Military History in the National Parks

The National Park Service (NPS) preserves and commemorates military history in at least 155 park units across the country - more than one third of all units in the National Park System. These sites include national battlefields, military parks, forts, and cemeteries where NPS preserves and interprets our nation's military history. In total, NPS units that encompass aspects of our military history need more than $6.7 billion in infrastructure repairs.

Military Sites & Assets

- **155** park units commemorating military history
- **25** national battlefields & military parks
- **14** national cemeteries
- **more than 15,000** acres of battlegrounds
- **nearly 500** fortifications & earthworks

Source: FY2015 National Park Service data.
Maintenance Needs at Military Commemoration Sites

**Antietam National Battlefield**  
*Maryland*  
The site of the bloodiest one day battle in American history needs $5.3M to address overdue maintenance needs. This includes over $200K for the Antietam National Cemetery.

**Gettysburg Nat’l Military Park**  
*Pennsylvania*  
Gettysburg is home to one the most pivotal and dramatic moments in Civil War history. The park needs more than $55M to maintain the historic landscape and make critical repairs.

**World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument**  
*Hawaii, Alaska, California*  
Home to the USS Arizona Memorial, this site tells the story of the attack on Pearl Harbor and our subsequent entry into WWII. The monument needs $4.9M for repairs.

**Dry Tortugas National Park**  
*Florida*  
At the tip of the Florida Keys sits the “Guardian of the Gulf”, built for ships patrolling the Gulf of Mexico. The fort was abandoned by the military in 1874 and now needs $56.3M for repairs.

**National Mall & Memorial Parks**  
*Washington, D.C.*  
The National Mall is home to numerous memorials that honor the men and women who have served our country. The Mall requires more than $840M - more than any other park.

**Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine**  
*Maryland*  
The heroic defense of Fort McHenry in 1814 inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Today, the monument has $4.3M in overdue repairs.

**Vicksburg National Military Park**  
*Mississippi*  
The Vicksburg National Cemetery holds the remains of 17,000 union soldiers. $2M is needed to restore the national cemetery. $18.6M is needed to restore the park as a whole.

**Andersonville Nat’l Historic Site**  
*Georgia*  
The Camp Sumter prison was one of the largest Confederate-managed military prisons during the Civil War. Today, the park memorializes all U.S. prisoners of war. It needs $11.5M in repairs.

**Jean Lafitte Nat’l Historical Park and Preserve**  
*Louisiana*  
Jean Lafitte is home to the Chalmette Battlefield, where the last great battle of the War of 1812 was fought. The park, which also includes a national cemetery, needs $56.3M for repairs.