

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.



About HOPE Crew

Empowering a new generation of preservationists through Hands-On Preservation Experience, HOPE Crew trains young adults and veterans to perform preservation work for historic structures within the National Park Service (NPS) system and our communities. In just four years, HOPE Crews have logged 120,000 hours in over 150 projects, helping to support \$18 million in historic preservation work, as well as engaging 3,000 volunteers and 700 youth and veterans. Projects like these provide job skills and education for the next generation of stewards of America's most important historic sites while helping to address the deferred maintenance backlog of the NPS.



“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
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Crew program

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