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## Please Welcome Holly Ringle!

Holly has accepted the position of Grant Writer for the Friends Of KMNBP.

Holly is a married Michigan native who recently established a home in Marietta to be near her only grandchild. (Coming soon: Grandchild #2 this November) Living just a mile from the Pigeon Hill parking area, Holly walks an average of 6 miles in KMNBP daily. Holly quickly fell in love with our mountain and was actively seeking ways to get more involved in supporting both the park and her new community. Originally hoping to become a Trail Ambassador, Holly saw a posting for help with Grant Applications, and gladly raised her hand. Drawing on her more than 25 years of experience in composing persuasive RFP responses, and with a strong track record of winning multi-million dollar service level agreements, Holly hopes to help Friends' support the park by securing a steady stream of grant-based funding. Holly spent the last two semesters teaching at Kennesaw State University in the Marketing & Professional Sales Department. Working full time from her home in Business Development, when not at her desk or on the trails, you will find Holly walking her French Bulldog, on the Pickleball court or spending time with both her husband and her daughter's family in Roswell.

## COVID-19 Policy Update

COVID-19 levels within Cobb County has been elevated to HIGH.

Because of this change within the COVID numbers, beginning Sunday, July 3, 2022, masks will be required in all federal buildings.

So please remember to wear your masks in the park Visitor Center. Park management will continue to monitor the COVID levels for the county and hopefully levels will decrease soon.

We will provide with you with an updated email once the mask requirements change.

Below is the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level website. Data is updated weekly

COVID-19 Community Levels | CDC

Sincerely,

***Amanda Corman***

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator  
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park  
770-427-4686 x0

## The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Establish a Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930s. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! ***New items have been added!***

*Andrew Bramlett*



Some of the items for sale.



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### Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hhkPhf>. Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!

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***Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!***

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<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

## Friends Calendar Of Events/Notices

| <u>Date</u>            | <u>Time</u>  | <u>Location</u>         | <u>Event</u>                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August, 2022</b>    |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8/10                   | 6:30 pm      | Visitor Center          | Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, if you wish to participate. <a href="mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org">President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org</a> |
| 8/13                   | 8 am - 12 pm | Pigeon Hill Parking Lot | Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day                                                                                                                |
| <b>September, 2022</b> |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                      |
| 9/10                   | 8 am - 12 pm | TBD                     | Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day                                                                                                                |
| 9/14                   | 6:30 pm      | Visitor Center          | Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, if you wish to participate.                                                                                    |
| <b>October, 2022</b>   |              |                         |                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10/8                   | 8 am - 12 pm | TBD                     | Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day                                                                                                                |
| 10/12                  | 6:30 pm      | Visitor Center          | Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, if you wish to participate.                                                                                    |

Check out our website, the National Park Service/KEMO website and the KMTC website for the latest updates on KMNB events. (See page 4, herein for the list of websites.) There are numerous tutorials, video articles and stories on the NPS/KEMO Facebook and YouTube pages.)

For upcoming events, see pages 19 and 23; you can also check the Park Calendar:

<https://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

*We will also send out the monthly Park notices of activities by separate email.*



**FRIENDS OF  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN**

### The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is [FriendsOfKMNB.org](http://FriendsOfKMNB.org).

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

### Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

**Programs supported:** Outdoor Education  
KEMO Trail Club  
Living History  
Trail Ambassadors

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<https://friendsofkmnb.org/>

## 2023 Projects(s) - July status

- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**  
**Fundraising goal to established for FY 2023**
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Publish the 1st edition of our Park Guidebook - **Done - June, 2022**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be April, 2023???**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **in process**
- Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**

## Contact List - Updated 7/15/2

| <b>POSITION</b>          | <b>NAME</b>         |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| President                | Scott Mackay        |
| Vice President           | Donald Olds         |
| Secretary/               | <b>Vacant</b>       |
| Parliamentarian          | Jason Sheppard      |
| Treasurer                | Tom Okerberg        |
| Communications           | Fred Feltmann       |
| Newsletter Editor        | Fred Feltmann       |
| Website                  | Mark Angeli         |
| Social Media             | Andrew Bramlett     |
| Fundraising              | <b>Vacant</b>       |
| Disbursements            | Lewis Bramlett      |
| Archives                 | <b>Vacant</b>       |
| Membership               | <b>Vacant</b>       |
| Living History Liaison   | Andy Cole           |
| Trail Club Liaison       | Jay Haney           |
| Eastern National Liaison | Dan Beard           |
| Events Planner           | Kathy Bearden       |
| Accessibility Advocate   | Marjorie Rogers     |
| Grant Writer*            | <b>Holly Ringle</b> |



## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNBP is now available on Amazon.

