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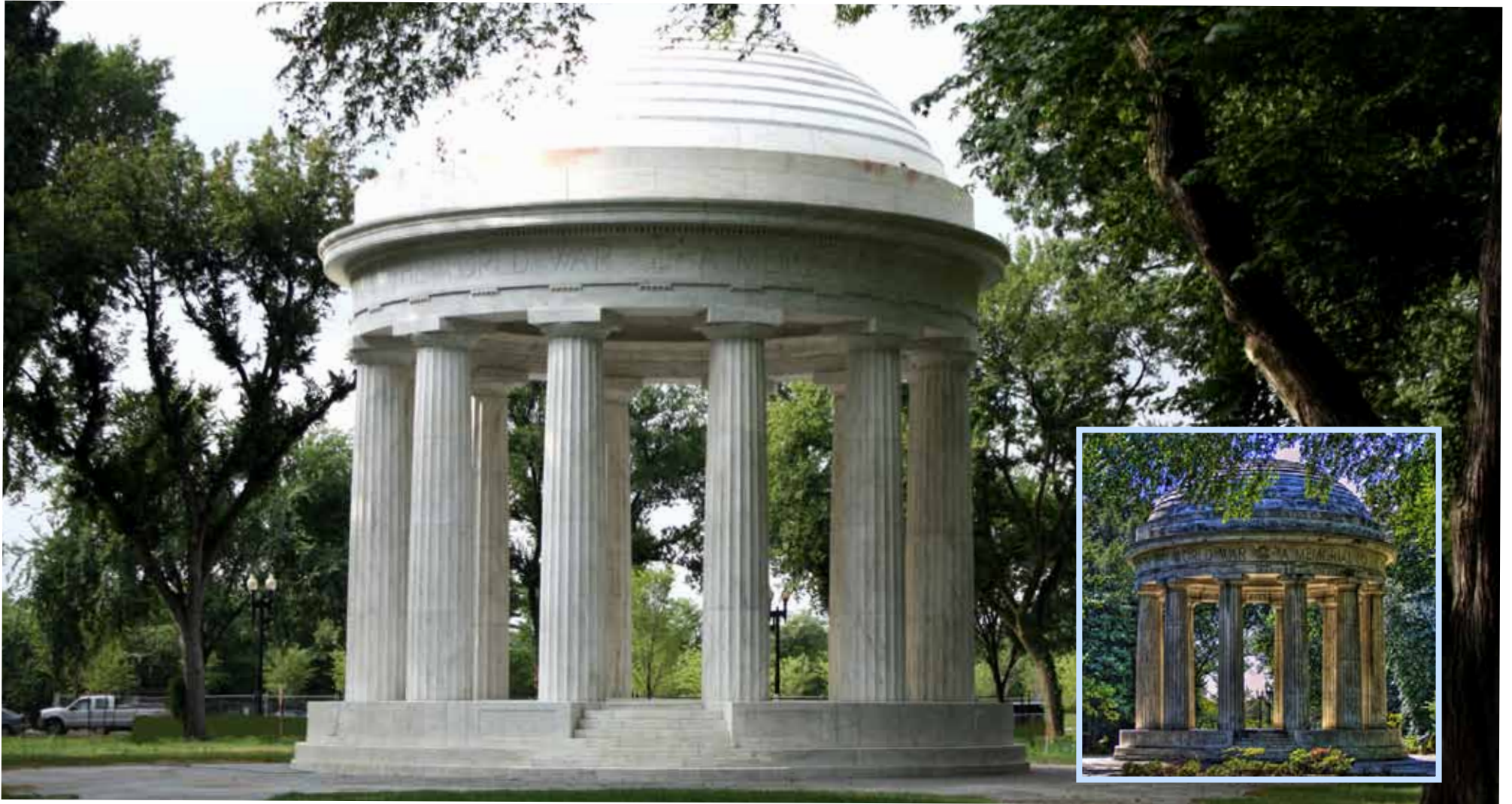
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The recently-restored District of Columbia World War Memorial, before (inset) and after restorations, is located along Independence Ave. just north of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

