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## Call from the hill

4 messages

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**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 9:37 AM

To: Carol Johnson &lt;carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov&gt;, Karen Cucurullo &lt;karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Lisa Mendelson &lt;Lisa\_Mendelson-lellini@nps.gov&gt;

Are the bathrooms going to be open at WWII?

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**Johnson, Carol** <carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 9:39 AM

To: "Foster, Maureen" &lt;maureen\_foster@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Karen Cucurullo &lt;karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;, Lisa Mendelson &lt;Lisa\_Mendelson-lellini@nps.gov&gt;

Not that I know of.

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### **Carol Bradley Johnson**

Communications Officer  
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National Mall and Memorial Parks  
900 Ohio Drive, SW  
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**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 9:45 AM

To: "Johnson, Carol" &lt;carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Karen Cucurullo &lt;karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;, Lisa Mendelson &lt;Lisa\_Mendelson-lellini@nps.gov&gt;

I will let them know that it is because there is no one working to keep them.

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oops -- I skipped the word CLEAN

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October 3, 2013

The Honorable Jonathan P. Jarvis  
Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
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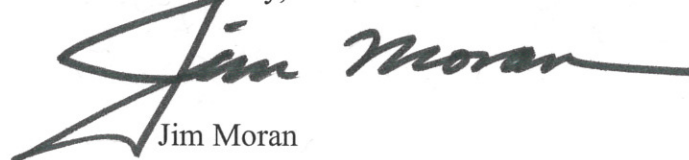
Dear Director Jarvis:

I was heartened to watch a National Park Service ranger maintain her composure and dignity when confronted by an angry Member of Congress who had the gall to fault her for doing her job. She courageously stood her ground and refused to bow to his intimidating and hypocritical actions.

No one in the Park Service should ever be ashamed for doing his or her job. And I know you are as proud of the men and women of the National Park Service as I am. Like their counterparts throughout the federal work force, they continue to serve our nation despite the uncertainty of being paid. They are the true heroes of this federal shutdown.

When this shutdown is viewed through the lense of history the fault will fall squarely on Congress and its outrageous abdication of responsibility. Please be assured that the bullying tactics will ultimately fail, and Congress will complete its work on the federal budget. I, and many of my colleagues, will do everything we can to reopen our government and fund it at a responsible level as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Jim Moran



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**(no subject)**

2 messages

**Androff, Blake** <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:57 AM  
 To: Bob Vogel <Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Stephen Lorenzetti <steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov>, Carol Johnson <Carol\_B\_Johnson@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue\_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov>, Jonathan Jarvis <Jon\_jarvis@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <Maureen\_Foster@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>

**Office of VP Biden Verified account@VP**

"I'm proud of you," VP called to tell the Park Ranger who was chastised by a GOP Rep today at the WWII Memorial.

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**Blake Androff**  
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 U.S. Department of the Interior  
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**Karen Cucurullo** <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>  
 To: "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 10:04 AM

Thank you

Karen Cucurullo  
 Deputy Superintendent - Operations  
 National Mall and Memorial Parks

On Oct 4, 2013, at 8:57 AM, "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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**Fwd: 1st Amendment Zones?**

4 messages

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**O'Dell, Margaret** <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:38 PM  
To: Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <Karen\_Cucurullo@nps.gov>, Steve Lorenzetti <Steve\_Lorenzetti@nps.gov>

Can you all respond to Blake please? Thank you

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Androff, Blake** <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:36 PM

Subject: 1st Amendment Zones?

To: Margaret O'Dell <Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue\_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov>

Cc: Katherine Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <Nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Do we have a map of the first amendment zones throughout the Mall?

(ie exact locations where first amendment rights will be protected during the shutdown?)

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov> Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:40 PM  
To: "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Stephen Lorenzetti <steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Carol Johnson <carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov>  
Cc: Margaret O'Dell <Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <Sue\_Waldron@nps.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <Nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Looping in our Mall friends, as they are likely the best source.

Mike

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Mike Litterst

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**Bob Vogel** <[bob\\_vogel@nps.gov](mailto:bob_vogel@nps.gov)>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:20 PM

To: "Litterst, Michael" <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>

Cc: "Androff, Blake" <[blake\\_androff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov)>, Stephen Lorenzetti <[steve\\_lorenzetti@nps.gov](mailto:steve_lorenzetti@nps.gov)>, Karen Cucurullo <[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)>, Carol Johnson <[carol\\_b\\_johnson@nps.gov](mailto:carol_b_johnson@nps.gov)>, Margaret O'Dell <[Peggy\\_O'Dell@nps.gov](mailto:Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov)>, Suzanne Waldron <[Sue\\_Waldron@nps.gov](mailto:Sue_Waldron@nps.gov)>, Katherine Kelly <[Kate\\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov)>, Tim Fullerton <[tim\\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov](mailto:tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov)>, Nicole Buffa <[Nicole\\_buffa@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)>

I have asked randy Myers to contact Blake to explain our unique situation regarding first amendment.

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**Androff, Blake** <[blake\\_androff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:blake_androff@ios.doi.gov)>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 4:31 PM

To: Bob Vogel <[bob\\_vogel@nps.gov](mailto:bob_vogel@nps.gov)>

Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>, Stephen Lorenzetti <[steve\\_lorenzetti@nps.gov](mailto:steve_lorenzetti@nps.gov)>, Karen Cucurullo <[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)>, Carol Johnson <[carol\\_b\\_johnson@nps.gov](mailto:carol_b_johnson@nps.gov)>, Margaret O'Dell <[Peggy\\_O'Dell@nps.gov](mailto:Peggy_O'Dell@nps.gov)>, Suzanne Waldron <[Sue\\_Waldron@nps.gov](mailto:Sue_Waldron@nps.gov)>, Katherine Kelly <[Kate\\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Kate_Kelly@ios.doi.gov)>, Tim Fullerton <[tim\\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov](mailto:tim_fullerton@ios.doi.gov)>, Nicole Buffa <[Nicole\\_buffa@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Nicole_buffa@ios.doi.gov)>

My direct is 202-208-4330

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**Fwd: Call this morning?**

1 message

**Margaret O'Dell** <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 8:53 AM

To: Bob Vogel &lt;bob\_vogel@nps.gov&gt;, Karen Cucurullo &lt;Karen\_Cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;, Steve Lorenzetti &lt;Steve\_Lorenzetti@nps.gov&gt;

Is anyone around for a 9 call on this issue?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Maclean, Robert" <[robert\\_maclean@nps.gov](mailto:robert_maclean@nps.gov)>**Date:** October 2, 2013, 8:35:23 AM EDT**To:** "O'Dell, Margaret" <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)>**Cc:** Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov)>, Bob Vogel <[bob\\_vogel@nps.gov](mailto:bob_vogel@nps.gov)>**Subject:** Re: Call this morning?

Yep. Will dial in.

Deputy Chief Robert D. MacLean  
Commander, Homeland Security Division  
United States Park Police  
(202) 619-7085 - Office  
(202) 205-7983 - Fax  
(202) 438-6656 - Nextel  
[robert\\_maclean@nps.gov](mailto:robert_maclean@nps.gov) - Email

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 8:34 AM, O'Dell, Margaret <[peggy\\_o'dell@nps.gov](mailto:peggy_o'dell@nps.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

I have been thinking a lot about the situation we dealt with yesterday and would like to discuss with this small group this morning.

Are you all available to speak at 9? Just you three for right now please.

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Cucurullo, Karen <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>

# Fwd: Congressman Confronts Park Ranger Over Closed WWII Memorial | NBC4 Washington

15 messages

**Maureen Foster** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 6:41 AM  
To: Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Carol Johnson <carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue\_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov>, Jon Jarvis <Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini <Lisa\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Kate Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov

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**Fwd: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight**

1 message

**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:09 PM

To: Bob Vogel &lt;bob\_vogel@nps.gov&gt;, Carol Johnson &lt;carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Karen Cucurullo &lt;karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;, Stephen Lorenzetti &lt;steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov&gt;, Lisa Mendelson &lt;Lisa\_Mendelson-lellini@nps.gov&gt;, Jennifer Mummart &lt;Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov&gt;

For the park/region to handle, please.

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From: **Neimeyer, Sarah** <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>  
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:58 PM  
Subject: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight  
To: Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Maureen -- could you call Genevieve in Rep. McIntyre's office at 225-2731. They have an honor flight on Friday of Vietnam vets. Thanks, Sarah

—  
Sarah C. Neimeyer, Director  
Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

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Fax - (202) 208-5533



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## Natl Park System Closure Determination and Notice

4 messages

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**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov> Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 3:03 PM  
To: BJ Dunn <bj\_dunn@nps.gov>, Patrick Suddath <patrick\_suddath@nps.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Stephen Lorenzetti <steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov>, John Stanwich <john\_stanwich@nps.gov>, Ann Smith <Ann\_Bowman\_Smith@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson <Lisa\_Mendelson-lelmi@nps.gov>, Steve Whitesell <Steve\_Whitesell@nps.gov>, Michael Caldwell <mike\_caldwell@nps.gov>, Robert Maclean <robert\_maclean@nps.gov>, Dennis Reidenbach <Dennis\_Reidenbach@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <cam\_sholly@nps.gov>, Charles Cuvelier <charles\_cuvelier@nps.gov>, Randolph Myers <randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov>, Robert Eaton <robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov>, Barry Roth <barry.roth@sol.doi.gov>, Edward Boling <ted.boling@sol.doi.gov>, Kevin Haugrud <jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov>

Here is the signed determination and notice.

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**Karen Cucurullo** <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>  
To: ncr\_nama\_smt@nps.gov

Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 3:08 PM

FYI

Karen Cucurullo  
Deputy Superintendent - Operations  
National Mall and Memorial Parks

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Foster, Maureen" <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
**Date:** October 1, 2013, 3:03:53 PM EDT

**To:** BJ Dunn <[bj\\_dunn@nps.gov](mailto:bj_dunn@nps.gov)>, Patrick Suddath <[patrick\\_suddath@nps.gov](mailto:patrick_suddath@nps.gov)>, Karen Cucurullo <[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)>, Bob Vogel <[bob\\_vogel@nps.gov](mailto:bob_vogel@nps.gov)>, Stephen Lorenzetti <[steve\\_lorenzetti@nps.gov](mailto:steve_lorenzetti@nps.gov)>, John Stanwich <[john\\_stanwich@nps.gov](mailto:john_stanwich@nps.gov)>, Ann Smith <[Ann\\_Bowman\\_Smith@nps.gov](mailto:Ann_Bowman_Smith@nps.gov)>, Lisa Mendelson <[Lisa\\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov)>, Steve Whitesell <[Steve\\_Whitesell@nps.gov](mailto:Steve_Whitesell@nps.gov)>, Michael Caldwell <[mike\\_caldwell@nps.gov](mailto:mike_caldwell@nps.gov)>, Robert Maclean <[robert\\_maclean@nps.gov](mailto:robert_maclean@nps.gov)>, Dennis Reidenbach <[Dennis\\_Reidenbach@nps.gov](mailto:Dennis_Reidenbach@nps.gov)>, Cam Sholly <[cam\\_sholly@nps.gov](mailto:cam_sholly@nps.gov)>, Charles Cuvelier <[charles\\_cuvelier@nps.gov](mailto:charles_cuvelier@nps.gov)>, Randolph Myers <[randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov](mailto:randolph.myers@sol.doi.gov)>, Robert Eaton <[robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov](mailto:robert.eaton@sol.doi.gov)>, Barry Roth <[barry.roth@sol.doi.gov](mailto:barry.roth@sol.doi.gov)>, Edward Boling <[ted.boling@sol.doi.gov](mailto:ted.boling@sol.doi.gov)>, Kevin Haugrud <[jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov](mailto:jack.haugrud@sol.doi.gov)>

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**Robin Nixon** <[robin\\_nixon@nps.gov](mailto:robin_nixon@nps.gov)>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 2:36 PM

To: Karen Cucurullo <[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)>

Karen, can I get in the office to get personal info? I drove past, but all entrances were blocked

Sent from my iPhone

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**Karen Cucurullo** <[karen\\_cucurullo@nps.gov](mailto:karen_cucurullo@nps.gov)>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 2:46 PM

To: Robin Nixon <[robin\\_nixon@nps.gov](mailto:robin_nixon@nps.gov)>

No problem , just put barricades back

Sent from my iPhone

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20240

Office of the Director

## National Park System Closure Determination and Notice

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2013, all units of the National Park System nationwide are closed to public visitation and use, subject to the conditions and exceptions described below. This national closure determination and notice is necessitated by a lapse in funds appropriated by the United States Congress for the operation of the National Park System and will remain in effect until funding is restored. The period of time during which appropriated funds are not available may be referred to in this determination and notice as the “shutdown period.”