## Board Members:

Lewis Bramlett  
Bart Henderson

Scott Johnson  
John Nash

Jason Shepherd  
Kim Sherk

Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

Website - NPS

[www.nps/kemo.gov](http://www.nps/kemo.gov)

Facebook Page - Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNBp>

Facebook Page - NPS

<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMNBp/>

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<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>



## A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members who have donated their time and/or talent. Those who participated during Fiscal 2020(October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020 - Present):

### FY 2020

*GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY*  
*ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA*  
*TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY*

### FY 2021

*GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY*  
*ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA*  
*TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY*

*GIS PROJECT - OPEN*

The following members/volunteers joined with us this past quarter:



## Welcome, Ray Hamel!

Please welcome our newest NPS staff Member, Ray Hamel. He will be taking the position of Chief of Interpretation. He previously worked at the Vicksburg National Battlefield Park.

## Mountain Store Trailer Opens First Weekend in May

Eastern National will open the Mountain Store Trailer the first weekend in May (May 7th) and will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 25th). The store will be open from 10 am until 5 pm and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.

[Dan Beard](#)

## Other Positions Open!

We have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

**Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator** - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

**Citizen Science Program Coordinator** - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

**160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator** - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

**Endowment Fund Chair** - Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

### Legal Secretary

**Map Project Coordinator** - This individual would work with NPS Staff and Eastern National to develop two maps:

- A general purpose map with all of the trails on it
- A Battlefield map - a map that portrays the location of the various Federal and Confederate forces, as well as an overlay of the current trails

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - [President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org).



## FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$15,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$43,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 8.

In addition, the fund an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

### Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 2023 Pledge Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Complete and mail to:**

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain  
Attn: 2023 Pledge  
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive  
Kennesaw, GA 30152

#### **Individuals**

\$15 Corporal (Student) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_  
\$100 First Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_  
\$300 Ordinance Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_  
\$500 Quarter Master \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1,000 Sergeant Major \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1,500 General \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Corporate**  
\$150 Company \_\_\_\_\_  
\$300 Regiment \_\_\_\_\_  
\$500 Brigade \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1,000 Division \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15,000 Corps \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25,000 Army \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarterly Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Does your company match? Y\_\_ N\_\_

Invoice me \_\_\_\_\_  
(Monthly \_\_ Quarterly \_\_)

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payable to "**Friends of KMNBP**")

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to remain anonymous* \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Status Of Park

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are being conducted.

All trails are open. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open; masks are **required**.  
The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays (excluding major holidays), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

## Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#/> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#/> - Cheatham Hill Rd

## Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explore>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.

## Current NPS Covid 19 Status

- Masks are discretionary while in the Visitor Center
- Shuttle bus is not restarting until later this Spring.
- The theater has reopened and the film regarding the battle for Kennesaw Mountain is now being shown.

Please refer to <https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm> for general info regarding Covid protocols.

## Sponsor's Corner A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members and sponsors who have donated during 2020 through 2022.

Annual Donations to date: Financial calendar is 7/1/xx to 6/30/xx+1)

2020 \$3,072.71  
2021 \$8,335.00  
2022 \$4,754.30  
2023  
Total: \$16,162.02



### Corporate

### FINANCIAL Y 2021\*

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

| <i>Fox Dogs</i>                                       | <i>JOHNSON &amp; JOHNSON FOUNDATION</i>                  | <i>PRINTING TRADE COMPANY</i> |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Individual</b>                                     |                                                          |                               |                        |
| VIRGINIA ACOCCELLA                                    | GATHY & BRAD BUTTS (IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" COLLIER) | LESLIE & BART HENDERSON       | TERRI STEINER          |
| LAUREN ADAMS                                          | JUDY BYRD                                                | JIM HERMAN                    | DEBBIE STOCKER         |
| RICHARD ANGELI                                        | SUSAN CAOLO                                              | SCOTT MACKAY                  | TOM TAYLOR             |
| PRISCILLA BAKER (IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" COLLIER) | ANDY COLE                                                | LESLIE & DONALD OLDS          | JOSH & KATIE TRUAX     |
| LISA BECK                                             | KEVIN J. DUNN                                            | KEN PIEHL                     | LEAH URBEN             |
| LEWIS BRAMLETT                                        | FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN                                   | LAURIE RICHARDSON             | JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD |
| LYNNE BROWNE                                          | CAROLYN & JOHN FRITZ                                     | DENISE RINAUDO                | JORDAN WATSON          |
|                                                       | BILL GURRY                                               | ANITA & NEAL RITCHEY          | JEFF WATTS             |
|                                                       | TODD HALL                                                | CRAIG ROPER                   | DAVID WHITE            |
|                                                       |                                                          | JASON SHEPHERD                |                        |