The First and the Last of the Great War

By Ranger Mark Ragan

Of the 65,038,810 military personnel involved in World War I, commonly referred to as the Great War, more than 4.7 million were from the United States. On February 27, 2011, the last American World War I veteran died at home in West Virginia. Cpl. Frank Buckles had lied about his age and joined the U.S. Army in 1917 at the age of 16, wanting to “go to France” as soon as possible. The French were in desperate need of ambulance drivers, so he volunteered for training with the 1st Casualty Detachment at Ft. Riley, Kansas. By December of that year he found himself in England, serving as a driver for various officers.

Desiring to get across the channel as soon as possible, he volunteered to drive for an officer separated from his departed unit, and finally landed in France.

There he drove ambulances, motorcycles, and cars in various capacities until the Armistice in November 1918. He found himself transporting German prisoners back to Germany until the surrender in 1919, and then served on occupation duty until being shipped home in 1920.

Buckles worked for many years for shipping companies, often aboard ships or at

port locations. In 1940 he began working for such a company in Manila, Philippines, where he was still employed when Japanese forces invaded in 1941. With the surrender of the Philippines in 1942, Buckles became one of many civilian prisoners held in prison camps with now infamous names of Santo Tomas and Los Banos. It was in this latter camp that Buckles was liberated in February 1945 during a raid by the U.S. 11th Airborne Division.



Frank Buckles on his visit to Washington in 2006.

After the war Buckles moved to San Francisco where he met and married his wife. In 1954 he and his wife settled down on a farm near Charlestown, W.V., where he drove a tractor until age 106.

Just two years later at 108, Buckles visited the District of Columbia World War Memorial on the National Mall. He was part of a group advocating for the restoration of what had become the de facto “national” World War I Memorial. Having the sole surviving American WWI veteran visit such a site, made those in attendance realize what a real and personal connection he provided to what the memorial represents. He was a living, breathing transport back in time to when the U.S. went to war in 1917.

Whereas Frank Buckles was our last real connection to The Great War, perhaps the first connection was Legionnaire

Great War Continued on 5

Army Air Corps or Army Air Force?

By Ranger Dave Rappel

At the World War II Memorial visitors can find computer touch screens that allow them to search the World War II Registry of those Americans who served in the war. Veterans of the armed forces may be searched for by branch of service, that is, the U.S. Army, Navy, Army Air Forces, and Marine Corps. Occasionally, a veteran will insist that he never served in the Army Air Forces; he was in the Army Air Corps. The truth is... he was probably in both.

During the First World War, the U. S. Army Air Service was created to train pilots, acquire aircraft, organize air units, and develop air tactics. After the war, the Air Service became a permanent branch of the army like the infantry or the Corps of Engineers. On July 2, 1926 the name was changed to Army Air

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IT IS HOT!

With extreme summer heat remember to:

- Drink water!
- Take a break in the shade.
- Wear sunscreen!
- Drink more water!

Ranger Programs and Activities

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


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.


Key

-  Ranger Program
-  Walking Tour
-  Bike Tour
-  Running Tour

Saturday, September 3


 Hard Rock and Heavy Metal .. Walking Tour
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
5 – 7 p.m.

No guitars here! But there's plenty of granite, marble, and bronze! Enjoy a walk between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, and discover the symbolism of the monuments and memorials within the broader framework of the nation's capital. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Brad Berger at 202-438-4173.

 People of D.C. .. Bike Tour
1 – 4 p.m.


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. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.

Sunday, September 4

 Bird Walk .. Walking Tour
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2 - 4 p.m.


Discover the diversity of bird life found in downtown Washington, D.C. as we stroll along the Tidal Basin. This activity is open for all skill levels including those who have never gone birding before! Please provide your own binoculars. Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Bookstore lobby. For more information contact Ranger Nathan King at 202-329-7713.

Tuesday, September 6

 Johnson in Vietnam .. Program
6 – 7 p.m.


