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 Allied 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

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,

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**

**Wednesday, November 2**

- **The Jeffersons and Peales: A Friendship Between Families** – Program
  - 10 – 10:30 a.m.
  - Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.
  - For more information contact Ranger Jennifer Epstein at 202-359-7080.

**Friday, November 4**

- **The Air War Over Europe** – Program
  - 9 – 10 a.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 entire world on their shoulders.
  - For more information contact Ranger Joe Mohr at 202-359-7080.

**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?
  - For more information contact Ranger Paul O'Brian at 202-438-7066.

**Tuesday, November 8**

- **The Jeffersons and Peales: A Friendship Between Families** – Program
  - 10 – 10:30 a.m.
  - Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.
  - For more information contact Ranger Jennifer Epstein at 202-359-7080.

- **The Early Days of Pennsylvania Avenue – Walking Tour**
  - 2 – 3 p.m.
  - Stroll down Pennsylvania Avenue with a Park Ranger to examine the earliest views 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 Avenue, N.W. For more information contact Ranger Jason Barra at 202-606-8691.

**Thursday, November 10**

- **Voters Day at the African American Civil War Memorial for Kids!** – Program
  - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Come to the African American Civil War Memorial and Museum 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 Memorial.
  - 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 in partnership with the DC Preservation League, the World War I Foundation, and the Trust for the National Mall.
  - For more information call Surgery Lodge Ranger Station at 202-426-6841.

**Friday, November 11**

- **The Jeffersons and Peales: A Friendship Between Families** – Program
  - 10 – 10:30 a.m.
  - Charles Wilson Peale's family included 17 children; among them, explorers, natural scientists, and portrait painters.
  - For more information contact Ranger Joe Mohr at 202-359-1532.

- **The Presidency of Warren G. Harding** – Program
  - 2 – 3 p.m.
  - Meet President, Warren G. Harding, an administration filled with scandal and intrigue. Learn about the life and times of this fascinating President.
  - For more information contact Ranger Matthew Furman at 240-882-8290.

- **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.
  - For more information contact Ranger Julia Clebsch at 202-606-8691.

- **Untold Tales of Pennsylvania Avenue** – Walking Tour
  - 7 – 8 p.m.
  - There are many untold stories of American sociology preserved in Pennsylvania Avenue history. Meet Ranger Early at the Free-dom 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.
  - 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.

- **Campaign Ma desn – 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 monuments and statuses 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, D.C. on bike tours!
  - Located amidst all the historic sites and battles that have happened in D.C. You will see many species and have the opportunity to learn about them.
  - 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
Join Park Guide David Newson to examine how one Polish nobleman, enthralled with freedom and democracy, aid ed 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 202-606-8891.

Tuesday, November 15
Lafayette: America's Foreign Founding Father – Program
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Wednesday, November 16
Women of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial – Program
Meet at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Victor Pillow at 202-286-3456.

Many women served with bravery and distinction in the Vietnam War. The young woman who designed the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in 1983 is but one of several distinguished women who saw their visions become reality. Come and hear all their stories. Meet at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Kayleigh Kagle at 202-438-5177.

Friday, November 18
The Early Days of Pennsylvania Avenue – Walking Tour
Stroll down Pennsylvania Avenue with a Park Ranger to ex a mine 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 Bara at 202-606-8891.

Rememorbering Our Korean War Veterans - Program
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 War. Meet at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Victor Pillow at 202-286-1624.

Sunday, November 20
Kids, Pets, Their Parents, and Their Owners – Family Bike Tour
6 – 7 a.m.
Two fantastic bike rides 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.

What the Tower Saw – Walking Tour
2 - 3 p.m.
The Old Post Office is a structure 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 Plaza near the Benjamin Franklin statue on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Julia Clebsch at 202-606-8891.

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American Life on Pennsylvania Avenue – Walking Tour
2 – 3 p.m.
African American Life on Pennsylvania Avenue – Program
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 renowned American founding fathers as Jefferson and Adams. Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Matthew Hornberger at 202-359-7080.

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Tuesday, November 29
Evening Nature Walk – Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.
Explore the tidal Basin and search for evidence of living creatures at night. Meet at the 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 sculpture 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 under 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, please visit online at:
www.nps.gov/wamo.
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.

www.easternnational.org

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 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 working 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 reopened 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.

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
Twitter: @thenationalmall
Facebook.com/TrustfortheNationalMall
Email: information@nationalmall.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

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.

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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.
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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 inappropriaete for “arch-criminal” 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 rules were 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.

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 importance has not been understated. 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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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. 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 nonoganerian. 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 Chelmo. Not surprisingly, his eyes filled with tears. We must never forget! Churchill said, “Beware, lest the present honors be the forerunners of the future cursures. 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.

BEHIND THE BADGE

Profiles of the National Mall’s Park Rangers

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 studied at Houghton College in New York.

Q. Why did you become a Park Ranger?

A. I love doing research and giving oral presentations to the public. This was the first job I had that was 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!
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?

Celebrate Veterans Day!
Thursday, November 10
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Grades K-12
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.

For more information contact Ranger Jen Epstein at: Jennifer_Epstein@nps.gov or 202-438-9584.

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

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.

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.”

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.