Under 36 C.F.R. § 1.5(a) this national closure determination and notice is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values during the shutdown period. Consistent with the Department of the Interior Contingency Plan, available at [www.doi.gov/shutdown](http://www.doi.gov/shutdown), only a relatively small number of “excepted personnel” will be on duty during the shutdown period. Those personnel are not sufficient to provide a full range of visitor services. Therefore, in light of the shutdown and Contingency Plan, measures less restrictive than a national closure will not suffice to maintain public health and safety and to protect park resources and values. The lapse in appropriated funds qualifies as an “emergency” under 36 C.F.R. § 1.5(b); therefore, this determination and notice does not require special rulemaking.

### Condition and Exceptions:

1. National Park Service personnel who have been identified as excepted will continue to report for duty in accordance with the National Park Service Contingency Plan and as directed by their supervisors.
2. Members of the public who are currently visiting a unit of the National Park System and not staying overnight in the park must vacate the park immediately. All day-use concession-operated visitor services and facilities are to be closed immediately. Exceptions may be granted by superintendents only if a facility is deemed essential for health or safety purposes.
3. Subject to paragraph 6 below, members of the public who are currently visiting a unit of the national park system and staying overnight either in a National Park Service-operated campground or a concessioner-operated facility in the park must vacate the park by 6:00 p.m. EDT on October 3, 2013.
4. Subject to paragraph 6 below, National Park Service concessioners must suspend their operations in overnight accommodations by 6:00 p.m. EDT on October 3, 2013.
5. Subject to paragraph 6 below, holders of National Park Service commercial use authorizations must immediately cease their in-park operations.

6. The deadlines announced above do not apply to members of the public, concessioners, and holders of commercial use authorizations who are on multi-day backcountry trips that cannot be safely terminated before the end of the trip. Those individuals may continue and complete their multi-day backcountry trips in accordance with their approved permit or plan. Those individuals then must vacate the park within 12 hours after the completion of their trip.

7. This closure determination and notice does not apply to private owners of interests in real property located within the exterior boundaries of units of the National Park System. Park superintendents will continue to allow such owners reasonable access to their private property.

8. This closure determination and notice does not apply to roads that pass through units of the National Park System and provide primary access between points located outside of the parks. Members of the public may continue to use those roads during the shutdown period. However, superintendents may not expend any appropriated funds to maintain or repair those roads. Moreover, superintendents may close those roads, or portions of those roads, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 1.5, if such closure is warranted by weather, poor road conditions, or other circumstances.

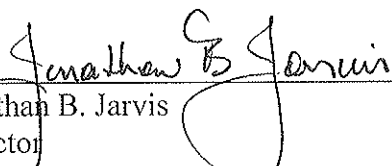
9. All previously issued permits for special events scheduled to occur in units of the National Park System during the shutdown period are hereby cancelled. At the end of the shutdown period holders of cancelled permits may apply for a new permit. Except as provided in paragraph 10 below, all closed areas of the National Park System are also closed to First Amendment activities during the shutdown period, and any previously issued permits for First Amendment activities are hereby cancelled.

10. This closure determination and notice does not apply to First Amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington, D.C., and Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Persons may continue to conduct First Amendment activities in these units in accordance with existing regulations.

11. Each park superintendent must take reasonable measures to comply with 36 C.F.R. § 1.7 and to provide adequate public notice of this national closure determination and notice.

12. This national closure determination and notice will expire automatically at the end of the shutdown period.

13. Violation of this national closure determination and notice is prohibited.

  
Jonathan B. Jarvis  
Director

October 1, 2013  
Date

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## Shutdown Guidance: Signage

The following message will be posted at all parks and facilities (attached as a sign).

- Because of the federal government shutdown, this National Park Service facility is closed.

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**final statement - this is good for NPS to use**

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**NPS Statement on Closure of World War II and other national memorials in DC**

The National Park Service depends on Congressional appropriations to stay open. With the lapse in appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough more than 20,000 employees.

Without staff or funding to ensure the safety of visitors, the security of the memorials, and the continued operation and maintenance of park facilities, the memorials on the National Mall – just like Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon – are closed.

The Honor Flights are being granted access to the WWII memorial to conduct First Amendment activities in accordance with National Park Service regulations applicable to the National Mall and Memorial Parks. This is consistent with the DOI Closure Determination and Notice issued on October 1, 2013.

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## ABC New inquiry - Response to Rand Paul re: staffing at World War II memorial

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Rand Paul's Tweet this afternoon of "@BarackObama sent 7 security guards to #WWII Memorial this AM to keep out our vets. Sadly, that is 2 more than were present in Benghazi" generated an inquiry from ABC News about who specifically determines staffing levels at the memorials.

I responded with "The appropriate staff levels at all of our parks is determined at the park level. In this case, the number of National Park Service staff and United States Park Police officers was determined by the park superintendent in consultation with the the US Park Police.

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## Fwd: Daily Briefing by the Press Secretary

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Relevant excerpt on WWII from daily briefing:

Q When you talk about theatrics, one of the flashpoints in this has become what happened yesterday and it's something that played out again today, apparently, at the World War II Memorial here in Washington. Rather than just airing -- there's allegations from Republicans that the White House, broadly speaking, somehow ordered this, put up barricades to prevent veterans from getting there. Rather than going through all of that, can you please tell us from the podium what is your version of what happened?

MR. CARNEY: The government shut down when the House Republicans decided to shut it down.

And every House Republican who has decried any impact from this shutdown as if they were surprised that it would happen clearly didn't pay attention when every agency of the federal government posted on their websites on Friday what would happen if the government were shut down, including the closing of national memorials and national parks.

On the very night that they voted to shut down the government, some of the most vocal critics of this particular matter were quoted saying, "We got what we wanted." Well, apparently you did.

Look, we honor our World War II veterans, and I would point you to the decisions made and the actions being taken by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to ensure that these Honor Flight participants are able to have access to that memorial. But the fact is when you shut down the government you shut down a lot of services, you lay off a lot of people, and there are bad consequences to that.

So if any member of Congress who got in front of a television camera to try to get some attention on this issue spent half that time on the floor of the House voting to open the government, we wouldn't have a

problem.

Q But so can you explain, are there some -- the Honor veterans, are they now allowed to see the memorial? You said there are accommodations being made. If on one hand you're saying, look, the government shut down, tough luck, the Republicans haven't voted to open it, but then on the other hand you're saying, we are making accommodations, what is really happening then?

MR. CARNEY: Well, Department of the Interior and the National Parks Service obviously are the sources for more specific information. But the DOI has made an accommodation for the Honor Flights and will grant access to the World War II Memorial. The DOI has granted a permit for the veterans that is consistent with the existing closure order. DOI will remain in contact with the Honor Flight organization to ensure that veterans scheduled to travel to D.C. are provided access to the memorial.

My understanding is that the closure order provides a process for accepting First Amendment activities on the National Mall and memorial parks in D.C. and in Philadelphia. And, again, for more detail on that process that is going to allow access for these veterans and heroes I would refer you to DOI and the National Park Service.

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PRESS BRIEFING  
BY PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

1:38 P.M. EDT

MR. CARNEY: Thank you for being here. Before I you're your questions let me offer a few things. First, the President, earlier today, had another update on the shutdown and the issue of the need to raise the debt ceiling. Again, the participants in that meeting were Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Sylvia Burwell, and Deputy Chief of Staff Alyssa Mastromonaco.

The President, as you know, met with members of the Financial Services Forum -- the President and the Vice President did. And I think you had an opportunity to hear from some of them at the stakeout not long ago, and I hope you took note of what was said.

Furthermore, the President will meet with the four leaders of Congress at 5:30 p.m. today in the Oval Office, with the Vice President. Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew will, in that meeting, brief the leaders on what were the impacts of the threat of default in 2011 and the economic imperative for Congress to act to raise the debt ceiling without the threat of default, and without delay and drama, shortly.

With that, I'll take your questions.

Q Any coverage on that?

MR. CARNEY: It's a meeting with the leaders.

Q No photo op?

MR. CARNEY: I don't have anything for you on that, Mark.

Q Thanks, Jay. The meeting today, is that something we should be looking at as a negotiation on the government shutdown, or is this more about the President gathering these leaders in the Oval Office to just tell them what we've heard from him publicly over the last few days?

MR. CARNEY: I think I can answer your question this way: A negotiation in the Washington sense traditionally implies a give-and-take, tradeoffs, demands, if you give me this I'll take that -- I'll give you that. The President's approach from the beginning in this is that he's asking for nothing -- nothing -- from Republicans. He is attaching zero demands to the general proposition that Congress should simply open the government, keep it open. He's asking for nothing, he is making no demands, he is attaching no partisan strings to his request that Congress fulfill its responsibility to ensure that the United States does not default on its obligations for the first time in our long history.

So, in that sense, no, the President is not going to sit down and start asking for puts and takes. He's not going to engage in that kind of negotiation because he does not want to hold -- or have held the openness of the government, the functioning of the government, or the world and American economy hostage to a series of demands.

What the President is asking the Congress to do, what the President is asking Republicans in the House to do is quite literally the least they could do. He is asking them to extend funding at the levels set in the previous fiscal year to keep the government open. That's the least they could do.

And the Speaker of the House should hold a vote on that proposition and see what happens. If he is convinced that a majority, that all of his Republicans in his conference will vote no to opening the government, to a clean CR -- in Washington-speak -- to just a bill that opens the government and funds it at the levels that it has been funded for the previous year, then we'll see what we do then.

But my guess is, and the estimation of numerous observers and members of Congress of the Republican Party is that if John Boehner, the Speaker of the House, who has this power alone, put on the floor of the House a bill to fund the government, to open it up without partisan strings attached, it would pass overwhelmingly.

I think you know that's true. I think every member of Congress knows it's true. And it reflects the simple fact that, unfortunately, the Speaker won't do that because he is responding to the demands of one faction of one party, in one house, of one branch of government -- and everyone is paying the price of that decision.

Q So that position of the President is pretty well-known at this point. So if he's not budging off of that going into this meeting, what's the purpose of having the congressional leaders here?

MR. CARNEY: Look, the President said and he is true to his word that he would be having conversations with the leaders of the Congress about the essential need to keep the government open -- or now, in this case, to reopen the government -- and to ensure that we do not default. And he will have that conversation.

Look, we all realize this has put the Republicans -- they've gotten themselves in a box here in the House and it has put them in a difficult position and they're under a lot of pressure, a lot of it applied by Republicans, and there's a simple way out. Do the democratic thing -- pass a bill, see if it can win a majority. Put a bill on the floor, see if a majority votes yes. Be surprised and delighted by the fact that a number of your own Republicans would vote yes -- by some estimates, quite a number of them. Take that as a win, and move on.

And then we can ensure that the government doesn't -- rather, that the economy doesn't default, the United States doesn't default; we raise the debt ceiling in an orderly fashion without drama and delay. And then we can go about debating and discussing and negotiating our budget priorities: How do we move forward? How do we fund the government in a way that assures that our economy continues to grow, that the jobs that have been created thus far in this recovery -- 7.5 million private-sector jobs -- are added to as quickly as possible with more private-sector jobs? And put to vote different propositions about how we should do that -- have negotiations, discussions. Put it to a vote.

But do not -- I mean, it is profoundly undemocratic for one faction of one party to say, I didn't get what I wanted through the normal legislative process, I didn't get what I wanted through the Supreme Court, I didn't get what I wanted when the American people nationally voted, and so I will, therefore, hold the government hostage and the economy hostage in order to achieve my aims. I don't think that's good for our democracy and it's certainly not good for our economy.

And I think you heard Lloyd Blankfein, the head of the Financial Services Forum, say that you cannot use U.S. obligations to repay its debt as a cudgel. And there's a consensus -- this is, again, quoting him based on reports I've seen -- I was not out at the stakeout -- but there's a consensus that we shouldn't do anything to hurt this recovery. And that's a consensus among CEOs who might not otherwise all agree politically with the President, because this isn't about -- shouldn't be about partisan politics. We keep the government open. We pay our bills.

Q Can we just move on to the Asia trip?

MR. CARNEY: Oh, come on. I was just getting started. (Laughter.)

Q You'll have plenty of opportunity, I'm sure. The cancellation of the two stops was presented as sort of a logistical decision. And I'm wondering if there's also any concern here about just the optics of having the President be abroad during a shutdown, and when the final decision on the Indonesia and Brunei legs needs to be made by.

MR. CARNEY: Well, you're right that it was a logistical decision related to the shutdown, and it

was because of where assets were and people were, and the fact that they had not been deployed to those two countries, which were scheduled to be at the backend of the trip and, therefore, because of the shutdown, it made it logistically necessary to cancel those two stops. We had assets and personnel in the first two countries, and as of now we continue to -- we intend to have the President make that trip, because it is important --

Q Does the President intend to make that trip whether or not the government is shut down on Saturday?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I'm not going to spin ahead to Saturday, and we'll obviously evaluate this as each day goes by. If the Speaker were to do what I just talked about, the government would be up and running by dinnertime.

So there remains the opportunity here for that hypothetical to be moot, and we hope that it is, because it's an important responsibility of a President to travel and conduct foreign policy, to conduct discussions about economic growth and investment in the United States, in our economy, that creates jobs.

The two summits that are taking place in Indonesia and Brunei offer opportunities, both economic opportunities and security opportunities, to the United States. And that's why a trip like this for any President is useful and important to the American economy and the American people.