President Lyndon B. Johnson increased the number of ground forces in Vietnam in 1964. Because of this decision, America's involvement in Vietnam became more controversial. Come and learn about LBJ's decisions. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

Friday, September 9


 The Wall .. Program
6 – 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday, September 10

 What is beyond the Thomas Jefferson Memorial? .. Chit-Chat Run
8 – 9 a.m.


Hains Point is the southern tip of a two-mile long island with a storied past. Join a Ranger on a 4 mile run around this island to learn about cherry trees, speedways, and WWI barracks that were built on the National Mall. Meet in the plaza on the southern side of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Nikolette Williams at 202-438-7066.

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 Washington: The Man Behind the Monument .. Program
11 -11:30 a.m.


Discover the fascinating life of George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, first president of the United States of America, and the inspiration for the towering Washington Monument! Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Chris Gwinn at 202-329-8064.

 This Day in History – 9/11 .. Bike Tour
1 – 4 p.m.

Millions of lives worldwide were changed on September 11, 2001. On this tour we will be exploring some of the issues leading to that tragic day and what has emerged ten years later. Warning: some material may be unsuitable for younger riders. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.


 Four Score and Four Years: From Civil War to World War II .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.

On this walking tour we will visit sites marking three deadly 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.


 Long Live the Revolution! .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.

Please join us as we explore how and why Latin America freed itself from Spain from 1810 to 1826. Meet at the Foggy Bottom Metro Station. For further information contact Ranger Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.


Sunday, September 11

 Shady Ladies .. Chit-Chat Run
8 – 9 a.m.


Mistresses, spies, and conspirators have been the downfall of politicians/politics the world over, including Washington, D.C. Explore the sites and stories behind the scandals and intrigue here in the nation's capital. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Susan Martin at 202-437-1888.

 Bird Walk .. Walking Tour
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2 - 4 p.m.

Discover the diversity of bird life found in downtown Washington, D.C. as we stroll along the Tidal Basin. This activity is open for all skill levels including those who have never gone birding before! Please provide your own binoculars. Meet at the east side of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Bookstore lobby. For more information contact Ranger Nathan King at 202-329-7713.


 Tidal Basin Walking Tour .. Program
6 – 8 p.m.

Join us for a two-hour tour to enjoy the beauty of Washington's Tidal Basin! We will learn a little bit of its history, and investigate the various memorials that surround it. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Don Stanko at 240-375-4857.

 United States Navy Memorial .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.


Please join us as we explore the U.S. Navy's role in the Second World War. Meet at the United States Navy Memorial Memorial on Pennsylvania Ave. For further information contact Ranger Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

Monday, September 12

 "I Have a Dream" at the Lincoln Memorial .. Program
6 – 6:30 p.m.


Forty-eight years ago Dr. King shared his eloquent vision of what this nation could become. Have a seat on the steps and listen to the soaring words of the famous speech that changed the course of American history. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Park Guide Susan Philpott at 233-3520.

Tuesday, September 13

 Chillin' With a Ranger .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.

Avoid the brutal Washington heat and learn about some of D.C.'s sites and memorials, not all well known, in the late afternoon. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.

Thursday, September 15


 Kiev: The Soviet Encirclement .. Program
6 – 7 p.m.

The Battle for Kiev is considered the largest encirclement in history where roughly over 600,000 men surrendered to the Germans in September 1941. How did this happen? Why did it happen? Come and learn more about this particular history of WWII. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

Friday, September 16


 Selective Service Act of 1940 .. Program
10 - 11 a.m.

President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. How did the draft created by this Act differ from previous ones and what were its implications for the future? Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Steve Hazelton at 202-329-4578.


 The Wall .. Program
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Saturday, September 17

 George Washington's Farewell Address in 1796 .. Program
9:30-10:30 a.m.


Come hear the echoes of George Washington's Farewell Address. His sage advice reverberates through the ages: "As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit." Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Ed Fleming at 240-375-5904.

 United States Constitution 224th Birthday .. Program
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join Park Rangers in 1776 attire in remembering the United States Constitution on its 224th Birthday. Sign a birthday greeting with a quill pen, and learn more about the Constitution. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Mike Rose at 202-619-7225.

