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A June 18, 1870 Harper's Weekly image shows President Grant meeting with several Sioux chiefs. Though promising at first, Grant's "Peace Policy" ultimately failed. November is American Indian Heritage Month.

## The Justice of Humanity: The Nuremberg Trial

By Ranger Heidi Dietze

It has been estimated that over 11 million people were killed by the Nazi regime between 1933 and 1945: by starvation, disease, death marches, randomly attacked on the street and in the state-created ghettos, worked to death at labor camps and gassed at extermination camps. These victims included "enemies of the state," such as Jehovah's Witnesses, communists, and Russian POWs, "moral" opponents such as criminals and homosexuals and those deemed "racially inferior," the Romani, or gypsies, the physically and mentally disabled, and Jews. Two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population, about six million people, disappeared in 12 years.

In the fall of 1943, the leaders of the Al-

lied countries, American President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin, met in Moscow to determine the fate of Nazi war criminals. In what came to be known as the Moscow Declaration, the leaders declared they had become aware of "atrocities, massacres and cold-blooded mass executions . . . being perpetrated by Hitlerite forces in many of the countries they have overrun and from which they are now being steadily expelled" and that these forces would be held accountable for their actions. Roosevelt said after returning from Moscow, "None who participated in these acts of savagery shall go unpunished. All who share in the guilt shall share in the punishment." But how exactly were they to be



Allied leaders Joseph Stalin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill.

Nuremberg continued on 5

## Pacific Theater POWs: The Essence of Endurance

By Ranger Neil Koch

The hardships American prisoners of war (POWs) faced in Japanese prisons during World War II evoke compelling representations of fortitude, endurance and teamwork. Over 100,000 Americans were captured worldwide during the war, less than one-third of those were held in Japanese prisons. The first Americans were taken captive in December 1941 and the last in August 1945. Unfortunately, most Pacific Theater POWs had little hope for humane treatment as Japan refused to ratify the Geneva Convention (1929).

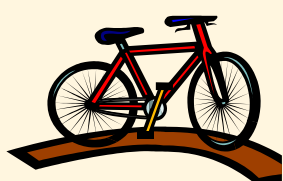
Japanese military personnel encouraged death over surrender. To be held captive was considered shameful, cowardly and weak. Consequently, American survival rates in Pacific Theater prisons were nearly 10 times lower than in European camps. In 1946, Dr. Marcel Junod, International Red Cross delegate to the Far East stated, "... the historical background of the Japanese is directly opposed to the spirit embodied in the Geneva Convention. A Japanese soldier who goes to war submits himself to a ceremony which signifies abandonment of any idea of returning to his homeland."

American troops had minimal preparation for being held captive, yet little could have trained them for the test of Japanese prisons. The battle weary men were routinely beaten,

POWs continued on 5

## Safety Corner

The National Mall's paths and sidewalks are great for recreation, exercise, and bike commuting, but did you know biking and running are prohibited inside the memorials?



Please be considerate of others by parking bicycles at bike racks and walking through the memorials while you visit.


# Ranger Programs and Activities

We have Ranger Talks  
**EVERY DAY - ALL DAY**  
at all the major sites!

## Key

-  Ranger Program
-  Walking Tour
-  Bike Tour
-  Running Tour
-  American Indian Heritage Program

## Wednesday, November 2

-  **The Jeffersons and Peales: A Friendship Between Families – Program**  
10 – 10:30 a.m.  
2 – 2:30 p.m.


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## Thursday, November 3

-  **Leaders of Mass Movements – Program**  
2 – 3 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King, Jr. were three leaders who made great strides in struggles for civil rights at times of great social crisis in America. Come to learn more about these leaders and their accomplishments. Meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Joe Mohr at 202-359-1532.

## Friday, November 4

-  **B-29's Over Japan - Program**  
6 - 7 p.m.

In November 1944 the American bomber called the B-29 began its bombing campaign against Japan. These were dangerous missions for the crews of these planes, and were part of the overall strategic bombing against the Axis during WWII. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.


## Saturday, November 5

-  **People of the Civil War – Bike Tour**  
1 - 4 p.m.

Mary Surratt, Clara Barton, Lee, Grant, Sherman, Meade, Lincoln, and Hancock are names familiar to the American Civil War. How are they connected to the city of Washington between 1861-1865? How did they become famous? All bike tours meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.

