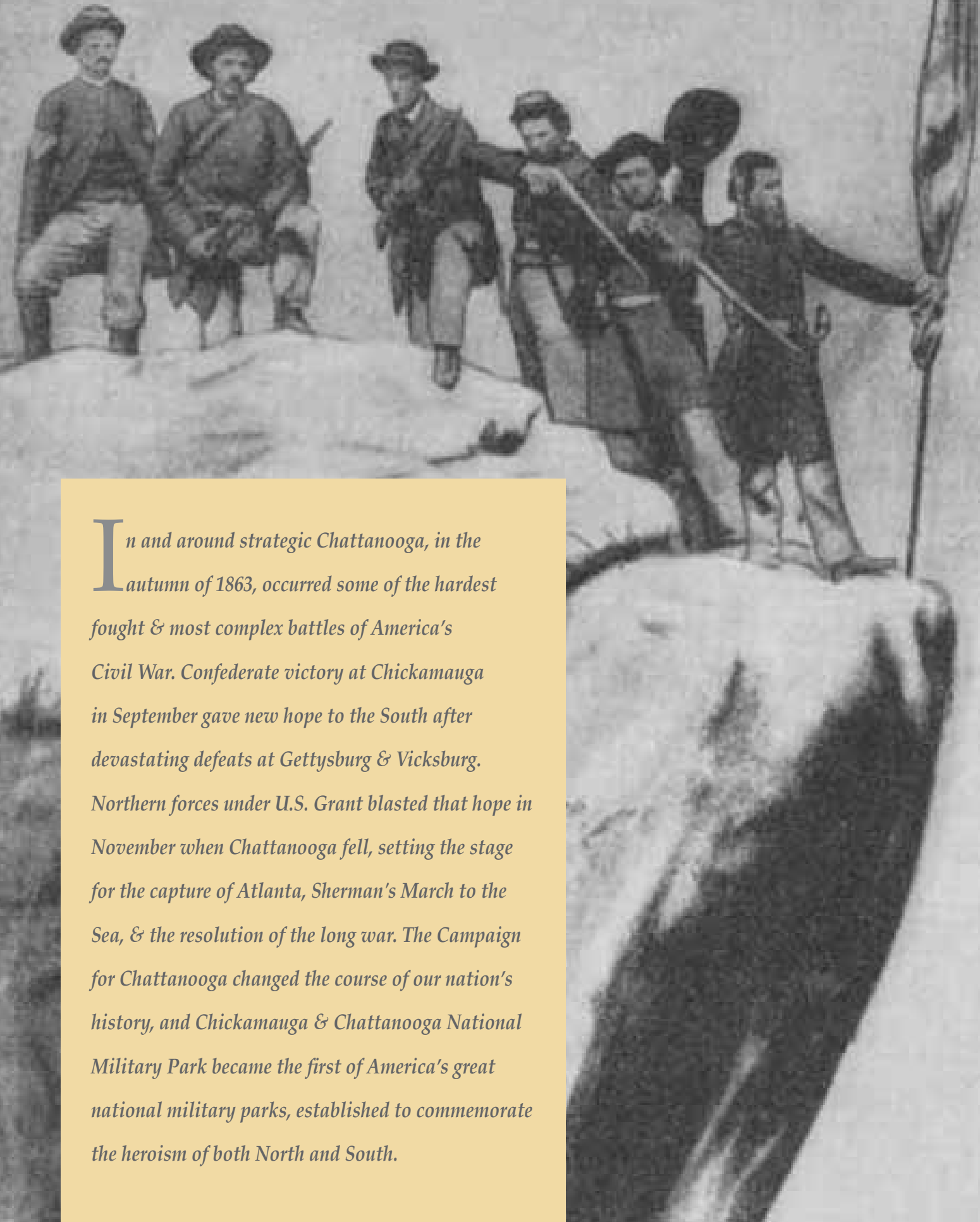


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A Sesquicentennial Commemoration

2013



In and around strategic Chattanooga, in the autumn of 1863, occurred some of the hardest fought & most complex battles of America's Civil War. Confederate victory at Chickamauga in September gave new hope to the South after devastating defeats at Gettysburg & Vicksburg. Northern forces under U.S. Grant blasted that hope in November when Chattanooga fell, setting the stage for the capture of Atlanta, Sherman's March to the Sea, & the resolution of the long war. The Campaign for Chattanooga changed the course of our nation's history, and Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park became the first of America's great national military parks, established to commemorate the heroism of both North and South.

