



# Community Bulletin

## Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry

“We are surrounded by enemy batteries”, wrote a Union officer garrisoned at Harpers Ferry on September 15, 1862. On that day, the 12,500-man Union garrison surrendered to Confederate General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson. This military action at Harpers Ferry was the largest surrender of Union troops during the American Civil War. Following the surrender of federal troops, Stonewall marched his army to join General Robert E. Lee at Sharpsburg, Maryland, leaving General A.P. Hill at Harpers Ferry to parole the surrendered troops.

On November 3-4, 2007, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will present an artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson’s capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Visitors are invited to witness the power of the Confederate artillery that sealed the fate of the federal soldiers. Members of the living history groups Baltimore Light Artillery, Fredericksburg Light Artillery and the Liberty Rifle will portray Confederate artillery soldiers and conduct the demonstrations. A military camp will be open for visitation on the Bolivar Heights

Battlefield.

The Saturday schedule includes artillery firing at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday’s schedule includes artillery firing at 12 noon, and 2 p.m. Visitors will be shuttled from the Visitor Center at Cavalier Heights to the Bolivar Heights Battlefield from 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For further information, call Harpers Ferry National Historical Park at 304-535-6029.



### Recognizing 145 Years of Service

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park recently presented service pins totaling 145 years of service to (left to right) Louise Schafer, Human Resource Specialist, 40 years; Nancy Hatcher, Museum Specialist, 30 years; Donald Campbell, Superintendent, 40 years; and Bill Hebb, Natural Resource Specialist, 35 years.

# Harpers Ferry Park's Facility Manager Receives Citation for Superior Service

On September 27, Donald W. Campbell, Superintendent of Harpers Ferry NHP, presented Micheal Castagnetto, Facility Manager, with a Citation for Superior Service. In his 22 years of employment with the National Park Service, Micheal Castagnetto has made significant contribution toward the restoration and preservation of National Park assets.

He began his career as a painter at Lassen National Park and moved to other maintenance positions at Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS, Johnstown Flood NM, Theodore Roosevelt NP, Timpanogos Cave NM, Bryce Canyon NP and Harpers Ferry NHP, where as Facility Manager, he has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the application of the National Historic Preservation Act and leadership within the workforce.




Supertintendent Don Campbell (left) presents Superior Service Award to Micheal Castagnetto.

His enthusiasm to serve and his desire to provide the greatest care for resources under his stewardship provides inspiration to everyone who serves with him. Mr. Castagnetto's achievements have far exceeded that expected in the normal performance of his duties. He volunteered to oversee millions of dollars of restoration of historic properties within the park in addition to his normal duties. Faced with insurmountable problems arising out of the most difficult circumstances, he found ways to keep these construction contracts on schedule and within budget. While overseeing the restoration of the historic B&O railroad station at Harpers Ferry, Castagnetto made daily contact with train commuters resolving their issues and earning their admiration. He worked evenings and weekends to see the station finished on schedule.

Mr. Castagnetto, through his leadership, has reworked the maintenance division at Harpers Ferry, into a highly motivated, effective and efficient work force exceeding the highest standards of productivity, accountability, and technological innovation. Despite shortfalls in personnel and budget, he has brought about a change in this

Interior work force that fully modernizes it for the 21st Century. He inspires his peers and associations both inside and outside the National Park Service, exhibiting professionalism that goes beyond the normal call of duty and consistently leaves places better than he found them. For these attributes and other personal and professional qualities and traits, Micheal W. Castagnetto is granted the Superior Service Award of the Department of the Interior.

When asked about this award, Mr. Castagnetto said, "I am very appreciative of this recognition and award, it is possible due to the truly outstanding and professional supervisors and employees of the Facility Management Division and Park Management Team that I am privileged to work with. I wish to express my personal appreciation to all of these individuals for their hard work and commitment to preserving and protecting this country's National Park resources."



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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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