So I can't give you a prediction about what things will look like Saturday, except to say that I hope the majority has an opportunity to speak in the House of Representatives.

Q Jay, why did the President wait until the second day of the shutdown to call this meeting with congressional leaders?

MR. CARNEY: The second day? Well, he spoke with the Speaker not long ago. He's made clear his views. What we've seen over the past 10 days is the Republicans being quite involved with their own internal politics and with digressions in the Senate and dictates from one body to the other about what the proper course of action should be. And the President, again, has had discussions with leaders. He looks forward to the discussion today.

But, unfortunately, as I mentioned yesterday, he does not -- despite the awesome power and responsibility of the presidency of the United States -- have the power to order up a simple vote to see if it gets a majority on the floor of the House of Representatives. That is a power that the Speaker of the House has in our democracy, and he should exercise it. And I think he would be surprised by, based on reports from Republicans, what the outcome would be. He might even be able to claim he got a majority of his majority, or something close to it.

So we won't know unless he does it. What we're absolutely sure would happen is that a



majority of the House of Representatives would vote to open the government in five minutes, if given the opportunity.

Q Jay, if the President was willing to let the government shut down in response to House Republican demands to alter the Affordable Care Act, would he be willing to let the country go into default instead of --

MR. CARNEY: I completely have to dispute the way you framed that question. He's not willing -- he is not the party to this that is making extraneous partisan demands. He's asking for nothing from the Republicans. He thinks it would be wrong -- as I said the other day, he could, if you were playing that game, that small game, that game that does not look at the interest of the United States but looks at partisan interests, he would attach -- he'd say, you know what, we need to -- this is my opportunity, even though I haven't built a consensus yet for it, to eliminate, for example, the subsidies for oil and gas companies that taxpayers pay.

You know that's been something he thinks is the right thing to do. You know that that's something he's asked Congress to vote on. You know that's something that Republicans have rejected and successfully prevented from becoming law that he could sign. But if he took the Republican tactic, and basically tried to circumvent normal democratic process here, he would say, I'm not going to open the government -- I would refuse to sign a clean -- I wouldn't sign a clean CR. I would only sign it if it had my partisan demands attached to it, or my personal principled demands attached to it.

But he won't do that. He will not play the game that Republicans are playing, which is a game that has as its principal victims hardworking Americans who are home now, wondering when they get to go back to work, wondering if they'll ever get paid for this time off -- and then, even more frightening, folks out there, including the CEOs who were here today, wondering what the world economy and the American economy would look like if we defaulted for the first time. Because we know one thing: It would not look pretty. The impacts would be catastrophic, according to the IMF and others. But since it has never happened, we don't know quite how catastrophic it would be. And we do not want to and we should not even contemplate trying to find out.

Q On the Asia trip, would it be -- would the President not go if the government is still shut down? What would cause him to either decide to go or not go?

MR. CARNEY: Well, as I said to Julie, we don't believe that's a decision that needs to be made now. That's speculation, as there's an opportunity for the House Speaker to place on the floor now, hold a vote, see how the majority responds, see how the majority votes. And if it, as we expect, votes to open the government, without partisan strings attached, then your question is answered. So we'll see.

Mara.

Q I just have a question. Up until now, you've said the President is willing to negotiate on the

budget, and he's even willing to entertain ideas for improving the Affordable Care Act. Why shouldn't we see these talks as that kind of negotiation, as opposed to negotiating on the things you don't want to negotiate?

MR. CARNEY: Because they're not about that. He will not negotiate -- he will not offer concessions to Republicans in exchange for not tanking the economy.

Q I understand that --

MR. CARNEY: So today's meeting is about the need to open the government and the need to ensure that we do not default. And the President has made clear that he is happy and willing, as he has been all year round -- all year long, to engage in serious conversations and negotiations with Republican lawmakers who want to find common ground on our budget challenges -- absolutely willing to. What he is not willing to do is negotiate under the threat of default, or under the threat of continuing to shut down the government.

Congress has a responsibility to open the government. Again, Republicans have had ample opportunity to repeal, defund, delay, dismantle, undermine the Affordable Care Act. Ample opportunity. And they have taken advantage of that opportunity and voted -- I've lost count -- 40-plus times. Each time, they have not succeeded. But hope springs eternal, I guess, and they can keep doing it. But one way to do it, as I think some people wrote about today, is to continue to argue your case, take it to the people, see what they say when they vote in the next election, see what they say when they vote in the next presidential election, and then pass legislation.

But just because you can't get what you want through the American democratic process doesn't mean you should subvert that process to achieve what you want, when you're a minority within one party and one house of one branch of government. It's just wrong. It's bad. The American people don't deserve this.

Q But the serious conversations that you're willing to have, is that what's going to happen today? Or does a clean CR have to be passed before those serious conversations can begin?

MR. CARNEY: Correct. Correct.

Q Okay.

MR. CARNEY: The President is not going to negotiate about how we can come to an agreement on our budget challenges, how we can come to an agreement about funding necessary priorities to ensure that we grow our economy and ensure that the middle class is protected and expanding, ensure that our kids are getting the best education possible, and then ensure that we reduce our deficit in a responsible way -- as we have been doing, by the way, since President Obama took office.

The President has been willing to do that all year long, and he has reached out, as you guys reported on, repeatedly to Republicans who have been -- at least who suggested they were open to finding that common ground, who suggested they were open to making the same kind of compromises that the President proved he was willing to make.

But he won't negotiate -- on behalf of the American people and the economy, he will not negotiate under threat of continuing to keep the government shut down or defaulting on our obligations for the first time.

The precedent here, when it comes to default, would be monumental and monumentally bad for the future of the American economy. Imagine what this process would look like if every time the debt ceiling needed to be raised, a minority of one party's representation of one house could dictate to the President of whichever party demands they couldn't achieve through the congressional process, the legislative process, and if they didn't get what they wanted, they'd tank the world economy. It's the wrong thing to do.

Q -- that it happened in tandem --

MR. CARNEY: No.

Q -- while they're threatening a shutdown or a default.

MR. CARNEY: Again, Mara -- and I know you know this -- there has been one occasion in our history, since the debt ceiling was in place, when a participant to negotiations used the real and tangible threat of default as part of those negotiations in raising the debt ceiling, and that was in 2011. And we saw the consequences, and they were concrete and they were very negative. And that was simply the threat of default.

Prior to that, the debt ceiling was raised without the threat of default, without drama or delay. And that is how it should be -- because it's too serious a matter to suggest that we should leave open to question around the world whether the United States of America will pay its bills; whether treasuries that investors buy or sovereign governments buy are ever going to be repaid.

Q Are you saying that the President wouldn't accept a solution to reopen the government that doesn't deal with the debt ceiling issue at the same time?

MR. CARNEY: I don't think I said that. I said -- look, if the House voted today, if John Boehner decided to let the majority speak and vote and be heard, and they voted today to open the government, as I'm sure they would, then they ought to move very quickly to ensure that the debt ceiling was raised without drama and delay.

Our position has not been to negotiate the mechanics by which they do it. They should just do it without making any threats and without attaching partisan demands to it.

Q Do you have anything on these U.S. diplomats who were expelled from Venezuela?

MR. CARNEY: I do. First of all, we completely reject the Venezuelan government's allegations that U.S. diplomats were in any way involved in some type of conspiracy to destabilize the Venezuelan government. Our officials were conducting normal diplomatic engagement. And as we've said many times, we maintain regular contact with people across the Venezuelan political spectrum.

This action by the Venezuelan government is clearly an effort to distract from its domestic problems and is not a serious way for a country to conduct its foreign policy. As the State Department has said, the United States has taken reciprocal action by declaring three Venezuelan officials persona non grata, including the Venezuelan chargé d'affaires and a second secretary at their embassy here in Washington, and the Venezuelan consul in Houston.

I'd refer you to the State Department for further details about the actions we've taken.

We would like to reach the point where we are able to make progress on areas of mutual interest like counter-narcotics, counterterrorism, and economic and commercial ties. But getting there would require a demonstration of seriousness on the part of the Venezuelan government in Caracas.

Q A whole lot of non-shutdown questions related to health care -- it's sort of a big deal, too, actually.

MR. CARNEY: Yes, it sure is.

Q New York said that they're looking into abnormally high traffic on their site yesterday -- 10 million page hits in a state with only 20 million people. Is there any evidence or concern that either state or federal exchanges have been the victims of hacking campaigns, perhaps in an attempt to stymie them or --

MR. CARNEY: Oh, I have not heard that. I mean, I would refer you, obviously, to New York for whatever they may be looking at, and to HHS. I think what we are confident of is that the high volume we've seen around the country, the 4.7 million unique visitors in the first 24 hours to [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) reflects the extreme interest in the opening of the marketplaces and the opening of the opportunity for individuals to shop for and select affordable health insurance for the first time.

So as I said yesterday, it's a first-class problem. There's no question that the volume was so high and continues to be so high that that has caused some delays, but it is related to -- those delays are, in our view, related to the high volume. And we are working on them to ensure that they're fixed and the process becomes more and more smooth for visitors to the website every day.

Q In a similar vein, the people who cover health care for us tell me that this morning there were still long wait times at exchanges. What is the level of concern, or is there any concern that this will discourage people, especially young adults who are key to the success of the problem and who, at least some think, would be more easily discouraged by that?

MR. CARNEY: Well, I'd say two things. It is, as I mentioned, a good problem to have that interest in these first two days exceeds what we anticipated. And we have an extremely competent team that developed a very user-friendly website and they are working on these problems every day, and the process gets improved every day.

It's important to remember, in answer to your question, that this is a six-month process and we're in the second day. There are something like 180 days left for people to enroll. And anybody who experienced difficulties or delays in getting on the site yesterday or browsing or enrolling should know that they can enroll any time from today through December and still have their insurance kick in on January 1st. That's the earliest that insurance will kick in.

So for these first several months when people enroll, they are enrolling for the opportunity to have their insurance available on January 1st. And then the entire enrollment process lasts six months.

So we welcome the interest. We think it's reflective of the fact that there are millions of Americans out there who want better options, more affordable options for health care coverage, and the Affordable Care Act is providing that, and these marketplaces are providing it.

If you're an individual and you're looking at these -- you go on [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) and you check out the plans available in your state for you, there are, on average, more than 50 options. So take some time to review them. And everyone should make a considered choice about what plan is right for them and what plan fits their finances, and what subsidies are available to them if they have low incomes. That's how the process is supposed to work.

And I think it's worth noting that this is what, at least putatively, this fight is about, right? Shut down the government, they say -- the House Republicans -- if you don't deprive these 4.7 million Americans who at least had an interest in [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) in the first 24 hours, and the millions of Americans who have the opportunity to purchase affordable health insurance for the first time, of that opportunity. That's their position.

And this has been litigated and debated. I saw one senator, one well-known senator of the Republican Party who said Obamacare hasn't been debated. I don't know where he was when this debate went on for months on Capitol Hill. And it has, since passage, of course, continued and

been the subject of election debates and legislative actions and judicial actions and Supreme Court action. So I think it's been debated.

And it is certainly entirely appropriate and fine with the President and the rest of us if opponents of Obamacare want to continue to press their case through the normal legislative process. That's how our democracy works. You take a position, you try to get that position adopted by as many people as you can in your legislative body, and you see if you can succeed in changing the law. And if you can't, you go back to the drawing board; you try to continue to build support for it. And then you have more elections and you try to have more people who see it your way elected. And then you try to have a President who sees it your way elected.

That's how it works. But just because you didn't get what you wanted at the polls and you didn't get what you wanted out of Congress, and you didn't get what you wanted out of the Supreme Court, it is not the right thing to do to then say, well, then because I have this unique power and influence over my Speaker, I'm going to tank the economy. I'm going to shut down the government.

That's what they're arguing. That's their position. And that's why there is so much heat on Republicans now. That's why so much of the story we're seeing now is Republicans saying, this is bad for the American people, bad for the middle class, bad for the economy, and bad for the Republican Party.

Kristen.

Q Jay, thanks. Going back to this meeting -- if the President is not going to negotiate, as you have said, what will he say or what can he say today during this meeting to move this process forward and try to break this stalemate?

MR. CARNEY: He will, I'm sure, express what I have just expressed, which is his concern about the impacts of a shutdown, his concern about the devastating impacts of even the threat of default and the catastrophic impacts of default itself. And he will, I think, ask the leaders to consider the fact that he's making no demands of them in this process; he's attaching no demands to any proposed legislation that would open the government at current levels -- like, these are not levels that the President set or that the President asked for. These are current levels of spending, no increases. And he's asking for the Congress to simply authorize the Treasury to pay the bills that the Congress has already charged.

I mean, this would be like -- on default -- and I've thought about this a lot lately -- you make a purchase on your credit card. The moment you do that, because you have a contract with the credit card company, you have incurred debt. The bill comes due in a month, and if you don't pay that bill you have defaulted. But in paying that bill, you have not incurred new debt. You are simply paying what you owe.

