Naval Armed Guard: WW2’s Forgotten Service

By Ranger Dave Rappel

The bronze flagpoles at the World War II Memorial are decorated with the emblems of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine in tribute to those who risked their lives in the service of their country. Although it was not one of the armed forces, the Merchant Marine was essential to the war effort. Troops and supplies could not be moved across the oceans without the commercial shipping fleet. The Merchant Marine was under government control during the war, but merchant seamen were not subject to military discipline and could not be forced to take military training.

The world’s oceans were more dangerous than usual during World War II. Allied merchantmen could be attacked by enemy submarines, aircraft or surface ships. When supporting amphibious landings they might even come under fire from shore. Submarines were the most common danger with 1,024 attacks recorded against American merchant ships. Air attack was likely whenever a ship was within range of Axis bases, sometimes when sitting in port. Attack by warships other than submarines was rare although six American merchantmen were lost that way.

Often merchant ships sailed in a convoy, a large group of ships with warship escorts. This was the rule in the North Atlantic, but often ships sailed alone. To give these ships a fighting chance, the U.S. Navy created the Armed Guard. The government provided guns for the ships and men to man them. At first, whatever guns were available were installed wherever they would not interfere with the operation of the ship. Soon, new cargo ships were being built with space planned for guns: the Liberty ships. Liberty ships were mass-produced to a standard design. To speed up production, prefabricated sections and assemblies were welded together. They were steamships, capable of doing 11 knots for 23,000 miles on a full load of fuel. A complete crew was at least 41 men plus another 27 or 28 Navy personnel to man the guns.

Because the Armed Guard was a war-time-only organization, and the Navy also needed sailors for its many warships, most of its men were draftees or new recruits who had

Saturday, October 1

Hard Rock and Heavy Metal – Walking Tour
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
No qualms about the heavy metal, but there’s plenty of granite, marble, and bronze! Have you ever said, “I wish I had a park ranger to walk with me to all of these wonderful places?” Here’s your chance. Enjoy a walk between the Thomas Jefferson Memorial 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 east side of the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Brad Berger at 202-438-4173.

From Infection to Election– Bike Tour
1 – 4 p.m.
Presidents occupy the most powerful seat in the country but they are still human and suffer the same ailments we all do. This tour will explore illnesses that afflicted some of our presidents, influencing their presidency and American history. All bike tours meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. For more information contact Ranger Richard Ayud at 202-438-3456.

The Life of General Casimir Pulaski – Program
2 – 3 p.m.
Join Park Guide David Newton to explore how one Polish nobleman, enthralled with freedom and democracy, aided our quest for independence through his struggle to improve the army in the Revolutionary War. Meet at the General Casimir Pulaski Statue on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Park Guide David Newton at 202-659-8691.

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” Speech
3 – 3:30 p.m.
Hear a recording of the landmark August 28, 1963 speech Dr. King gave at the Lincoln Memorial addressing the civil rights movement on Washington and its role for Jobs and Freedom. Then listen to a short commentary on its symbolism and importance. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.

The Wall – Program
4 – 7 p.m.
The Vietnam Wall stands as a symbol of recognition for the sacrifice of our nation’s Vietnam Veterans. We will discuss different aspects and symbolism of the memorial, battles, and individual veterans who are among the 58,272 names listed on the Wall. Meet at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Victor Pillos at 202-388-1624.

Four Score and Four Years: From Civil War to World War II – Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.
On this 2 1/2-mile route you 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 Lovell Fry at 202-438-8693.

Sunday, October 2

What the Tower Saw – Walking Tour
The Old Post Office is a building 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. Meet at the Old Post Office Tower plaza near the Benjamin Franklin statue on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Julia Clebsch at 202-466-8691.

Washington and his Monument - Program
3 – 4 p.m.
Book discussion: Martin Luther King, Jr.’s The Measure of a Man, 1959, Freedom songs follow at about 4 p.m. Meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.

