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Expeditions Along The Natchez Trace

This year-end edition of the *Post Rider* was planned mainly to reflect on our Annual Meeting commemorating the 75th anniversary of the parkway inaugural and on the association accomplishments. We are well over halfway toward meeting the goals set two years ago in the five-year plan. But there are so many activities and events planned for early 2013, the emphasis will be on the future.

Tony Turnbow

Bryant has planned a stellar commemoration of the 1813 Natchez Expedition as part of our four-year bicentennial of the War of 1812. Building on our partnership with the 7th U.S. Living History Association and NPS, "EXPEDITION NATCHEZ 1813: BECOMING 'OLD HICKORY'" will run from the Mississippi River in Natchez to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in Nashville over a ten-day period. Along the way, the events will engage several Natchez Trace communities and over 2,500 students. They will bring to life important stories of survival and partnerships with the Chickasaws and Choctaws, who kept the expedition troops from starving. The three-state commemoration is shaping up to be one of the nation's signature War of 1812 bicentennial events. The scope and quality are impressive.

Mark your calendars also for the official 75th anniversary ceremony for the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tupelo on Saturday, May 18, 2013. That date is exactly 75 years from the day the Natchez Trace Parkway became an official unit of the National Park System. The National Park Service is still planning the details for the public event, but members will receive invitations.

Chapters continue to develop. In January, chairs of the chapter recreation committees will meet in Alabama to discuss cooperative efforts, including the programming for the Gary Holdiness Memorial Cycling Fund. The Tennessee chapter has also proposed a challenge logo for recreation on the parkway. There will be more on that proposal in the next issue.

On a personal note, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help during the last two years. It was genuinely an honor to serve as president of such a venerable association and one that continues an important work for one of our nation's greatest national parks. The parkway staff, in particular, was crucial to the success of every activity. Their work in protecting and improving this great asset often takes place out of public view, and it is under-appreciated.

The best way I can show my appreciation to the members is to let you in on a well-kept secret I discovered through this experience – the real Natchez Trace

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Parkway. You may think you know it. I thought I did also. Our impressions are only a small fraction of what it offers. The scenery is even better than the promotional photos suggest. The stories it has to tell are more numerous and its history more important to our nation that we have begun to understand. The American Indian culture along the old trace is richer than we non-Indians can imagine. The educational opportunities for are schools are largely untapped. Do yourself the favor of discovering the real parkway. It is much more than the road.

The best part of the opportunity to serve as president was the chance to meet all of you and to learn more about the towns that share the common Natchez Trace story. Even more than the real Natchez Trace, I discovered groups of great people who promote their love of the parkway, and its history and beauty. I have enjoyed every minute of it, and I recommend it. In the early 1800's, many people who traveled and lived along the Natchez Trace and Natchez Road knew each other, and they became a type of Natchez Trace family. I encourage you also to get to know the people along the parkway today who are becoming the Natchez Trace family of our era.

It is assuring to know that the association that pushed for the creation of the Natchez Trace Parkway in 1934 is alive and well and working hard to complete the park. Under Bryant's capable leadership, the Association's long-held goal of a Natchez-to-Nashville celebration of the parkway will finally be realized. There are many exciting plans for the parkway on the horizon, and the Association will continue to support the National Park Service as the steward of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Tony Turnbow, **Association President**

A Message From The President-Elect

I am extremely excited about being your next President. I enter this challenge with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Tony Turnbow has been an absolute delight to work with the past two years. He leaves some mighty big shoes to fill! His agreeing to be a "Volunteer Executive Director" should mean a lot to all of us. His background and knowledge of our beloved Parkway is such a valuable asset to us all. Tony will continue to publish the *Post Rider*, build our website, and spearhead the cellular interpretation of historical sites along the Parkway.

Bryant Boswell

Your new Secretary is Mrs. Andy (Bonnie) Menapace of Raymond, Mississippi. Bonnie is an attorney and works for the Supreme Court of Mississippi. She is young, personable and energetic. Bonnie is a former Board member of the Friends of Raymond. She and Andy love the Parkway and travel it almost every day. She will be fantastic.