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-  **The Early Days of Pennsylvania Avenue – Walking Tour**  
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Stroll down Pennsylvania Avenue with a Park Ranger to examine the earliest visions of Washington, D.C., the wilderness from which it sprang, and the struggle to put the American Capital City on the Potomac. Meet at Freedom Plaza Fountain on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Jason Barna at 202-606-8691.

-  **Robert Graham's New Deal Room at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial – Program**  
3 - 3:30 p.m.

If you are perplexed by Robert Graham's five columns and corresponding wall of 6' x 6' reliefs (Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial's Second Term Room), it's time to hear that they are a highlight of the memorial's sculptural program and why. Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Burger at 202-497-1397.

**Where:** Lincoln, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, World War II, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Thomas Jefferson Memorials

**When:** 10 a.m., 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 p.m.

-  **The "Indian New Deal" – Program**  
3:30 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month! Join us after a 3 p.m. introduction to the New Deal section of the Second Term Room at Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial to learn about the "Indian New Deal." Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. For more information contact Park Ranger Jan Burger at 202-497-1397.

-  **Remembering Our Korean War Veterans - Program**  
6 – 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the Korean War Veterans Memorial; a symbol of recognition for the sacrifice of those veterans who faced fear and adversity with great personal courage while fighting in the sweltering summers and the frozen winters of the Korean Mountains. Meet at the Korean War veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Victor Pillow at 202-286-1624.

## Sunday, November 6

-  **What the Tower Saw – Walking Tour**  
2 - 3 p.m.

The Old Post Office is a structure built in 1899 that has witnessed 112 years of protest and demonstration. Delve into past and present issues that drive citizens to march on Pennsylvania Ave. Meet at the Old Post Office Tower plaza near the Benjamin Franklin statue on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Julia Clebsch at 202-606-8691.

## Monday, November 7

-  **The Air War Over Europe - Program**  
6 – 7 p.m.


The Air War Over Europe was one of the Allies first major efforts against the Axis in Europe. It was an effort that had the crews on the brink of sheer terror. Hear some of the horrendous stories of the missions, and learn about the men who flew them. Meet at the south entrance of the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Park Guide John McCaskill at 202-271-7859.

## Tuesday, November 8

-  **Lafayette: America's Foreign Founding Father - Program**  
6 – 6:45 p.m.

The Marquis de Lafayette, Washington's most trusted General, was France's greatest contribution to victory in the American Revolution. This remarkable man stood high in the trust of such renown American founding fathers as Jefferson and Adams. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Matthew Hornberger at 202-359-7080.

## Wednesday, November 9

-  **The Jeffersons and Peales: A Friendship Between Families – Program**  
10 – 10:30 a.m.  
2 – 2:30 p.m.

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## Thursday, November 10

-  **Veterans Day at the African American Civil War Memorial for Kids! – Program**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.


Come to the African American Civil War Museum and Memorial to learn about the United States Colored Troops and honor their service during the American Civil War. Grades K-12. Meet at the African American Civil War Museum. For more information contact Ranger Jennifer Epstein at: Jennifer\_Epstein@nps.gov or 202-438-9584.

-  **Celebrate the Restoration of the District of Columbia War Memorial - Event**  
11 a.m.

Event to include military music and distinguished speakers. The event is planned in partnership with the DC Preservation League, the World War I Foundation, and the Trust for the National Mall. For more information call Survey Lodge Ranger Station at 202-426-6841.



## Friday, November 11

-  **The Jeffersons and Peales: A Friendship Between Families – Program**  
10 – 10:30 a.m.      2 – 2:30 p.m.


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-  **The Presidency of Warren G. Harding - Program**  
2 – 3 p.m.


Our 29th President, Warren G. Harding, oversaw an administration filled with scandal and intrigue. Learn about the life and times of this fascinating President. Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial entrance. For more information contact Ranger Matthew Furman at 240-882-8290.

-  **Untold Tales of Pennsylvania Avenue – Walking Tour**  
2 - 3 p.m.

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


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-  **Welcome Back to the District of Columbia World War Memorial! – Program**  
2 – 3 p.m.      4 – 5 p.m.  
6 - 7 p.m.      8 – 9 p.m.

The District of Columbia World War Memorial is dedicated to remembering those of the District who gave in their lives in the "Great War" of World War I. Come tour the site with a Park Ranger, and learn about its history and its recent renovations! Meet at the World War II Memorial information kiosk. For more information contact Ranger Don Stanko at 240-375-4857.