And Congress has authorized spending both through annual discretionary appropriations

and through mandatory programs, and because of those legal obligations that Congress has established, we have debts that we must pay. And Congress is proposing – the House Republicans are proposing that if they don't get to take insurance away from millions of Americans, they won't let the United States pay its bills.

Q But, Jay, the President has made those arguments and the process hasn't moved forward. So I guess the question is what's going to be different about this conversation?

MR. CARNEY: Again, we can't force House Republicans to vote the way we think they should. The President can, and he will, make the case for why it's the right and responsible thing to do. He will make clear to them his willingness -- his yearlong willingness, his presidency-long willingness -- to sit down and try to find compromise with Republicans on budget priorities and ways to reduce our deficit in a responsible manner. But he won't allow the American economy and the American middle class to be held hostage to the partisan demands of a minority within one House of one branch of government.

Q Jay, is it appropriate for the President and members of Congress to still be getting paid while 800,000 workers have been furloughed?

MR. CARNEY: The law stipulates how this works. Our view is the government ought to be open. The government ought to be open.

Q The President could step forward and say, I'm going to withhold my pay while this shutdown continues.

MR. CARNEY: Let's be clear about how -- it's important to understand this is not like the furloughs caused by -- in previous issues. People who are excepted and who are working are not paid, but they are guaranteed that they will be paid. Elected members, I believe, are guaranteed that they will be paid or are currently being paid by law. Then there are those who are being furloughed across the government, and of course, it would take an act of Congress for them to be paid for the time that they were laid off because of the shutdown -- or they were furloughed because of the shutdown. And we certainly hope Congress would do that.

But it is -- our view is the shutdown ought to end right now, when John Boehner puts to a vote a clean CR and gets a substantial majority with both Republicans and Democrats voting aye. And then they should, as part of that, make sure that those who don't know whether they'll be paid are made whole again. And if it happens today, that's great. If it happens tomorrow, that's great. But in any case, we would envision that as the right thing to do.

Q I just think that part of the frustration with Washington revolves around that point. I understand what you're saying, but I know that you're aware of the fact that some people are concerned about making ends meet while their pay is being withheld. So what would you say to those people who say Washington is not working so why are we the ones who are suffering?

MR. CARNEY: Well, I would say that that's why it's so important for Congress to do the right thing and attach no partisan demands to a simple vote to open the government, and ensure that those hundreds of thousands of hardworking Americans -- neighbors and fellow worshipers, friends who are on the sidelines of our kids' baseball and soccer games -- have the security of knowing that the paycheck is coming.

Q I just have one more on Jamie Dimon. He has been meeting with the DOJ to work out a deal over his bank's dealings during the financial crisis. Is there any concern about a conflict of interest with President Obama meeting with him today?

MR. CARNEY: I would refer you to the Department of Justice. Obviously he was here as part of the Financial Services Forum, which was in town and --

Q Does the President have any concern about that?

MR. CARNEY: Again, he met with the President as part of this group of CEOs from the financial services industry.

Q Jay, House Republicans are willing to vote funding to reopen national parks, museums, memorials, veterans' payments and the D.C. government. Why is the White House against it? Why not take what you can get?

MR. CARNEY: Because that's not how this works. It's a gimmick and it is unsustainable and it's not serious. And the lack of seriousness in their approach has been demonstrated again and again and again, and this is yet the latest iteration of that.

If they think that those functions ought to be open, vote to open the government. We're not asking anything from them, Democrats are not asking anything from them in return for making that simple vote. They ought to -- the people that Kristen was just talking about, let's send them back to work. They're our neighbors. They're our friends. They go to church and synagogue with us. They're good people who deserve the security of being able to work for their families and knowing they can pay the bills.

And all the various effects of the shutdown, both large and small, both serious and just inconvenient, can be resolved in a minute if the Speaker of the House holds a vote. What's he afraid of? Is he afraid that 250, 300 members of the House of Representatives will vote to open the government without partisan strings attached, without the insistence of the tea party that they get to dismantle a law that's passed both houses and been signed and upheld by the Constitution and litigated in an election? What is the fear here? What is the problem with simply allowing members of the House to vote on opening the government -- the whole government?



Q Well, Speaker Boehner says one of the issues you haven't addressed is the fairness issue, that some people and some groups have been getting waivers and delays on their mandates in Obamacare, but individuals haven't. If he brings that up at the meeting today what will the President tell him?

MR. CARNEY: Well, first of all, that suggestion, as we've discussed for a long time, is absurd. Speaker Boehner and the folks who are trying to undo and kill Obamacare any way they can are not interested in improving it or delaying it to make it better. They're interested in doing what they've said all along, which is to repeal it, get rid of it. There's that.

But the fact is the Affordable Care Act is here to stay. It is being implemented as we speak. For the past three years, the benefits of the Affordable Care Act have already been felt by millions of Americans -- by seniors, by families who have their kids up to the age of 26 now on their insurance policies, by millions of Americans who have gotten rebates from insurance companies because of the provision within the Affordable Care Act that makes it the law that these insurance companies spend a certain percentage of those premiums on health care and not on CEOs' salaries and advertising and other administrative costs.

So you know that's a ruse; we know that's a ruse. The President is certainly interested in having discussions about how to improve the Affordable Care Act to make it better, as it provides insurance options for the first time to millions of Americans. But the call to delay the individual responsibility provision, the individual mandate, that's an attempt to get rid of Obamacare -- because everyone knows who knows anything about how the system works that provision is essential to ensuring that every member in your family who has a preexisting condition cannot be told by the insurance companies that they're out of luck.

Remember the consequences of this policy position. And we can debate it, and we should in elections and on the floor of the House and Senate, through the normal means. But it is completely inappropriate to try to get what you could not get through the normal democratic process by threatening the faith and credit of the United States, or threatening to keep the government shut down.

Q Jay, did you not open the door, though, to that piecemeal approach that Mark is referring to when the President signed into law allowing men and women in uniform to be paid while this happens? Now the Republicans are saying, well, then why not also pay out veteran benefits and other things? You did open the door at least a little bit to some people being paid.

MR. CARNEY: The President believes, as obviously virtually everyone in Congress believes, that our men and women in uniform need the reassurance that we here in Washington have their backs, just like they have ours, and that is why he signed that bill.

There is no question that there are problems created by the government being shut down. There is no question that there are inconveniences and real hardship. And if Republicans are sincerely concerned about those problems they have an option here, which is to vote to open the government -- full stop. Just do it. The theatrics and the gimmicks only cause delay when the

option is available to put a simple bill on the floor that keeps the government open at spending levels set in the previous fiscal year.

So they didn't shut the government down over those spending levels a week ago. They didn't say a month ago, this is unacceptable; we're shutting it down. So why this week? Why are the spending levels from last year suddenly so unacceptable that they'd shut the government down with all the negative consequences thereof? Because they are on an ideological crusade and because the party has been hijacked by a faction within it.

And I say that quoting Republicans. I say that not to score a point, but to make an observation that I think is widely held here by people of both parties and people who are independent observers. And it has a negative impact on the normal functioning of our democracy.

Q When you talk about theatrics, one of the flashpoints in this has become what happened yesterday and it's something that played out again today, apparently, at the World War II Memorial here in Washington. Rather than just airing -- there's allegations from Republicans that the White House, broadly speaking, somehow ordered this, put up barricades to prevent veterans from getting there. Rather than going through all of that, can you please tell us from the podium what is your version of what happened?

MR. CARNEY: The government shut down when the House Republicans decided to shut it down.

And every House Republican who has decried any impact from this shutdown as if they were surprised that it would happen clearly didn't pay attention when every agency of the federal government posted on their websites on Friday what would happen if the government were shut down, including the closing of national memorials and national parks.

On the very night that they voted to shut down the government, some of the most vocal critics of this particular matter were quoted saying, "We got what we wanted." Well, apparently you did.

Look, we honor our World War II veterans, and I would point you to the decisions made and the actions being taken by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service to ensure that these Honor Flight participants are able to have access to that memorial. But the fact is when you shut down the government you shut down a lot of services, you lay off a lot of people, and there are bad consequences to that.

So if any member of Congress who got in front of a television camera to try to get some attention on this issue spent half that time on the floor of the House voting to open the government, we wouldn't have a problem.

Q But so can you explain, are there some -- the Honor veterans, are they now allowed to see

the memorial? You said there are accommodations being made. If on one hand you're saying, look, the government shut down, tough luck, the Republicans haven't voted to open it, but then on the other hand you're saying, we are making accommodations, what is really happening then?

MR. CARNEY: Well, Department of the Interior and the National Parks Service obviously are the sources for more specific information. But the DOI has made an accommodation for the Honor Flights and will grant access to the World War II Memorial. The DOI has granted a permit for the veterans that is consistent with the existing closure order. DOI will remain in contact with the Honor Flight organization to ensure that veterans scheduled to travel to D.C. are provided access to the memorial.

My understanding is that the closure order provides a process for accepting First Amendment activities on the National Mall and memorial parks in D.C. and in Philadelphia. And, again, for more detail on that process that is going to allow access for these veterans and heroes I would refer you to DOI and the National Park Service.

Q Last thing. James Clapper was on the Hill today at a hearing about NSA issues, and was asked by I think Senator Grassley whether or not the country is safe right now during the shutdown. He said, "I don't feel that I can make such a guarantee to the American people. It will be much more difficult to make a guarantee as each day of this shutdown goes by." So I want to get your perspective. Is the country less safe now, or is this James Clapper trying to scare people to put pressure on Republicans?

MR. CARNEY: I would just point you to the testimony of the head of the DNI. What we have said --

Q But how does he back that up? Are we less safe?

MR. CARNEY: Well, I'm not the person charged with making that assessment, so I would refer you to the --

Q But does the Commander-in-Chief believe that we are less safe?

MR. CARNEY: The Commander-in-Chief believes that we ought to open the government, and that there are bad impacts, some of them quite serious, some of them just inconveniences, from a partisan decision to shut the government down over pique about the fact that they haven't been able to do away with the Affordable Care Act.

We're focused on trying to undo this, trying to make clear that there's a simple way to do that, which is to have a vote and let the majority in the House decide, so that we don't have to, a day from now or a week from now, or hopefully two or three weeks from now, not have a discussion about what has been the result, what have been the consequences of a prolonged shutdown.

Jon.

Q And just to button up that, Clapper also said 70 percent of intel analysts have been furloughed. I mean, that's got to be a real concern, or a real national security concern.

MR. CARNEY: Well, again, every agency has provided information, as I understand it, about what happens with a shutdown. And I would refer you to each agency, again, for those agencies to make assessments about what the immediate effects of shutdown are. I don't have any more information on that than certainly the Director provided.

Q And just to follow on what Mara was talking to you about -- I just want to be clear and understand the parameters of what's negotiable and what's not. The President would be willing to negotiate on a yearlong budget, right? So if we went in -- if this negotiation with members of Congress -- congressional leaders coming in here were to negotiate a yearlong budget, for the rest of the year -- none of this six-week stuff, but a yearlong budget -- I'm sure there would be some give-and-take -- could you negotiate that and then slap on the raising the debt ceiling and be done with it? And the Republicans could pretend they were negotiating on debt ceiling, but as far as you would be concerned, you'd really be talking about the yearlong budget?

MR. CARNEY: Look, the issue here is holding up the threat of default if you don't get what you want. And that is absolutely reckless and irresponsible. And as others have pointed out in discussions we've had about efforts by Republicans to say it's somehow commonplace to make that threat and has been over our history, there's no question there's been different means by which the debt ceiling has been raised attached to different bills. So I'm not going to speculate about the mechanics of doing it. Our concern is just that it get done without drama or delay and without the threat of default. So that's one.

Two, we have already -- the Republicans in the House have already -- we are living under shutdown. They have already shut down the government. Maybe in some idealized Washington of 2013 we could negotiate a yearlong budget compromise in an hour or two. But the fact is the Congress needs, the Republicans need to open the government and remove the threat of default so that we can get about the business -- which I'm sure will be contentious but hopefully successful if everybody is sincere in their efforts -- to negotiate a longer budget deal.

And whether it's -- how long it is and what it contains obviously will be decided by the process itself. But right now, the Republicans have shut down the government. Right now, we're roughly two weeks away from the first default in our history. The Republicans need to do the responsible thing. The President is not asking anything in return for them fulfilling these basic responsibilities. And then we can, and the President looks forward to, having discussions and debates and negotiations about how we move forward.

Q If they agree to do this six-week deal, you're right back where we are now in six weeks. I mean, doesn't it make sense to say, okay, let's do it all right now, let's do a yearlong budget?

MR. CARNEY: Not under threat of continued shutdown and not under threat of default.

Q So you're not open to that debate right now? You want the debt ceiling raised and --

MR. CARNEY: There is no scenario under which it would be anything but bad for the economy to hold the economy hostage to the threat of default while you're involved in negotiations over trying to get what you want in a long-term budget deal. That's the kind of damage to the economy that we can't afford. We saw what happened in 2011. It's reckless and irresponsible. It's wrong.

The sad part of it is, is that obviously there are some members on the Hill who think it's good for their personal politics, it's good for them in their districts, and that's all they seem to care most about. But there's no question that at the broad level, nationally, it's terrible. It's terrible for the economy. It's terrible for the middle class.