 Story Behind the Speech: The Gettysburg Address .. Program
1 -1:30 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address remains one of the more powerful and inspiring speeches in American history. Join a Park Ranger and learn the remarkable story behind the words that define the nation! Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Chris Gwinn at 202-329-8064.


 Long Live the Revolution! .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.

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 Who Won the Civil War? .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.

Appomattox ended America's bloodiest war with a Union victory. But was the North the true victor? And who were the real losers? Wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Lowell Fry at 202-438-9603.


Sunday, September 18

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 The Mall and the "Arc of the Moral Universe" .. Bike Tour
1 – 4 p.m.

In 1791 Peter L'Enfant designed the Federal City to serve as a reminder of the Nation's journey towards its goal. Join us to see how the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial fits into this symbol of the American "arc of the moral universe." Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.


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 Victims of Communism Memorial .. Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.


The Victims of Communism Memorial honors the 100 million victims claimed by Communist regimes. Join us as we explore what Communism is, how it spread throughout the world, why it took so many lives, and how many different people fought it. Reservations not required. Meet at the Victims of Communism Memorial in Washington, D.C. For further information contact Ranger Michael Balis at 202-438-9710.

Monday, September 19

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Wednesday, September 21


 The Madison – Jefferson Political Alliance .. Program
6 – 6:45 p.m.

These two Virginians joined forces to successfully play hardball politics. However, Jefferson frequently, and unfairly, overshadowed Madison. Find out why Jefferson needed Madison, and what joint and individual legacies they left behind. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul Maisto at 240-375-6375.

Thursday, September 22


 Lincoln and Douglas .. Program
2 – 2:30 p.m.

In 1858, a series of debates with Stephen Douglas put Abraham Lincoln firmly on the national political scene. On the anniversary of one of these debates, learn how this event led to Lincoln becoming president. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Dave Rappel at 202-359-1533.

 A Bridge Too Far .. Program
6 – 7 p.m.


The Market Garden military operation was supposed to position Allied troops behind the German lines in September 1944. It was a failure. However, despite it being a military failure for the Allies, the event was chronicled in a famous book and later turned into a movie. Why was it a failure? Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

Friday, September 23


 The Wall .. Program
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Saturday, September 24

 FDR and the Shrinking Washington Monument .. Program
10 - 11 a.m.


Can you make the Washington Monument shrink in front of your own eyes? Come judge for yourself! Meet at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Steve Hazelton at 202-329-4578.

 Photography and the Civil Rights Movement .. Program
3 – 3:45 p.m.

The Civil Rights Movement coincided with a golden age of photojournalism. Without it the movement would not have been as successful. Join us to look at the photographers who made the nation an eyewitness to this great historic era. Meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.


 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 Volunteer J. McCaskill at 202-271-7859.


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 Family Bike Tour: Off the Beaten Path .. Bike Tour
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.


These tours are shorter in time and mileage than our normal tours and focus on a family friendly learning environment. Rangers provide a fun and interesting tour that engages the whole family in a low traffic park setting. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.

 Off the Beaten Path .. Bike Tour
1 – 4 p.m.


You may have seen them on a map, driven past them hundreds of times, or even walked up to one of them out of curiosity. In a city full of colossal and iconic memorials to great men and even greater deeds, these statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance can be found all over DC, yet, their stories have gone largely untold, until now. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayad at 202-438-3456.

 Martin Luther King's Stride Towards Freedom .. Program
3 – 4 p.m.

Join us in the first of a series of discussions of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s books to see how his messages still hold water. This time: Stride Towards Freedom (1958). Freedom Songs Sing-Along will follow at approximately 4 p.m. Meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.


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Wednesday, September 28

 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 their stories. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Kathy Kagle at 202-438-5377.

Thursday, September 29

 Walking into the 20th Century .. Walking Tour
6 - 8 p.m.

