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## **Friends Work Day Project**

On Saturday April 3rd a small group of Covid-masked volunteers met with Mike from the park to make mulch for use in the park's landscaping, the new park plant nursery, and on the 22+ miles of hiking trails. The project was suggested by the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain in early March with a goal of getting at least a few truckloads of mulch made before snake and yellow jackets season. Scott Mackay, Rich Robinson, Donald Olds and Fred Feltmann made up the perfect sized team to feed old fencing materials (cedar and locust word) for a four-hour work morning (we are volunteers you know). Mike from the park staff had a well thought out plan that included bringing along a chop saw and generator so we could cut out portions of wood that contained nails or screws. He also was in charge of

the chipping machine and manned the safety controls as us volunteers fed it a steady stream of materials.

Five people was a good size for feeding the chipper. We had enough of us to keep the machine continuously fed while still having time to wipe a brow, sip some water, or step over to cut out some nails. After four hours we had chipped up 4 of the 10 piles of wood and created two truck loads of good mulch. The smell of freshly chipped cedar and locust wood was nice too. The only downside I noticed was my pants pockets had somehow filled with chipping dust and one volunteer found a tick trying to crawl up his leg. Which is a good reminder as the warmer days return – check for ticks.

Special thanks to Carlos at the park for enabling us to get this done in an efficient and safe manner.

## Scott Mackay

President - Friends of KMNBP

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## **New Board Member!**

Please welcome Kathy Bearden! She has volunteered to be our Membership Chair.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

## Mask Directive - National Park Service

We have now received guidance regarding the Executive Order Mandating the Wearing of Masks.

The mandate is that a mask is to be worn in federal buildings AND on federal lands. That means that while visitors are in the park, they are mandated to wear a mask. However, now there is more specific guidance to what wearing a mask "on federal lands" means.

Per the Department of the Interior and National Park Service, Kennesaw Mountain NBP will implement this executive order by taking the following measures:

- Masks or facial coverings will be required by visitors, staff, and volunteers while inside any federal buildings. This includes the Visitor Center, museum, and restrooms.
- While outdoors and on the trails, masks and facial coverings should be worn when proper social distancing cannot be maintained. For example, a mask may not be required for the entire hike on a trail but should be used when passing others on the trail if social distancing cannot occur. Masks should be worn outside in areas where people congregate and social distancing cannot occur (such as trailheads and specific areas of interest, like our cannons).
- In accordance with applicable law, NPS will provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals.

#### Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator

## Friends Calendar Of Events/Notices

Date Time Location Event

No events currently planned.

Check out our website, the National Park Service/KEMO website and the KMTC website for the latest updates on KMNBP events. (See page 10, herein for the list of websites.) There are numerous tutorials, video articles and stories on the NPS/KEMO Facebook page - see page 10)



## The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesasw 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 **FriendsOfKMNBP.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.

<u>Programs supported:</u> Outdoor Education KEMO Trail Club

Living History Trail Ambassadors

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## 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 GAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

#### FY 2021

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN GAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY
GIS PROJECT - OPEN

## Contact List - Updated 4/12/21 POSITION NAME

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Thanks!



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Facebook Page - Friends <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNBP">https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNBP</a>

Facebook Page - NPS https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP

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## **Sponsor's Corner A Special Thanks!**

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## Corporate

# Individual **CY 2020**

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## CY 2021

FOX DOGS
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JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD

## **Three Ways To Donate**

You can support the Friends in 3 ways:

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

Thanks for your support!



## 2021 Projects(s)

- Lead the Pack DONE
- Provide volunteers for cleaning the Painted Rocks
- Raise funding for trail improvements
- · Raise funding for Living History
- Publish the 1st edition of our Park Guidebook
- Raise funding for new Cannon & Trailer
- Raise community support for new Restrooms
- Raise community support for the Wallis House & trail to Anderson Hill
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App
- Support the battle anniversary (June, 2021) & help to advertise
- · Continue support to all park activities

## **Airplane Crash on Little Kennesaw**

By Andrew Bramlett

On January 20, 1933, a small mail plane crashed into the north side of Little Kennesaw Mountain. There was only one fatality, pilot Glenn T. Fields.

Glenn Tyree Fields was born February 23, 1908 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. His parents were R. Monroe and Florence Fields. In 1929, Fields became a pilot after studying at Kelly Field, in Texas. Afterwards, he became a flight instructor at the Roosevelt Air School of Mineola, New York, and he also served as a pilot on the Miami-Jacksonville run for Eastern Airlines. In 1930, he became a mail pilot for American Airways. The next year, Fields married radio singer Mabel Norma Greer of Covington, Kentucky, in a small ceremony at the house of Greer's parents. Fields and his wife had one child, Norma Glenn Fields. They moved to Atlanta prior to 1933.