Q Just to be crystal-clear, we should not consider today's meeting a negotiation?

MR. CARNEY: Not in the sense that the President would make any demands on Congress in return for their willingness to simply do their jobs.

Carol.

Q I just want to clarify two things. So the President's position is he won't negotiate around the CR and that the House has to pass a clean CR and then he'll be willing to negotiate, but then he also won't negotiate on the debt ceiling. So I'm trying to get -- are you saying that any negotiations for something larger wouldn't be able to happen until after the debt ceiling was dealt with, not just the CR?

MR. CARNEY: I mean, again, how this plays out obviously depends on the actions that the Congress takes. But it is absolutely the President's position that he won't negotiate under threat of default or continued shutdown of the government budget priorities -- because the Republicans are interested in holding the economy hostage and the middle class hostage to try to achieve through that process what they could not achieve through Congress in the past, through the courts, or through the ballot box.

And having said that, the President is and has been, and has demonstrated that he is, willing to have negotiations about what steps we should take to fund our government in a way that allows us to invest in the future, protect the middle class, attract businesses to the United States, and reduce our deficit in a responsible and balanced way.

And the proof of that willingness is in the budget that he proposed, which everyone here acknowledged when you covered, I believe -- well, there are probably a few people who didn't -- but almost everybody here acknowledged when he released it was a serious document that represented compromises; that wasn't a wish list of partisan priorities, but was a demonstration of the President's willingness to try to meet Republicans on common ground.

And he hopes that Republicans will meet him there. But he's not willing to negotiate over Republican demands to collapse the world economy if they don't do away with affordable health insurance for the American people.

Q Right. So it's fair to say that the President will not sit down and have those larger negotiations until there is a clean CR and a debt limit increase?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I think it's fair to say that the President will not negotiate over Congress's responsibility to pay our bills. And he will not make any demands of them. I mean, I think that it's -- turn the prism a little bit here, because the only party here that's making demands associated with opening the government, the only party here that's making demands associated with paying our bills is the Republican Party, and more narrowly, the tea party.

President Obama is not asking for Republicans to, again, do away with the tax subsidies, the tax breaks that the oil and gas industry get in return for opening the government. He's not asking them to pass background checks, something he believes passionately and in a principled way is the right thing to do. But he does not believe that the right way to achieve that goal is by holding the economy hostage.

Q Right. And one other thing on James Clapper. He said that the shutdown seriously damages our ability to protect the safety and security of the country. And separately from believing that the House should pass a clean CR, is the White House willing to take any steps to address this particular concern?

MR. CARNEY: Again, as I said earlier, the experts in all of these agencies can address what the impacts are of the shutdown.

Q I mean, the President has said that national -- the security of the American people is his number-one priority.

MR. CARNEY: It is.

Q So if you have James Clapper saying that the current shutdown seriously damages the ability to protect the country --

MR. CARNEY: What the President is highly confident of is that if John Boehner were to allow a majority to vote on a clean CR, or to allow the House to vote at all on a clean CR to open the government this afternoon, there would be no more negative impacts.

Q Isn't that essentially saying that his top priority is actually the shutdown and not the national security of the country?

MR. CARNEY: No, it's not. And the President is, of course, taking every step necessary as President to ensure the security of the American people.

There are consequences to shutdown, and they extend far beyond closures of parks and memorials or other things that we've heard a lot about. And they affect those hundreds of thousands of people who have been furloughed and aren't getting a paycheck and don't know if and when they will. And that's bad for the government, for the normal functioning of government that provides services to the American people around the country, and it's obviously bad for those families.

Jim.

Q Jay, so if the President is going to stick to his position, and the Speaker of the House is going to come over here and stick to his position, what's the point of having a meeting?

MR. CARNEY: Well, the Republicans keep saying they want to negotiate, they want to meet, why isn't the President meeting with them. He is meeting with them. He has called them. He has, again, met with and spoken with Speaker Boehner quite a bit during the time that John Boehner has been Speaker of the House, often, in earlier days, quietly and --

Q That weren't read out to the press I guess.

MR. CARNEY: Precisely. For a variety of reasons, and you can surmise what they might be or who put them forward.

But the fact of the matter is it's not about taking -- the President's only position is that the government ought to be open. The President's only position is that the full faith and credit of the United States must be maintained. He's not asking the Republicans for anything in return for them doing their jobs. He's not attaching any partisan or personal agenda item to that responsibility.

And so it's like -- the position the Republicans have had -- and it was articulated by the Speaker at one point earlier this week -- is that, give us what we want, or we'll shut down the government. And you can't -- the opposite is not true. The President hasn't asked for anything.

And it's not a concession to the President of the United States, regardless of his or her party, to open the government. It's not a concession to the President of the United States, whether he or she is a Republican or a Democrat, to pay our bills and not default and not trash our economy. That's not a concession.

Q And is it possible that what we might see happen over the next week or so is that essentially a continuing resolution will be packaged together with an increase to the debt ceiling? Is that sort of the deal that potentially could happen in the coming days? Is that something that might be discussed this afternoon?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I'm not going to speculate about how Congress goes about ensuring that we don't default except to say that they have to get about the business of ensuring that we don't default.

Q Does that sound like a good thing to the President, though, something like that?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I'm not going to -- again, the mechanics of how they do the right thing I'll leave to them as long as they do the right thing. And the right thing is not to threaten default.

Q And to follow Kristen's question about the President's pay, the Attorney General, Eric Holder, said he would cut his own pay earlier this week. Why doesn't the President just do the same?

MR. CARNEY: Again, obviously individuals can make decisions, and I don't have anything for you on the President at this time. But I think it's important to understand that when the shutdown happens, there are excepted employees who have to work and they are guaranteed in the future that they'll be paid for that work. And then there are those who are furloughed and they will not ever get paid unless Congress acts to -- for the time that they were furloughed unless Congress -- as I understand it -- unless Congress acts, as it has in the past, in previous shutdowns, I believe, to make them whole.

So it's a little different from -- for example, because of the sequester and the furloughs associated with that where people took -- people who were excepted and had to work but took pay cuts that were mandated as part of that.

Q And on the Asia trip, just very quickly, the President and President Putin, who will be out in Asia for this trip as well, in Bali for that summit, I was just curious, the President and President Putin have had this sort of almost debate over American exceptionalism in recent weeks. What does it say about American exceptionalism if the President goes overseas while the government is shut down and is at the risk of defaulting on its debts?



MR. CARNEY: Again, the government is shut down today. By a simple decision of the Speaker of the House to allow the House to vote to open the government, it could be open tomorrow. So you're throwing out a hypothetical that we don't know will come to pass.

And as I said earlier in answering questions about the President's trip and the scheduling changes to it, we'll evaluate the rest of the trip that's still on the schedule as each day goes by.

Q Thanks, Jay.

MR. CARNEY: David, last one.

Q Jay, a couple on immigration. The White House endorsed the Senate's comprehensive immigration bill. As we all know, you've been urging Speaker Boehner to bring that forward for a vote and saying it would pass if it was voted on on the House floor. Today House Democrats introduced their own version of a bill that stripped out a lot of the strongest border security language out of that. They're saying it's time to move in a different direction, try to gain traction on a different kind of plan. I'm wondering if the White House endorses either that -- I don't know if you've seen that bill that the House Democrats --

MR. CARNEY: I haven't seen that bill. We certainly support passage of the bill that the Senate passed. We support comprehensive immigration reform.

As you know, the bill that the Senate -- did I say the House? I meant the Senate -- that the Senate passed. The bill that the Senate passed obviously wasn't word-for-word the way the President would write it and it contained significant increases in funding for border security and other measures that were aimed at border security, so much so that I think John McCain at the time said -- Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, at the time said that anybody who is opposing this bill on the argument that it doesn't address the issue of border security is not being sincere -- and I'm paraphrasing because it's been a long time since I've seen the quote, but I think he would accept that paraphrase -- because the Senate bill does address in substantial way border security and builds on the enormous strides that we've made in the last five years on border security.

Again, I don't have specific --

Q But House Democrats seem to be saying, that's dead here, we've got to try something else. Do you endorse that idea --

MR. CARNEY: Well, again, I don't -- I think that it is up -- I would encourage the Speaker of the House, similarly, to put the Senate on the -- it's already passed the Senate. Put the Senate

bill on the floor of the House and see how it does. A lot of Republicans believe that passing that bill and allowing comprehensive immigration reform to become the law of the land would not only do significant good things for our economy and for our businesses and for the middle class, but would do some political good for the Republican Party.

I bet if he -- I haven't looked at this in a while, but if he put that bill on the floor of the House, it would get a majority and significant numbers of Republicans. So I don't want to --

Q Are you saying the House Democrats should not be doing what they're doing?

MR. CARNEY: Again, David, you keep trying to ask me about a bill I said I haven't seen. What I'm saying is the House ought to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

Q Final thing. For the President, though, I think he almost 11 months ago now in his first news conference after winning reelection, he said we've got to seize the moment on immigration. Is the moment gone? And is the President going to get back to talking about this in any substantial way in the next --

MR. CARNEY: The moment isn't gone. We saw remarkable things happen in the Senate. We saw a substantial bipartisan majority pass comprehensive immigration reform that meets the principles laid out there by the President -- not word-for-word what he would have necessarily written himself, but it meets his standard, and he would sign it. And we have called on the House to act.

And I think perhaps as the Republican Party sees its approval in the eyes of the public continue to dip, and Congress sees its approval in the eyes of the public continue to dip, that maybe they want to take some action to address that problem. And once they go about the business of reopening the government, and once they make sure that we will not default in a responsible way without drama and delay, they could take up comprehensive immigration reform and do themselves some good.

Thanks very much.

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Ms. Neimeyer,

Your colleague Elaine at the Park Service directed me to you regarding this question. A group of veterans from Iowa is planning to visit the World War II Memorial tomorrow during an honor flight, and were wondering if that, as well as the Korean and Vietnam Memorials, would be accessible to the general public in the event of a government shutdown. While I understand that these memorials have remained accessible to the public during past shutdowns (I'd imagine with the mall being so open, it'd probably more manpower intensive to try to completely close them), I wanted to do my due diligence and make 100 percent sure that people could visit the outdoor memorials on the National Mall in the event of a shutdown.

Thank you,

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1. Naval Sea Systems Command Lincoln Memorial October 3, 2013 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Retirement ceremony (Issued)	400
2. Road Race Management Freedom Plaza October 4 – October 5, 2013 (event: 10/5) 6:00 am – 8:00 pm 5K Family Fun Run (Issued)	3000
<b>3. Kitra Williams Washington Monument Grounds October 4, 2013 6:00 am – 3:00 pm Rally for World peace with our youth (Issued)</b>	<b>5000</b>
4. Run! Geek Run! East and West Potomac Park October 4 – October 5, 2013 (event: 10/5) 8:00 am – 9:30 am 8K footrace to raise funds for technology education (Issued)	1000

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| <p><b>5. Stop Modern Slavery</b><br/> <b>Washington Monument Grounds-NE Quadrant</b><br/> <b>October 5, 2013</b><br/> <b>5:00 am – 5:30 pm</b><br/> <b>Rally to stop human trafficking and modern day slavery</b><br/> <b>(Issued)</b></p>   | <p><b>2500</b></p>  |
| <p><b>6. The College of Aspiring Artists/Supreme Day of Prayer</b><br/> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial-Forecourt Area &amp;</b><br/> <b>South of the Bookstore</b><br/> <b>October 5, 2013</b><br/> <b>10:00 am – 5:00 pm</b></p>  | <p><b>700</b></p>   |
| <p>7. American Cancer Society<br/> Washington Monument Grounds and Tidal Basin Sidewalk<br/> October 6, 2013<br/> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm<br/> Walk<br/> (Pending)</p>   | <p>6000</p>         |
| <p>8. Association of German-American Societies<br/> German – American Friendship Garden<br/> October 6, 2013<br/> 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm<br/> Proclamation for German-American Day<br/> (Issued)</p>  | <p>200</p>          |
| <p><b>9. Casa in Action</b><br/> <b>Mall, 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup></b><br/> <b>October 7- October 8, 2013 (event day: 10/8)</b><br/> <b>6:00 am – 11:59 pm</b><br/> <b>Demonstration in support of comprehensive immigration reform</b><br/> <b>(Issued)</b></p>   | <p><b>35000</b></p> |
| <p>9. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk<br/> Washington Monument Grounds-NE Quadrant &amp; various<br/> Sidewalks of NAMA, GWMP, ROCK &amp; NCPE<br/> October 10 – October 13, 2013 (event days: 10/11, 10/12 &amp; 10/13)<br/> 9:00 am- 9:00 pm<br/> Three day walk to raise funds for breast cancer research<br/> (Issued)</p> | <p>2500</p>         |

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| 10. The U. S. Navy Memorial Foundation<br>U. S. Navy Memorial<br>October 11, 2013<br>11:30 am – 2:00 pm<br>Wreath laying in honor of Navy’s birthday<br>(Issued)         | 100        |
| <b>11. Amazon Watch</b><br><b>Edward R. Murrow Park</b><br><b>October 12, 2013</b><br><b>11:00 am – 1:00 pm</b><br><b>Protest against World Bank</b><br><b>(Pending)</b> | <b>100</b> |
| 12. Boo! Run For Life<br>East and West Potomac Parks<br>October 13, 2013<br>4:00 am – 11:00 am<br>10K charity run<br>(Issued)  | 1200       |
| 13. National Columbus Celebration Association<br>Columbus Plaza<br>October 13, 2013<br>9:00 am – 3:00 pm<br>Columbus Day observance<br>(Issued)                          | 800        |





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## Donations statement

1 message

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>

Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 3:39 PM

America's 401 national parks are a source of pride for all Americans and serve as important economic engines for local communities across the nation. While we appreciate the generous offers of support and temporary assistance to reopen various individual parks around the country, we are unable to accept them.

