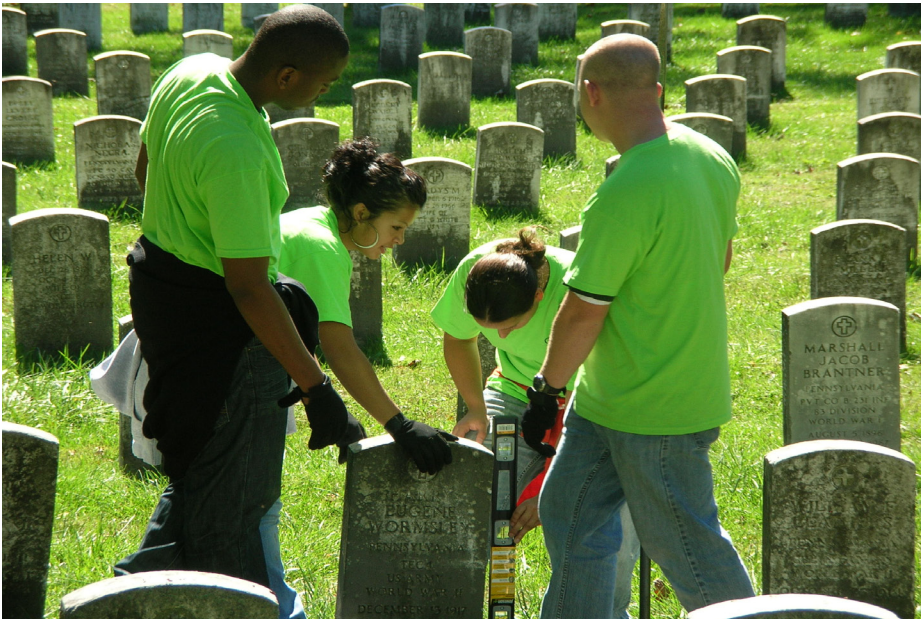




# The Gettysburg Quarterly

## Air Force Sergeants Serve at Gettysburg



On October 8, a large caravan of Air Force Sergeants, friends and families drove from Dover Air Force Base, Del., to Gettysburg to assist Gettysburg National Military Park staff with maintenance and preservation of the hallowed grounds of the Soldiers' National Cemetery and the battlefield. The semi-annual event is organized by the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), chapter 201, and the First Sergeants Council.

More than 100 volunteers reset and straightened veterans' headstones in the national cemetery where President Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address. They also cleared brush on the battlefield along Cemetery Ridge near the Cyclorama building. The volunteers provided approximately 400 hours of labor for the Gettysburg project. In April, the volunteers provided about 505 hours

to assist with clearing brush and invasive plants from the western face of Little Round Top.

"It is a humbling experience to work here and see the sacrifice of warriors that preceded us," said the event organizer, Technical Sergeant Tammy Hintz. "It brings satisfaction to know we have helped preserve and protect this national treasure. We will continue to assist the National Park Service as long as they need our help."

The group participates in the park's "Adopt-a-Position" program, a group volunteer program that provides field work to preserve regimental positions, battery locations and brigade lines on the Gettysburg battlefield. For more information go to: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/supportyourpark/adopt-a-position.htm>



Volunteers from the Air Force Sergeants Association reset the headstone of a World War II veteran in the Soldiers' National Cemetery, *left*, and trim shrubbery near the Cyclorama building, *above*, in October.

### Cyclorama Building Planning Process

The public comment period for initial scoping for this planning process ended October 1, 2010. In addition to accepting comments directly, Gettysburg National Military Park hosted two open house meetings where interested members of the public could submit comments to park staff.

The National Park Service is analyzing the information received during this scoping process and will use it to prepare an Environmental Assessment document which will be released for public review and comment.