Your new Treasurer is Mr. Hamp Jones. Hamp is a retired Vice President of BancorpSouth. He, and his lovely wife, Lynn, are old friends. Hamp is someone I trust implicitly. He will be a wonderful Treasurer and will keep our funds safely invested. He is a person of detail and is conservative in financial dealings. Your dues dollars are secure.

Next year I hope we can fill out the leadership positions of the five Chapters and have all of them energized to exchange ideas and work for the betterment of the entire Parkway. There is so much potential out there and we need local committees that will share ideas. What is your passion? Is it history or recreation? Is it education or Nature? We need every one of you.

As Tony has been for the past two years, I pledge to be a President for all 444 miles. Since I retire in two weeks, I plan to make myself available to you for meetings, social events, and speaking engagements. Please communicate with me. I check email every day. mtcreeklodge@aol.com or 601-845-7994.

Bryant Boswell,
Association President-Elect

Updates from the Acting Superintendent

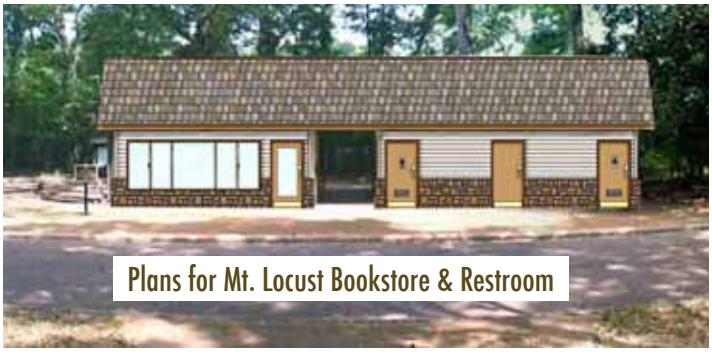
Work is progressing on a new film for the visitor center.

Acting Superintendent Dale Wilkerson provided an update on park activities at the Annual Meeting in Natchez. Current projects include development of a new film for the visitor center and new comfort stations at Mount Locust, Pharr Mounds and Colbert Ferry.

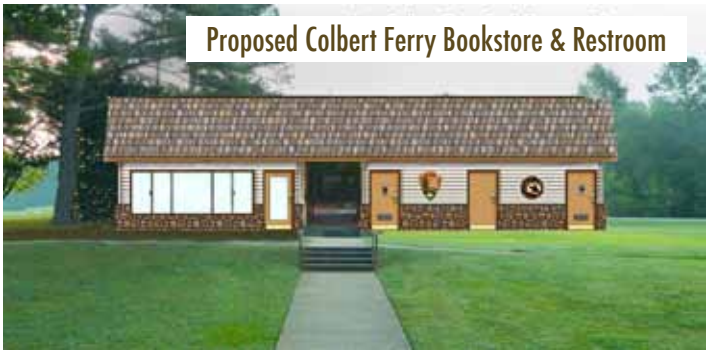
As part of the NPS objective of connecting people to their parks, the parkway has also developed over 50 curriculum-based lesson plans. Discussion has been renewed with the Chickasaw Nation regarding the development of a cultural center at the Chickasaw Village Site.

The installation of a new microwave radio communication system and a Computer Aided Dispatch system will allow law enforcement personnel to provide better protection on the parkway. The parkway is working with the City of Tupelo to plant over 600 trees to shield the view of a new bridge to be installed across the parkway at Barnes Crossing.

Proposed Pharr Mounds Interpretive Shelter



Plans for Mt. Locust Bookstore & Restroom



Proposed Colbert Ferry Bookstore & Restroom

Officers and Directors for 2013

At the Annual Membership Meeting of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association held at the Eola Hotel in Natchez Mississippi on October 27, 2012, the following slate of officers and directors was elected for 2013.