The WWII Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are 20th century memorials on the National Mall. WWII and the Cold War are the major themes of these memorials. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

Friday, September 30

 The Wall .. Program
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Eastern National Bookstores



Serving the Visitors to America's National Parks and Other Public Trusts

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

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.



GUEST SERVICES

They also operate the following recreational opportunities:

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www.eastpotomactennis.com

Trust for the National Mall

by Trust for the National Mall

This month, the Trust for the National Mall will launch the National Mall Design Competition for three major areas: Union Square, the Washington Monument grounds at Sylvan Theater, and Constitution Gardens. The Trust is the official non-profit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to restoring and improving the National Mall. Over the next eight months, designers from across the country will participate in this incredibly exciting initiative to transform these three important spaces while protecting the historic vistas and structures around them.

As one of the earliest public spaces in our nation, the National Mall has undergone many changes over the last two centuries, and its facilities and infrastructure are no longer able to accommodate uses that were never contemplated by earlier designers. Aging facilities, some from the 1800s, have exceeded their life expectancy and require extensive renewal and repair. Last Fall, Secretary of the Interior Kenneth L. Salazar signed the National Mall Plan, a visionary blueprint for the future of the park. The resulting Plan proposes to respectfully rehabilitate and refurbish the National Mall to meet the needs of visitors now and for future generations.

The National Mall Design

Competition presents a unique opportunity for designers to creatively and respectfully address the challenges the Mall Plan presents. The three project areas included in this Competition, have functional and pragmatic needs to be addressed, but just as important is the contribution that each area will add to the collective sense of place. The challenge to each participating designer and design team is to look beyond the basic program, to consider what the utility the design will have for future generations as well as how each individual area contributes to the collective whole of the National Mall.

From Robert Mills' classic obelisk design for the Washington Monument to Maya Lin's once-radical Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, design competitions have been integral to the evolution of the National Mall. We look forward to stewarding this next phase of redesigns, which will make the National Mall a role model for modern and sustainable urban landscape design within the context of an historic space.

To learn more about the Trust's mission to make the National Mall the best park in the world, visit www.nationalmall.org. Or, to learn about the Design Competition, visit www.nationalmall.org/designcompetition.

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Washington Monument Information

At 1:51 p.m. on August 23, 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake in Virginia damaged the Washington Monument.

The Washington Monument is closed while engineers assess and repair the damage to the structure. No tours are available.

For up-to-date information, visit online at www.nps.gov/wamo.



Debris fell within the observation deck as the building shook.



Daylight shines through a crack in the outer wall.



A huge exterior block cracked on the west face.



Debris covers the stairs on the museum level.

Great War from page 1

Edward Stone, who was killed by shrapnel from an artillery shell near Craonnelle, France on February 17, 1915 . . . over two years before the U.S. entered the war. Being a *Soldat de deuxieme classe* (soldier of second class, basically a private), and an American citizen, he was assigned to the 2d Regiment, Legion Etrangere or Foreign Legion as a legionnaire.

Stone grew up in a wealthy Chicago railroad family, attending Milton Academy in Massachusetts, as well as Harvard College. After graduation in 1907 and a couple of years at Harvard Law, his life changed radically with the death of his father from a fireworks accident on Independence Day. This was followed by the deaths of his mother, a brother, and sister within a few years of each other. Stone then looked outside the country to get beyond the tragedies, taking a position as personal secretary to the U.S. Minister to Argentina. With this experience he decided a diplomatic career was on his horizon, and set off for Paris to perfect his knowledge of French, then the "international language" of diplomats.

August 1914 found Stone enjoying the easy-going pleasurable life of pre-war Paris. When the first call to arms sounded he resolved to fight for the country which had shown him hospitality. Stone and his comrades, with thousands of other foreign volunteers, marched across Paris to the Hotel des Invalides, and in the vast courtyard were received by the French authorities. As rapidly as the men could be passed upon by the army doctors, they were placed into special "marching regiments" of the Foreign Legion, and sent away to training stations. By the end of September they were on their way to the front, with Stone as a machine-gunner, and the only American in his company. For two weeks the legionnaires marched back and forth across the monotonous Champagne countryside, thrown about with the wreckage and debris of battle.