According to the January 28, 1990 Marietta Daily Journal, in 1932 Fields was flying for American Airways when he noticed a burning house on Marietta's Whitlock Avenue. He flew his plane low to the ground and the noise of the engine woke the house's sleeping occupants, allowing them to leave unharmed. According to newspaper accounts of the time, the event actually took place in March of 1933, when Fields's replacement, Usher Rousch, awoke the occupants of a burning Smyrna house with his airplane's engine.

On January 20, 1933, Fields took off from Chicago onboard a Stearman 4 CM-1, a biplane modified for use as a mail plane. His destination was Atlanta's Candler Field, where his wife and six-month-old child waited. Candler Field, originally the Atlanta Speedway, opened as an airport in 1925. Today, it is Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

As Fields approached Chattanooga, he was forced to land because of heavy fog. At 9:10 AM, Fields took off from Chattanooga, and made his way towards Atlanta. He ended up slightly off course and found himself in another fog. Unfortunately, that fog covered Kennesaw Mountain. At 10:15 AM, Fields crashed into a tree on Little Kennesaw's north face, 75 feet below the summit. The land was at the time owned by Charles Runyan. The plane caught on fire soon after the crash. Fields had died instantly, and his body was badly burned by the fire. Newspapers reported that without American Airways records of who was flying that day, identification of the remains would have been impossible. His only remaining personal possessions were a watch and gun.

On the mountain at the time were two locals, W.P. Bearden and Glenn Ashley. Bearden had been cutting wood, and Ashley was hunting rabbits at the time of the crash. When they reached the crash site the reserve gas tank exploded, and Bearden was injured. As other locals climbed the mountain, they found parts of the plane as far as 75 feet from the wreck. Three sacks of mail were recovered from the wreckage, which were soon given to Marietta's postmistress,

Mrs. A.S. Clay.

Once an ambulance reached the mountain, it took three hours to remove the body. It was taken to Marietta's Mays Ward funeral home. At Candler Field, Field's wife and child still waited. The wives of several other pilots brought her home before telling her the news. The crash remained a memorable event of Marietta's history for quite some time. The crash was reported in newspapers as far away as Napa Valley, California. Souvenir hunters began to remove parts of the destroyed plane soon after the crash, and the exact site of the wreck has been lost to history.



Glenn T. Fields



January 21, 1933 Atlanta Constitution



Kennesaw: Natural History of a Southern Mountain by Sean P. Graham is the first in-depth ecological treatment of one of the most frequently visited national battlefield parks in the country. Designated as a battlefield in 1917 and as a park in 1935, the 2,965-acre Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park now preserves far more than the military history and fallen soldiers it was originally founded to commemorate.

Located approximately twenty miles northwest of downtown Atlanta, Kennesaw Mountain rises 608 feet above the rolling hills and hardwood forests of the Georgia Piedmont. Kennesaw Mountain's geology and topography create enough of a distinctive ecosystem to make it a haven for flora and fauna alike. As the tallest mountain in the metropolitan Atlanta area, it is also a magnet for human visitors. Featuring eighteen miles of interpretive trails looping around and over the mountain, the park is a popular destination for history buffs, outdoor recreationists, and nature enthusiasts alike.



Written for a diverse range of readers and park visitors, *Kennesaw: Natural History of a Southern Mountain* 

provides a comprehensive exploration of the entire park punctuated with humor, colorful anecdotes, and striking photographs of the landscape. Sean P. Graham begins with a brief summary of the park's human history before transitioning to a discussion of the mountain's nature, including its unique geology, vegetation, animals, and plant-animal interactions. Graham also

focuses on Kennesaw Mountain's most important ecological and conservation attribute—its status as a globally important bird refuge. An insightful chapter on bird watching and the region's migrating bird populations includes details on migratory patterns, birding hot spots, and the mountain's avian significance. An epilogue revisits the park's Civil War history, describing how Union veterans pushed for establishment of the park as a memorial, inadvertently creating a priceless biological preserve in the process.

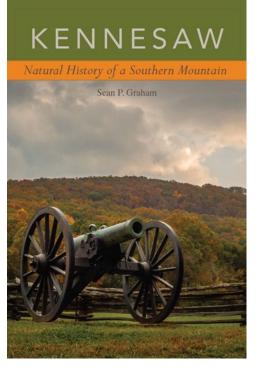
**Kennesaw** addresses the complex interactions and behaviors of numerous species that live in or migrate through the park; yet it is written in a personal, lively, and entertaining style that will appeal to a wide audience. In many cases the book synthesizes information from the scientific literature, making this otherwise arcane material accessible to the general public and underscoring—and hopefully increasing public appreciation for—the extensive biodiversity found in the Southeast.