## Saturday, November 12

-  **Campaign Madness - Chit-Chat Run**  
8 – 9 a.m.


Get ready to hit the Campaign Trail! Take a run around the National Mall with some stops to hear about some notable Presidential Campaigns and slogans of election years past. The route will cover approximately 3 miles. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.


-  **War and Peace: American Indians' Journey – Walking Tour**  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Discover the hidden connections between the National Mall's monuments and American Indians' struggle for freedom. We will visit several memorials and statues on this 2.5-mile walk ending at the National Museum of the American Indian. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Nathan King at 202-329-7713.



-  **Birds & Battles of D.C. – Bike Tour**  
1 - 4 p.m.


Come and learn about the natural history of D.C. and the history of Washington. We will cover topics ranging from the War of 1812, the burning of Washington in 1814, WWII, and some of the natural and man made changes that have happened. All bike tours meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.


 **The Life of General Casimir Pulaski – Program**  
**2 – 2:30 p.m.**  
 Join Park Guide David Newson to examine how one Polish nobleman, enthralled with freedom and democracy, aided our quest for independence through his struggle to improve the American cavalry in the Revolutionary War. Meet at the General Casimir Pulaski Statue on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Park Guide David Newson at 202-606-8691.

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**Sunday, November 13**

  **Washington’s Waterfront - Chit-Chat Run**  
**8 – 9 a.m.**  
 Explore Washington’s historic waterfront from early Native American settlements to the decorated development of the District. Route will cover approximately 3.5 miles with interpretive stops. Please provide your own water. For more information contact Ranger Neil Koch at 202-438-6640.


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**Wednesday, November 16**


 **Women of the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial - Program**  
**6 – 7 p.m.**  
 Many women served with bravery and distinction in the Vietnam War. The young woman who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial had to demonstrate courage as well to see her vision become reality. Come and hear all their stories. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.


**Friday, November 18**


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 **The Battle of Tarawa - Program**  
**6 - 7 p.m.**  
 The invasion of Tarawa in the central Pacific was the one of the bloodiest events in the Marine Corps history. In November of 1943 this tiny atoll made the headlines in the U.S. because of the high cost of Marines lost in the invasion. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O’Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Sunday, November 20**


 **Kids, Pets, Their Parents, and Their Owners – Family Bike Tour**  
**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
 Two famous presidents gave speeches that would be named after their pets and much is known about FDR’s Fala, but little is known about the pets of others. Like the last cow to reside at the White House, their names have been long forgotten. All bike tours meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.

 **Kids, Pets, Their Parents, and Their Owners – Bike Tour**  
**1 - 4 p.m.**  
 Come hear about the “Tails” that roamed the halls of the White House and entertained the kids and the kid within the presidents. One kid’s pet turkey even received a presidential pardon! Find out which president had a cow and who preferred cats! All bike tours meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.


 **African American Life on Pennsylvania Avenue - Walking Tour**  
**2 – 3 p.m.**  
 Historically, African-Americans played a vital role in the everyday activities of Pennsylvania Ave. Join Ranger Yates and explore the lives of some of those people who contributed to the lively pulse of this great artery of the Nation’s capital. Meet at the Freedom Plaza Fountain on Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. For more information contact Ranger Shunda Yates at 202-606-8691.


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 **The Chosin Reservoir - Program**  
**6 - 7 p.m.**  
 In November 1950 United Nations troops in the Chosin Reservoir were attacked by large numbers of Chinese troops. Among those U.N. troops were U.S. Marines. Come hear how these soldiers braved the invasion while in the midst of a bitterly cold winter. Meet at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O’Brian at 202-438-7066.


**Sunday, November 27**

 **What the Tower Saw – Walking Tour**  
**2 - 3 p.m.**  
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**Tuesday, November 29**

 **Evening Nature Walk – Walking Tour**  
**6 – 8 p.m.**  
 Explore the Tidal Basin and search for evening night critters. Look, Listen, and Feel nature’s scenery, sounds, and sensations. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight and water. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial steps. For more information contact Ranger Kristel Nelson at 202-497-1357.

**Wednesday, November 30**

 **Thurgood Marshall Remembered – Program**  
**10 – 10:30 a.m. 2 – 2:30 p.m.**  
 It would have been a delight to hear the conversations as first African American supreme court justice Thurgood Marshall crossed paths with Roy Wilkins, Charles Hamilton Houston, and LBJ. We remember Thurgood Marshall with an airport and sculptures by Antonio Mendez. Meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Joe Mohr at 202-359-1532.