Orders to go up to the Rheims Mountain battle line caught up with them, and were received with enthusiasm. Singing as they went, the Legionnaires marched toward the sound of the cannon. On February 17, 1915 Stone was with his machine gun at an advanced point in the line, near Craonnelle. The enemy suddenly started a heavy bombardment. Fearing that it was

preparatory to a surprise attack, Stone stood by his machine gun, instead of taking shelter in a dugout. With the bombardment intensifying, several shells exploded near his position, and he was hit by shrapnel. As soon as it began, the shelling stopped, and stretcher bearers took Stone to a dressing station.

A surgeon who treated him wrote, *"I found Stone with a hole made by a shrapnel ball in his side, probably left lung penetrated. There was no wound of exit, so the ball stayed in. He was carried by stretcher-bearers from the front-line trench, where I applied the first dressing, to a hospital. I did not see him anymore, but heard he had died of his wound. There was very little help we regimental doctors could do for the wounded, I am sorry to say. All we could do for them was to see they were carefully moved back out of the firing zone after a first dressing. You can tell his people he always did his duty as a soldier, and died like one; of this I am sure."*

Edward Mandell Stone had died 10 days later at a hospital in Romilly-sur-Seine on February 27, 1915, and was buried in a little cemetery nearby. Frank Woodruff Buckles now joins him and the 4.7 million other American comrades-in-arms of The Great War.

Although Frank Buckles never had the chance to see the District of Columbia World War Memorial restored to its former glory, his inspiring visit and testimony before Congress paid off. The memorial has been carefully cleaned, re-pointed, new lighting installed, the surrounding grounds opened up for better viewing, and the long since stolen Great Seal of the United States rotunda plate recast and placed. Eighty years to the day since its dedication by President Hoover, accepting it "for the people of the United States," a grand re-dedication on the former Armistice Day (Veterans Day) November 11, 2011 will take place. The brilliantly illuminated marble rotunda, built to hold, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, will once again resound with the marches of John Philip Sousa. The spirits of Corp. Buckles and Legionnaire Stone will be standing shoulder to shoulder as visitors from now on recall the sacrifices of the 4.7 million Americans who answered the call to go "over there."



Legionnaire Edward Stone

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.



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., 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 Park 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.

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
12 - 5:45 p.m.

Winter: Labor Day through Memorial Day

Monday through Saturday
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Sunday and Holidays
12 - 5:45 p.m.

Air Force from page 1

Corps. Air Corps units were assigned to the army's various geographical commands such as the Philippines Department or the Third Corps Area. The office of the Chief of the Air Corps was responsible for training, research and development, and supply of equipment unique to the Air Corps.

A major step in the evolution of American air power was taken on March 1, 1935 with the creation of General Headquarters Air Force. This new organization commanded all Air Corps tactical units in the United States except observation squadrons (it was thought the mission of observation units required them to be under the control of the ground force headquarters they supported). General Headquarters Air Force was a major army command separate from the office of the Chief of the Air Corps; it was redesignated Air



Force Combat Command on June 20, 1941 and placed under a new headquarters: Army Air Forces. All aspects of army aviation were now under one headquarters.

The Army Air Forces was responsible for almost all army air activities in the United States and for providing aircraft, personnel, and aviation supplies to army air units overseas. Because of these significant contributions to victory, the Army Air Forces are commemorated at the World War II Memorial. Visitors can see their insignia on the flagpoles, the B-17 bomber and crew on a bas relief panel along the north entrance walk, and the "Air War in Europe" campaign engraved in stone below the Atlantic pavilion. And of course, the names of these brave servicemen and women are honored in the WWII Memorial Registry. To look up a name, or to add one, please visit: www.wwiimemorial.com.