The Early Days of Pennsylvania Ave.– Walking Tour
2 – 3 p.m.
Stroll down Pennsylvania Ave. with a Park Ranger to examine the earliest visions of Washington, D.C., the wilderness from which it sprang, and the struggle to put the American Capital City on the Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Jason Barna at 202-606-8691.

The Thru Path – Program
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Operation Cartwheel – Program
6 – 7 p.m.
Operation Cartwheel in October 1943 was a U.S. offensive in the south Pacific. It was designed to defuse the Japanese base in Rabaul on New Guinea. Both General MacArthur’s and Admiral Nimitz’s forces combined to neutralize Rabaul. Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O’Brien at 202-438-3456.

Sunday, October 9

The Carefully Planned Nature Around Us - Chit-Chat Run
8 – 9 a.m.
Come explore the beauty of the fall colors with a morning run and an educational Chit-Chat Run. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Kathy Jones at 202-233-3519.

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Tuesday, October 11

Washington and his Monument - Program
6 – 7 p.m.
George Washington has many monuments that honor his memory. Who was he, and why does he monument look the way it does? Learn the answers to these questions and more, while enjoying the views of the Washington Monument grounds. Meet at the Washington Monument Lodge. For more information contact Ranger Don Stanko at 202-375-4857.

Thursday, October 13

Lincoln and Douglas – Program
2 – 3:30 p.m.
Lincoln’s 1858 debates with Stephen Douglas brought him to national prominence and the presidency. Come and hear the full story. Meet at the Lincoln Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Dave Rappel at 202-359-1533.

Friday, October 14

United Tales of Pennsylvania Ave.– Walking Tour
2 – 3 p.m.
There are many untold stories of American sociology preserved in Pennsylvania Ave. history. Meet Ranger Early at the Freedom Plaza to hear fascinating stories of the culture and business showcased on Pennsylvania Ave. Meet at Freedom Plaza Fountain on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Titus Stanko at 240-375-4857.

Saturday, October 15

Pennsylvania Ave.'s Cavalcade of Horror - Walking Tour
12 – 3 p.m.
The historical glories of Pennsylvania Ave. shield a darker side that does not make it into popular history. Murder, riots, and death have all shown themselves on America’s Main St. This tour explores this dark underbelly of tragedy, pain, and woe. May not be suitable for young children. Meet at the Andrew Jackson Statue in Lafayette Park. For more information contact Ranger Heidi Dietze at 202-438-7033.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Why Can’t We Wait” - Program
3 – 4 p.m.
Book discussion: Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Why Can’t We Wait, 1963. Freedom songs follow at about 4 p.m. Meet at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Jan Buerger at 202-497-1397.
Monday, October 17

Who Won the Civil War! – Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.
Experience the monumental event that ended America’s bloodiest war with a Union victory. But was the North the true victor? And who were the real losers? Meet at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Lovell Fry at 202-438-9603.

Tuesday, October 18

Lincoln Haunts Jaunts – Walking Tour
6 – 8 p.m.
Want to walk in Lincoln’s footsteps and see some of the places familiar to Abolitionist and President? Meet at the Washington Monument. For more information contact Ranger Lovell Fry at 202-438-9603.

Friday, October 21

Untold Tales of Pennsylvania Ave. – Walking Tour
3 p.m.
There are many untold stories of American society preserved in Pennsylvania Ave. history. Meet Ranger Early at the Freedom Plaza fountain to hear of culture and business highlighted on Pennsylvania Ave. Meet at Freedom Plaza Fountain on Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For more information contact Ranger Early at 202-497-1397.

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Hard Rock and Heavy Metal – Walking Tour
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Saturday, October 29

Off the Beaten Path – Bike Tour
1 – 4 p.m.
In a city of colossal and iconic memorials, many statues, urns, and statues of friendship and remembrance are often overlooked. Come learn the stories of these lesser-known sites! Meet at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. All riders MUST provide their own bike, helmet, and water. For more information contact Ranger Paul O’Brian at 202-438-3456.