**Sean P. Graham** is associate professor of biology and curator of the vertebrate collections at Sul Ross State University. He is author of *American Snakes*.

This book will be available at the KMNBP Visitor Center. It will also be available for a limited time for \$15 (40% off list price) at:

http://uapress.ua.edu/product/Kennesaw,7660.aspx

Enter the promo code "Kennesaw" when you get ready to check out.



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## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Encourages Responsible Recreation

Kennesaw, GA – Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking to catch visitors in the act of "doing good" for the environment. Park rangers are roving the trails looking for those who are practicing good trail etiquette and responsible recreation. These observable behaviors at the park can include picking up trash, respecting wildlife, bagging and binning pet waste, and practicing other Leave No Trace principles. When caught in a positive act for the environment and, specifically, for Kennesaw Mountain, visitors will be recognized with a specially designed button and then highlighted on social media on "Trail Tuesdays". This "responsible recreation" campaign is designed to encourage positive behaviors for the good of other visitors and for the good of the resources. It follows after the park's dog waste campaign which began a couple of months ago in partnership with Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

Patrick Gamman, Superintendent at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, states, "At Kennesaw Mountain, there are two real concerns stemming from pets...one is the amount of dog waste bags left on trails and the other is dogs off leash. We want to help educate our visitors on how impactful these negative practices can be and we want to encourage responsible recreation by all park visitors". To assist pet owners, dog waste bags and receptacles have been placed throughout the park to encourage bagging and binning pet waste. Additionally, park staff will be positively recognizing dogs on leash with a voucher for a specially designed BARK Ranger bandanna, to be redeemed in the American's National Parks Store within the Visitor Center.

Help protect the park by practicing responsible recreation. For more information, please call 770.427.4686 or visit the website at www.nps.gov/kemo.

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## Find your next adventure with the new National Park Service app

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The new National Park Service app is available for download in the iOS App Store and Google Play Store. NPS image.

WASHINGTON – Just in time for National Park Week, the new National Park Service (NPS) mobile app (go.nps.gov/app) is now available for visitors to national parks across the country. Created by park rangers with visitors in mind, the NPS App gives the public up-to-date information about all 423 national parks in one easy-to-use app.

Visitors can download the NPS App in the iOS App Store and Google Play Store to plan a trip, find interactive maps, download maps and tours ahead of time and find things to do and places to visit during **National Park Week** and beyond.

"National Park Week is a time for us to celebrate national parks and experience them in new ways," said **Deputy Director Shawn Benge**. "We hope that visitors will recognize this opportunity to use the NPS App to discover their next national park adventure and learn more about these incredibly special places."

During a time when many visitors are choosing to visit parks close to home, users of the App will be able to find a selection of nearby parks to explore. While planning a trip, users can build personalized trips and save and share information about their upcoming adventure with friends or family. The app is available offline, so visitors can download necessary resources ahead of time – especially important for visits to more remote areas.

While on a visit to national parks, the public is reminded to <u>recreate responsibly</u>, follow park safety guidelines and wear masks while inside all federal facilities and outside where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The NPS App is fully accessible and includes tools for visitors with accessibility needs. While in the park, visitors can access self-guided tours to learn more about the park, create and share a virtual postcard and stay informed of alerts and closures.

With millions of visitors to national parks every year, visitors need a trusted source for park information available on their mobile device in one single app. During this first stage of the app, NPS staff are continuing to add detailed information and resources for users. The NPS App will continue to be a tool for visitors in the years to come as NPS staff develop new features to enhance the experience of visitors to national parks.

#### www.nps.gov

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National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, USA

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## **Memorial Day**

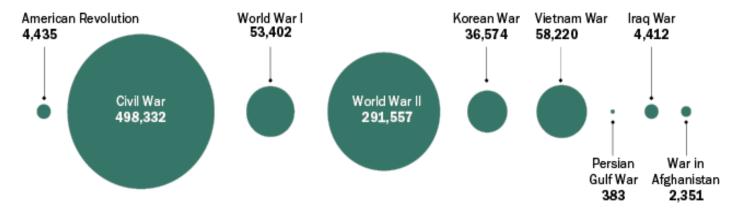
By Jay Haney



- Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States.
- Many cities have laid claim to have begun Memorial Day, though President Lyndon Johnson officially declared Waterloo N.Y. as the birthplace of Memorial Day in May 1966.
- While there is some dispute as to the origin of the day, the first was observed on May 30, 1868, under proclamation by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first official observation involved placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.
- By 1890, it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the
  day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from
  honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in
  any war).
- Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30 up to 1971 when the National Holiday Act of 1971, designated the last Monday in May to be Memorial Day.