### Corporate

### FINANCIAL Y 2022\*

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

| <i>AMAZON SMILE</i> | <i>FACEBOOK</i>         | <i>Fox Dogs</i>  | <i>JOHNSON &amp; JOHNSON FOUNDATION</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Individual</b>   |                         |                  |                                         |
| VIRGINIA ACOCCELLA  | PAMELA COAN             | JAY HANEY        | MAX OLDS                                |
| LORENA BAILEY       | KEVIN DUNN              | SCOTT JOHNSON    | HOLLY RINGLE                            |
| LYNNE BROWN         | FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN  | TEE KAY          | KATHY SLOUGH                            |
| SPENCER BRYAN       | BILL & MARILYN GURRY    | CARL LESTER      | TOM TAYLOR                              |
| JUDY BYRD           | WENDY GREER             | SCOTT MACKAY     | BECKY WINTER                            |
| SUSAN CAOLO         | TODD HALL               | GAYLE McALLISTER | ANONYMOUS - 5                           |
|                     | LESLIE & BART HENDERSON | PAUL MILLER      |                                         |

### Corporate

### FINANCIAL Y 2022\*

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

### Individual

FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN

## Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4627827>

4. QR Code:



*Thanks for your support!*



## Donor List - FY 2022

### Individual

#### **General**

*SCOTT MACKAY*

#### **Ordinance Sergeant**

*JAY HANEY*

#### **First Sergeant**

*VIRGINIA ACOCELLA*

*JUDY BYRD*

*FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN*

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*PAMELA COAN*

*KEVIN DUNN*

*WENDY GREER*

*SCOTT JOHNSON*

*GAYLE McALLISTER*

*MAX OLDS*

*HOLLY RINGLE*

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*ANONYMOUS - 5 INDIVIDUALS*

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\$1,000+ Sergeant Major

\$1,500+ General

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### Corporate

#### **Regiment**

*Fox Dogs*

#### **Company**

*AMAZON*

*FACEBOOK*

*JOHNSON & JOHNSON*

#### **Corporate**

\$150+ Company

\$300+ Regiment

\$500+ Brigade

\$1,000+ Division

\$15,000+ Corps

\$25,000+ Army

*As of 7/15/22*

## The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

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[com](https://friendsofkmnbp.org/)

## 158th Anniversary Photos

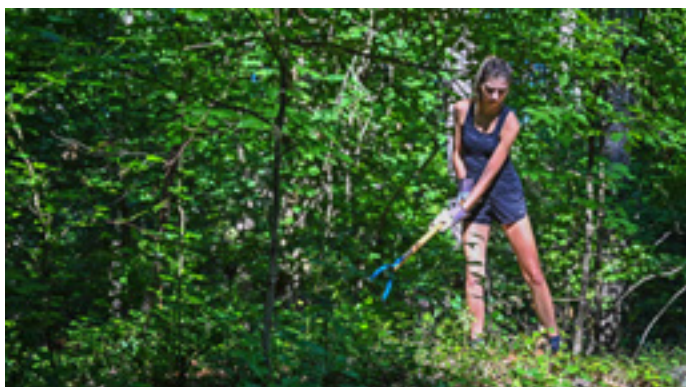
*Photos by Fred Feltmann*





## 6/11/22 Work Day

*Photos by James Turner*



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<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>