National Mall App

Use this fun tool to enhance your National Mall experience! The app is free and downloads in minutes (13.7 MB). The app is currently available in the Apple iTunes App Store. Features include:

- **Augmented Reality** - Hold your camera up and the “Park Lens” feature will identify your surroundings.
- **Maps & Directions** - Plan your route using easy-to-read maps or use the “Locate Me” tool.
- **Sites** - Get in-depth information, podcasts, and more on the monuments and memorials on the National Mall
- **Tours** - Select a walking tour or create your own suited to your interests and time available.
- **Accessibility** - Built-in iOS accessibility capability
- Plus events, news, postcards, and more!



Use your phone's QR Reader to download the free National Mall app now!



Cell Phone Tours

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

Explore the award-winning interactive Lincoln Memorial website:

<http://www.nps.gov/linc>

- Interactive Panoramas
- Ranger Videos
- In-Depth Information



Paul Maisto Park Ranger

Ranger Maisto was born in New York City and lived on Long Island, but spent a portion of his formative years in Europe. When Paul was five, his family moved to the Netherlands, then later moved to Turkey for two years. Living in Turkey was easier academically if not culturally, but socially Paul had to work hard to fit in. Upon returning to the United States, Paul remembers visiting the National Mall at the age of 17, and being moved by the grandeur of the cityscape.

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

A. I attended Georgetown University, majoring in Government. Several years later, I earned my Masters in Public Administration at George Washington University. I have been interested in public policy, government, history and politics since I was about 11 years old. My college experience met my expectations, since I attended my first choice of schools in a city where I wanted to be. The course of

study suited me as well as the conservative nature of the institution. I was enthusiastic about my environment within and without the confines of campus. I felt I belonged given Georgetown was a Catholic institution with students drawn from the middle Atlantic and northeast. The experience was significant in the sense that I profited from my college in acquiring maturity, growth, wisdom, and spirituality.

Q. What was your first impression of the National Mall?

A. The National Mall has always represented for me the cityscape of Washington. It speaks to where I am and where the nation has been. As long as I have lived here, the Mall has been both a destination and scenery. Bicycling or the dedication of a new memorial frequently brought me here. While attending college here, I would situate myself on the fifth floor of the library so I could break with a view of the National Mall and remember my greater world.

Q. What was your first park experience as a visitor?

A. My first park experience was probably Fire Island National Seashore. A lasting impression, however, remains with me of the

scenic splendor of the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area. I became familiar with this park when I lived in Morristown, New Jersey. Canoeing the Delaware River and island hopping were exhilarating through October. Fall foliage hikes were also memorable. It was hard to believe I was in the wilds of urban and populous Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Q. What was your first National Park Service job?



Ranger Paul Maisto

A. While in college, my first job with the National Park Service was at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Theodore Roosevelt's estate in Oyster Bay, New York. I was the fire control aide during my first college semester, “the fire extinguisher” for the Roosevelt mansion and the surrounding eighty-eight acres. The succeeding summers I was part of the interpretive staff immersed in “Teddy Lore.” For a long time thereafter, I often cited this as the best job I had held. Visitors absolutely delighted in Theodore Roosevelt. The rapt attention anecdotes and collected stories of the Roosevelt family led to satisfying interpretive moments.

To be paid for something I enjoyed was a revelation to me in my early twenties.

Q. What is the best part of being a ranger at the Mall?

A. Immersing myself in history amidst the iconic landscape and watching visitors revel at “my office.”

KIDS' Column



Get back into school and education in the park!

For the past seven years National Mall and Memorial Parks has partnered with Lanier Middle School in Fairfax, V.A. as part of the Expanding Visions program. These 7th graders get the opportunity to learn about National Park Service careers in math and science!