Dr. Bryant Boswell, President
Bonnie Menapace, Secretary
Hamp Jones, Treasurer
Judy Sizemore, First Vice-President
Dr. Eslick Daniel, Second Vice-President
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Tony Turnbow, Past President

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Autry Gobbel
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Dr. Bridget Jones
Dr. Eslick Daniel

Chickasaw Nation
Choctaw Nation
To be appointed

Chapter News

Proposed Visitor Center Rendering for Williamson County, Tennessee passive park. Land was donated by the State of Tennessee.

Alabama

The Alabama Chapter met in Florence on November 29. Community leaders joined the chapter in a discussion of setting priorities for the chapter's work on the parkway.

The National Park Service plans to rebuild the visitor contact area and restrooms at the historic Colbert Ferry site. It was discussed that the rebuilding would provide an excellent opportunity for the chapter to work with the National Park Service to assist in telling the significance of the Colbert Ferry, the Colbert family, and the important American Indian history in the shoals area of the Tennessee River.

In addition to the operation of the ferry to transport travelers across the Tennessee River, councils were held at the site among American Indian nations. Chapter representatives plan to meet with National Park Service officials in January to present ideas and to offer to be of assistance in the interpretation to be created for the site.

Tennessee

Tony Turnbow opened the October 16 meeting of the Tennessee Chapter held at Franklin City Hall Board Room. Andy Moore was named chairman of the chapter with the following sub-committee heads appointed: Greg Snider- History, Aaron Priest- Recreation, Doug Rodman- Nature/Conservation, Becky Jane Newbold- publicity. Education chair - to be named at a future date.

Among items of discussion were ways to connect communities to the parkway and to impart the importance of the parkway for its significant roles in the War of 1812 and for its rich Native American History.

Phyllis Huffman and Paul Lebovitz showed plans for the new Timberland Park adjacent to the parkway just south of the Double Arch Bridge. Williamson County will manage. The State of Tennessee donated the land for a passive park, and an access road from the parkway has been completed. A visitor's center building will provide information to visitors as well as space for exhibits on the history of the area and its timber industry. The building will be reflective of the styles of the settlement period along the Natchez Trace. Nature and recreation trails will be built. Andy Moore and Aaron Priest expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of creating mountain bike trails in the park. The nearby Double Arch bridge draws a large number of visitors. The county visitor center will allow those visitors to obtain information about sites along the parkway.

Musical events along the Trace that could serve as fund raising efforts for a Meriwether Lewis education center, restoration of the Gordon House and other projects were considered. Also explored were possibilities for protection of the view shed and the importance of completion of an inventory assessment of the view shed.

Expedition Natchez 1813: Becoming "Old Hickory"

Plan to experience the 1813 Natchez Expedition along the entire Natchez Trace Parkway in April. Travel with General Andrew Jackson and the Tennessee Volunteers from their landing in Natchez, up the Natchez Trace through the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, across the Tennessee River and back to their homecoming in Tennessee. The event will be the second Association War of 1812 bicentennial commemorative event.

On Friday, April 12, Jackson's troops will form at the bluff of the Mississippi River and march through Natchez to a period reception. On Saturday, Jackson's camp activities at Fort Dearborn and in the territorial capital of Washington will be portrayed near Fort Dearborn on the grounds of Historic Jefferson College. The 7th US Infantry Living History Association, which conducted the events at the Gordon House this year, will continue to partner with us. Up to 200 reenactors are expected to portray Natchez Expedition troops.

Historic Jefferson College founded in 1802 is a Natchez Trace landmark, just off the parkway near Natchez.

The War of 1812 lecture series will continue; however, these lectures will be in the historic halls of the college. At the 1813 afternoon ladies' tea at c. 1811 Auburn in Natchez, the ladies of the 7th will portray the reaction of Natchez society to the arrival of the troops.

Visitors may also take a new War of 1812 walking and driving tour of Natchez that the Association is working with Natchez partners to develop. The tour will include the site of Camp Jackson where the militia camped in 1813, and Mount Locust, where the troops camped on their return. A late afternoon fife and drum concert will be held at the Eola Hotel, followed by a period dinner for Jackson in Natchez.