## 6/11/22 - Work Day Before/After Photos

*By James Turner*

**Before**



**After**

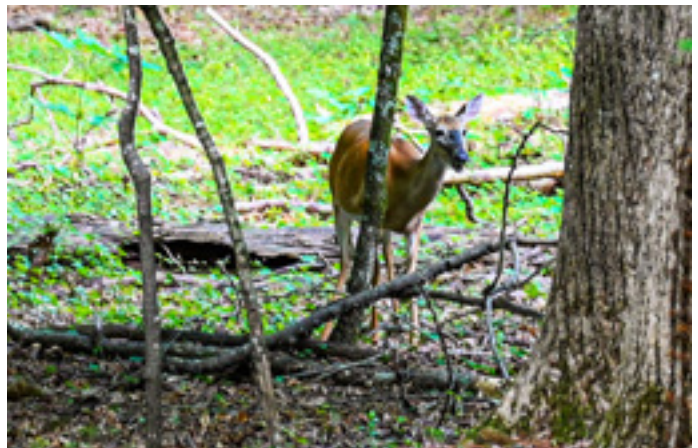




## Park Residents - 6/11/22

*Photos by James Turner*

*Flora and fauna*





# 158th Anniversary Photos

*Photographs by James Turner*





## The Society of the Atlanta Campaign

Andrew J. Bramlett

Before the federal government protected Kennesaw Mountain, there were many efforts to save the preeminent battle of the Atlanta Campaign. One of the more unique plans came from the Society of the Atlanta Campaign, a mysterious organization that seemed to have started in late 1897. A letter by the group's acting secretary, George E. Dolton, was published in newspapers across the country in early 1898. The letter seems to have been written on December 31, 1897, "to the veterans of the Atlanta Campaign."

In the letter, Dolton explained that a new organization had been formed for soldiers who served under "Sherman, Johnston, and Hood" and that it would have two goals: "social purposes" and creating a park at Kennesaw Mountain. The letter also included a copy of the society's logo. Accounts of the new organization emphasized it was intended for veterans of both sides, but more Northern newspapers chose to reprint the article.

Thankfully information is known about the leader of this effort, George E. Dolton. He was born July 27, 1840, and was a schoolteacher before the Civil War. He was in Battery M of the 1st Illinois Light Artillery during the war, achieving the rank of Corporal. Afterwards, Dolton moved to St. Louis and became a merchant. He was involved in the Grand Army of the Republic, but Dolton was upset that some GAR members were inflating their wartime accomplishments. He created his own (somewhat satirical) group called the "Comrades of the Battlefield." When he passed away in 1906, he was buried in Missouri.

The only other individual known to have been involved in the society was A. B. Leeper, the "Major General commanding the department of Illinois" in the Comrades of the Battlefield. Leeper was spearheading the Kennesaw Mountain preservation effort by April 1898. Newspaper accounts mention that "the originator of this scheme has not been discovered by the public down this way [i.e., Georgia]." Leeper was in Company B of the 115<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry during the Civil War and claimed he fired the war's last shot. He referred to himself as "the man who put down the Rebellion."

According to research by Dr. Joe Squillace, Leeper was known for always wearing his uniform from the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also in a mental asylum on at least ten different occasions and started a newspaper called the Lunatic Herald. Finally,



**A. B. Leeper, from *History of the 115th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry* by Isaac Henry Clay Royse (1900).**

Dr. Squillace found that Leeper once wrote a letter to world monarchs asking that they hold a tribunal to decide the fate of the American republic and that they become "conservator of the United States."

Leeper's plan for Kennesaw Mountain is audacious, with newspapers saying it would rival "the Colossus of Rhodes, Washington Monument, Statue of Liberty, and the great pyramid of Cheops or Corfu [sic]." Around the mountain, "the greatest military national park in the world" would be

created. At the summit an eighty-foot-tall statue would be erected of an American soldier. Its exterior would be white glass, with bright electric lights to illuminate it at night. It would be so bright "that the inhabitants of other planets will think that earth [sic] has a new moon located about twenty miles west of Atlanta." As part of this plan, a meeting of Atlanta Campaign veterans was planned for around June 27, 1898.

Even these grand plans were not enough. The giant glass statue would need a steel framework, and Leeper wrote a letter to Secretary of the Navy John Davis Long asking that the then-recently-sunk USS Maine be raised from Havana Harbor. (The sinking of the Maine had started the Spanish-American War several months before.) Once the Maine was raised, Leeper wanted its steel to be used for the statue's framework. According to Leeper,

In this monument every American veteran would have an interest, and as the achievements of the United States Navy are as worthy of commemoration as are those of the United States Army, and as the proposed monument or tower will probably be constructed practically of steel, I have thought within the last hour that instead of towing the wreck out into the ocean and sinking it, why not tow it to Key West or Tampa,

from either of which points the material could be shipped to Atlanta for the use in the erection of the colossal monument to the valor of the American Army and Navy.