Historians who chronicle America's story acknowledge Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park as one of the major sites commemorating the Civil War that defined us as a nation.

MODEL & SYMBOL

Established through the efforts of Civil War veterans who came together from both armies, the Park has served as the model for all of America's national military parks and historical national parks. Our local National Park, then, not only preserves Civil War battleground but also honors heroism, reconciliation and national reunion.

SPANNING BOUNDARIES

Our Park spans state boundaries. Chickamauga Battlefield in Georgia preserves the rural ground where the Confederacy won its last major battle. Chattanooga's five National Park units—Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Orchard Knob, Moccasin Bend and Signal Point—commemorate battles for a crossroads city that was key to the Union's penetration into the Deep South, the heart of the Confederacy.

ECONOMIC ENGINE

Our National Park is an historic treasure and a vital factor in our local economy. Last year, Civil War heritage visitors brought \$50 million in revenue to our region. This impact is expected to increase



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...and YOU!

exponentially during the 2013 sesquicentennial observances of the Battle of Chickamauga and the Battles for Chattanooga. The State of Tennessee is pouring its tourism resources into our region in order to provide millions of visitors with an experience worthy of the key role Chattanooga and North Georgia played in America's Civil War story.

JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP!

Across the country, Americans are commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War that helped to make us who we are as a nation. The sesquicentennial commemoration of the Campaign for Chattanooga, encompassing the Battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, offers YOU a once-in-a-generation opportunity to work with the National Park Service. By becoming a Friend of the Park, you will help shape public events that bring to life for millions of residents and visitors the dramatic stories behind our local National Park.

2013 & INTO THE FUTURE

The Sesquicentennial Commemoration Campaign will fund a multitude of benefits for 2013 and beyond: dozens of public cultural experiences for visitors and residents, innovative educational programs for Tennessee and Georgia students, and vital partnership with the Park in public service, land stewardship and historic preservation.

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Sesquicentennial Overview

2013

Campaign for 150 Years

To Educate, Commemorate & Ensure a Vibrant Future for our Park



Help children & adults learn
the stories behind the
Campaign for Chattanooga

EDUCATE!

July 16-18 & July 23-25, 2013

Answer the Call to Arms:

Support a Summer Day Camp at Chickamauga Battlefield

Young participants will become living historians during the Park's 4th annual summer day camp, stepping into the 19th century world of the Campaign for Chattanooga in one of two sessions of outdoor learning and adventure.

September 14 & 15, 2013

Walk through History at Chickamauga Battlefield

A series of reenacted scenes will allow visitors to step back in time to understand the significance of the Battle of Chickamauga and what led up to it, from the growing conflict among citizens, presidential election of 1861, raising of troops, eventual arrival of two armies, and the Battle's effects on the citizens of rural North Georgia.

September 20, 2013

Experience Chickamauga Battlefield through the Eyes of a Soldier

This curriculum-based program will follow a soldier's experiences at Chickamauga, using the disciplines of History and English to provide a personal perspective. In addition to learning the story of the Battle, students will explore the poetry and writings of soldiers who left a record of their time on the battlefield.

October 9 & 10, 2013

Hear the Music & Voices of the Civil War at Chattanooga Convention Center

Through school transportation stipends, the Park and its sesquicentennial partners will fund bus transportation for students to curriculum-based programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Campaign for Chattanooga:

- Music can powerfully reflect the human emotions elicited by war, from passion and heroism to tragedy, loss, and even tedium. Nationally known Civil War music historian *Bobby Horton* will present classes built on the music of the era, guiding students to learn more of its personal, sectional, and national stories.
- With Chattanooga in the hands of the Union, a large contraband (emancipated slave) camp grew here and a unit of the renowned United States Colored Troops mustered into service. Retired teacher and historian *Kitty Wilson Evans*, nationally known interpreter of the slave experience, will portray an emancipated slave in classes that delve into the African-American perspective on the Civil War.

November 21, 2013

**Listen, Ask & Learn about Lookout Mountain & Missionary Ridge:
Experience the Battles for Chattanooga**

Setting the stage for a weekend of public programs at Park units across Chattanooga, nationally known historian Earl Hess will present a Friday evening lecture (location to be announced) on the significance of the Battles for Chattanooga. Events in conjunction with the lecture include walking tours, bus tours, and living history encampments focused on the historic actions of November 1863.