On Sunday, the premature dismissal of Jackson's troops and his fiery response will be reenacted, along with the departure march of the troops. Partners in Washington will add to the portrayal of the territorial capital. Activities at Jefferson College will continue through Sunday.

Monday through Friday, a detachment of the troops will travel up the parkway, camping on the old Natchez Trace, and making stops at historic sites important to the marches--Choctaw Agency site, Brashear's Stand, French Camp, Chickasaw Agency and Colbert Ferry.

Along the way, they will conduct educational

The Chickasaw contribution to the Natchez Expedition will be honored at Tuscumbia.

programs for over 2,500 students. Special evening events will include a period concert at Mississippi's Old Capitol and a portrayal of Jackson's Battle of New Orleans anniversary speech at the building.

The Colbert family and Chickasaw contribution to the Natchez Expedition will be emphasized in Alabama near the historic Colbert Ferry crossing on Saturday. The Chickasaws' important contribution of emergency food supplies to hungry troops will be honored.

The reenactment of the homecoming for the troops in Tennessee will be recreated at Grinder's Stand, which was considered the 1813 border of the Chickasaw nation, and the troops' 1813 visit to Meriwether Lewis's grave will be recreated. At the afternoon ceremony at the new War of 1812 monument site, the re-enactors will pay tribute to the Natchez Expedition soldiers who did not survive the marches.

On Sunday, April 21, the detachment will arrive at the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville. Following a period church service at the Hermitage Church, a chapel Jackson built for his wife Rachel, the bicentennial detachment that will have portrayed the Natchez Expedition from Natchez to Nashville will place a wreath on Jackson's grave. Visit www.thehermitage.com for other activities, to be announced.

The Association will provide educational materials to students throughout the week. In addition, hickory trees will be planted at each stop to mark the bicentennial. It was on the return march on the Natchez Trace, that Andrew Jackson became "Old Hickory."

All chapters will be involved. Towns, and particularly schools along the parkway are encouraged to take advantage of the bicentennial to interpret their own story and involvement with the march of the troops. It will be a unique opportunity to relive a historic event and share one of the important Natchez Trace stories with the nation.

Memorial Park

Louisiana Tree planted in 1937 at Memorial Park

The 1937 Memorial Park appeared on old parkway maps, but it had become overgrown and all but forgotten, until Brandon Hall owner Kathy Garber discovered a faded "Alabama" cypress sign in the woods by the parkway. An investigation of newspaper accounts and photos of the inaugural event revealed that as part of the inaugural ceremony, dignitaries planted trees from each of the states, the U.S. government and the government of Mexico. Early Association leaders planned that the area they dubbed "Memorial Park" would be a memorial to the efforts of the many people who make the parkway dream a reality.

Parkway landscape architect Greg Smith took an early map and tracked down the location of the trees. Of the several oaks planted for the event only one still lived, the Louisiana tree planted by *New Orleans Times-Picayune* editor George Healy, Jr. Wood from two of the trees that had not survived was recovered for future use. Metal posts from the signs were located, but the Alabama tree sign is the only one that remained.

In preparation for the 75th commemoration, the National Park Service restored the area by clearing the brush and replanting live oaks at the locations of the original trees. It also duplicated the design of the 1937 signs in creating new signs for the trees. A 75th anniversary magnolia was planted as part of the commemoration among the other trees, and space was located for a 100th anniversary tree. The association plans to add interpretation about the site on the cellphone tour.

Roane Fleming Byrnes's Nieces.

Clifford Hollis, who attended the 1937 ceremony as a youngster, helps plant 75th anniversary tree.

Left, Acting Superintendent Dale Wilkerson, NPS Landscape Architect , Greg Smith and NPS Historian Christina Smith with Clifford Hollis at the tree planting ceremony.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2012 Annual Meeting kicked off a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Natchez Trace Parkway with a special recognition of Association founders who led the effort to build the parkway. Just as the Association hosted a grand inaugural for parkway construction in Natchez in 1937, members returned to Natchez to the sites of the Depression-era ceremonies. It was an appropriate nod to the past, while accepting the challenge for the future to complete the park portion of the parkway.