**Why is the Washington Monument Closed?**

On Aug. 23, 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake, centered in Virginia, sent tremors throughout eastern North America. This seismic activity affected several Washington, D.C. landmarks, including the Washington Monument. National Park Service engineers and experts in historic preservation and earthquake engineering immediately assessed the physical impact in order to determine the best way to repair this national treasure and restore public access.

Completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1884, the Washington Monument honors George Washington for his service in the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) and for voluntarily giving up the office of President of the United States after two terms. The Monument remains the world’s tallest freestanding stone structure, having weathered other earthquakes, including one in 1897 with a magnitude of 5.9. For up-to-date information, photos, and videos, visit online at :

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



A structural engineer inspects the exterior of the monument.



NPS staff inspect debris inside the Washington Monument.

## 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 five bookstores:

- Washington Monument Lodge  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Lincoln Memorial  
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial  
9 a.m. - 10 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:

### Tidal Basin Paddle Boats

202-479-2426

[www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com](http://www.tidalbasinpaddleboats.com)



GUEST SERVICES

## 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.

### Ranger Programs: Talk for the Tower on the Half-Hour

Daily at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

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

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

### Operating Hours

Winter: Labor Day through Memorial Day

Monday through Saturday  
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday and Holidays  
12 - 5:45 p.m.



## Welcome Back!



The District of Columbia War Memorial is back to its original beauty thanks to the restoration efforts by:

National Park Service  
DC Preservation League  
World War I Foundation  
Trust for the National Mall

### Celebrate the Restoration of the District of Columbia War Memorial!

Commemorative Event

Thursday, November 10

11 a.m.

Events include speeches from distinguished guests and patriotic music played by military bands. For more information contact the Survey Lodge Ranger Station at 202-426-6841.

## Trust for the National Mall

This month, the Trust for the National Mall will celebrate its fourth birthday. Established in 2007 by former Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, the Trust is the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to restoring and improving the National Mall. In four short years, we have made great strides in making the National Mall the best park in the world. You can see many of them as you explore the National Mall during your visit.

Our first contribution to the National Mall was a \$2.2 million way-finding system, funded equally by the Trust and a federal contribution. The system was designed to make the visitor experience more enjoyable. Before the new signage was installed, there were more than 100 types of signs scattered throughout this 770-acre space, most of which did not include several memorials. The signs you see today are complimented by the National Mall App, available for iPhone and Android. The app allows visitors to build custom tours, take and share photos, and learn about the rich history of the National Mall.

Today, thanks to our partnership with The Coca-Cola Company and the National Park Service, the National Mall has its first-ever recycling program. Hopefully you have seen (and used) some of the 350 blue recycling bins placed throughout the National Mall. Since their installation in July of 2010, the program has led to a 16% increase in recycling on the National Mall.

The Trust and the NPS also devoted a great deal of time work-

ing together to educate the public on the needs of the National Mall. As a result, in 2009, the National Mall received \$70 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for three projects on the National Mall. As you have probably seen, the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool is undergoing massive repairs; the floor of the pool is being anchored to bedrock to prevent leaks and a recirculating water system is being implemented to keep the water clean. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial seawall underwent 18 months worth of reconstruction and will be re-opened soon. And the District of Columbia War Memorial, which just last year had turned almost black from exposure, has been totally restored. That memorial will reopen this month.

But this is only the beginning. Last month, the Trust launched the National Mall Design Competition which will yield sustainable, beautiful and useful redesigns for three major areas called out in the National Mall Plan: Union Square at the foot of

the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument Grounds at Sylvan Theater and Constitution Gardens. We are dedicated to making the next four years as productive and positive for the National Mall as our first four years. We will enhance educational opportunities for visitors, continue to implement green technology throughout the park and employ the best and brightest from around the country to fulfill the National Mall Plan in creative, respectful ways. Together, we will make the National Mall the best park in the world. To learn more please visit:



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

Twitter: @thenationalmall

Facebook.com/TrustfortheNationalMall

Email: [information@nationalmall.org](mailto:information@nationalmall.org)

punished; were they to be rounded up and summarily executed or put on trial?