## Military Deaths in America's Major Wars

Number of American soldiers who died while fighting in major conflicts...



Note: Figures do not include deaths outside theaters of conflict. Civil War deaths are based on incomplete returns due to estimates of Confederate deaths. Figures as of May 2015.

Source: Congressional Research Service, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; U.S. Department of Defense.

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## **United States National Cemetery System**

- A system of 147 nationally important cemeteries in the United States. The authority to create military burial places came during the American Civil War, in an act passed by the U.S. Congress on July 17, 1862. By the end of 1862, 14 national cemeteries had been established. A national cemetery is generally a military cemetery containing the graves of U.S. military personnel, veterans and their spouses, but not exclusively so. The best known national cemetery is Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C.. Some national cemeteries, especially Arlington, contain the graves of important civilian leaders and other important national figures. Some national cemeteries also contain sections for Confederate soldiers. In addition to national cemeteries, there are also state veteran cemeteries.
- The National Cemetery Administration of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs maintains 131 of the 147 national cemeteries as well as the Nationwide Gravesite Locator, which can be used to find burial locations of American military veterans. The Department of the Army maintains two national cemeteries, Arlington National Cemetery and United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, and 39 other cemeteries across the United States under Army National Military Cemeteries. The National Park Service (NPS) maintains 14 cemeteries associated with historic sites and battlefields.
- The American Battle Monuments Commission, an independent agency, maintains 24 American military cemeteries and other memorials outside the United States.

## **Local Observations**

The National Memorial Day Association of Georgia is hosting the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Marietta National Cemetery on Monday, May 31, 2021. The event normally takes place at noon and honors our Veterans, both past and present, who served as well as those who gave their life for our country's freedom. The ceremony features patriotic music, posting of the colors, prayers, a gun salute, as well as inspiring speakers. All Veterans as well as the general public are invited to attend. Plans for this year's ceremony are still being developed.



There are normally Memorial Day ceremonies at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA as well; however for this year details have not been released as yet.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is planning for a 2021 virtual observation, which will be presented on their Facebook page - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP">https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP</a>

## Focus City Grant – Reflection

by Marjorie Thomas

In 2019, the metro-Atlanta parks (Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park, and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield) were awarded a National Park Foundation Focus City Grant to provide fieldtrip opportunities for underserved students in our areas. Our partners for this grant included the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club and Cobb Water.

Funding allowed for the hiring of a one-year shared interpretive ranger to assist with program development, communications between schools and the parks, reporting for the three parks, etc.; funding was also set aside for buses to bring students to the park. The shared interpretation ranger, Sheila Malone, began at KEMO in February 2020... then the park shut down in March 2020 due to COVID. That pandemic negatively impacted 1,305 students (between the three parks) who were already booked for fieldtrips that got cancelled.

The very nature of how we provide interpretive and education programs changed from March 2020 on. The summer months were then spent learning how to develop and deliver virtual programs.

During the fall, a collaborative teacher workshop, hosted by all three parks, was offered to help teachers learn about each park's resources and specific programs that were now being offered. Some funds from the grant were used to support the schools that participated in the teacher workshop; additionally, some funds from the grant were utilized to help each park purchase much needed technology to support virtual program development.

All three of the metro- Atlanta national park units have now designed age appropriate lessons for synchronous and asynchronous programs. At present, 1,580 students have been served through our Focus City grant. Programs have been given to students within Cobb County, and as far away as Washington state. The pandemic has allowed us an opportunity to create virtual programs that were a little different, a little outside our comfort zone, and definitely relevant for the time. We are thankful that we have been able to continue with virtual interpretation and education programs this past year to now...but we also definitely look forward to a time in the not-so-distant future when we can return back to "normal" with our programs and outreach efforts.

 $Flowers\ of\ Spring\ -\ 2021$  Anne Page took these pictures on 4/13/21 between the Cheatham Hill Road lot and steel bridge over Ward Creek. The most wild flowers we can remember this year.







**Blood Root** Buckeye Dogwood







Green and Gold



Jack in pulpit - flowers on this plant will appear in May.



Trillium - flowers on this plant have not appeared yet.

Jay Haney & Anne Page Mosby



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP)

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

#### These include:

Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance Museum improvements and expansion

Living History Demonstrations

Additional parking and restrooms

Guest speakers

More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.

