meaning all of the children who went into the armed forces came home safely. Two of their children married people they would not have met had they not gone into the service.

The World War II Memorial has twenty-four bronze bas-reliefs illustrating many aspects of America’s involvement in the war. When I look at the ones for boarding the troopship, farm work, war bond sales, women in the Army, and women factory workers; I think of my grandparents, my mother, and her brothers and sisters, the Witkovskys of Tuscola County, Michigan.



Service Stars for family with four members serving in the military

**Visiting the Washington Monument**

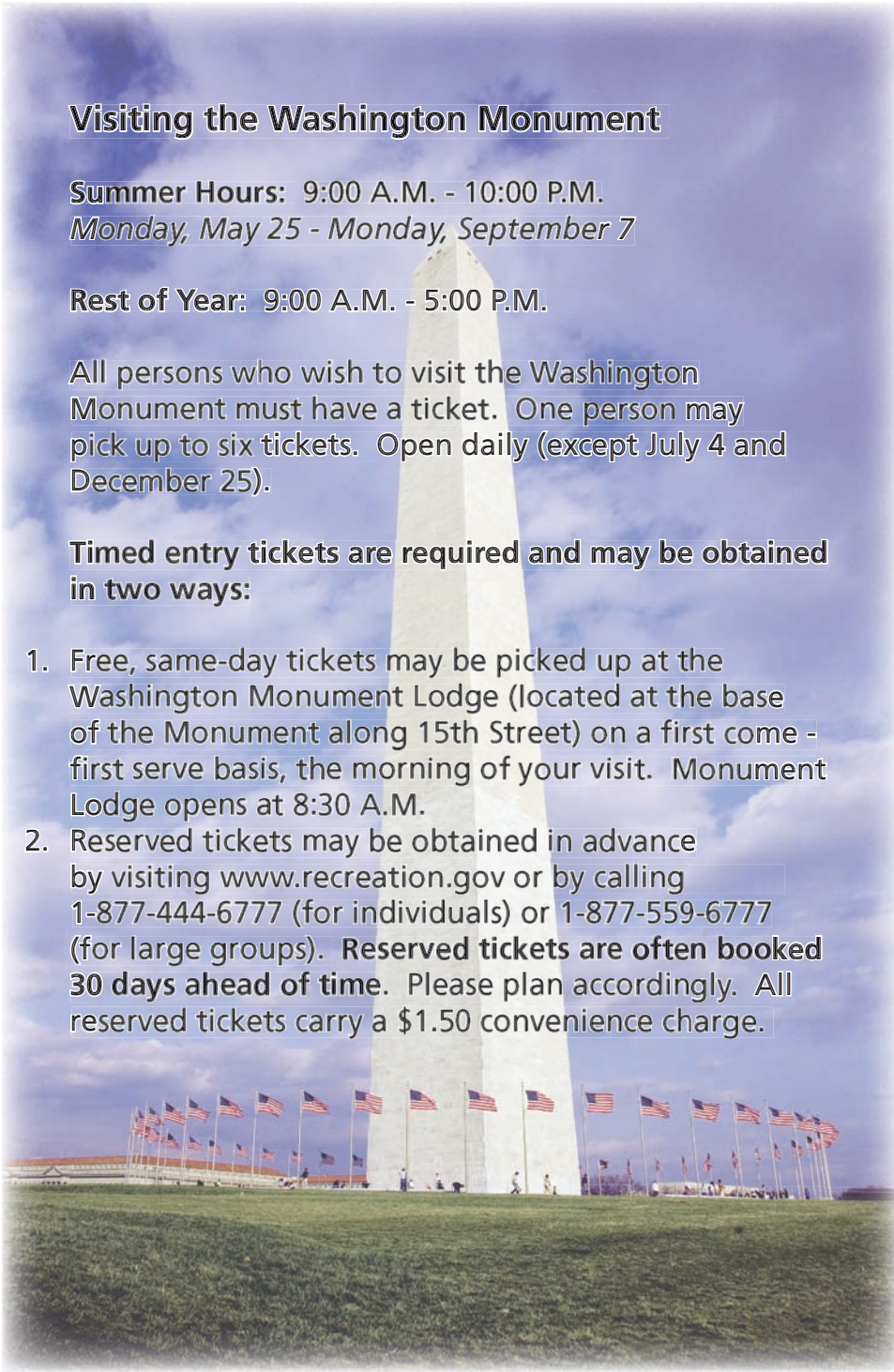
**Summer Hours:** 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.  
*Monday, May 25 - Monday, September 7*

**Rest of Year:** 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

All persons who wish to visit the Washington Monument must have a ticket. One person may pick up to six tickets. Open daily (except July 4 and December 25).

**Timed entry tickets are required and may be obtained in two ways:**

1. Free, same-day tickets may be picked up at the Washington Monument Lodge (located at the base of the Monument along 15th Street) on a first come - first serve basis, the morning of your visit. Monument Lodge opens at 8:30 A.M.
2. Reserved tickets may be obtained in advance by visiting [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777 (for individuals) or 1-877-559-6777 (for large groups). **Reserved tickets are often booked 30 days ahead of time.** Please plan accordingly. All reserved tickets carry a \$1.50 convenience charge.



The Old Post Office, built between 1892 and 1899, is home to the Bells of Congress, which were a gift from England on our Nation's Bicentennial. From the observation deck, located 270 feet above the street level, the visitor can get a spectacular view of our Nation's Capital.

**Operating Hours**

**Summer:** Memorial Day through Labor Day

Monday through Saturday  
 9:00 A.M. - 7:45 P.M.  
 Sunday and Holidays  
 10:00 A.M. - 5:45 P.M.

**Winter:** Labor Day through Memorial Day

Monday through Saturday  
 9:00 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.  
 Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 5:45 P.M.



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**Old Post Office Tower NHS Tours and Presentations**

**Ranger led walking tours of Pennsylvania Avenue**  
*Upon Request - Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.*

Join a park ranger for an interpretive program to learn more about one of Washington, D.C.'s more impressive and fascinating landmarks, the Old Post Office Tower. Tours are by request. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

**For Whom the Bell Tolls:  
 The Washington Ringing Society  
 and the Bells of Congress**  
*First Thursday of every month 6:45 P.M.*

The art of change ringing goes back to the Middle Ages, and you can experience it first-hand at the Old Post Office Tower! To learn more about the systematic ringing of the Bells of Congress, join members of the Washington Ringing Society the first Thursday of each month for a full explanation of the Bells of Congress, why they are here, and how they work. The program will be followed by their weekly practice session. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

**Eastern National**

Want to learn more about National Mall and Memorial Parks? Eastern National, a park partner, operates four bookstores throughout the park. The bookstores are located at:

Lincoln Memorial  
 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial  
 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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Washington Monument Lodge  
 8:30 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

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 August 25, 1916

**Daily Ranger Programs**



Join National Park Service rangers to learn more about the meaning, symbolism, and significance of the park's many memorials. No prior sign-up is required, and all programs are free. Program length varies. For more information contact a park ranger at each memorial. Programs are offered at the following memorials...

- World War II Memorial
- Lincoln Memorial
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Scheduled Programs are presented at:

11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M.,  
 3:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M.

\*\*Additional programs on request.