There are 401 national parks that comprise the National Park System, which is managed for the common benefit of all the people of the United States, and requires federal appropriations to fulfill its mission and responsibilities. As a result of the lapse in that funding, the entire National Park System is closed and cannot be reopened until funding is restored. Beyond the legal constraints involved, it would not be appropriate or feasible to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the National Park System remain closed to the public.

The National Park Service shares in the frustration of the more than 700,000 people who are being turned away from our parks each day. We continue to hope for a speedy resolution to the lapse in federal appropriation so that we may reopen America's 401 national parks for the enjoyment of millions of visitors.

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## Cartoon on World War II Memorial

1 message

**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 11:46 AM

To: Jonathan Jarvis <Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Carol Johnson <carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov>, Stephen Lorenzetti <steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>

Just another example of how the NPS is generally not viewed as the cause of the problem.



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**Fwd: Claude Moore Colonial Farm**

1 message

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>  
Cc: Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 1:23 PM

Forwarding to Jennifer Mummart, who handled similar inquiries yesterday.

Jennifer - written statement is probably better than a call;

Blake & Kate - do you want to see it before it goes?

Mike

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From: **Shutdown, DOI** <doi\_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>  
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:51 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Claude Moore Colonial Farm  
To: Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
Cc: Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Jenkins, Griff** <Griff.Jenkins@foxnews.com>  
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:43 AM  
Subject: Claude Moore Colonial Farm  
To: "doi\_shutdown@ios.doi.gov" <doi\_shutdown@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Verducci, Kara" <kara.Verducci@foxnews.com>

Hi –

I am the reporter assigned to Greta Van Susteren's show on FNC and we are doing the story of Claude Moore Colonial Farm's closure today.

Wanted to reach out to see if you could make someone available to comment or send us a statement?

Thanks,

Griff

Griff Jenkins

Correspondent

FOX News Channel

(202) 374-8742 cell

(202) 824-6316 office

***On the Record with Greta Van Susteren*** airs nationally **Mon-Fri at 10pET/9pCT** on the FOX News Channel



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**Fwd: FW: A message From Rep. Grijalva**

1 message

**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:15 PM

To: Robert Maclean <robert\_maclean@nps.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson <Lisa\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <Sue\_Waldron@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>

Just a heads up.

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From: **Jarvis, Jonathan** <jon\_jarvis@nps.gov>

Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 5:10 PM

Subject: Fwd: FW: A message From Rep. Grijalva

To: Maureen Foster <Maureen\_Foster@nps.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Peggy O'Dell <Peggy\_O'Dell@nps.gov>

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Watkins, David** <David.Watkins@mail.house.gov>

Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 4:48 PM

Subject: FW: A message From Rep. Grijalva

To: "Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov" <Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov>

Cc: "Bragato, Brandon" <Brandon.Bragato@mail.house.gov>

Hello Jon –

In case you have not seen.

*David Watkins*

*Democratic Chief Counsel*

*House Natural Resources Committee*

*1329 Longworth House Office Building*

*(202) 225-6065*

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**From:** Bragato, Brandon  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:45 PM  
**To:** Watkins, David  
**Subject:** FW: A message From Rep. Grijalva

Give Jarvis a heads up?

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**From:** Villa, Cristina  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:41 PM  
**To:** Bragato, Brandon  
**Subject:** A message From Rep. Grijalva

Hi Brandon,

Rep. Gohmert (TX-1) has been calling around to get members to attend and support visiting veterans groups (from the MOC's respective districts) who will be visiting the WWII memorial this Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>— despite the government shutdown. This is on order to support and make sure the veteran groups gain access to the memorial. Below is more info.

- <http://yhoo.it/1g4HdLU>
- <http://www.honorflight.org/tour/>

Raul wanted me to contact you, so you can contact the Park Service and give them a heads up that this will likely cause a public scene.

Thanks,

## Cristina Villa

Scheduler | Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ-03)

Longworth 1511 Washington, D.C. 20515 | 202.225.2435



**Sign up for Congressman Grijalva's Grants Newsletter here**

**All D.C. scheduling requests should be emailed to: [AZ03Schedule@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ03Schedule@mail.house.gov)**

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**From:** TX01Intern2  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 1:06 PM  
**To:** AZ03 Schedule  
**Subject:** RE: Honor Flight Southern Arizona

Here's a link to what's kind of going on with the WW II memorial and why we are concerned about representatives attending. Our Congressman is meeting the veterans at the memorial to show his support and ensure access when his schedule allows it. <http://yhoo.it/1g4HdLU>

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**From:** TX01Intern2  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 12:42 PM  
**To:** AZ03 Schedule  
**Subject:** Honor Flight Southern Arizona

Here is the link. The tour is on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Let me know what you think and if this fits into his schedule. Congressman Gohmert wants to ensure that a representative is present so that there is not a problem with the veterans accessing the memorial.

<http://www.honorflight.org/tour/>



12/19/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Fwd: FW: A message From Rep. Grijalva

Thank you for your help,

*Courtney Chapman*

Intern

Rep. Louie Gohmert (TX-01)

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*Jonathan B. Jarvis*  
*Director, NPS*



Mummart, Jennifer &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Mount Vernon Parking Lots**

1 message

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>  
Cc: Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 1:25 PM

Forwarding to Jennifer Mummart.

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From: <[stephen@capitolcityproject.com](mailto:stephen@capitolcityproject.com)>  
Date: Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 12:20 PM  
Subject: Mount Vernon Parking Lots  
To: "Shutdown, DOI" <[doi\\_shutdown@ios.doi.gov](mailto:doi_shutdown@ios.doi.gov)>  
Cc: Michael Litterst <[mike\\_litterst@nps.gov](mailto:mike_litterst@nps.gov)>

Hello,

I spoke with Mount Vernon officials yesterday and they told me that the parking lots out front of the estate were barricaded off by NPS on Tuesday morning. They claimed that there was then a dispute between Mount Vernon and NPS over the ownership of the parking lots. After that the barricades were removed.

However, one parking lot remains blocked off by barricades. I've attached a map of the parking lot in question.

Can you comment on this situation? I would like to get NPS's side of the story on this before I print my piece. I need comment as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Stephen Gutowski  
Capitol City Project



**Closed Mount Vernon Parking Lot.jpg**

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Mummart, Jennifer &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Urgent - NPS Shutdown**

1 message

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**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
To: Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>

Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 10:34 AM

This is the question from the hill that we need to answer.

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From: **Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>  
Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 9:53 AM  
Subject: Re: Urgent - NPS Shutdown  
To: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

We will get back to Mr. Street and also clarify what we tell people on the phone.

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On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 9:46 AM, Sarah Neimeyer <[sarah\\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Street, Casey" <[Casey.Street@mail.house.gov](mailto:Casey.Street@mail.house.gov)>  
**Date:** September 30, 2013 9:41:40 AM EDT  
**To:** "[sarah\\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov)" <[sarah\\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:sarah_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject: Urgent - NPS Shutdown**

Sarah – Our office has a group of WWII vets flying up to DC tomorrow as part of an Honor Flight. The group is being told by NPS that in the event of a shutdown, the monuments will be closed to them.

I need to get some clarification on whether they will be prevented from visiting these open air monuments, or if this just means that the bathrooms, etc will be closed and no support from NPS.

Can you please let me know as soon as you can?

Thank you,

-Casey

**Casey C. Street**

Chief of Staff

Congressman Steven Palazzo (MS-04)

(202) 225-5772



Mummart, Jennifer &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight**

1 message

**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 3:09 PM

To: Bob Vogel &lt;bob\_vogel@nps.gov&gt;, Carol Johnson &lt;carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Karen Cucurullo &lt;karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;, Stephen Lorenzetti &lt;steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov&gt;, Lisa Mendelson &lt;Lisa\_Mendelson-lellini@nps.gov&gt;, Jennifer Mummart &lt;Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov&gt;

For the park/region to handle, please.

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From: **Neimeyer, Sarah** <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>  
Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:58 PM  
Subject: Vietnam Memorial Honor Flight  
To: Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Maureen -- could you call Genevieve in Rep. McIntyre's office at 225-2731. They have an honor flight on Friday of Vietnam vets. Thanks, Sarah

—  
Sarah C. Neimeyer, Director  
Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
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Fax - (202) 208-5533



Mummart, Jennifer <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov>

## Invitation: Shutdown Plans meeting w/Jarvis, O'Dell, Foster, Sheaffer... @ Mon Sep 30, 2013 3:15pm - 3:30pm (jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov)

1 message

Jonathan Jarvis <jon\_jarvis@nps.gov>

Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 12:30 PM

Reply-To: Tasha Robbins <tasha\_robbins@nps.gov>

To: "jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov" <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov>, Steve Whitesell <steve\_whitesell@nps.gov>, Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>, Bruce Sheaffer <bruce\_sheaffer@nps.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Cc: Claire Rozdilski <claire\_rozdilski@nps.gov>, Judy Bowman <judy\_bowman@nps.gov>, Tonya Thomas <tonya\_thomas@nps.gov>, Sharon Stowe <sharon\_stowe@nps.gov>

### Shutdown Plans meeting w/Jarvis, O'Dell, Foster, Sheaffer, Whitesell, Vogel, Waldron, Litterst, Mummart [more details »](#)

(b) (5)  
participant code - (b) (5)

When Mon Sep 30, 2013 3:15pm – 3:30pm Eastern Time

Where 3112 ([map](#))

Calendar [jennifer\\_mummart@nps.gov](mailto:jennifer_mummart@nps.gov)

- Who
- Jonathan Jarvis - organizer
  - Tasha Robbins - creator
  - Steve Whitesell
  - Suzanne Waldron
  - Bruce Sheaffer
  - Bob Vogel
  - Maureen Foster
  - Margaret O'Dell
  - Jennifer Mummart
  - Michael Litterst
  - Claire Rozdilski - optional
  - Judy Bowman - optional
  - Tonya Thomas - optional
  - Sharon Stowe - optional

Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** [more options »](#)

Invitation from [Google Calendar](#)

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## Memo from Director: Contingency Planning for Lapsed Appropriation with attachments

1 message

**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Tue, Oct 1, 2013 at 1:40 PM

To: NPS Leadership &lt;nps\_leadership@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Charles Cuvelier <charles\_cuvelier@nps.gov>, Michael Litterst <Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov>, Beverly Stephens <grace\_stephens@nps.gov>, Jennifer Madello <jennifer\_madello@nps.gov>, Patrick Breen <patrick\_breen@nps.gov>, Joel Hard <joel\_hard@nps.gov>, Chris Pergiel <chris\_pergiel@nps.gov>, Colin Campbell <colin\_campbell@nps.gov>, Billy Shott <billy\_shott@nps.gov>, Rena Fugate <rena\_fugate@nps.gov>, Gregory Monahan <gregory\_monahan@nps.gov>, George Sievers <george\_sievers@nps.gov>, Lisa Mendelson <Lisa\_Mendelson-lellini@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>, Philip Selleck <philip\_selleck@nps.gov>, Michael Caldwell <mike\_caldwell@nps.gov>, Steve Clark <steve\_n\_clark@nps.gov>, Brian Strack <brian\_strack@nps.gov>, Patty Neubacher <Patty\_Neubacher@nps.gov>, Scott Wanek <Scott\_Wanek@nps.gov>, Craig Dalby <Craig\_Dalby@nps.gov>, Shawn Bengel <shawn\_benge@nps.gov>, David Home <david\_home@nps.gov>, William Reynolds <william\_f\_reynolds@nps.gov>, Robert Maclean <robert\_maclean@nps.gov>, Michael Alvarez <michael\_alvarez@nps.gov>, Thomas Knapp <thomas\_knapp@nps.gov>, Samantha Richardson <Samantha\_Richardson@nps.gov>

See memo with attachments

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OCT 1 2013

Office of the Director

To: Directorate; Center Managers; Chief, U.S. Park Police

From: Director *Jonathan S. Jarvis*

Subject: Contingency Plan for Lapsed Appropriation

Attachments (4):

- Shutdown Instructions, Phases 1 & 2 (in memo)
- All Employee email sent from DOI on Monday, September 30, 2013 (in memo)
- NPS Closure Determination and Notice (attached separately)
- Template and Guidance for park closure signs (attached separately)

The government-wide shutdown due to the lapsing of appropriations is now upon us and we are proceeding with both Phase 1 and Phase 2 as of noon today. The continuing resolution that provided FY13 funding for NPS expired at midnight, September 30, 2013, and no FY14 spending bill or continuing resolution has yet been adopted by Congress.

