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### **Boston National Historical Park Wins First Prize for iPad and Smartphone App**

**Boston, MA**—The National Association of Government Communicators has awarded Boston National Historical Park a first place “Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Award” for its Apple iPad and smartphone app. The National Park Service’s Harpers Ferry Center, which provides interpretive media and services to national parks to help them interpret the nation’s most special places, teamed up with Boston National Historical Park to rethink the venerable digital kiosk and develop the app. With just a touch, swipe, or pinch of their fingers, park visitors can now easily get all the information they need to explore historic Boston.

“With this new technology the National Park Service can now deliver Boston’s rich, textured and inspirational story to people from all over the world,” said Boston National Historical Park Superintendent Cassius Cass. “We’re marrying technology and history to transport visitors to the Boston that played a starring role in our struggle for independence and the creation of democracy.”

The free app for Apple iOS and Google Android smartphones allows folks exploring Boston on foot to listen to ranger talks, follow guided tours, pinpoint their location on a map, and get live updates about park events. The app includes information about Boston National Historical Park and Boston African American National Historic Site, as well as other parks in the region, and features custom maps, and turn-by-turn directions to dozens of historic sites. Users will find fun facts, frequently asked questions, restaurant, transportation, shopping, and hotel information.

For more information or to download the free app please visit [www.nps.gov/bost](http://www.nps.gov/bost)

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