



# National Mall and Memorial Parks

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## DAILY INTERPRETIVE 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 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

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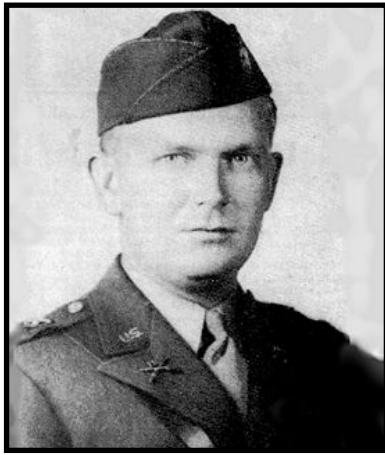
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## The Bedford Boys... A Town's Ultimate Sacrifice

By Ranger Kathy Kagle

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia lies the small town of Bedford (pop. 3200). Although life in this town might have appeared simplistic and removed from the outside world in the 1940s, the residents were very much aware that the United States was at war with Germany and her allies. The young men of Bedford, like thousands across the nation, joined the various armed forces and prepared for deployment overseas. For many of them, this would be their first time outside the mountains.



Lieutenant Ray Nance

Being from a small town, a group of these men grew up together, hung out together, and joined the National Guard together. They became part of Company 'A' of the 116th Infantry, in the 29th Infantry Division. Lieutenant Elisha Ray Nance, a Bedford Boy himself, assisted in training and preparing them for combat. In September 1942, they shipped out with their division to Great Britain, leaving behind their families, friends, and everything they had ever known and loved. Whatever awaited them, they were determined to face as a band of brothers.

On June 6, 1944, the invasion of Normandy began with the D-Day landings. At 6:30 a.m., the first ship-to-shore craft lowered its ramp and 29 men of Company 'A' (19 were Bedford Boys) debarked and

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## George G. Meade: The Forgotten Victor of Gettysburg

by Ranger Christopher Gwinn

For most visitors to the National Mall, the statue to General George Gordon Meade is as unfamiliar as the man himself. While the names Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson are as epic as the monument and memorials that honor them, few come to the nation's capital to pay tribute to this humble soldier from Pennsylvania. However, those strolling past the Old Post Office Tower toward the eastern end of Pennsylvania Ave. will discover the likeness of a man who achieved one of the greatest victories in American military history, and who helped preserve the country through four years of brutal Civil War.



General Meade

Born to American parents in Cadiz, Spain on December 31, 1815, George Meade belonged to one of the most prominent families in Philadelphia. Though not desirous of a career as a soldier, young Meade attended the U. S. Military Academy, graduated in the class of 1835, and served in the army through campaigns in Florida and Mexico. In the year 1840, he fell in love with Margeretta Sergeant and the two were soon married.

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[www.nps.gov/mall](http://www.nps.gov/mall)

National Mall Plan Website:  
[www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan](http://www.nps.gov/nationalmallplan)

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## Don't Forget...

Daily ranger programs presented at the memorials: 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

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## PROGRAMS

### Friday, June 3 The Battle of the Atlantic 7 - 8 p.m.

The Battle of the Atlantic was one of the longest campaigns in the second World War. It began shortly after Germany invaded Poland in 1939, and it ended in May 1945. Come learn how this battle led to the creation of the Lend-Lease Act, the perils of the U-Boats, and spurred the convoys that crossed the Atlantic. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

### Monday, June 6 D-Day 68 Years Later 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Sixty-eight years ago Allied troops landed in Normandy and began the liberation of France. Come and hear about the greatest invasion of the second World War and how it is remembered both here and in France. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Matthew Hornberger at 202-359-7080.

### Thursday, June 9 Washington and Jefferson 7 - 8 p.m.

George Washington and Thomas Jefferson are two of the nation's Founding Fathers. They both served in the cause of the American Revolution, but in different ways. What were the similarities and differences of these great men

in their pursuit of the creation of a new nation? Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

### Saturday, June 11 Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, and Ballooning! Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Civil War Family Day 10 - 10:45 a.m.

In June 1861, on today's National Mall in front of the National Air and Space Museum, Thaddeus Lowe demonstrated to President Lincoln how a gas-filled balloon could help the Union Army. This marked the beginning of the Union Balloon Corps. National Mall and Memorial Parks is providing a program to commemorate the 150th anniversary of this event. Meet the Ranger in front of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Reservations are not required. For more information contact Ranger Rebecca Karcher at 202-359-1534.

### Tuesday, June 14 Eisenhower and Kennedy in Vietnam 7 - 8 p.m.

President Eisenhower began sending military advisers into South Vietnam in 1959. Then a few years later President Kennedy increased the number of military advisers while in office. Come and find out some of the reasons why both presidents chose to increase American involvement in South-east Asia. Meet at the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

### Tuesday, June 21 Operation Iceberg: Okinawa 7 - 8 p.m.

Operation Iceberg was the code name for the invasion of the island of Okinawa. This was the last major campaign in World War II, and a long campaign with many casualties for both the Americans and the Japanese. What was the impact of this campaign? To learn more, meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

### Thursday, June 23 Saturday, June 25 The Secession Years: 1860-1861 2 - 2:30 p.m.

The Confederacy was a government set by eleven Southern states declaring their separation from the Union. Sectionalism of states rights, freedom of speech, and the institution of slavery prompted the Secession. Come discover how these historical events ignited the Civil War. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger JoAnn Garcia at 202-329-1641.