There were many people, including Roosevelt and Churchill, who wanted summary executions. At the Quebec Conference in August 1944, they issued a statement that read a judicial process was inappropriate for “arch-criminals such as Hitler, Himmler, Goering, and Goebbels . . . Apart from the formidable difficulties of constituting the Court, formulating the charge, and assembling the evidence, the question of [the Nazi leaders’] fate is a political and not a judicial one.” They did not believe these individuals deserved a trial.

But there were others, like Stalin and U.S. Secretary of War Henry Stimson, who felt a trial was the right thing to do. Stimson wrote in a September 1944 memo that a trial would embody “the rudimentary aspects of the Bill of Rights.” He recommended an international tribunal to charge Nazi officials with offenses against “the laws of the Rules of War in that they committed wanton and unnecessary cruelties in connection with the prosecution of the war.” These were rules upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court and should be “the basis of judicial action against the Nazis.” He was in favor of a trial over summary executions in order to avoid the impression that the Allies were seeking vengeance and thus avoid laying the foundation for yet another war so soon after this most recent one.

When Roosevelt suddenly died in April 1945, Harry Truman became president and, unlike his predecessor, supported a trial. Once Germany surrendered in May 1945, ending the European theater of the war, other high-ranking government and Allied officials followed suit and a trial was agreed upon. Since there was no precedent for such an event, the London Charter was issued on Aug. 8, 1945 which laid down the laws and procedures by which the trial would be conducted. The International Military Tribunal (IMT) would be made up of judges and prosecutors from three Allied countries, the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union, plus the recently liberated France.

The German city of Nuremberg was chosen as the trial site for symbolic reasons. Nuremberg had hosted the annual rallies for the Nazi party during the 1930s and was associated with the 1935 racial laws that deprived Jews of their German citizenship. The city’s Palace of Justice, unlike many government buildings in Germany, was largely untouched from extensive Allied bombing and was large enough for a trial of this size. Conveniently, it also had an attached prison to hold the defendants.

Who to indict for the trial was a source of debate for the IMT. Twenty-one individuals who had been arrested or had surrendered to Allied forces were chosen as being the best cross-representation of the Nazi party hierarchy. (This number does not include Adolf Hitler, SS leader Heinrich Himmler or Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels; they had committed suicide at the end of the war and would not be tried posthumously.) The defendants were allowed to choose their own legal counsel and were indicted on four counts: crimes against peace, waging a war of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity, defined by the IMT as “murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation . . . or persecutions on political, racial, or religious grounds.” They all pled not guilty.

The trial formally opened on Nov. 20, 1945 to a packed courtroom of over 400 observers. Twenty-three countries sent correspondents to cover the trial for the press and translators were brought in to provide simultaneous translations in English, German, French and Russian. The chief prosecutor for the United States, Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, opened his case with the statement, “The wrongs which we seek to condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant, and so devastating that civilization cannot tolerate their being ignored because it cannot survive their being repeated.”

Over the next nine months the IMT argued its case using evidence found in the mounds of documentation created by the defendants during the war: log entries, diaries, and signed orders were brought forth to show proof of guilt. Hans Frank voluntarily handed over his journals that included numerous entries confirming his guilt of crimes against humanity. Though he had initially pled not guilty, Hermann Goering, Hitler’s second-in-command, assumed “sole responsibility” for the government’s “official acts,” but not of the extermination programs which he claimed to know nothing about. The other defendants had similar defenses. They had been “just following orders” and had been unaware of the existence of the extermination camps. Many claimed that this trial was their first time hearing about the camps. The prosecutors did not believe them.

On Oct. 1, 1946 the judges delivered their verdict. Three defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment, four to prison terms of 10 to 20 years and three were acquitted. Twelve were found guilty and sentenced to death, including Hermann Goering, whose verdict read, “There is nothing to be said in mitigation . . . His guilt is unique in its enormity. The record discloses no excuses for this man.” Eleven were hanged two weeks later; Goering committed suicide in his cell the night before his execution.



Hermann Goering on trial.

Over the next few years there were 12 more trials, known collectively as the Subsequent Nuremberg Trials, for specific groups of Nazi officials, including judges, the SS and doctors who performed medical experiments in the camps. These were not held in front of an international military tribunal but instead were held by the U.S. military. The first Nuremberg trial in 1945 remains the largest and most well-known trial prosecuting Nazi war criminals and its historic importance cannot be overstated. As prosecutor Robert Jackson said in his opening statement, “We must never forget that the record on which we judge these defendants today is the record on which history will judge us tomorrow . . . We must summon such detachment and intellectual integrity to our task that this trial will commend itself to posterity as fulfilling humanity’s aspirations to do justice.”