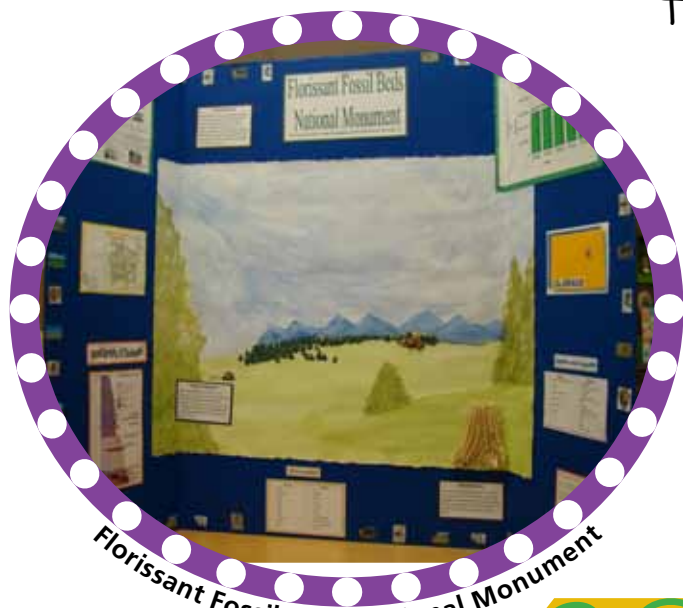
Cabrillo National Monument

What do they do?
A TON OF FUN STUFF!

The partnership includes ranger classroom presentations, plus a field trip to the National Mall in the spring!



Hampton National Historic Site

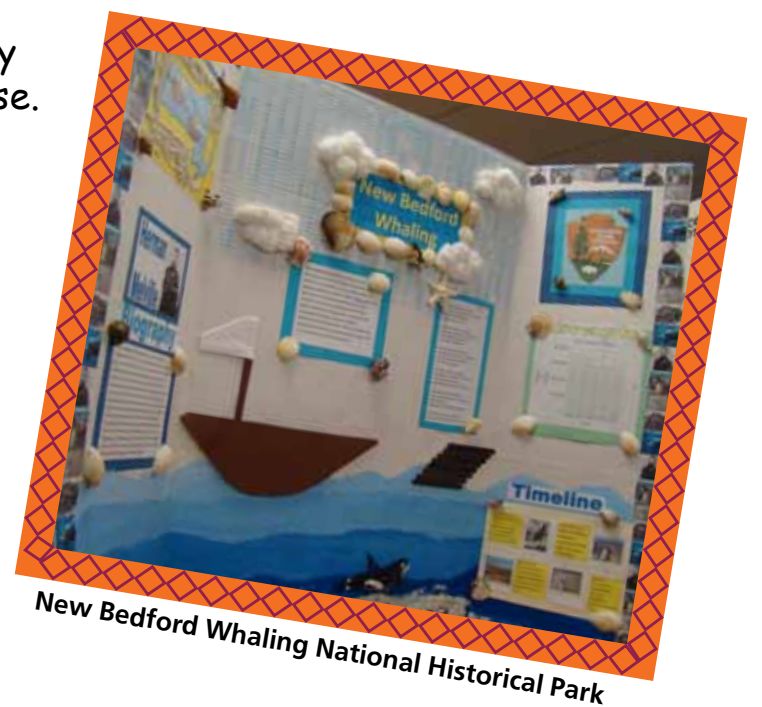


Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

This year, students picked the name of a park out of a ranger hat.

Then throughout the year they researched the park they chose.

Here are some of the great projects that the students created!



New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park



Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Become a Junior Ranger!

Junior Ranger books are located at the Survey Lodge Ranger Station and at most memorials.



Collectible Civil War Trading Cards Come to National Mall



Every visit to a national park during the Civil War sesquicentennial is a chance to collect free Civil War Trading Cards!

Each card has a photo and facts about people, places, and events of the Civil War now represented and protected in national parks. Find out about Civil War leaders memorialized on the National Mall through more than a dozen trading cards, then go find the statues around town!

There are more than 100 Civil War trading cards to collect in the Washington, D.C. area national parks. Look for more collectible cards in national parks around the country.

Visit Survey Lodge Ranger Station to start building your collection today! Cards are also available at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Vietnam Veterans, Korean War Veterans, World War II, and Thomas Jefferson Memorials.

National Mall Map



The free National Mall app includes maps, site information, and custom tour routes!

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 towering tribute to our first president, the Washington Monument overlooks the city named for George Washington. *Tickets are required to enter the monument*; see page 7 for details. 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.



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