Website: http://www.FriendsofKMNBP.org

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNBP

Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMNBP

Twitter: <a href="http://www.twitter.com/fkmnbp/">http://www.twitter.com/fkmnbp/</a>



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501c3 tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

#### **Individuals**

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

#### **Businesses**

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.

Donations can be made on-line at:

www.FriendsOfKMNBP.org

Or, by mailing to:



Friends of KMNBP 905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive Kennesaw, GA 30152

## **New Park Employees!**



#### Ms. Lori Vann

Ms. Lori Vann has been hired as the park's new Administrative Assistant and will begin her assignment in early May. Ms. Vann was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. She pursued a degree in Accounting at Jersey City State College obtaining 24 hours in Accounting. Federal

Government education includes, Disbursing Officer School at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, Military Accounting Course (MAC) in Indianapolis, Indiana, Planning Programming Budgeting and Execution System (PPBES) in Indianapolis, Indiana and Leadership Training Program in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania. She began her career with the National Park Service in 2002.

- Ms. Vann's civilian assignments and pursuits over three decades include:
- Started as a Co-Op student at the Military Ocean Terminal while attending Jersey City State College.
- Supervisory Disbursing Officer at the Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne New Jersey where she was overseer of the collections and disbursements for temporary duty travel.
- Supervisory Fiscal Specialist for the Department of the Interior, National Business Center (NBC) in Washington, DC. She supervised the Accounts Payable section of the National Business Center.
- Budget Analyst for the National Park Services at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Atlanta GA 2002 where she was responsible for formulating, executing, financial planning, and tracking funds for the park.
- Budget Analyst for the Southeast Regional Office (SER) in Atlanta, GA, responsible for preparing the permanent change of station relocations and temporary duty for the Region travel authorizations and training the travelers to use the travel systems. She acted as the liaison between the Southeast Region and the Accounting Operations Office.
- Program Analyst for the Northeast Regional Office (NER) in Philadelphia, PA, tracking the Budget for the Natural and Cultural Resources Division.
- Budget Analyst for Rock Creek Park at the National Capitol Region (NCR), in Washington DC, where she formulated, executed, and tracked the budget for the park.

### Ms. Rebecca Roarty

Ms. Rebecca Roarty has been hired as the Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant for the park's fee program. She comes to KEMO from Crater Lake National Park in Oregon, where she served as an Acting Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant in a detail position, and was their Lead Visitor Use Assistant prior to her detail assignment. She is originally from Florida. Says Rebecca, "I've been with the NPS on and off since 2007. I've had the pleasure of working at 10 different parks and one national forest so far, and realized I can make more of an impact at the smaller monuments vs the larger parks. I'm truly honored to have been chosen for this position, and I look forward to working with you all in the future!" Rebecca will begin her assignment at KEMO in early June.



# A Rainy Day In Georgia

Fred Feltmann - 10/11/15

It was a raining morning in GA, that day....

And who should come a-calling in the parking lot, looking for a snack....

"If I don't look at him, he'll go away, or at least not take my photo."

Drenched I am! What a place to look for food - only a duck would do this!

Wait, I'm not a duck...and I'm perched on this sign....

Where's lunch?

They don't come out in the rain?????"

Ah, a rainy day in GA.

## **Sponsors/Partners Corner**

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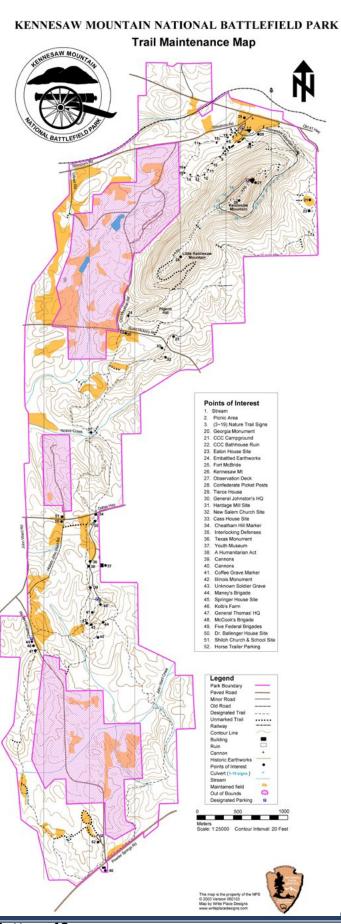
## List of Abbreviations

KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain VHP - Veterans History Project

# Fourth Quarter Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the July 2021 Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at <a href="mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net">faf1948@bellsouth.net</a> no later than June 30th, 2020!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!



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