### Thursday, June 23 Operation Barbarossa and Tobruk 6 - 7 p.m.

In June 1941, operation Barbarossa began the invasion of the Soviet Union, and in June 1942 the famous German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, also known as the "Desert Fox," took the city of Tobruk in North Africa. Both campaigns were critical to the success of the Germans in 1941 & 1942. To learn more, meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

## BIKE TOURS

All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet and water. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at:  
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### Saturday, June 4 Washington, DC: The Sylvan Capital 1 - 4 p.m.

Think about how many more buildings we could have in Washington if we paved over all the parkland. Throughout the city's history many people wanted to do exactly that. Join Park Rangers on a trip through some of the parkland that almost never was. For more information contact Ranger Tim Moore at 240-375-5755.

**Saturday, June 11**  
**The Civil War**  
**on the National Mall**  
**Smithsonian Air and Space**  
**Museum Civil War Family Day**  
**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

In June 1861, on today's National Mall in front of the National Air and Space Museum, Thaddeus Lowe demonstrated to President Lincoln how a gas-filled balloon could help the Union Army. This marked the beginning of the Union Balloon Corps. The National Park Service is providing a bike program to commemorate the 150th anniversary of this event. Meet the Rangers in front of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Reservations are not required. For more information contact Ranger Rebecca Karcher at 202-359-1534.

**Saturday, June 11**  
**Women of the Civil War**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**

They tended soldiers and fought alongside them. They supported President Lincoln or plotted against him. They were nurses and spies, heroines, and traitors. Come learn about the many ways that women participated in the Civil War. For more information contact Ranger Kathy Kagle at 240-438-5377.

**Sunday, June 19**  
**Germans Come to Washington**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**

Since the first 13 German immigrants found their way to the New World in 1683 their culture has been influencing the creation of America. Washington, D.C. was no exception, and German influence can be seen on the Mall stretching from the Kennedy Center to the Capitol. We will look at everything from diplomatic relations, automobiles, and an authentic drink. For more information contact Ranger Niki Williams at 202-345-6361.

**Sunday, June 26**  
**Family Bike Tour:**  
**History of the Mall**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

From George Washington's original vision 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? Come and see how the National Mall has evolved into what you experience today. Bike tours are free but reservations are required. For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.

**Sunday, June 26**  
**Worthy of a Nation: A City of**  
**Trees**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**

Learn about the people who envisioned the Park as the core of

the Federal City with an international collection of trees, and visit some of its highlights. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.



**Saturday, June 11**  
**Chit-Chat Run:**  
**Run with the Rebels**  
**7 - 8 p.m.**

The American Revolutionary figures of Washington, Jefferson, and Lafayette are well known, but the names of Von Steuben, Kosciuszko, Rochambeau, Pulaski, Jones, and Mason are not really household names. Come and join an hour long 3.5 mile run to learn more about these colorful characters. Meet inside the circle of flags at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Sunday, June 12**  
**Chit-Chat Run:**  
**Then and Now**  
**8 - 9 a.m.**

Come explore the National Mall in the quiet of the morning with a Park Ranger on a run through the park. The route is about 3.5 miles with stops highlighting how the National Mall has been transformed over the years. Meet inside the circle of flags at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.



**Thursday, June 2**  
**The Alpha and Omega of the**  
**Civil War**  
**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

A Civil War Walking tour starting at the former Cow Pens, now the Washington Monument grounds, down America's main street to the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial. Come explore how "Unconditional Surrender" Grant and his memorial encompass in stone the stories and tributes to the men who made the union "all one thing." Meet at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Ed Fleming at 240-375-5904.

**Saturdays, June 4 & 18**  
**Untold Stories of Pennsylvania**  
**Avenue**  
**2-3 p.m.**

There are many untold stories of American sociology preserved in the history of Pennsylvania Avenue. Meet at Freedom Plaza to hear these stories of human and business culture showcased on Pennsylvania Avenue. For more information contact Ranger Titus Early at 202-606-8691.

**Sunday, June 5**  
**The Watergate: Beyond the**  
**Break-In**  
**12 -2 p.m.**  
**4 -6 p.m.**

Everyone knows the Watergate Break-In, but not many know where that name comes from. Join a Park Ranger to explore the history of the Watergate Region of Washington, DC. A floating theatre, a brewery, a memorial, a canal, and a parkway all called this region home. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Tim Moore at 240-375-5755.