Please refer to the all-employee memo sent out from DOI Assistant Secretary Rhea Suh on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for guidance regarding individual scenarios, such as employees who are on scheduled leave or on travel status, and for specifics regarding payroll codes and processing. That memo is attached to this correspondence for your convenience. Further HR guidance has been distributed to your HR chiefs. A host of FAQs can also be found on the following Departmental website, which will remain live during the duration of a shutdown:  
<http://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

Attached are procedures to execute an orderly shutdown of operations. The shutdown process will take place in two phases. Phase 1 includes all activities to identify excepted and non-excepted personnel, notify the public of the closure, and wind down operations to essential activities only. I am initiating Phase 2 at noon EDT today, October 1. All events and programs must be canceled until appropriations are available.

Each region and program has designated a communications coordinator and has begun to develop a plan for distributing important information to parks and program offices. All questions and information for the duration of the shutdown should be channeled through the designated communication coordinator. We will send a contact list shortly. In addition, employees should be encouraged to monitor media reports and the OPM website for information about the status of government operations.

## Shutdown Instructions – Phases 1 and 2

Effective immediately, the National Park Service will take all necessary steps to close and secure national park facilities and grounds. Day use visitors will be instructed to leave the park immediately. Visitors utilizing overnight concession accommodations and campgrounds will be notified to make alternate arrangements and depart the park as part of Phase 2. Wherever possible, park roads will be closed and access will be denied. National and regional offices and support centers will be closed and secured, except where they are needed to support excepted personnel. These steps will be enacted as quickly as possible while still ensuring visitor and employee safety as well as the integrity of park resources.

Please reference the NPS Closure Determination and Notice document, attached to this memo, as needed for compliance with regulations.

### Phase 1 Shutdown Procedures:

Immediately take the following steps to shut down all activities not deemed essential that are funded by lapsing appropriation:

1. Confirm your previously identified personnel who are performing excepted activities. The Emergency Response Official designation on a Federal ID card is not necessarily a factor in determining excepted personnel. Rather, essential activities are defined as activities that are needed to:
  - a. Provide for actions necessary to suspend or stop work on projects currently underway, consistent with instructions i-iii below. That is, contracting and finance personnel necessary to perform these duties should remain until the activities can be suspended.
    - i. Contracting activity shutdown personnel must issue (in accordance with FAR procedures) Stop Work or Suspension of Work orders on, or Terminate for the Convenience of the Government, for contracts for goods or services that require oversight or support by personnel funded from lapsed appropriations and are not required to address emergencies involving human life, safety or protection of property. Cooperative agreements should also be suspended.
    - ii. Work on contracts that are not funded by a lapsing appropriation (such as the fiscal year 2014 continuing resolution), such as projects that are fully funded, may continue, provided government oversight and access to closed facilities is not necessary to facilitate performance during the shutdown. If government oversight is required and an excepted individual is available to provide that oversight the contract may continue during a shutdown provided the shutdown is relatively brief. Your contracting officers have received guidance on determining which contracts may continue. That guidance can be found on <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

- iii. New contracts should not be initiated during a lapse period unless they are required to address emergencies involving human life, safety, or protection of property.
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- i. Emergency medical care;
  - ii. Activities essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including safe use of food and drugs and safe use of hazardous materials, garbage collection, drinking water, sewage treatment operation;
  - iii. Direct management of projects obligated from funds that are not subject to lapse, such as multi-year appropriations from prior fiscal years. People not DIRECTLY involved in project management or necessary contracting actions and payments for these projects will not be considered excepted or continue to work.
  - iv. Border and coastal protection and surveillance;
  - v. Protection of federal lands, buildings, waterways, equipment, and other property owned within the National Park System;
  - vi. Law enforcement and disaster assistance;
  - vii. Activities that ensure production of power and maintenance of the power distribution system;
  - viii. Activities necessary to maintain protection of research property;
  - ix. Essential or time-sensitive support services for employees;
  - x. Uninterrupted command, control, and policy leadership;
  - xi. Maintenance of IT systems (including contracted support) critical to activities being carried out by excepted personnel (e.g., radio communication, e-mail, accounting systems, etc.);
  - xii. FY 13 year-end financial management activities; and
  - xiii. Communication with employees and the public.

NOTE: Staffing will be held to the very minimum for the performance of essential functions. This will ordinarily be only law enforcement personnel, at a staffing level that allows for reactive emergency response commensurate with levels of park operations under the shutdown. Wildland fire personnel required for active fires or for monitoring areas currently under a fire watch will remain on duty. However, in certain instances maintenance and IT personnel may be required for systems that normally require 24 hour monitoring or periodic maintenance, without which the system would shut down. Emergency responders, including Fire Management, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel, not required for essential activities will be placed on furlough but may be called back to duty if an emergency situation arises.

- 2. Prepare and issue personnel furlough papers for an indefinite period for all non-excepted employees not needed for closedown operations. Non-permanent employees are to be placed in non-pay status for an indefinite period. Take all necessary actions to assure that employees are accorded all due personnel rights. Consult Human Resources and labor relations contacts for appropriate steps.

3. Process payroll for abbreviated pay period.
4. Through appropriate media, notify public of closing of all national parks. Press release templates are being distributed to the parks and program offices.
5. All U.S. Government property and facilities that can be locked or secured must be, including parking lots, comfort stations, tour roads, visitor contact facilities, fee collection facilities. Any one visiting must be directed to leave the park.
6. All day-use, concession-operated visitor services and facilities are to be closed immediately; Concession operations with overnight accommodations will be allowed to remain open until notified under phase 2, below. Exceptions may be granted by park superintendents, but only if a facility is deemed essential for health or safety purposes or is needed to support ongoing, essential park operations.
7. Services offered via commercial use authorizations, whether originating within or outside of park boundaries, are also to cease operations within the park.
8. Outfitter and guide concessioner and CUAs should not commence new trips after a shutdown has been initiated.
9. Access to leased facilities is permitted. However, no recreational uses outside of the inholding/leased facility on park lands are to be permitted.
10. Parks having "thru" road systems should not attempt to close these roadways. Signs should be posted that no visitor services will be available in the park.
11. "Special Events" involving park service personnel either as participants or in crowd control must be cancelled. A special provision has been made for first amendment activities in the National Mall and Memorial Parks and areas administered by the NPS Liaison to the White House in Washington D.C., and Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, PA. Please refer to the NPS Closure Determination and Notice, attached to this memo transmission, for the legal record of determination. As always, law enforcement action will be taken in cases where there is a violation of NPS regulations, including if it reasonably appears that the demonstration presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health. This includes demonstrations that either qualify under the NPS small-group permit exception or demonstrations that have submitted an application, either before or after the shutdown that were not denied.
12. Only staff involved in excepted or phasedown activities may be on duty. Other employees may not volunteer their time. This rule applies regardless of the type of appointment or funding source of the employee. Cease all volunteer programs and release all volunteers from their duties.
13. Every organization should maintain a list of excepted employees, along with justification for each employee's designation as excepted. Each organization should also keep

meticulous records regarding time employees spend on shutdown activities during the first few days, so that the time can be logged at a later date. Further, if the shutdown continues, the list of employees in furlough status may change. Excepted employees may transition to furlough status, and employees on furlough may be called back as the need arises. You do not need to continuously apprise WASO of each change in status. Rather, please keep careful records so that we can respond to OMB and DOI after the shutdown ends.

14. Cancel all travel and scheduled meetings.

### **Phase 2 Shutdown Procedures:**

I am initiating Phase 2 activities to begin today, October 1, at 12pm EDT. It will be necessary to take the following additional steps.

1. Begin securing files and documents for transfer to Federal Records Center.
2. Specific instructions will be issued for establishing accounts for capturing costs during this period. For now, charge to your normal accounts.
3. Place signs in park areas to advise visitors about park closing and hazards of the area. Place barriers to prevent visitors from entering park. A template for the appropriate wording of the signs is attached to this memo transmission.

All parks should be in the mode of conducting no mission-related work, performing only the excepted activities listed above. Use caution and good judgment in taking any of the above listed actions.

### **Concession and Campsite Closedown Procedures (Phase 2):**

All parks should take the following steps to secure park facilities and shut down concession and campsite operations while ensuring the safety of park visitors:

1. Visitors in all overnight accommodations and campgrounds are to be given 48 hours, starting from 6pm EDT today, October 1, to make other arrangements and leave the park. This applies to visitors in both NPS and concession-operated facilities. Concessioners may begin notifying visitors at noon, but the 48 hour clock begins at 6pm. All overnight visitors must leave the park no later than 6pm EDT Thursday, October 3.
2. Visitors on outfitter or guided trips in the back country or on a secluded river that have already departed at the start of the shutdown will be allowed to complete their trip unless there is a practical and safe way to end the excursion and leave the park.
3. Concession employees who normally live in the park may remain in the park. Concessioners may continue to provide meals and accommodations for those employees.

However, no recreational uses outside of the assigned area on park lands are to be permitted.

4. Access to privately owned boats is permitted, but use for recreational purposes within the park boundary is not allowed.
5. Access to leased facilities is permitted. However, no recreational uses outside of the inholding/leased facility on park lands are allowed.

Park superintendents should notify concessioners of these procedures and the potential implementation timeline immediately.

Deputy Director O'Dell, Comptroller Bruce Sheaffer and a few other excepted NPS officials will remain in Headquarters during this closure and are available for specific questions. I anticipate we will receive many questions and a variety of offers from other agencies and organizations to cover our costs and re-open parks, memorials, trails, roads, or other facilities. Such overtures are to be respectfully rejected. In accordance with Title 16 of the US Code, the National Park System is to be managed for the common benefit of all the people of the United States, and is funded primarily by federal appropriations to achieve this responsibility. Beyond the legal issues involved, it will not be appropriate to open some parks or some parts of parks with non-appropriated or non-federal funding while other parts of the National Park System remain closed.

I know this creates a great deal of frustration and challenges to our employees, mission, partners and visitors. We will get through this.

Attachment 2 – All-Employee Memo issued from DOI Assistant Secretary Rhea Suh Monday 9/30/2012

TO: All Department of the Interior Employees

FROM: Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Guidance Concerning Efforts To Plan For A Potential Lapse In Appropriations

I want to provide you with important information and guidance concerning efforts to plan for and address a potential lapse of appropriations and government shutdown on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

While the Administration believes that a lapse in funding should not occur, we have a responsibility to the public and to our employees to do everything possible to prepare for a potential shutdown.

These are challenging times – and we understand that these circumstances are challenging to you and your family. A lapse in government activities could impose hardships on you, your families, and the people we serve. We hope that Congress acts quickly to prevent a shutdown and pass a continuing resolution. In the meantime, we want you to know that we are doing everything we can to prepare for a potential shutdown. We will provide you with as much information as possible.

The information, guidance and resources outlined below cover the most important information that you will need to know over these next few days. I encourage you to read it, to print out the Shutdown Checklist for Furloughed Employees, and to make note of telephone numbers you can call and websites you can visit to help keep you updated on the latest information.

### **Employee Status during a Funding Lapse**

If a shutdown occurs, most of our agency's staff will be furloughed. This is not a reflection on the value or importance of our employees' work.

A limited number of employees will be designated as "exempt" or "excepted." Employees who fall into these specialized categories have been apprised of their designation. Exempt employees will continue to work because they are funded from non-lapsing appropriations. Excepted employees will continue to work, despite lapsing appropriations, in order to protect life and property.

A set of general questions and answers can be found on <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

### **Shutdown Notification**

If there is a lapse in appropriations on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 and we have direction to proceed with shutdown, the following applies:



Employees should report to work at their normal time and will be given up to four hours to conduct shut down activities. Within the four hour timeframe, an employee should complete their timesheet, work with their supervisor to secure property and files, receive a furlough letter and acknowledge receipt, and conduct other activities as directed. Supervisors may make other arrangements with employees in order to accomplish these shutdown activities through other means, such as teleworking. Employees should report to work unless they have received different direction from their supervisors. Some employees will be given additional time for shutdown activities that will extend beyond the 4 hours. Your supervisor will inform you if you are one of these individuals that is needed to help with these extended shutdown efforts.

A set of human resources questions and answers can be found on <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

### **Shutdown Activities**

All employees will be required to complete a series of shutdown activities. Employees must use their time for shutdown activities only, not to work on any non-shutdown projects, tasks, activities or respond to emails. Shutdown activities include:

- Accessing your email.
- Reading your furlough notice and affirming to your supervisor that you did receive it.
- Changing your voicemail message to indicate you will be out of the office for an unspecified time.
- Changing and enabling your email “out of office” message.
- Securing your work documents appropriately.
- Completing your time card.
- Securing your work station and securing government property.

A checklist of shutdown activities with additional guidance is included at the end of this message.

### **Telework**

Employees who have been approved to telework on Tuesday, October 1 should complete as many shutdown activities as possible (please see attached checklist) before they leave work on Monday, September 30, including completing their timecards, so that on Tuesday, October 1, their responsibilities will be to read their furlough email notification and affirm to their supervisor that they did receive it.