The historic Eola Hotel which hosted the inaugural receptions in 1937 served as headquarters for the meeting. At the business meeting, Acting Superintendent Dale Wilkerson presented an update of the National Park Service work on the parkway, including plans for replacements of aging comfort stations at Mount Locust, Pharr Mounds and Colbert Ferry. He discussed new educational initiatives that Jane Farmer is creating as an outreach to area schools. A new film is being created to replace the 1970's film shown at the visitor center. While the film is being completed, an interim film will be

Roane Fleming Byrnes's nieces at the new plaque at her gravesite.

shown using video shot by photographer Marc Meunch. The interim film was previewed at the meeting. Mr. Wilkerson also discussed preliminary planning for the Chickasaw Heritage Center at Chickasaw Village.

An election of new officers was held, and amendments to the by-laws and charter were approved. Incoming president Bryant Boswell observed that the Association is beginning a new chapter, one focused on development and interpretation of the park. He discussed continued chapter development and plans for the commemoration of Jackson's Natchez Expedition in 2013.

The meeting then moved to the grave of one of the association founders Roane Fleming Byrnes at the Natchez City Cemetery. Don Estes and members of Mrs. Byrnes's paid tribute. A plaque was unveiled acknowledging Mrs. Byrnes's role in building the Natchez Trace Parkway and putting in bronze the title conferred on her by *National Geographic* magazine in 1968, "Queen of the Natchez Trace Parkway." In a cemetery of generals and other notable southern leaders, Mrs. Brynes's accomplishments on the parkway are the first to be memorialized with a plaque.

Mrs. Byrnes's dress that appeared in the 1937 Inaugural invitations was displayed during the Natchez Trace Ball.

Saturday evening, Tommy Sebrell and his Top Hats Orchestra evoked the era of the 1937 events with music from the thirties and forties at the 75th Anniversary Natchez Trace Ball. Retired superintendent Wendell Simpson joined the festivities.

Tommy Sebrell and the Top Hats Orchestra celebrated the era of the 1937 events with period music during the 75th Anniversary Natchez Trace Ball.

Early Sunday afternoon, Smokey Joe Frank led a special tour of Natchez aboard the Natchez trolley. Now a retired archaeologist, Smokey Joe began investigating Emerald Mound and other sites in Natchez years before earning his PhD, and he gave members an insight into early Natchez and Natchez Trace sites few people explore.

Acting Superintendent Dale Wilkerson officiated at the ceremony at the Memorial Park area on the parkway to plant a magnolia in honor of the 75th year. Clifford Hollis, who was present as a youngster during the 1937 inaugural ceremony, helped plant the tree. Mrs. Byrnes' nieces, retired Superinten-

Natchez Mayor "Butch" Brown speaks at the 75th anniversary ceremony at Brandon Hall.

Photo Dot Ward

dent Simpson and others assisted.

The front of Brandon Hall was draped with flags, similar to the 1937 inaugural as the members and guests reflected on the accomplishments of the past 75 years. Tony Turnbow called on the Association to accept the challenge of completing the park. Acting Superintendent Dale Wilkerson and Natchez Mayor Larry "Butch" Brown spoke of the importance of partnerships in creating the parkway, maintaining it and developing it as a resource. As in 1937, the weekend concluded with a barbecue at Brandon Hall.

Above and left, Acting Superintendent Wilkerson, Dot Ward and Lester Senter Wilson.

Events concluded Sunday with a barbecue at Brandon Hall.

Below, boarding the bus for a tour of Historic Natchez.

Retired Superintendent Wendell Simpson, right, and Mary Simpson.

Don Estes addresses Annual Meeting.

