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Superintendent Bob Kirby Takes the Reins

He has already hit the ground running. Bob Kirby's background with 36 years of public service, including ten years as Superintendent of Petersburg National Battlefield, makes him uniquely qualified for his new role as Superintendent at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. At Petersburg National Battlefield he completed a general management plan, implemented battlefield rehabilitation projects, created vibrant volunteer programs, managed a national cemetery, and was even in negotiations to acquire a historically significant train station next to the park.

Superintendent Kirby's priorities include: continuing the success of the partnerships with the Gettysburg Foundation, Main Street Gettysburg, and others in the Gettysburg community; continuing battlefield rehabilitation projects; increasing visitation to Eisenhower National Historic Site; planning, coordinating, and promoting the upcoming 150th of the Civil War; and giving park employees the resources they need to accomplish the vital mission of preserving the parks unimpaired for future generations and providing for the enjoyment of our visitors today.

"We have an opportunity with the upcoming commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War to make the national parks more relevant," Kirby explains. "Enhancing relevance, stewardship of the national parks, education programs in the parks, and im-



Superintendent Bob Kirby

proving the training and safety for our workforce are four goals of the National Park Service director Jon Jarvis -- and I heartily endorse them."

Kirby began his superintendency at Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS on March 1. He had been superintendent of Petersburg National Battlefield in Virginia since 2001. Previously he had served as assistant superintendent at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, a 70,000 acre park located in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Kirby's prior assignments include chief of interpretation at Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell, Mass. 1990-1995; as an environmental protection specialist, Defense Logistics Agency, Ogden, Utah

1986-1990; outdoor recreation director with the Department of the Army in West Germany, 1983-1986; and assignments as a district ranger, sub-district supervisor, and interpretive ranger at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco from 1974 to 1983.

Kirby has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies and a Master of Science degree in Recreation and Park Management from San Francisco State University. Bob and his wife, Beth, have two children, Megan and James.

Replanting More Missing Orchards and Woods at Gettysburg

Thanks to a donation from the Apache Foundation, contractors at Gettysburg National Military Park are replanting two more historic orchards this spring. The grant is providing orchard trees as well as more than 3,000 native hardwood trees to replant missing woods that affected the fighting at Culp's Hill and at the Philip Snyder farm. The work is part of a long term project to return major battle action areas on the Gettysburg battlefield to their appearance at the time of the fighting in July 1863.

The new orchard trees include hardy varieties of apple to replant the historic north orchard at the Frey farm and the Patterson orchard, both located along Taneytown Road.

In 1863, almost every farm of any size in Gettysburg had orchards.

The orchards played many roles during the battle: troops took cover in them; they could be used to conceal movement; and they were places to gather to rest or seek medical assistance.

The Gettysburg Foundation secured the donation of trees from the Apache Foundation and they are funding the planting of all the trees.

Since 2000, the park has replanted 110 acres of orchards at 35 historic sites, and 43 acres of trees to re-establish wooded areas.

The Gettysburg Foundation is funding multiple projects on the battlefield this year: burying overhead utility lines in the southern portion of the battlefield; removing an intrusive restroom building at Devil's Den; the demolition of two recently acquired modern houses on located Emmitsburg Road on the historic Philip Snyder farm; and removal of the old visitor center parking lot on Cemetery Ridge.

To find out more how you can become involved contact the Gettysburg Foundation at 717/ 338- 1243 or go to: www.gettysburgfoundation.org



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Gettysburg National Military Park, established in 1895, is the site of the great Civil War battle that repulsed the second Confederate invasion of the North. The mission of the National Park Service at Gettysburg is to preserve and protect the resources associated with the battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery and provide an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

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An Earth-Friendly Dining Experience at the Refreshment Saloon



Refreshment Saloon Manager Brian Stanton

When the Refreshment Saloon in the park's Museum and Visitor Center opened in April 2008, the timing could not have been better. Aramark, the operator of the restaurant, had recently launched a national program for environmental sustainability and Gettysburg's Refreshment Saloon was one of the first restaurants to begin operations under the new program.

The effort includes all aspects of restaurant's operations, from preparing and serving locally grown foods, to using environmentally responsible packaging, and serving utensils," said Brian Stanton, manager of the Refreshment Saloon. "We also have energy efficient equipment and lighting, and recycling programs."