**Wreck of the USS Maine by A. Melero (Nineteenth century). Image from Naval History & Heritage Command**

While this may not be a surprise, no part of this plan became a reality. The only development after mid-1898 that has been found was a puzzle written by G. E. Dolton for the May 5, 1902 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*:

Big Kennesaw Mountain, Ga., is 1828 [sic] feet high. On its summit, it is proposed to erect a monument to American valor. The monument, including a statue of the Goddess of Liberty on its top, is to be 560 feet high. How far can one see the horizon, looking from the top of the head of the Goddess, supposing the earth there to be a true curve of the earth? [sic]



**The answer to the puzzle, from the May 8, 1902 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.**

The answer, published in the paper three days later, was 60 miles. By this time plans for the "greatest military national park in the world" seem to have floundered, and it is unclear if Dolton was serious in his 1902 proposal. It is interesting to think what the park would look like if these plans had not failed. On a side note, the USS *Maine* was later raised from Havana Harbor, and one of her gun turrets can today be found in Chattanooga.



158th Anniversary Photos by Fred Feltmann



## Friends of KMNBP Marietta Wine Market Fundraiser, 6/18/22

Despite the busy weekend, Juneteenth on the square and few of us in attendance- we still were able to raise \$512 at the Wine market and have a fabulous afternoon!

About 25 guests attended and most had seen on friends FB or just dropped by the market casually.



Special thanks to Patrick for great energy and engagement- it was such fun drawing for a behind the scenes tour at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Winners were Bethany & Michael Black. ( Bethany picture with Patrick holding certificate)



Also big thanks to Rena, Gayle and Geoff for selling prize tickets and mingling with friends!



And then there was Bart lending a hand with our set up and networking!

Yes, we should host again in the fall and with more Involvement we could make this a significant fund raiser.



Thanks everyone and enjoy this beautiful day!

*Kathy Bearden*

Wow! What a great day we had at the wine market. Special thanks to Kathy Bearden who put together such a fun and productive event. Getting Square and the PayPal site set up for donations was a huge help. Patrick was wonderful and interacted with the crowd and was a wonderful ambassador for the Park. Thanks too the 3 trail club members that came and sold the raffle tickets.

I thought we reached members of the community that were interested in donating.

I think having another gathering in the fall would be productive and hopefully more of our team could attend.

Thanks again Kathy and Patrick for all your work and time.

*Bart Henderson*

*Photos for this article taken by Kathy Bearden.*



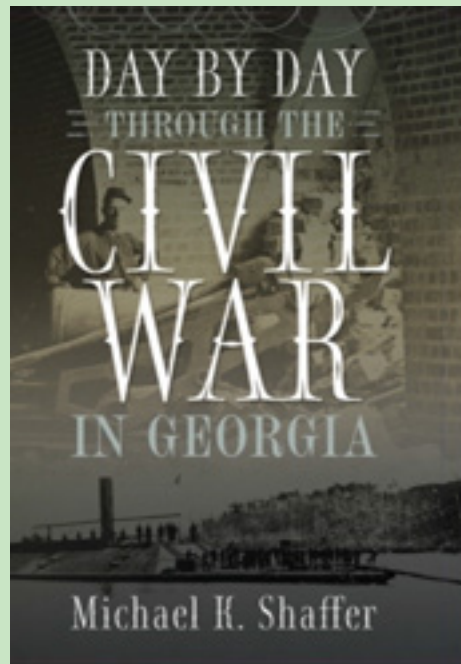


## ***“Day By Day Through the Civil War in Georgia” Talk & Book Signing***

**Sunday, July 31, 2022 1:00 p.m.**

**Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 900**

**Kennesaw Mountain Dr.- Kennesaw, Ga., 30152**



Until now, a daily account (1,630 days) of Georgia's social, political, economic, and military events during the Civil War did not exist. During the 160 years since the conflict's termination, many fine accounts of wartime Georgia have rolled off various presses. With this effort, Michael K. Shaffer strikes a balance between the combatants while remembering the struggles of enslaved persons, folks on the home front, and merchants and clergy attempting to maintain some sense of normalcy.



Michael K. Shaffer is a Civil War historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist, and author. He is a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, and Georgia Association of Historians. Shaffer teaches Civil War Courses at Kennesaw State University's College of Graduate and Professional Education, and at Emory University.



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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **July**

\*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.

\*All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

### **July 17, 11 am: Kolb Farm History Talk**

When the Kolb Family built their farmhouse in the 1830's, they had no way of knowing how important their land would become. From being the site of a major battle, to giving modern visitors a look into the past, the Kolb Farmhouse still remains a key part of the Kennesaw Mountain story. Come join this short ranger talk to learn more. This talk will be held at the Kolb Farmhouse in the southern section of the park.

