

National Cemeteries

Maintenance Action Teams

Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund



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The National Park Service (NPS) manages 14 national cemeteries that honor our country's fallen military heroes. These tranquil and hallowed grounds are maintained as historic landscapes that protect the final resting places of those who served. The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) is supporting vital restoration and preservation projects in these sacred spaces.

The GAOA-funded Maintenance Action Team (MAT) program was established in 2021 to address facility projects at small parks. MATs consist of skilled trades workers, along with interns and service corps (via cooperative agreements), regionally located near multiple national park units. They temporarily bolster the workforce at parks with critical, and specialized, maintenance and repair needs. The NPS made national cemeteries a MAT emphasis area and has undertaken work at 13 cemeteries through 2025.

Legacy Restoration Fund Maintenance Action Team Projects at National Cemeteries

National Cemetery	State	# of Projects ¹	Project Cost (\$)
Andersonville National Cemetery	GA	6	\$ 1,132,234
Andrew Johnson National Cemetery	TN	2	\$ 404,897
Antietam National Cemetery	MD	1	\$ 155,934
Battleground National Cemetery	DC	4	\$ 1,001,936
Fort Donelson National Cemetery	KY	1	\$ 319,618
Fredericksburg National Cemetery	VA	3	\$ 471,872
Little Bighorn National Cemetery	MT	2	\$ 217,872
Poplar Grove National Cemetery	VA	2	\$ 405,235
Shiloh National Cemetery	TN	1	\$ 317,500
Soldiers' (Gettysburg) National Cemetery	PA	2	\$ 379,650
Stones River National Cemetery	TN	3	\$ 368,924
Vicksburg National Cemetery	MS	1	\$ 298,127
Yorktown National Cemetery	VA	1	\$ 350,000
Total		29	\$ 5,823,799

¹ A \$14.4M project to 'Rehabilitate Chalmette National Cemetery' at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve funded through the Legacy Restoration Fund is not reflected in this project list.

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National Cemetery Maintenance Action Team Project Spotlights



Preservation of National Cemetery Monuments

Andersonville National Historic Site



Photo Caption: *Illinois Monument at Andersonville*
Photo Credit: *NPS Andersonville*

Andersonville National Cemetery was established to provide a permanent place of honor for those who died in military service to our country. The initial interments, beginning in February 1864, were trench burials of the prisoners who died in the nearby military prison. In fourteen months, nearly 13,000 soldiers were buried there. Today the cemetery contains nearly 20,000 interments.

Work on this project included the conservation and cleaning of all stone surfaces, repointing of failing masonry joints, and the conservation and cleaning of all bronze figures and plaques. Monuments within this scope include: the Minnesota, Maine, Indiana, New York, Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Odd Fellows Monuments.

Perform Preservation Maintenance on Monuments at Antietam National Cemetery

Antietam National Battlefield



Photo Caption: *Private Soldier Monument looks over the cemetery.*
Photo Credit: *NPS Antietam/BBaracz*

Antietam National Cemetery is the final resting place for 4,776 Union soldiers who fought in the Battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Monocacy, and other action in Maryland. In addition, more than 200 non-Civil War dead are also buried here, including veterans and their dependents from the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, and Korea.

This project included the preservation of granite on the Private Soldier Monument and three smaller monuments. The work on these monuments was a park priority due to their historic significance and their role in telling the story of those who fought and died in the Civil War. The crew meticulously cleaned each monument and replaced loose or missing mortar joints.