# Little Round Top Needs TLC

Preparing a Cultural Landscape Report will be a top priority for 2011

The Little Round Top area of the Gettysburg battlefield is subjected to a tremendous amount of pedestrian and vehicular traffic throughout the year. Peak impacts occur during the spring, summer and fall months. Individuals and groups stray from the paved walkways causing denuded areas that have experienced severe erosion over the years. National Park Service (NPS) measures to encourage visitors to stay on paved pathways have included signs, bollards and chains along the perimeter of paved walkways, closures of non-paved paths, and placing vegetation in some of the heavily eroded areas. All of these measures have offered very limited success in keeping visitors on paths and stopping the degradation of natural and cultural resources.

Visitors merely go around the barriers and open new trails or re-enter eroded areas. To make matters worse, logical connections to trails do not always exist



Challenges at Little Round Top include heavy visitor use, erosion, and confusing and disconnected pathways.

creating directional problems and confusion for visitors.

In 2003 – 2005, the NPS funded a study to develop potential treatment alternatives for solving the park's concerns about resource issues of this important battlefield feature. As this project developed it became apparent that park did not have a clear understanding of the extent of existing battle-era resources within the project area and that a full Cultural Landscape Report for Little Round Top was needed. Funding was not available then.

A Cultural Landscape Report for Little Round Top is a park priority for 2011.

The intent of this project is to provide solutions for overcrowding and landscape degradation on and around the area known as Little Round Top and to identify appropriate locations for visitor services including restrooms, parking, access and interpretive zones. The park needs to clearly understand the traffic and pedestrian uses of the project area. A traffic use survey/study for vehicles and pedestrians is important and necessary.

The solutions must be made within the context of the National Register of Historic Places contributing historic resources at the site, including both battle related resources and commemorative era resources in the project area. In addition, any solution must meet sustainability criteria for the natural resources of all topographic landscape features within the project area. The cultural landscape features of the site must remain intact and natural resources must be protected from impairment.

The project goal would be to provide a complete physical history of the project area, according to the standards set forth in the NPS's A Guide to Cultural Landscape Reports (1998). The report will focus on a detailed site map of the 1863 landscape and cultural features, including land use, topography, built features (including fences and breastworks), circulation (roads/lanes), and vegetation (agricultural fields, woodlots, orchards, etc.). In addition, mapping will include analysis of commemorative features as well as NPS development on Little Round Top. Battle action mapping would also be included.



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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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## Little Round Top Needs TLC, continued

A Cultural Landscape Report would guide treatment selection and work recommendations to restore, preserve and interpret the topographic feature known as Little Round Top. Cost estimates would be prepared for the various treatment alternatives.

Little Round Top treatment recommendations would reflect the answers to the following questions:

- What is the evolution of use of the site?
- What was the physical grade of the hill in 1863 (using Warren topographic survey) and how much has it changed over time?
- How many original, 1863 and commemorative era features remain? Identify, and make recommendations for treatment.
- What is the extent of existing NPS development on the site?
- How best can NPS preserve the natural and cultural resources of the site and at the same time provide visitor access and visitor accommodations to this key terrain?
- What short-term strategies can be applied to the area to avoid impairment until funding becomes available to treat the entire landscape in the long-term?
- What long-term management activities should be implemented to protect and maintain this landscape?

# Trolley Initiatives Increase Ridership

Several new ideas are being put into place to increase ridership on the trolleys that provide an important public transportation link from the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center to the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and attractions along Steinwehr Avenue, Baltimore Street and downtown Gettysburg.

A new ticket promotion offers Gettysburg National Military Park visitors a special rate for entrance to the David Wills House located in downtown Gettysburg and all-day rides on the trolley for just \$5.50 for adults and \$ 4.00 for youths.

In addition, the trolleys serving the **Lincoln Line** now have a new look with photos of the park Museum and Visitor Center, and the David Wills House, and the tagline "One Ride. Great Experiences." The trolleys are a new transportation system serving visitor and the local community in Gettysburg, Pa. They are operated by the Adams County Transit Authority.

Main Street Gettysburg has been working with the National Park Service, Adams County Transit Authority, the Gettysburg Foundation, and the Borough of Gettysburg to increase ridership. The trolley is part of the critical

infrastructure needed to meet visitor services demands for the upcoming Civil War 150th.

"Ridership has increased to seven passengers per hour which is getting closer to our goal for continued funding and operation after 2012," said Deb Adamik, Main Street Gettysburg president. "The goal is to have more than nine passengers per hour."