**Honor heroes who
risked all to make us
the America we are today**

COMMEMORATE!

May 27, 2013

Let the Lights Lead us to Remember:

Take a Decoration Day Torch Light Tour of Chattanooga National Cemetery

September 20-21, 2013

Commemorate the 1863 Battle of Chickamauga at the Battlefield

- On Friday, September 20, the *rededication of the restored Lytle Monument* will formally commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. U.S. General William Lytle was widely known as the “poet warrior” of the Civil War, and his work was beloved to soldiers of both armies. Lytle fell mortally wounded while trying to maintain the Union line. On the battlefield that night, Confederates reverently stood guard over his body until it could be returned to the Union Army. Join the National Park Service, local dignitaries, and the General Lytle Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans from Cincinnati, OH for the public rededication. A reception will follow, honoring donors to the restoration and the Friends of the Park for its leadership in the project.

- On Saturday evening, September 21, the *Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra* will present a Pops Concert at the Wilder Brigade Monument on Chickamauga Battlefield. Wilder Tower is an icon that represents the Park to much of the local community. There, for many years, the Symphony offered a free July 4th concert. This 2013 event will be a special and nostalgic evening for residents and visitors, who are invited to

converge on the beloved Tower with blankets, camp chairs, picnic baskets and a taste for stirring American music.

October 9-12, 2013

Be a Part of Tennessee’s Signature Event for the Civil War Sesquicentennial!

Occupation & Liberation: A Four-Day Symposium at Chattanooga Convention Center

The National Park Service and Friends of the Park—with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, and Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission—present *four days* of commemoration events featuring experts who will bring to life the events that took place 150 years ago during the Campaign for Chattanooga. Nationally known historians Peter Cozzens, Brooks Simpson, Wiley Sword,

and Richard McMurry will participate, and additional historians will be announced as they are confirmed. The governors of both Tennessee and Georgia are invited to attend. The symposium program will include lectures, discussions, walking tours, and bus tours. These four days will mark Tennessee's signature offerings to highlight the sesquicentennial of the Tennessee battles that turned the tide of our national Civil War.

October 12, 2013

Celebrate the Park as a National Treasure at Chattanooga Convention Center

The Friends of the Park will continue its annual tradition with a National Treasures social gathering that celebrates our local National Park for its contributions to the fabric of American life and history. This year's party will take place at the Chattanooga Convention Center as a part of the sesquicentennial commemoration of the events that brought the Park into being as America's FIRST National Military Park and FIRST historical National Park. *National Treasures 2013* will be a night to remember!



**Help to forever protect the
irreplaceable treasures
of our local National Park**

PRESERVE THE LEGACY!

Ensure that our Children & their Children Inherit a Vibrant National Park!

The Friends of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that works with the National Park Service and other partners to preserve, enhance and promote Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park in perpetuity.

By engaging the public in its work, the Friends inspire new generations of Park lovers to honor the past, better understand its relevance to our lives today, and preserve it for the future. Established in 1986 to help the National Park Service mark the centennial of the founding of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park, the Friends have raised more than \$5 million to benefit the Park and its services to the public.

A portion of all contributions to the Sesquicentennial Commemoration Campaign will help support the Friends' continued operations and endow a legacy gift to its Jewell Memorial Park Restoration Fund which is dedicated to helping the National Park Service counter the ravages of weather and time on the Park's venerable landscapes, buildings and historic monuments.

Sesquicentennial Campaign Co-Chairs:

Leonard Fant *North Georgia*

Keith Sanford *Chattanooga*



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SIGNAL POINT FRIEND	\$151+
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MISSIONARY RIDGE FRIEND	\$2500+
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CHICKAMAUGA FRIEND	\$10,000+
OTHER CONTRIBUTION OF	\$ _____

Sesquicentennial supporters of Friends of the Park—individuals, businesses and corporations—will receive a commemorative gift, advance notification of all activities, and seating priority at selected events.

Join the sesquicentennial commemoration by mailing a check to the address below or by using a credit card via PayPal at the Friends' website (www.friendsofchch.org). Please remember that an electronic commerce transaction fee is deducted by PayPal from each online donation. If you prefer that the full amount of your donation benefit the Campaign, please make your contribution with a check.

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