New Exhibits At The Meriwether Lewis Site

Work on both indoor and outdoor exhibits interpreting the life and death of explorer Meriwether Lewis has been completed at his burial site. The latest exhibits on the parkway establish new standards to convey information to the modern traveler. Until now, the site has offered only limited information through 1920's War Department metal tablets, a few fixed panels and temporary exhibits. Four years ago, a visitor from Alaska left a comment in the comment book in the cabin that reflected the views of many, "Needs more honor."

The three-year process to create appropriate interpretation at the grave of a national hero began with concept designs and meetings to obtain public comment. One of the main goals set was to help the visitor understand Meriwether Lewis's contribution to the country and why his gravesite is maintained as part of a national park. (Lewis's grave was designated as one of the first national monuments in the South over a decade before the Natchez Trace Parkway was created.) Visitors also want to gain a better understanding of Lewis's mysterious death on the Natchez Road.

The new indoor exhibits are located in the north room of the restored 1935 cabin at the site. Lewis's entire life is explained, including his unique mentorship by Thomas Jefferson who was instrumental in developing the Natchez Trace into a military road. In addition to traditional interpretive panels, three-dimensional replicas such as the peace medal Lewis and Clark presented to American Indians on the expedition help engage younger visitors. An interactive panel also describes Lewis's final journey that led him to Grinder's Stand. Visitors can read copies of the actual contemporane-

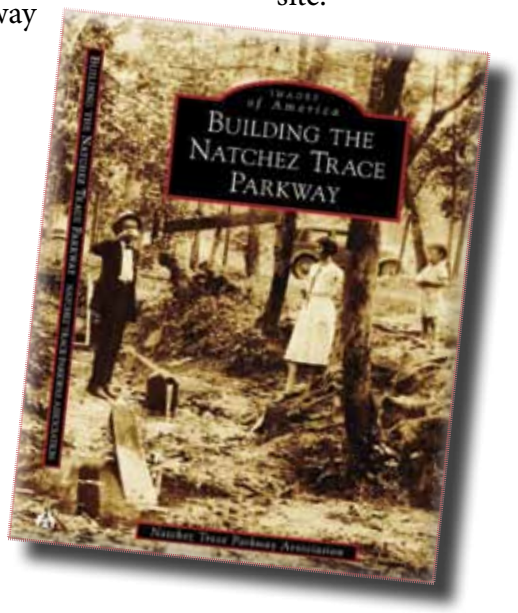
New exhibit inside the Grinder's Stand replica cabin at the Meriwether Lewis site.

ous accounts of Lewis's death and form their own conclusions. The south room of the cabin has been opened as a visitor contact station and book store where visitors can obtain more information about the Lewis and the parkway.

Outdoor improvements include a new "Footsteps Through History" walking trail that leads visitors from a new parking and restroom area to the old Natchez Road. Along the trail are steel figures representing a Chickasaw warrior, a boatman or settler, and Meriwether Lewis, as well as interpretive panels explaining why each traveled the road. The visitor is then invited to walk along a section of the old Natchez Road, following in Meriwether Lewis's final footsteps to the site of Grinder's Inn.

Almost immediately after completion of the exhibits, parkway staff noticed a change in visitor use of the site. Rather than just circling the monument in their cars and maybe taking a quick look inside the cabin, visitors are parking their cars, walking the trail and taking time to explore the exhibits. One of the goals set for the new exhibits is being accomplished as visitors are taking time to learn about Meriwether Lewis and contemplate his contribution to the country at the site where he is buried. If the Alaska visitor returns, maybe he or she will agree that Meriwether Lewis is now being properly honored at the site.

Book Purchases Benefit the Association:
"Building The Natchez Trace Parkway"



Books are on sale in bookstores along the parkway, and at Barnes and Noble and Books a Million. The book is one of the Association's contributions to the celebration of the parkway's 75th anniversary.

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A Winter Hike

Cypress Swamp, at milepost 122.0, is a self guiding trail through a water tupelo/bald cypress swamp. The park takes on a unique natural beauty in winter, after the leaves have fallen and lower angles of sunlight highlight features not seen in summer.