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Park Acquires Houses on Emmitsburg Road

In March the park acquired a two acre property with two modern houses located along Emmitsburg Road on what was the Philip Snyder farm. The modern houses block the sight lines that offered Union artillery in the Peach Orchard firing lines into the Confederate advance on July 2, 1863. The houses also block the Confederate artillery sight lines toward the Union position at the Peach Orchard. The Civil War Preservation Trust provided crucial funding and assistance for the purchase of the property.

Standing at Little Round Top today visitors looking out over the battlefield can see almost all of the major battlefield features that affected the fighting in 1863: the open rocky slopes of Devil's Den and the fields crossed by Hood's and McLaws' men – and these two brick houses sticking out in the middle. Soon the park will be removing these two houses, with special funding provided by the Gettysburg Foundation.

The two houses will join a long and growing list of modern intrusions that the park has been able to remove from the battlefield, including the old park visitor center, the Home Sweet Home Motel, the Ford dealership on the first day's fields just north of town, and -- who can forget? -- the National Tower.



The view from Little Round Top of two houses along Emmitsburg Road that will soon be demolished to return the area to its appearance at the time of the fighting in 1863.

Earth-Friendly Dining

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Stanton is an important player in Gettysburg's growing movement to eat local. Salads in the Refreshment Saloon are produced by WinterGardens in New Oxford, Pa. The ham and franks are provided by Kunzler's in Lancaster, Pa. As often as he can get them, Stanton serves apples and other fresh fruits from just up the road in Gardners, Pa.

"Sourcing some of these locally grown foods can be difficult, so we're not yet at one hundred percent on all of our sustainability efforts," said Stanton. "We are trying though, and we are getting there more and more."

"Providing local foods in our restaurant achieves our goals in two ways: first by improving the sustainability of local agriculture and also because it lessens our carbon footprint," said Stanton.

Next time you stop to have lunch in the Refreshment Saloon you might start to notice a few of these subtle choices. Serving bowls and plates

are made of sugarcane, a compostable material. Many of the "plastic" containers are actually a compostable corn product. All of the paper napkins are made from 100 percent recycled material. All the coffee is sustainable, fairly-traded, and organically grown by Starbucks.

In addition to the earth-friendly efforts of the Refreshment Saloon, the entire new Museum and Visitor Center is environmentally-friendly in many ways. The facility was designed to meet certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) as determined by the U.S. Green Building Council. It has a geothermal heating and cooling system, energy efficient equipment and design, and many natural landscaping and storm water management features.

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Launched in February 2010, the website already has more than three dozen events, ranging from battle re-enactments, parades, anniversaries and special programming.

Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg CVB, and a host of community groups have banded together under the leadership of Main Street Gettysburg to create "Gettysburg 20/20," a community planning effort to enhance Gettysburg's economic vitality and historic preservation.

Although the official 150th anniversary for the Battle of Gettysburg is July 1-3, 2013, Gettysburg's commemoration will run from 2011 to 2015. The Gettysburg CVB is estimating that visitation will spike from Gettysburg's three million annual visitors, to four million in 2013.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also has a website with statewide special event and program information for the Civil War 150th. To learn more visit: www.PACivilWar150.com



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What's in Store for the Civil War 150th?

Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP) is joining all other Civil War sites and a wide variety of community partners in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The National Park Service theme for the commemoration is: “Civil War to Civil Rights: Experience Your America, 2009-2015.”

As Gettysburg NMP begins to formulate specific plans, the park is looking forward to the opportunity to engage new

audiences and tell stories beyond the battlefield – connecting people to the experiences of civilians and the struggle of African-Americans toward freedom and equality.

The Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is taking the lead in marketing the many community events that are planned and they have launched a website to share travel and event information to the millions of visitors that are expected. The new website – www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com – includes

visitor information and listings of all events associated with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The website is a companion of the Gettysburg CVB's website – www.gettysburg.travel – where visitors can find information on accommodations, places to eat, entertainment, shopping and other events in the Gettysburg and Adams County area.

“The new website will really be a one-stop shop for the millions of people we expect to visit during the four-year anniversary of the Civil War,” said Norris Flowers, President of the Gettysburg CVB. “There will be hundreds of events over these four years and it is vital that our visitors have a place where they can plan their trips to the most famous battle site of the Civil War.”



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