### **July 23: 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm Artillery Demonstrations**

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Come and join us for some interaction.

### **July 24, 11 am: Life of a Soldier**

Life for the infantry soldier of the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. Long marches, poor health conditions, and at times constant fighting made it one of the hardest jobs in the military. Join us for this interactive ranger program that will take you into the life of these men.

### **July 30, 11 am: The Fighting McCooks**

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Federal assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. This brave man was not the only McCook to fight for the Federal army. This 30- minute program will introduce the 'Fighting McCooks', the story of 3 Ohio brothers and their 15 sons who joined the Federal forces and fought throughout the Civil War.

*\*This program is **not at the Visitor Center**; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr., Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

### **July 31, 1 pm: Day By Day Through the Civil War in GA with Michael Shaffer**

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\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0,  
or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)



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## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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### Kennesaw Mountain “22 for ’22 Hiking Challenge”

Kennesaw, GA – Effective starting May 30, 2022. To promote the health and fitness of the community, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield (NBP) invites the public to participate in the “22 for ’22 Hiking Challenge”. Between Memorial Day (5/30) and Labor Day (9/05), visitors are invited to stretch their legs and hike the 22 miles of Kennesaw Mountain’s trail system as designated by the challenge. The trails included will span all of the park’s major trail loops and include many historic earthworks and key battle locations. A special prize will be awarded to those that complete the challenge! Supplies are limited, and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

To participate, visitors can pick up a log sheet from the Visitor Center, or contact [kemo\\_fees@nps.gov](mailto:kemo_fees@nps.gov) to have one emailed to them. They will use this to keep track of their mileage and have it signed off by a ranger or volunteer. Proof of paid entrance fee will be required for participation.

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) for further information.

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# 22 for '22 Hiking Challenge!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park invites you to hike all 22 miles of our trails between Memorial Day and Labor Day to win a free prize!

Download your log sheet from our website  
or pick one up the Visitor Center

Hike a trail and have a Ranger sign your log  
sheet

Complete all 22 miles of trails between  
May 30<sup>th</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>

Once the log sheet is complete, turn  
it in at the Visitor Center for a prize!

**Contact us for more  
information!**

Visitor Center address:  
900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive,  
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Phone: 770-427-8868  
[www.nps.gov/KEMO](http://www.nps.gov/KEMO)

Visitor Center hours: 9am to 5pm daily. Prizes are limited. Proof of entrance pass must be shown to earn credit for trails hiked.

## 20th Anniversary of KMTC



Spring 2002: Two Boy Scout leaders, Richard Angeli and Fred Feltmann, used the trail over Little Kennesaw Mountain to train for a backpacking trip. The trail was in such bad shape that they decided to volunteer to spend some time fixing that trail. From this

idea the trail club was born.

Read about 20 years of Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club History at this link:

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/archive.php>

## The Mountain Store Trailer Is Now Open On Weekends Through September

Eastern National is now open and will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 25th). The store will be open from 10 am until 5 pm and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.

[Dan Beard](#)

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# Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 22 FOR '22 HIKING CHALLENGE!

Explore our  
trails!

Post your pics and tag us at  
#KEMO22for22!

## How does it work?

- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, hike all the trails in the park
- Have a Ranger sign off on your log sheet after you have completed a trail
- Once the log sheet is filled, turn it in to the Visitor Center for your prize!

\*Prizes are first come first serve. Proof of valid entrance (daily passes, Kennesaw Annual or America the Beautiful annual/lifetime passes) must be shown to gain credit for trails hiked. For additional questions, call the Visitor Center at 770-427-4686.

| Trail Name                                                                   | Date Completed | Ranger Signature |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Mountain Loop - 5.8 miles                                                    |                |                  |
| Environmental Loop - 1.3 miles                                               |                |                  |
| 24 Gun Trail - 2.3 miles                                                     |                |                  |
| Noses Creek Trail - 3.6 miles                                                |                |                  |
| New Salem Church Trail - 1 mile                                              |                |                  |
| Old John Ward Road, Cease Fire and<br>Assault Trail - 2.15 miles             |                |                  |
| Kolb Farm Loop (starting at the parking lot<br>at Cheatham Hill) - 5.6 miles |                |                  |





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### John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

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## List of Abbreviations

KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

VC - Visitor Center

## Second Quarter Newsletter

### Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the October, 2022 Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than September 30th, 2022!

## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