Sunday, October 16

The Wall - Program
1 p.m.
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The Liberation of the Philippines - Program
3 p.m.
In October 1944 the landings on the island of Leyte and the Battle of the Leyte Gulf began the liberation of the Philippine islands. The Battle of the Leyte Gulf was the largest naval battle fought in WWII, but it was also the largest naval battle in history. Why was this so? Meet at the World War II Memorial. For more information contact Ranger Paul O’Brian at 202-438-7066.

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Consequential Presidential Transitions - Program
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The Arc of the Moral Universe – Bike Tour
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Friday, November 4

ALAMEIN: Monty vs Rommel - Program
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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.

www.easternnational.org

On August 23, 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake, centered in Virginia, sent tremors throughout eastern North America. This seismic activity affected a number of 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 after 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, visit online at:

www.nps.gov/wamo
never been to see before. One of them was Jack Rappel of Standish, MI. In June of 1944, 17-year-old Rappel enlisted as soon as he finished high school. Following six weeks of “boot camp” at Great Lakes, IL, Rappel was sent to the Armed Guard Training Center in Gulfport, MS for gunnery training. He then reported to the Armed Guard Center at New Orleans, LA to await assignment to a ship.

The SS *James Ives* arrived in New Orleans on Oct. 17, 1944. A typical Liberty ship, she had one 3-inch gun forward, another aft, and eight 20-millimeter guns around the superstructure amidships. During the next 23 days, she took on cargo for the U.S. Army in the Philippines and completely changed the personnel of her Armed Guard detachment. When the *Ives* sailed on Nov. 9 there were 27 Navy men on board.

The detachment was commanded by a Lieutenant Junior Grade and included two gunner’s mates as gun captains on the 3-inch guns, a coxswain to see that the men were trained in general subjects, a signalman to receive and send messages between ships by signal flags and 22 men to man the guns. Jack Rappel was one of the latter. His assignment was as third loader of the aft 3-inch gun. The pointer and the trainee operated the elevation and traversing controls respectively to aim the gun. The pointer also fired the gun on the order of the gun captain. The loaders placed the shells into the breech of the gun. It was important that every man knew how to perform the jobs of the others in the event of casualties.

From Sydney, the *Ives* sailed on Aug. 5, 1945 for Townsville and Torokina, Australia with cargo for the Australian Army. She was at Townsvi- lle when news arrived that the war had ended. After extensive peace celebrations by the Aus- tralians, the *Ives* was unloaded and proceeded to Port Moresby. From there the *Ives* went home. She transited the Panama Canal and arrived at Galveston, Texas, Oct. 26, 1945. With the war over there was no more need for the Naval Armed Guard. Jack Rappel left the SS *James Ives* for another assignment. He was discharged from the Navy on May 31, 1946.

The official records are imprecise, but it appears that more than 5,100 American merchantmen carried Naval Armed Guards. More than 500 of those ships were lost to enemy action. By the end of the war, 144,970 men had been assigned to the Naval Armed Guard; 1,810 were dead or missing. The survivors had experienced extremes ranging from arctic cold on voyages to the Soviet Union to oppressive heat and sun in the Persian Gulf. In addition to enemy attack, they had braved hurricanes and risked collision in dense fog. Jack Rappel, my father, had had a comparatively easy time, but he had contributed to the vital work of the Naval Armed Guard and the Merchant Marine. During World War II, more than 200 million tons of cargo and over seven million troops left the United States on ships and most of them got through. Without this effort the Allies would not have won.

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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.

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.