**Sundays, June 5 & 26**  
**African American Life on**  
**Pennsylvania Avenue**  
**2 - 3 p.m.**

Join a Park Ranger for a one hour walking tour of the aspects of African American Life on Pennsylvania Avenue. Meet at the Old Post Office Plaza. For more information contact Ranger Shunda Yates at 202-606-8691.

**Friday, June 10**  
**Sunday, June 26**  
**Four Score and Four Years:**  
**From the Civil War to World**  
**War II**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

On this walking tour, we will visit sites marking our three deadliest conflicts. We will compare Lincoln and Roosevelt's wars, and discover how the conflict from 1861-1865 impacted World War I. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

**Saturday, June 11**  
**Bird Walk**  
**10 a.m - 12 p.m.**  
**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

Grab your binoculars and come along for a morning or afternoon bird walk! You might be surprised at the diversity of bird life found on the National Mall. Open to new and seasoned birders. Participants must provide their own binoculars and water. Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Nathan King at 202-329-7713.

**Saturdays, June 11 & 25**  
**The Early Days of Pennsylvania**  
**Avenue**  
**2 - 3 p.m.**

Take a stroll through time down Pennsylvania Avenue with a Park Ranger. Learn about the earliest visions of Washington, D.C., the wilderness from whence it sprang, and the struggle to put America's Capital City on the Potomac. Meet at Freedom Plaza. For more information contact Ranger Jason Barna at (202) 606-8691.

**Sunday, June 12**  
**President McClellan**  
**12 -2 p.m.**  
**4 -6 p.m.**

President McClellan is not in the list of American presidents, and yet you might have heard his name around Washington in 1864. General George McClellan ran against Lincoln for the presidency in 1864. Join a Park Ranger to explore his career. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Tim Moore at 240-375-5755.

**Sundays, June 12 & 19**  
**What the Tower Saw**  
**2 - 3 p.m.**

Discover what the Old Post Office Tower has witnessed since 1899. As you stroll along Pennsylvania Avenue, the stories will be revealed. Meet at the Ben Franklin Statue at the Old Post Office Tower. For more information contact Ranger Julia Clebsch at 202-606-8691.

**Friday, June 17**  
**Walking into the 20th Century**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**

The World War II Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are all 20th century memorials on the National Mall. WWII and the Cold War are the major themes of these memorials. Enjoy a two hour walking tour and learn how they all are connected. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Friday, June 24**  
**An Evening With a**  
**Park Ranger**  
**7 - 9 p.m.**

Spend an evening with a Park Ranger and tour the Mall as you learn about the history of the Park and the Memorials while discovering the beauty of the park at night. Please bring water and a flashlight, and wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.

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started wading toward the beach. Germans occupying the high ground in bunkers and trenches opened fire on them with murderous effect. Mercilessly the Germans cut them down as they tried to reach the shore. Using machine guns that fired 1,000 rounds a minute, they raked the beach killing all 29 men in a matter of minutes. The tide was already in and as it flowed back out, it dragged the bodies of dead and dying men with it, only to redeposit them on the beach or leave them bobbing in the water.

As wave after wave of assault troops approached the beach, the Nazis repeatedly raked the beach, targeting anything that moved, floated, or lay prone on the sand. Shortly after Lieutenant Nance came ashore, he found himself targeted and was wounded twice trying to escape the deadly ordeal. As he lay there on the beach bleeding, he could see the bodies of the men he had known and trained strewn all around. Nance was one of the lucky ones who survived to return to his hometown, but 19 of the Bedford Boys were gone forever.



American soldiers landing on the Normandy Beach on D-Day.

There were 9000 killed or wounded as a result of the D-Day landings, but their sacrifice was not in vain. Their efforts enabled the Allied forces to eventually gain control of Normandy and open a pathway to Germany's borders.

In the World War II Memorial, the Bedford Boys, like so many other men and women of that extraordinary generation, are commemorated in the bas-relief panels depicting scenes of their heroism, but it is the Field of Stars that is the focal point of the memorial, and a sobering reminder of how many men and women gave the ultimate sacrifice for 'The Price of Freedom.'

Meade From page 1

in April of 1861, Meade was made a Brigadier General and placed in command of thousands of Pennsylvanians who had volunteered to defend the Union. To his men, Meade made an unlikely commander. He lacked the dash and personality of other officers, his foul language was notorious, and his ill temper caused even the most hardened veteran to shy away. Physically, he was uninspiring. One reporter described Meade as "certainly not handsome or graceful, thin faced, with grizzled beard and moustache... a man who impresses you rather as a thoughtful student than a dashing soldier." Yet Meade led his men with skill and daring, and soon gained the respect of those who served with him.

