



# Community Bulletin



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## Harpers Ferry John Brown Raid Service Learning Project Recognized for Outstanding Historic Preservation Accomplishment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation presented the ACHP Award for Federal Preserve America Accomplishment to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, in partnership with Harpers Ferry Middle School and the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, for a groundbreaking service learning project called *Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student*.

The award was presented by ACHP Chairman John L. Nau, III, at the quarterly business meeting held in the Cannon Caucus Room of the Can-

non House Office Building. Nau was joined by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks (and the Interior Secretary's designate to the ACHP) Will Shafroth; and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget Robert G. Stanton, in making the presentations.

The Preserve America Award went to the first, unprecedented national effort completed by a federal agency, a historic preservation nonprofit organization, and a school under the Preserve America Service Learning Project. The

three organizations enabled students to create six vodcasts centering on a middle school perspective of the John Brown Raid as it commemorates the 150th anniversary of an event crucial to touching off the Civil War. Walking in the footsteps of the raiders, using the places where the raid occurred, and primary historic documents, students interpreted the significance of the John Brown Raid to their peers and created the vodcasts to share their learning with visitors to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and others interested in the John Brown Raid.

### 150th Commemoration of John Brown's Raid

October 16-18 – Sesquicentennial Commemoration of John Brown's Raid Public events focusing on the raid. Music, drama, scholarship, living history, family & youth activities and ranger conducted programs. Activities throughout weekend. Location: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

**Information: [www.johnbrownraid.org](http://www.johnbrownraid.org) or call 304-535-6029**

## Volunteer of the Month Anne Long

Anne Long has been a volunteer at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park since June of 1997. After almost a year of volunteer service in the Museum Curator's office, Anne switched to Visitor Services. However, her volunteer career started long ago as a 4-H horse and pony leader and continued as a docent and volunteer coordinator at Gathland State Park in Maryland, Middletown Historical House and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Anne also gives tours of the South Mountain Battlefield and is an active member of the Harpers Ferry Civil War Roundtable. In her spare time, if one can imagine that she has any, Anne is on the Board of Directors of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association. She is also a member of several Civil War battlefield preservation organizations and the National Parks Conservation Association.

The Visitor Services staff at Harpers Ferry has great respect and admiration for Anne. According to the staff, Anne



has been with us through thick and thin, carrying the operation when staffing is difficult at any time of the year. She can do anything, and often does a little bit of everything.

Her experiences as the wife of a globe trotting State Department official required Anne to exude grace under pressure. Anne not only sets a sterling example of visitor contact at the Information Center and the Visitor Center, but also gives interpretive talks, staffs the John Brown Museum, maintains an inventory of handouts and negotiates with other parks for copies of their brochures. One of her greatest assets is her willingness to go out of her way to do research for park visitors. Anne is constantly meeting people who seek more information than what is offered in the park exhibits and handouts. She takes it upon herself to dig into the archives and websites to satisfy the curiosities and needs of these visitors. As a result, Anne has become an "ambassador" for the National Park Service, creating and fostering relationships that begin with a simple question, "How may I help you?"

## America's Best Idea

The National Park Foundation is proud to be a core partner and funder of the new Ken Burns documentary series, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

The film chronicles a century of giving that created national parks from southern Florida to the frozen tundra of Alaska, from the rocky coast of Maine to the volcanic Hawaiian islands. Premiering September 27th on PBS, the 12-hour, six-part documentary series traces the birth of the national park idea in the mid-1800s and follows its evolution for nearly 150 years. Told through the stories of the people who helped create them and save them from destruction, it is both a biography of compelling characters and of the American landscape.

Learn more at <http://www.pbs.org/nationalparks/>

## Upcoming Events

**September 5 U. S. Marine Band "Free Country"** will perform on the grounds of Mather Training Center (former Storer campus) on Camp Hill from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free of charge.

**September 12-13 "Eyes of the Army: The Cavalry Factor" 11-4pm** Living History volunteers demonstrate cavalry riding, weapons firing, sabre drill and bugling.

**September 26 "National Public Lands Day" 11-4pm** Guided hikes rated easy to challenging will be offered to Virginus Island, Jefferson's Rock, C&O Canal, and for the hearty; the Maryland Heights Naval Battery.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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Harpers Ferry Historical Association Bookshop  
304-525-6881

Harpers Ferry NHP Home Page  
[www.nps.gov/hafe/](http://www.nps.gov/hafe/)

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