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View inside the courtroom.

tortured and murdered. Malaria, cholera and beriberi were rampant; drinking water was scarce - running water often nonexistent. The majority of prisoners survived on starvation rations and resided in crudely constructed, overcrowded barracks. Many slept on lice-ridden bunks and endured steady exposure to extreme temperatures. Captives had little-to-no contact with the outside world. Forced labor became part of life. In March 1946, former POW USMC Col. J. Gillespie documented his camp’s conditions. “Latrines were located within 25 feet of barracks (. . .) Rice of inferior grade containing much filth and dirt, weevils and beetles. Flour issued for the evening soup moldy and stale. Cooking oil served usually rancid.” Constant uncertainty tormented prisoners as they watched others buried alive, pushed off cliffs, and used for medical experiments and bayonet practice. Death rates for American POWs soared to nearly 40 percent. Giving up would have been easy; surviving was the challenge.

#### POWs from page 1

Sharing a common misery, POWs needed a positive outlook and cast iron will power to survive. They developed fierce camaraderie and devised ingenious ways to pass time and boost morale. Prisoners held lectures, played cards and performed skits. They risked all to write poetry, draft diaries and draw cartoons on tattered tin can labels. Wood ash was used as toothpaste, carved coconut shells whittled into belt buckles and papaya leaves dried to substitute tobacco. Bets were placed on whether those with dysentery could make it to the latrine in time.



Bas relief panel showing the liberation of POWs from Ray Kaskey’s artwork found at the World War II Memorial.

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# National Mall App




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## BEHIND THE BADGE

### Profiles of the National Mall's Park Rangers



Ranger Lowell Fry's Interpretive Programs are favorites among visitors.

Ranger Lowell Fry grew up on a dairy farm near Buffalo, NY. He says, “Loved the environment. It was a place of quiet pastoral beauty, with woods, fields, and hills, on a back pasture was a large rock deposited during a glacial age. There were wild elderberry bushes, which came in handy for pies. The work was another matter! Fixing fence with underbrush in the oppressive heat and biting mosquitoes was definitely not my life calling. Grandma lived next door, and I grew up listening to stories of the 16th President. Her Union Army father even saw Lincoln! She also spoke of another family member, an abolitionist, who helped nominate Lincoln. I didn't know then that one day I would be talking about him and the Civil War to the public.”

**Q. Where did you go to college and what did you study?**

**A.** I graduated from Houghton College, also in upstate NY, with a BA in history.

**Q.** When and how did you get into music?

**A.** I had been encouraged in my teen years to study voice. If there's any talent there, the Lord gets the credit, through my father. When I turned 30, I started music lessons. Eventually, I moved to Europe where I sang in the chorus in several theaters in the former east Germany, doing operas and operettas.

**Q.** What was your first park job like?

**A.** After four years in Germany I returned to the United States. I began working as a ranger here on the Mall in the spring of 1996. After working here a bit, I realized that interpretation was my niche.

**Q.** What was your first National Park experience as a visitor?

**A.** I remember a movie I saw on TV as a kid. It had Cary Grant in it, and for some reason I remember seeing him walking along the Tidal Basin. Why that stuck with me, I don't know. But here I am 40 plus years later, working there and at the other memorials as well.

**Q.** You continue to be an avid student of history. What are some of the subjects that you research?

**A.** While living in Europe, I loved seeing the castles, cathedrals, walled towns and art treasures. The medieval period is fascinating, but I am definitely glad I didn't live during that time—even though I trace my ancestry back to Charlemagne. Fun to know, even though he was not a very pleasant character.

As far as history on the Mall, it's easy giving talks at Lincoln, World War II, FDR, and the Dr. King Memorials. Just last week, I held in my hand the original receipt for payment to a substitute to serve in the Union army. The man was paid \$800 to be in the military for three years. That's about \$20,000 in 2011 dollars. Thankfully, it appears that the substitute was neither killed nor captured.

It's a privilege, too, to talk with those of the World War II generation. In doing research for my talk on the atrocities of Hitler's camps, I spoke with a nonagenarian. He was pretty spry, and more healthy than I am, as he has all of his original teeth! He was a vet, and learned only fifty plus years after the fact that his parents had been gassed at Chelmno. Not surprisingly, his eyes filled with tears. We must never forget! Churchill said, “Beware, lest the next stone age return on the gleaming wings of science.”

