

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

ATLANTA, GA



The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park is centered around Dr. King's boyhood home and several historic structures that tell the story of his life in the Sweet Auburn neighborhood of Atlanta, Georgia. This place includes the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. King served as pastor, which was the site for many meetings and rallies during the Civil Rights movement, including the 1957 gathering that led to the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's HOPE Crew program has completed two projects at the National Park Service site, which suffers from just over \$13 million in deferred maintenance

BY THE NUMBERS IN JUST TWO PROJECTS:

\$380,000

Achieved in cost savings

7,360

Logged project hours

16

Employed crew members



for issues such as leaky roofs, water penetration, and wood damage. In 2014, a local Atlanta youth corps and member of The Corps Network—Greening Youth Foundation—embarked on projects to repair and repaint shotgun homes constructed between 1905 and 1909 and the following year rehabilitated five additional structures on the street of Dr. King's birth home. Over the course of two projects, 16 paid crew members completed 7360 hours of historic preservation work and helped tackle much needed deferred maintenance and rehabilitation at the park. Corps members acquired valuable preservation trade skills while learning about the life and legacy of Dr. King.



About HOPE Crew

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Seeing young people engaged in work that provides a livelihood for them, increases their contribution to the economy, and helps [the] National Park Service preserve and restore America's historic resource is a win-win for everyone.

Superintendent Judy Forte, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Lauren Walser; "HOPE Crew restores historic shotgun houses in Atlanta" November 6, 2014 savingplaces.org/stories

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LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

CROW AGENCY, MT



Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument memorializes a famous battle between the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry and the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes in southeastern Montana. In 1876, Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer and hundreds of soldiers died fighting roughly 8,000 warriors struggling to preserve their way of life.

It is also home to the Custer National Cemetery where soldiers from the Battle of Little Bighorn, the Spanish-American War, both World Wars, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War were laid to rest. More than 5,000 veterans and their loved ones are buried at the site with graves dating back to 1876.

BY THE NUMBERS OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT:

\$58,000

Achieved in cost savings

1,280

Logged project hours

16

Employed crew members



Thanks to a partnership between the Montana Conservation Corps, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Corps Network, and the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center, two HOPE Crew projects—including HOPE Crew's first all-veteran team representing each branch of the military—cleaned, reset, and repaired headstones to restore pride and dignity to the graves of the fallen and their families.

During the project the corps members learned valuable preservation masonry skills, helped tackle much needed maintenance and rehabilitation at the park, learned valuable preservation trade skills, and were also able to give back to fellow veterans from nearly a century ago.



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“The park really appreciates this partnership opportunity, and we were able to complete some work that we would not have been able to accomplish without the program. We are excited to be a part of a program that helped train future stewards in preservation skills. After all, NPS will be the direct benefactors of this future labor force.”

Christopher T. Ziegler,
Chief of Cultural and Natural
Resources Management for
Little Bighorn Battlefield
National Monument

National Trust for Historic
Preservation, David Weible;
“Military Veterans Tackle HOPE
Crew Project at Custer National
Cemetery” August 25, 2014
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GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

MOOSE, WY



Grand Teton National Park contains the majestic mountains of Teton Range, incredible wildlife, and a cultural history dating back more than 10,000 years ago when paleo-Indians visited the location. Inside the park are the 13 buildings of White Grass Dude Ranch that commenced operations in 1919 and are now home to the Western Center for Historic Preservation (WCHP).

In 2005, 13 buildings of Grand Teton's White Grass Dude Ranch were vacant or underutilized and severely deteriorated due to abandonment and deferred maintenance. Four HOPE Crew projects led by the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps of Colorado in

BY THE NUMBERS IN JUST FOUR PROJECTS:

\$57,000

Achieved in cost savings

1,440

Logged project hours

18

Employed crew members

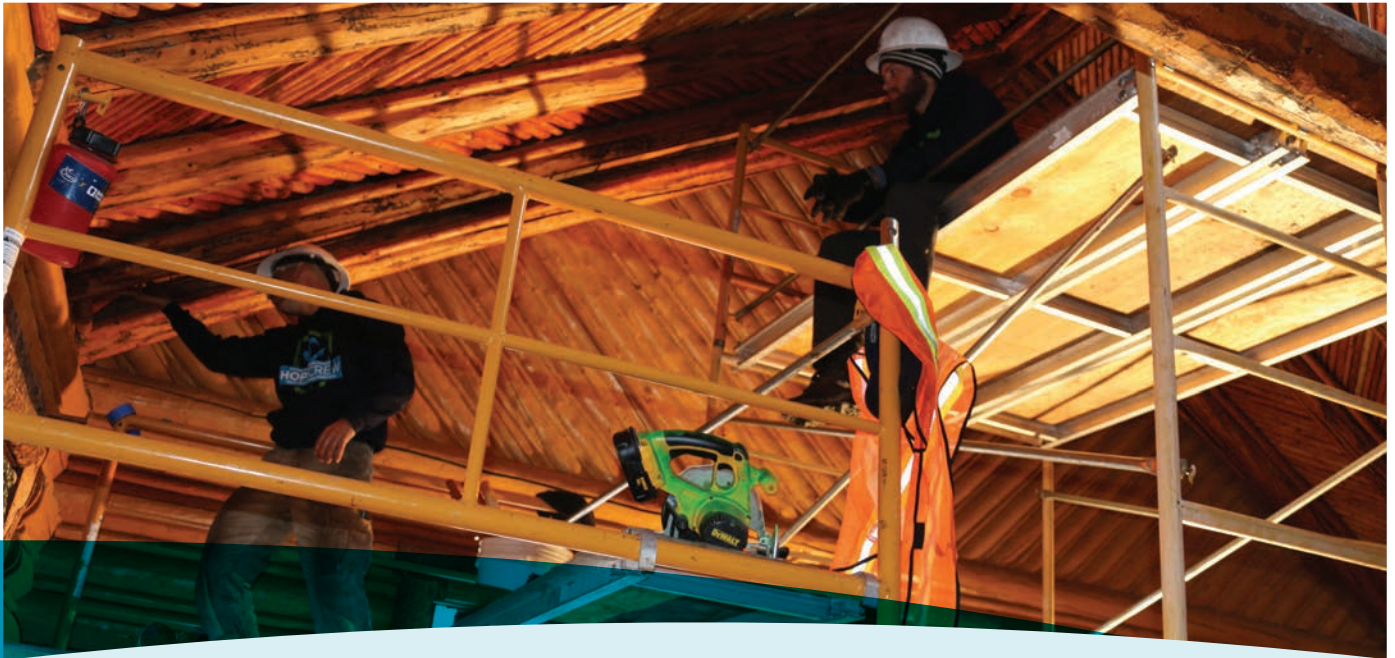


partnership with NPS and NTHP were organized to help restore the early 20th century cabins and convert them into a larger historic preservation training and residential facility for the National Park Service. Today, WCHP helps build maintenance skills and preservation expertise in western park units to ensure the careful stewardship of historic resources and to address the deferred maintenance backlog. The HOPE Crew team also worked to rehabilitate the Jenny Lake Visitor Center—listed on the National Register of Historic Places—on an indoor ceiling project to rejuvenate and secure over 2,000 ceiling latillas, a distinctive feature of this former artist studio.



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I was honored to feel like I was doing my part in learning these incredible skills. I can't wait to come back in 10 years, or 25, or 50. I can't wait to look up at the ceiling and see the work that I did... That moment will be one of the proudest of my life.

Kaleigh Choi,
Rocky Mountain Youth
Corps of Colorado

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JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND PRESERVE

NEW ORLEANS, LA



The Chalmette National Cemetery located in the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve is the final resting place for Union soldiers—including United States Colored Troops—who died in Louisiana during the Civil War. More than 14,000 headstones mark the gravesites of these soldiers, as well as veterans of the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and the Vietnam War. Established in 1864, the cemetery is located on the site of the 1815 Battle of New Orleans next to Chalmette Battlefield.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation HOPE Crew program in collaboration with the National Park

BY THE NUMBERS IN JUST TWO PROJECTS:

\$157,000

Achieved in cost savings

4,180

Logged project hours

1,884

Engaged volunteers



Service's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, coordinated expert-led and volunteer-driven projects at Chalmette National Cemetery for the past two years. Volunteers from the community—including Boy and Girl Scout Troops, JROTC programs, and veterans—documented, realigned and cleaned headstones in service to our veterans. In addition to contributing over 4000 hours and significant cost savings towards reducing the NPS deferred maintenance backlog, these projects fulfilled a goal of connecting the city of New Orleans with the history of the park, the preservation community, and the National Park Service through hands-on historic rehabilitation.



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“Chalmette National Cemetery Volunteer Month is an excellent example of how the community, technology, and preservation can come together to sustain a hallowed place. These efforts are especially critical in light of the deferred maintenance challenges facing Chalmette and our national parks across the country.”

Monica Rhodes,
associate director of the
National Trust HOPE
Crew program

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