George Meade's greatest test would come on June 28, 1863. Robert E. Lee's Confederate army had invaded Pennsylvania – the fate of the Union hung in the balance. That day Meade received word that President Abraham Lincoln had placed him in command of the Union Army of the Potomac. Bravely shouldering the enormous responsibility, Meade led 90,000 men in the bloodiest fighting of the war just three days after taking command. For three days the Battle of Gettysburg raged as Meade and Lee faced off. When the smoke cleared on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 53,000 Americans had become casualties, but Lee and his Confederates had retreated back into Virginia. It was the greatest battlefield victory of General Meade's career and helped to turn the tide of the Civil War. Though often overshadowed by Ulysses S. Grant, Meade played a vital role in securing a final Union victory; demonstrated nowhere more clearly than at the Battle of Gettysburg.



Meade Statue at the Meade Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Dedicated in 1927 by President Calvin Coolidge, and sculpted from marble by artist Charles Grafty, the Meade Memorial honors the man who led the Union Army at Gettysburg. Meade stands flanked by the figures Loyalty and Chivalry. Together the two strain to remove the heavy cloak of responsibility he wore during his years as commander of the Army of the Potomac. With victory won and the burden at last lifted, Meade turns his back to the menacing figure of War, which guards the rear of the monument. With the bloodshed over, Meade gazes forward, toward a peaceful future in the nation he helped to save.



## How to Visit the Washington Monument

Washington Monument admission is free, but does require a ticket for everyone over the age of two. Open daily except July 4 and December 25.

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

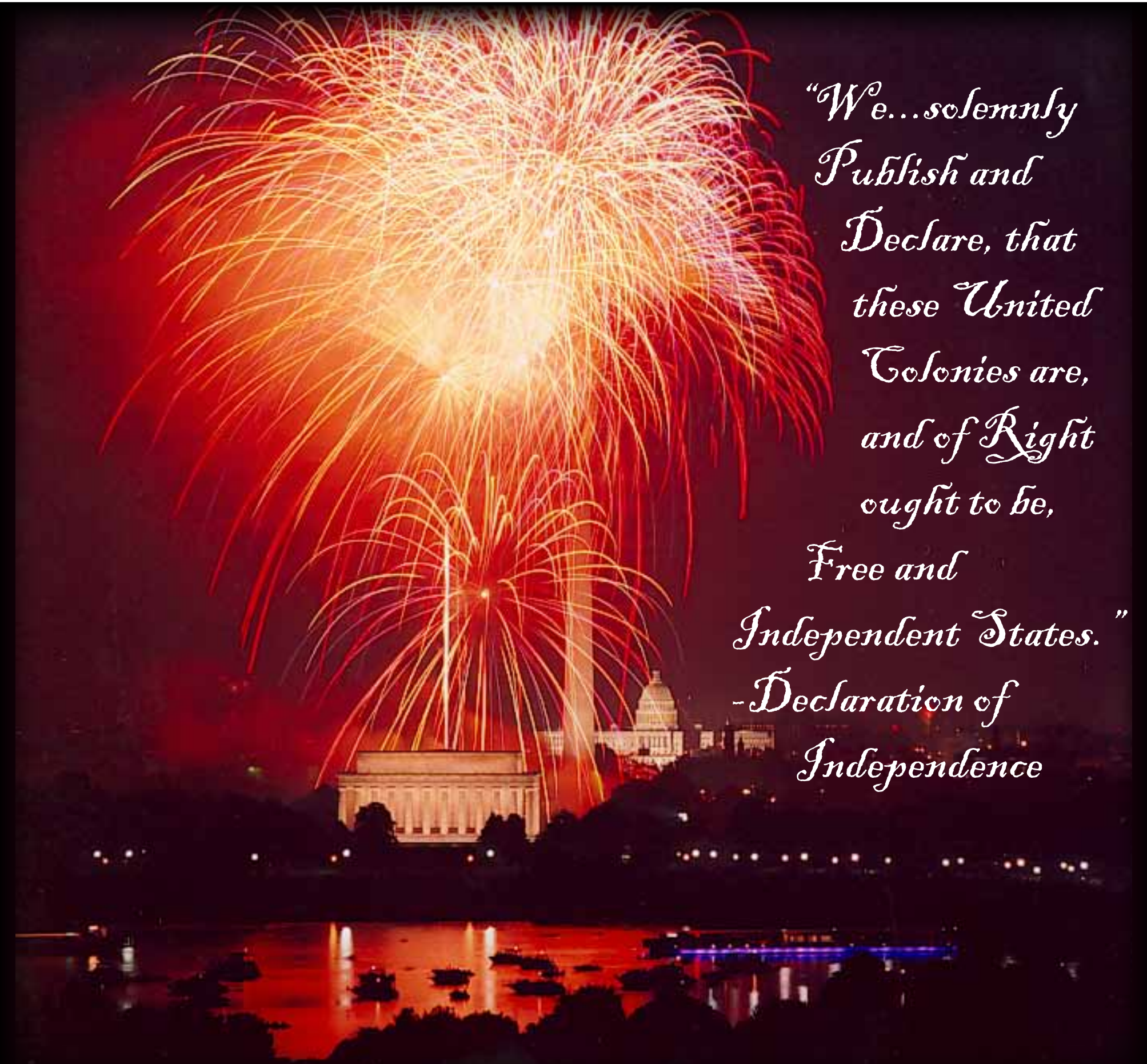
1. The Washington Monument Lodge, located along 15th Street, opens at 8:30 a.m. for distribution of free, same day, timed tickets on a first come, first-served basis. One person may pick up as many as six tickets as well as select their preferred ticket time from what remains available for that operating day.
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 or more ahead of time. Please plan accordingly. All reserved tickets carry a \$1.50 convenience charge.