**Q.** What do you enjoy about working as a Ranger on the Mall?

**A.** I love doing research and giving oral presentations to the public. This was the first job I have had that is in any way connected to my degree. I also love to read, so my job gives me an excuse to buy history books! I'm working at something I love. The neat people I interact with, both as fellow workers and visitors from the four corners of the globe, the stuff I learn from them as well as from research... what rewards. I am richly blessed indeed!

# KIDS' Column



## POTOMAC RIVER

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"Potomac" is a European name for the Algonquin tribe that lived along its banks.

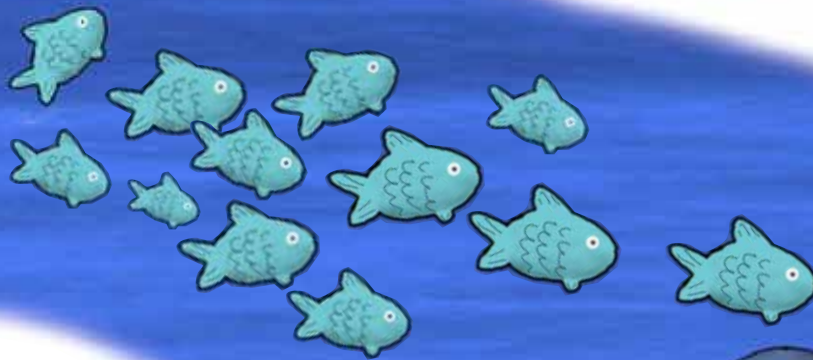
Some say it means "the place where people trade" or "the place to where tribute is brought."

Algonquian-speaking American Indians called the river **Cohongarooton** which means "river of geese."

These people used the Potomac River primarily as a food source. In various seasons, they harvested fish, crabs, oysters, and migratory birds like geese and ducks. The edges of the rivers were also rimmed with villages.



**IF YOU HAD THE CHANCE TODAY,  
WHAT WOULD YOU NAME THE  
RIVER?**



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**For more information contact  
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The African American Civil War Museum and Memorial are located at 10th and U St., NW, in the historic Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC.

# National Mall Map



## Major Attractions

### 1 Lincoln Memorial

A temple to “The Great Emancipator” who saved the Union, the Lincoln Memorial attracts anyone who seeks inspiration and hope. Museum, restrooms, and elevator are located on the lower level. Bookstore on the upper level. For cell phone tours, dial 202-747-3420.



### 4 World War II Memorial

The Second World War brought Americans together to defend freedom at home and abroad. This memorial commemorates the spirit of unity and honors the sacrifice of over 400,000 American lives in defense of freedom. Restrooms are located near the information booth.



### 7 Thomas Jefferson Memorial

An enduring reminder of the author of the Declaration of Independence and a staunch advocate for freedom, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial is located in a beautiful natural setting. Bookstore, elevator, and restrooms on the lower level.



### 2 Vietnam Veterans Memorial

This place of healing and remembrance honors the men and women who served when their nation called upon them. The Three Servicemen Statue and Vietnam Women’s Memorial are located nearby. For cell phone tours, dial 202-595-0093.



### 5 Washington Monument

A tribute to our first president, the iconic Washington Monument towers above the capital city. *The monument is closed due to earthquake damage; see page 3 for more information.* Bookstore and restrooms located on 15th St. east of the monument.



### 8 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Completed in 2011, the newest memorial on the National Mall honors the civil rights leader and proponent of peace, justice, and equality. Bookstore and restrooms located at the memorial on West Basin Drive.



### 3 Korean War Veterans Memorial

From June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, United Nations forces fought to defend freedom on the Korean Peninsula. Visitors are reminded of the hardships and sacrifice endured during the conflict, and that “Freedom is Not Free.”



### 6 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

A sprawling memorial in a park setting, the FDR Memorial honors the legacy of our nation’s longest-serving president. Restrooms located at the north and south ends of the memorial. Bookstore located on the north end of the memorial.



### 9 Old Post Office Tower

Enjoy the view of downtown D.C. from the bell chamber of this historic building on 12th and Pennsylvania. Food court and other amenities available.



## Activities:

Ranger talks and site tours begin every day on the even hours - 10 a.m., 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 p.m. at Lincoln, Vietnam, Korea, World War II, FDR, and Jefferson Memorials. More programs on page 2.

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