WHAT IS PARK DAY?
Each spring, thousands of volunteers from across the country tackle hands-on maintenance projects at America's battlefields and historic sites for Park Day. Organized by the American Battlefield Trust, Park Day is devoted to restoring and maintaining our nation's battlefields and historic sites related to the defining conflicts of America's first century. The event inspires volunteers to help protect and maintain places critical to our shared national history — and it promotes the connections between people, preservation and America's past.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT?
Now with more than 20 consecutive years, Park Day encompasses site-specific projects — ranging from trail maintenance to fence building to trash pickup — that help battlefield parks, veterans' cemeteries and historic shrines prepare for heritage visitors now, and in the future. Recent Park Day projects include:

Fort Clinch State Park, Florida: 17 volunteers put in 102 hours of work leveling walkways around the fort and stuffing the few dozen mattresses that are used as part of their living history weekends. The volunteers came from a variety of groups that help the park, from living historians and their friends and family, to the local community.

Johnson's Island Civil War Prison Site, Ohio: 77 volunteers from ages 6 to 80 worked for six hours to clean up the site, remove fallen trees and branches, and landscape the entrance to the site. A tour was also given to all participants.

Princeton Battlefield State Park, New Jersey: About 100 volunteers helped clear brush, maintain trails, and rake. The site also offered a historical interpretation of the Revolutionary War Battle of Princeton.

Monocacy National Battlefield, Maryland: The Trust held a joint event with the Wounded Warrior Project and partner of theirs, the Mission Continues, another veteran-centered organization. About 25 volunteers from both organizations came out to help remove a few hundred feet of historically inaccurate fencing.

SINCE INCEPTION, Park Day has received widespread support and seen steady growth, and we look forward to continuing the momentum this year and beyond — visit www.battlefields.org/parkday to learn more!