### Operating Hours:

September 6-May 29: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 30 - September 5: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**National Mall and Memorial Parks  
Cell Phone Tours**

Lincoln Memorial: 202-747-3420  
First Amendment: 202-595-0085  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial: 202-595-0093



*"We...solemnly  
Publish and  
Declare, that  
these United  
Colonies are,  
and of Right  
ought to be,  
Free and  
Independent States."  
-Declaration of  
Independence*

## **Celebrate Independence Day in the Nation's Capital!**

**Monday, July 4, 2011**

Join us this Fourth of July in celebrating America's 235th birthday in the Nation's Capital. Nowhere else is this celebration as significant as in the place where our treasured memorials embody America's ideals and where our country's representative institutions fulfill America's promise. We celebrate 235 years of independence and the continuing promise of freedom.

### **FREE Event includes:**

- National Mall Independence Day Parade
- Concert on Washington Monument Grounds
- National Symphony Orchestra concert on U.S. Capitol Grounds
- Fireworks Show

Prepare for road closures and security checkpoints in and around the park.  
Visit our website for more information:

**[www.nps.gov/foju](http://www.nps.gov/foju)**

# Finding Your Way on the National Mall Just Got Easier!

## Look For Our New Wayfinding Improvements

In an effort to assist visitors to National Mall and Memorial Parks orient themselves and arrive at their intended destinations, the first element of an informational and directional sign project was recently installed adjacent to the Smithsonian Metro stop. This sign will improve the visitor experience on what is referred to as “America’s Front Yard.”

This new map, 17 feet wide and 8 feet tall, is the first step in a multi-phased effort from National Mall and Memorial Parks and the Trust for the National Mall (the park’s official fundraising partner) to implement the National Mall Plan’s call for improved signage and better wayfinding for all visitors, especially for new and infrequent visitors. The newly unveiled map is the largest sign in the wayfinding program and is the new “welcome sign” for the National Mall. It is a two-sided sign composed of two large panels – one panel is a “You are Here” map and the other panel provides printed visitor information, including sites of frequently-visited National Mall attractions.



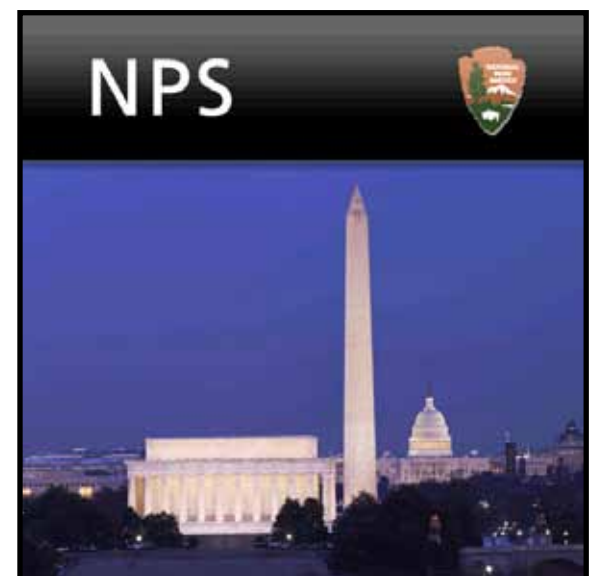
Visitors to the National Mall depend upon signage and graphics to facilitate their visits. The new and uniform signage will establish a positive image and identity of the National Mall. The implementation of this project follows years of planning and design cooperation between park neighbors including the Smithsonian Institution and other agencies adjacent to the Mall, the DC Office of Planning and Historic Preservation Office, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the adjacent Business Improvement Districts. The result is a sign program that is user-friendly and integrated with neighboring sign programs.

“The new wayfinding project is the beginning of providing all visitors to this park with the most user-friendly tools of quickly and efficiently getting to and from the sites and destinations they want to visit,” said Acting Superintendent Mike Caldwell, National Mall and Memorial Parks. “With the help and assistance from our partner, the Trust for the National Mall, as well as guidance from the National Mall Plan, I’m confident we will raise not only the standards by which parks best communicate to the visitor, but also to make clear visitors are in one of this nation’s National Parks.”

The wayfinding project is a \$2.2 million effort funded through the National Park Service’s Centennial Initiative in partnership with the Trust for the National Mall. The full project includes the design, fabrication and installation of pedestrian wayfinding and regulatory signage on the National Mall and East Potomac Park. All existing pedestrian signage will be replaced with unified elements for effective visitor information. The signs will provide wayfinding while preserving open space and viewsheds. The sign system, when finished, will be composed of approximately 500 signs and include operational signs (containing regulatory/restrooms/food service information), wayfinding signs (containing directional signs/map directories information), and identification signs (containing park facilities information).