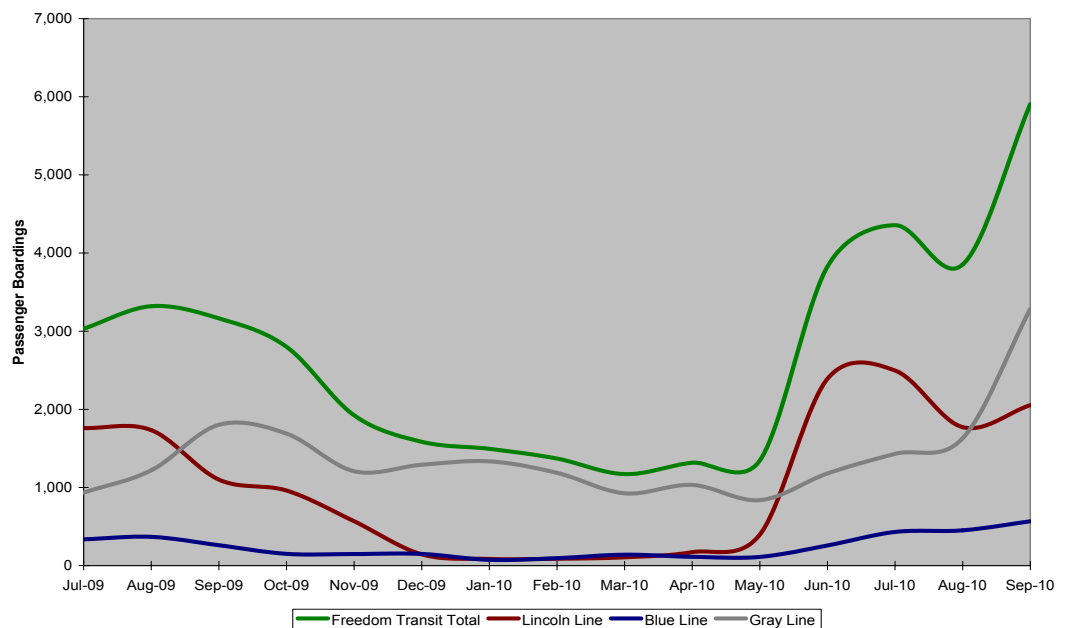
The special David Wills House/all-day trolley ticket is available only at the Museum and Visitor Center at 1195 Baltimore

Pike, Gettysburg, and will remain on sale throughout the winter season.



Trolleys on the Lincoln Line have a new look, new schedules and special promotions.

## Freedom Transit Ridership Totals & By Route





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## Update - Civil War 150th Planning at Gettysburg

As we plan for commemorative events and programs for the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, our many partners in the Gettysburg community are committed to honoring the brave men and women whose courage and devotion to duty shaped our nation; including stories of both well-known and lesser-known events, soldiers and civilians; and reaching new and younger audiences — creating a Gettysburg experience for a new generation.

Improved preservation and new attractions in the town of Gettysburg, along with a new trolley transit system, has the area poised to welcome millions of new and returning visitors.

A steering committee for the Gettysburg area 150th Anniversary was established to coordinate the commemoration of

the American Civil War in Gettysburg and Adams County, Pa.; to participate in Pennsylvania's statewide efforts; and to achieve an inclusive, positive legacy and long-term benefit for residents of and visitors to Gettysburg and Adams County.

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### Reaching new and younger audiences — creating a Gettysburg experience for a new generation.

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The steering committee includes Main Street Gettysburg, the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau, the National Park Service, Gettysburg College, the Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary, the Adams County Commissioners,

the Borough of Gettysburg, State Senator Rich Alloway and State Representative Dan Moul. Additional local organizations and citizens comprise the supporting committees. The Gettysburg Area 150th Anniversary Steering Committee is under the direction of Main Street Gettysburg and approved by the Adams County Commissioners.

### When will things get started?

Gettysburg's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War begins in April 2011 and runs through November 2015.

To find out more go to:

[www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com](http://www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com)