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Nicole DeLuca was born on Long Island, and she is a “HUGE Yankees fan!” Growing up, Nicole played all kinds of sports and from a young age loved history, science, paleontology, and reading. She had quite a collection of science experiments, and would often go into the backyard to dig for dinosaur bones. As a child she yearned to discover America’s expansive west, travel the seas to see Europe’s amazing ruins, and learn about ancient histories. A. How have you grown into your ranger job at the National Mall (NAMA)?
A. Since I started working for the NPS over eight years ago, I wanted to work at NAMA. The historian in me loved the idea of being able to talk about American history topics from Washington to Civil Rights. I came back to the east coast from Grand Canyon to marry my husband. We had been having a long-distance relationship for close to 3 years and we were getting sick of it. In January 2011, I got married and was also selected for this job. I miss the west, but it is nice to be back east where my roots, family, and the history I love all reside.
B. At the National Mall, I am still learning new things and exploring new places. There is just so much to take in. You can never get bored working at the National Mall. One of the things I love most about it is the hustle and bustle, the difference between special events, and the endless history I get to share with visitors. I have been very active working the sites, and also aiding our education coordinator Jennifer Epstein with some exciting projects. I think it is so important to educate our youth about our park resources but also get them excited about the history I love all reside.
Q. How have you grown into your ranger job at the National Mall (NAMA)?
A. I developed an even stronger love for learning, history and travel. I would take little trips to National Parks and to Europe. My senior year I studied literature and art history at Regent College in Regent Park, London. My buddies and I would make short trips to surrounding countries quite a bit. It was an eye-opening experience. Austria and Germany for me were the surprising finds. I loved the food there.
Q. What experiences shaped your National Park Service career?
A. As much as I enjoyed the Castillo de San Marcos, I started applying to places that were completely different. I accepted a job at Grand Canyon National Park. I spent three seasons out there and they were some of the best in my life! I got to do everything I loved. I hiked, explored, and got to give programs on history, fossils, nature, and geology! At the Canyon, I got to work with some of the best interpreters, and I met visitors from all over the world. While out there I helped give a program to President Obama and the First Family.
Q. What was your first park job like?
A. My first park job was at Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine, FL. It is a Spanish-built fort rich in history. I started as a Visitor Use Assistant working the ticket booth, but soon was able to get a job in interpretation. I fell in love with public history and teaching people about the site, the history, and the National Park Service. I knew I wanted to do this for the rest of my life. Castillo de San Marcos is where I met my husband over eight years ago. We were good friends for a long time while working there together.
Q. What was important about your college experience?
A. There were 7 or 8 rangers assigned to the president. I would like to think I got on that team because of my energy and passion for my job.
Q. What is the best part of being a ranger at the Mall?
A. I feel I have done my job. The opportunities I have had to go to classrooms and work with school groups that have come to the mall have been awesome.
Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15. Did you know many Hispanic heroes have memorials in Washington, D.C.? Keep reading to find out about these important figures in Latin American history.

**Benito Juárez**
New Hampshire & Virginia Aves.
President of Mexico who defended Mexican sovereignty as a democratic republic.

**Bernardo de Gálvez**
22nd & Virginia
Spanish Governor who assisted in the American Revolution.

**José de San Martín**
20th & Virginia
Fought for independence of Argentina, Chile, and Peru.

**Simón Bolívar**
18th & Virginia
Led revolutions that formed the modern nations of Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. Bolivia is named for him.

**José Artigas**
18th & Constitution
Military hero who fought for Uruguay’s independence.

This map of South America shows the countries liberated by Bolívar, San Martín, and Artigas.

**What Food Comes From Where?**

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<td>What country has lunch as the main meal of the day, and your employer might give you a 2-hour long lunch break?</td>
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Junior Ranger books are located at the Survey Lodge Ranger Station and at most memorials.

Became a Junior Ranger!
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.

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.

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.”

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.

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 7 for more information. Bookstore and restrooms located on 15th St. east of the monument.

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.

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.

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.

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, and 8, and 10 p.m. at Lincoln, Vietnam, Korea, World War II, FDR, and Jefferson Memorials. More programs on page 2.