## National Park Service App for National Mall and Memorial Parks

The official National Park Service app for National Mall and Memorial Parks will be coming soon to the Apple iTunes App Store and Google Android Market. While you are visiting Washington, D.C., use it to explore many of the United States’ cherished cultural and historical sites—from the Lincoln Memorial to the White House. The app covers 70 sites in all.



Some of the app features include...

- Map - Official National Park Service map of the core tourist area in Washington, D.C. Designed for ease of use while outdoors, the map has large type sizes, walkways that are easily distinguishable from roads, and three levels of zoom. By tapping the “Locate me” icon you will always know where you are.
- Park Lens – Find out what is around you with augmented reality. Just hold your device up and labels will appear identifying all sites on the National Mall.
- Walking directions – Get from one place to another by following a line on the map or as list directions. Estimated walking times are given.
- Accessibility – Audio described images combined with the built-in iOS accessibility features allow full enjoyment of the National Mall and Memorial Parks.
- Tours – Follow a recommended tour depending on how much time you have, or your special interest—from presidents to military monuments to off the beaten path. The app maps the route for you.
- Sites – Learn more about points of interest with lively text, professional photographs, and engaging podcasts under the “Album” button. The “Info” button has the site’s location, hours of operation, nearest Metro station, and other essential information.
- Events and News – Get up-to-date information from the National Park Service about what is happening at National Mall and Memorial Parks.
- Postcard – Send a digital postcard to friends and family from the National Mall with the click of a button.
- Park Partner – The Trust for the National Mall strives to make the National Mall the best park in the world. Learn more about the essential help that they provide at [www.nationalmall.org](http://www.nationalmall.org).
- Small size – Weighing in at 13.7MB, the app will download relatively quickly via a 3G cellular connection or the free Wi-Fi available on the east end of the National Mall.

For more information visit:  
[www.nps.gov/nama/photosmultimedia/app-page.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nama/photosmultimedia/app-page.htm)



# Ranger Q & A

## Ranger Gil Lyons

*National Park Service Ranger Gil Lyons was born and raised here in DC, but the Washington of Gil's youth was another world. Gil remembers Benning Rd. N.E. Washington, DC as a country area where most people grew their own vegetables, raised chickens, and some even kept hogs. He says, "You could hear frogs at night."*



Ranger Gil Lyons (left) with World War II veteran Robert Cherry.

**Q. What were the significant experiences you had growing up?**

A. I remember visiting Suburban Gardens located at 50th and Hayes St. This was the first all African American amusement park in the area, very similar to Glen Echo Park. It was founded by African American investors in the 1920s. Suburban Gardens had ferris wheels, swimming pools, games of chance, picnic grounds, and a large dance pavilion where famous jazz musicians performed. In those days, blacks could get into Glen Echo Park but...could not get into any of the amusement areas and ride the cars.

On Fourth of July, of course our families went to the National Mall and the National Zoo because they were open to everyone. In Washington, DC segregation laws were easier, but once you went over the 14th St. Bridge, you got into Virginia which had much more stringent social codes.

**Q. When did you join the military and what was life like in the American Army?**

A. In 1949 I went to 16 weeks of army base camp at Indian Town Gap in Harrisburg, PA. I went into the reserves until I was called into active duty in 1952. We were in Inchon, Korea heading north where all the fighting was. We saw a lot of action that summer, fall, winter, and spring. I was even shot! I was in the communication section, laying telephone lines between companies in the front lines.

**Q. What was it like to go from a rural area in northeast Washington to war in Korea?**

A. You did not think about it. All you focused on was survival. We were pioneers of integration. In our training camp, we had little problem with abusive language or fighting among different races. One guy who said that he was not going to share sleeping quarters with a bunch of blacks was given a pop-up tent and told to help himself outside. When we got to Korea, things got even better. We became one tight family unit. If one got



Ranger Lyons interpreting at the African American Civil War Memorial

hurt the whole unit hurt.

War is hell. It changes you because you witness things young people should never have to witness. However, it also changes you for the good because you learn to grow up fast when you realize how quick life could be lost. You also learn that no matter where you are from, people are the same and want the same things out of life. I started to see my life through the eyes of Koreans who did not share America's history of racism. To them I was just an American. In the end, I am glad that I joined the US Army because I learned to defend freedom for everyone.

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## Eastern National Bookstores



National Mall and Memorial Parks is a very inspiring and powerful place, but your experience does not have to end in Washington, D.C. Continue learning more about park sites and American history by visiting the many Eastern National bookstores throughout the park. Capture the moment, take home a book, and explore the ideas and values that make visiting National Mall and Memorial Parks such a stirring experience. Eastern National, a park partner, operates four bookstores located at:

Washington Monument Lodge  
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Lincoln Memorial  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
Sept. 7 - Mar. 25: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Mar. 26 - Sept. 6: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
Memorial  
Sept. 7 - Mar. 25: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Mar. 26 - Sept. 6: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Washington Monument Lodge

[www.easternnational.org](http://www.easternnational.org)

## Park Concessionaires

Guest Services, Inc. manages all retail operations for National Mall and Memorial Parks. This includes refreshment kiosks and gift stores throughout the park. They also operate the following recreational opportunities...