Winter is a good time to explore trails along the parkway, particularly trails on the southern half. Except during times of extreme weather conditions, people living on the northern end may find the southern trails in the warmer climate a welcome outdoor outlet. A weekend getaway to French Camp near the trails at Jeff Busby park, for example, is a convenient drive down the parkway. Even in Tennessee, Fall Hollow breaks the north wind and provides a good picnic spot on a sunny, moderate day.

The landscape in the park changes in winter after the leaves have dropped and lower angles of sunlight highlight features usually unseen in other seasons. Cypress Swamp provides a shady walk around the green, mossy waters most of the year; however, in winter, the view of the abandoned river channel opens and the water takes on a blue hue.

Another advantage of hiking in colder weather- there is less competition for space with certain reptiles that hibernate in winter. The biggest reptile of all in the swamp is an alligator that may also take a stroll on the path in the winter sun when the temperature rises above 70 degrees.

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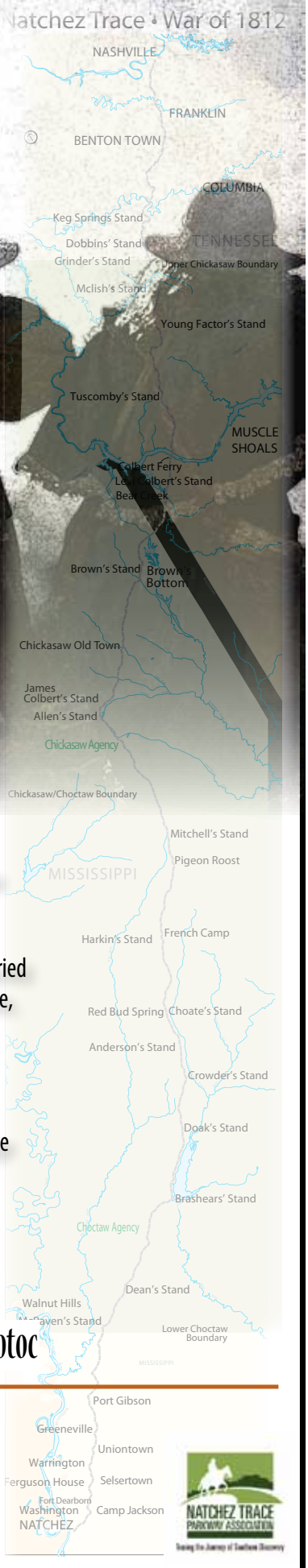

Natchez, Mississippi April 12-14

- The landing and encampment of Andrew Jackson's Natchez Expedition
- Parade Through Natchez and Officers' Reception
- Period camp, Military Drills and Weapons Demonstrations at Historic Jefferson College
- War of 1812 Lectures at Historic Jefferson College
- 1813 Ladies' Tea at Auburn
- Fife and Drum Concert and Period Dinner for Jackson in Natchez

Jackson, Mississippi April 16

- Re-creation of Jackson's Address on the Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans and period music concert --Old Capitol Museum

Natchez Trace Parkway, April 20

- Crossing the Tennessee River--Tuscumbia, Alabama
- Homecoming for the Tennessee Volunteers--Grinder's Stand, milepost 386
- Ceremony to Honor Natchez Expedition Soldiers Buried along the Natchez Trace--War of 1812 Monument Site, milepost 426.3

Nashville, Tennessee, April 21

- Period Church Service at the Hermitage Church
- Wreath ceremony at Jackson's Grave--The Hermitage

Educational activities and events throughout the week at Ridgeland, French Camp and Pontotoc

For more information on the Natchez event, visit www.cottonbaler.com or contact the Natchez Convention and Visitors Bureau, www.visitnatchez.org.
For more information about Nashville events, visit www.thehermitage.com.
For more information on the Natchez Trace Parkway, visit www.nps.gov/natr.
For more information on the many other events taking place, visit www.natcheztrace.info.

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