GUEST  
SERVICES

**Tidal Basin Paddle Boats**  
202-479-2426  
[www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com](http://www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com)

**East Potomac Tennis Center**  
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[www.eastpotomactennis.com](http://www.eastpotomactennis.com)



Tourmobile Sightseeing provides live, narrated shuttle tours with hop on/hop off service. You choose where to stop, stay as long as you want, then reboard and ride to another historic location. Purchase your tickets directly

from the driver at any tour stop or any seasonal ticket booth.

Adults: \$32.00  
Children 3-11: \$16.00  
202-554-5100  
[www.tourmobile.com](http://www.tourmobile.com)

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**How Well Do You Know Your Civil War History?**

The Emancipation Proclamation was a misunderstood document. Solve the puzzle to find out what it did accomplish. Place letters in the numbered boxes above that coincide with the numbers underneath your answers. Use last names only in appropriate spaces, but initials may be first, middle and last names.

1. Who was the commander of the Army of the Potomac from mid-1863 to the end of the Civil War?

31 29 27 30 60

2. The Underground Railroad Conductor's initials:

44 43

3. Who was the first person offered command of the Union Army?

17 45 57

4. What Union General's victories in the Western Theatre practically saved Lincoln's political career?

54 14 3 4 37

5. Confederate General Ambrose Powell Hill's initials:

20 25 99

6. Who was the President when the 13th Amendment process was started?

26 10 12 16 15 35 24

7. Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's first and second initials:

46 92

8. Who was in charge of finding President Lincoln's assassins?

95 21 47 61 63 32 42

9. Abraham Lincoln's first initial:

34

10. Who made up 10% of the Union Armies by the end of the Civil War?

8 68 87 6 5 18 66  
76 2 1 48 51 52 62 90 82

11. General Ulysses S. Grant's first initial:

77

12. Who commanded the 54th Massachusetts Regiment - the first African American unit formed in the north?

67 53 55 49

13. General Phillip Sheridan's first initial:

75

14. Who established Arlington Cemetery?

19 69 22 91 78

15. Lincoln's first Vice President's initials:

59 93

16. Who was the naval officer that supported General Grant in taking Vicksburg?

7 11 33 9 74 71

17. Andrew Johnson's title (initials) in Lincoln's second term:

56 73

18. What Union General made the statement, "Let us look before us, and not behind," that encouraged Confederate partisan warfare in Northern Virginia?

13 41 85 79

19. President Lincoln's main goal was to preserve the:

N 89 23 81

20. What document did the Southern states withdraw their allegiance from in order to secede?

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21. The river that separated Washington, DC from the Confederacy and had a Union Army named after it:

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22. The coehorn mortar is angled \_\_\_\_\_ ward.

83 84

23. General Edward Hatch's initials:

94 50

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For answers to the puzzle visit Survey Lodge Ranger station or contact Ranger Kathryn Williams at: Kathryn\_Williams@nps.gov



# KIDS' Column



## Secrets of the Washington Monument



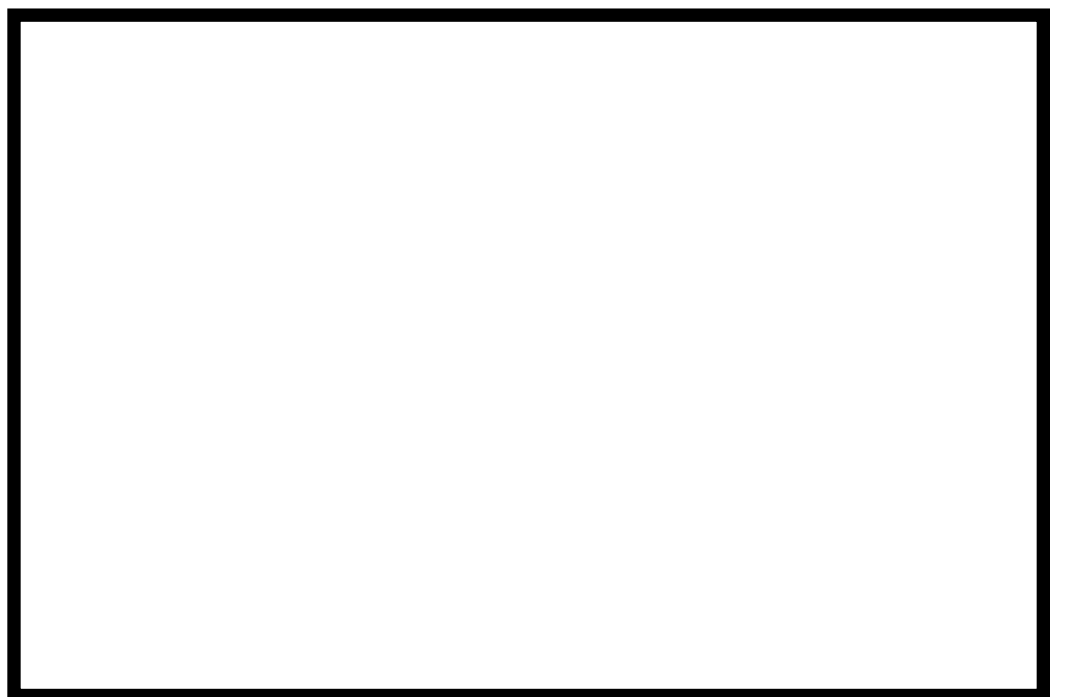
### Why is the Washington Monument two different colors?

During construction in the 1850s, the Washington National Monument Society did not have enough money to finish the work. Construction stopped and did not continue again until the late 1870s. By then, the builders had to use stone from a different quarry even though it did not match.



### What's Inside?

The Washington National Monument Society accepted donations and commemorative stones from different states, cities, countries, and organizations who wanted to honor George Washington. The inside walls of the Washington Monument are lined with 193 of these special stones. View all of the stones online at [www.nps.gov/wamo](http://www.nps.gov/wamo).



What would your commemorative stone look like? Design your own here!

**Message from the Superintendent**

June is a great time to experience National Mall and Memorial Parks. Our ranger staff are here daily from 8:30 a.m. until midnight to present programs throughout the National Mall and to make your visit safe and memorable. During June we offer a wide variety of programs including bike tours, walking tours, running tours, and ranger talks at each of the Memorials.

As always we welcome feedback from you on your experience so please contact us at the address listed on the front of the newspaper or e-mail us your comments at: [NAMA\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:NAMA_Superintendent@nps.gov).

Thank you for visiting, and we hope you have a wonderful experience at National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Acting Superintendent  
Mike Caldwell

“Monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

National Park Service Organic Act

August 25, 1916

**Trust for the National Mall**

The Trust for the National Mall is the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to restoring and improving the National Mall. To learn more visit:

[www.nationalmall.org](http://www.nationalmall.org)  
Twitter: @thenationalmall  
Facebook.com/TrustfortheNationalMall  
Email: [information@nationalmall.org](mailto:information@nationalmall.org)



**Old Post Office Tower**

This unique site stands on Pennsylvania Avenue near the halfway point between the White House and the Capitol. The Old Post Office Tower ranks third in height among the buildings of the Nation’s Capital, soaring to a majestic 315 feet. At the 270 foot level, there is an observation deck allowing visitors an awe-inspiring view of Washington D.C. and the surrounding area. Beneath the observation deck is the tower clock, now more than a century old. On the tenth floor are the beautiful Bells of Congress. These bells are replicas of those at London’s Westminster Abbey and were a Bicentennial gift from the Ditchley Foundation in England.

[www.nps.gov/opot](http://www.nps.gov/opot)

**Operating Hours**

**Summer: Memorial Day through Labor Day**

Monday through Saturday  
9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Sunday and Holidays  
10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

**Winter: Labor Day through Memorial Day**

Monday through Saturday  
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday and Holidays  
10 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.



**Ranger Programs:**

Park Rangers are available throughout the tower to provide information. Have a question? Just ask!

**Talk for the Tower on the Half-Hour**

Daily at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.

The Old Post Office Tower always has time for you. Do you have a few minutes for the Tower? Join a National Park Service ranger to learn what connects Ben Franklin to this fascinating piece of iconic architecture on Pennsylvania Avenue - America’s ‘Main Street.’ Meet at the Ben Franklin statue along Pennsylvania Avenue. Call 202-606-8691 for more information.

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**Q. What was your first park experience?**

A. I came to National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) as a volunteer. I came down to the Korean War Veterans Memorial dedication and was asked by one of the volunteers to join them.

I tried it, and before I knew it, I had 1815 hours, nearly as many as the rangers who worked there. The superintendent heard about this and asked me to give him my resume. And that is how I joined the National Park Service.

**Q. What are the best parts of being a ranger on the National Mall?**

A. The best parts of being a ranger at the Mall are that you get to meet so many interesting people, you get to give different programs at different sites, and you get to take part in all kinds of special events. Every time I get ready to retire, something wonderful happens at work, and I feel that I need to stick around a little longer. The inauguration of Barack Obama was one of these events for me.

**Be sure to visit the updated Lincoln Memorial website! <http://www.nps.gov/linc>**

Highlights include a Lincoln Memorial Construction Flipbook and an Interactive Site. The flipbook utilizes historic photographs to tell the story of the memorial construction from inception to completion. You can experience a virtual walk-through of the memorial, and listen to ranger reflections of the memorial and its history on the Interactive Site.