### **Time and Attendance**

In the event of a government shutdown, employees should record their actual hours for the current pay period, 2013-21, as you normally would for the time period September 22-30, 2013.

- For employees who are not exempt or excepted and would be furloughed – record the balance of the pay period, October 1-5, against the Furlough pay code (pay code 103). Employees should keep track of hours spent on shutdown activities. Amended time sheets will be completed after operations resume.

- For excepted employees who will remain on duty to protect life and property - record the balance of the pay period, October 1-5, against the Furlough pay code (pay code 103). Excepted employees should keep track of their time outside of the system.

- For employees who are exempt and will continue to work because they are paid from non-lapsing appropriations – report all hours worked as you normally would.

A set of questions and answers on this are at the end of this document.

### **Employee Pay**

October 1, 2013 is a regular payday covering the pay period ending Saturday, September 21,

2013. Employees will be paid on schedule for their hours worked during that pay period. If a shutdown occurs, all employees can expect to be paid on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 for hours worked from September 22, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

All employees will be paid for actual time spent conducting shutdown activities (for most employees this will be no more than 4 hours) after the Congress enacts an appropriation or a continuing resolution.

During the shutdown, exempt employees will be paid for actual hours worked in subsequent pay periods every two weeks. Excepted employees will be paid for actual hours worked during the shutdown upon the next regular payday following passage of a funding bill. Congress will determine if furloughed employees will be paid subsequent to enactment of an appropriation or continuing resolution.

### **Use of Electronic Equipment**

Please keep in mind that employees are prohibited from working while furloughed, including using agency owned computers, mobile devices, and using remote access service to access email or other applications. You should turn off all devices and secure and store government equipment.

### **Leave**

If you have been previously approved to take leave on Tuesday, October 1, and there is a shutdown, your leave will be cancelled. You are expected to report to your duty station unless

you have made alternative arrangements with your supervisor. If there is no shutdown or the government reopens and you had pre-existing leave plans, you should contact your supervisor to ensure your leave approval is still in place or if you are needed to return to work.

## **Travel**

All employees should refrain from beginning official travel leading up to a possible shutdown and should not be traveling during the shutdown, with certain exclusions.

- Exempt employees who are funded through non-lapsing appropriations may travel with the appropriate approvals from their supervisor.
- Excepted employees who need to travel to protect life and property should do so with the approval of their supervisor. If there is a shutdown, please check with your supervisor to find out if you should immediately return to your duty station or remain in travel status.
- Employees who would be furloughed and are on travel when the shutdown occurs, must return to their duty station as soon as possible.
- Employees assigned overseas are not considered to be in travel status because their overseas location is considered their permanent station.
- Employees on extended TDY travel where a detail personnel action (SF52) was issued and funded should not return to their home location unless instructed by their supervisor.

A set of travel questions and answers can be found on <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

## **Access to Buildings and Facilities**

The Main Interior Building (MIB) and South Interior Building (SIB) will be closed to the public throughout the shutdown, although employees who are exempt or excepted will have access. Employees that are furloughed will be able to access the credit union and should check-in at the guard desk

The cafeteria in MIB will be closed. The snack bars in MIB and SIB will be open.

All ramps to the MIB garage will be open on October 1, 2013. Commencing October 2, 2013, only Ramps A and D will be open in MIB.

Parking will be available during the shutdown for those employees that have parking permits for MIB, SIB and the Federal Reserve if they are exempt or excepted.

## **Transit Subsidy**

The transit subsidy has already been loaded onto the electronic media and will be available to employees on October 1, 2013. Employees are authorized to use the subsidy for October 1, 2013 and excepted and exempt employees can use the subsidy during the duration of the shutdown. On call staff can use the subsidy if they are called back to work.

All unused subsidy media will be swept back by DOT at the end of the month.

### **Agency Services**

In October 1, 2013, the shuttles to MIB are expected to be operating. During a government shutdown, after October 1, there will be no shuttle services to MIB and SIB. During the shutdown there will be limited custodial and mail service and the health unit and fitness center will be closed. The MIB child day care center will be closed throughout the duration of the shutdown.

### **Information Resources**

There are a number of resources available where you can get further shutdown information and status updates. Shutdown information can be found on <http://www.doi.gov/shutdown>

In addition, furlough guidance can also be found at the Office of Personnel Management website at [www.opm.gov/furlough](http://www.opm.gov/furlough). You are also encouraged to listen to the news media to obtain information on the status of government funding and whether a shutdown is necessary.

### **Shutdown Checklist for Furloughed Employees**

- Meet with your supervisor to obtain additional necessary details and guidelines about shutdown procedures.
- Provide information about where your supervisor can reach you in the event the government reopens – home phone, personal cell phone, relative phone, etc.
- Access your email and read your furlough notice and affirm to your supervisor that you have received it. Instructions can be found at <http://googl/INIPRI>.
- Change your voicemail message. Suggested language for employee voicemail:  

“I am out of the office for the duration of the government shutdown. I will not be checking messages, but will return your call upon my return to the office.”
- Change and enable your email “out of office” message. Suggested message:  

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- Secure your work documents appropriately so they are not left out in the open.

- Turn off and put away devices, phones, laptops, etc. for safekeeping.
- Throw out any perishable food.
- Remove or store any personal items for safekeeping.
- Complete your time card
- Turn off the lights and lock the door when you leave (presuming there are no other occupants in the office).

## FAQ'S FOR ENTRY OF TIME & ATTENDANCE DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

**1. I have received notice that I will be furloughed (not excepted) during the government shutdown. How do I enter my time and attendance?**

For the current pay period, 2013-21, *through September 30*, report all hours worked, leave taken, etc., as you normally would (only for September 22-30).

The remainder of the October 1-5 period should be recorded against the Furlough pay code (pay code 103). Employees should keep track of the time they spent on shutdown activities. Amended timesheets will be completed after government operations resume to reflect actual time spent on shutdown activities.

**2. I have received notice that I have been excepted from the furlough. How do I enter my T&A?**

For the current pay period, 2013-21, *through September 30*, report all hours worked, leave taken, etc., as you normally would (for September 22-30).

For the balance of the pay period (October 1-5), hours should be recorded against the Furlough pay code.

Excepted personnel should keep track off-line the hours worked for later submission of an amended timesheet when Congress enacts an appropriation bill.

**3. I have received notice that I am exempt from the furlough. How do I enter my T&A?**

Exempt personnel are funded by a non-lapsing appropriation, and therefore you report all hours worked or leave taken as you normally would.

**4. What if I am furloughed, but it's only for a few days?**

If Congress enacts an appropriation bill and an employee Returns to Duty anytime between October 1 – October 5, 2013 (in pay period 2013-21), timesheets would need to be “unverified” to allow for update for actual hours worked and/or furlough hours. Normal T&A processing procedures would then be followed.

**5. What if the furlough lasts longer than this pay period, 2013-21, which ends on October 5?**

Exempt employees will continue to record their actual time worked.

For excepted personnel, hours should continue to be recorded against the pay code 103 (furlough hours). Excepted personnel should continue to keep track off-line the hours worked for later submission of an amended timesheet when Congress enacts an appropriation bill.

IBC will assume that timesheets not submitted by October 23 (for the pay period ending October 20), should be charged to pay code 103 (furlough hours).



Mummart, Jennifer <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov>

# Re: Congressman Confronts Park Ranger Over Closed WWII Memorial | NBC4 Washington

1 message

**Suzanne Waldron** <sue\_waldron@nps.gov> Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 7:24 AM

To: "Litterst, Michael" <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
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Today show's carson daly social media segment featuring it at #deat congress getting lots of folks trashing congressman for going after parl ranger

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2013, at 6:47 AM, "Litterst, Michael" <mike\_litterst@nps.gov> wrote:

And it's going viral to a degree. It's all over Facebook; as of last night I had 8 friends who had shared it (tho admittedly my friends are probably a little more pro-NPS than your average American)

On Oct 3, 2013 6:41 AM, "Maureen Foster" <maureen\_foster@nps.gov> wrote:

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1 message

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Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 1:08 PM

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Please work with Bob and execute getting Carol out and the statement handed out. Additionally I assume you saw that it needs to be sent to our press list proactively. Thank you very much.

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On Oct 2, 2013, at 12:45 PM, Suzanne Waldron &lt;sue\_waldron@nps.gov&gt; wrote:

We can print abd take. Just nack in bldg

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<[sue\\_waldron@nps.gov](mailto:sue_waldron@nps.gov)> wrote:

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**Re: final statement - this is good for NPS to use**

1 message

**Margaret O'Dell** <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 12:33 PM

To: "Waldron, Suzanne" &lt;sue\_waldron@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: "Kelly, Katherine" &lt;kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Carol Johnson &lt;Carol\_B\_Johnson@nps.gov&gt;, Jennifer Mummart &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;, mike litterst &lt;Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov&gt;, jon jarvis &lt;Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov&gt;, maureen foster &lt;Maureen\_Foster@nps.gov&gt;, Stephen Lorenzetti &lt;steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov&gt;, Bob Vogel &lt;bob\_vogel@nps.gov&gt;, Cam Sholly &lt;cam\_sholly@nps.gov&gt;, Charles Cuvelier &lt;charles\_cuvelier@nps.gov&gt;, "Androff, Blake J" &lt;Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Nicole Buffa &lt;nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Jennifer Mummart can you get this statement printed so it can be handed out. No one at NAMA or WASO to print it and get it to WWII. Can you help?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 11:59 AM, "Waldron, Suzanne" <sue\_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

adding carol and jenifer as well

On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 11:58 AM, Kelly, Katherine <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

**NPS Statement on Closure of World War II and other national memorials in DC**

The National Park Service depends on Congressional appropriations to stay open. With the lapse in appropriations, we had to close all 401 national parks and furlough more than 20,000 employees.

Without staff or funding to ensure the safety of visitors, the security of the memorials, and the continued operation and maintenance of park facilities, the memorials on the National Mall – just like Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon – are closed.

The Honor Flights are being granted access to the WWII memorial to conduct First Amendment activities in accordance with National Park Service regulations applicable to the National Mall and Memorial Parks. This is consistent with the DOI Closure Determination and Notice issued on October 1, 2013.

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**Re: Inquiries from Members of Congress**

1 message

**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 12:12 PM

To: Karen Cucurullo &lt;karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: "Mummart, Jennifer" &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;, "Johnson, Carol" &lt;carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov&gt;

Great info. We want to talk with Bob later today just to understand fully. No changes proposed but want to have good info if we get questions/pushback here.

Thanks all.

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On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 12:11 PM, Karen Cucurullo <karen\_cucurullo@nps.gov> wrote:

Yes, signs and barricades

Karen Cucurullo  
Deputy Superintendent - Operations

National Mall and Memorial Parks

On Sep 30, 2013, at 11:51 AM, "Mummart, Jennifer" <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov> wrote:

Thank you Carol, so this means that we are physically preventing people through the use of some barrier to gaining access? (jersey barriers, fence, tape, saw horses or something)? (just anticipating the desire for specifics)

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On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 11:47 AM, Johnson, Carol <[carol\\_b\\_johnson@nps.gov](mailto:carol_b_johnson@nps.gov)> wrote:

They are also calling me. There is no access to any of the memorials

On Mon, Sep 30, 2013 at 11:27 AM, Mummart, Jennifer <[jennifer\\_mummart@nps.gov](mailto:jennifer_mummart@nps.gov)> wrote:

Hi Karen and Carol,

WASO and the region have received two questions from two different Members regarding Honor Flights that are planned to come in to the WWII Memorial over the next couple days. In the event of a shutdown, what will be UNAVAILABLE to the visitors? Will they be able to walk though the monuments, but will be without restrooms, interp programs and other services? Or something different? Will they be prevented from entering the memorials?

Thanks very much,  
Jennifer

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**Re: Lou Dobbs discusses closure of open air memorials tonight**

1 message

**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 5:32 PM

To: Jennifer Mummart <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov>, Jonathan Jarvis <Jon\_Jarvis@nps.gov>, Margaret O'Dell <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>, Sue Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Bob Vogel <bob\_vogel@nps.gov>, Carol Johnson <carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov>, Stephen Lorenzetti <steve\_lorenzetti@nps.gov>, Cam Sholly <cam\_sholly@nps.gov>, Rob Maclean <robert\_maclean@nps.gov>

Thanks for the intel. Looping in others. We think the referenced show is Lou Dobbs Tonight on Fox Business Network.

Mike

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On Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 4:36 PM, Jennifer Mummart <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov> wrote:

Just heard that Lou Dobbs will discuss the "arbitrary" closure of open air memorials in DC. Expected to air at 7:10. Haven't been able to confirm personally yet.



Mummart, Jennifer &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;

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**Re: media inquiries**

1 message

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**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>  
To: Phil Taylor <ptaylor@eenews.net>  
Cc: "Mummart, Jennifer" <jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 3:24 PM

Phil:

Our limited human resources caused by the shutdown are focused almost exclusively on the protection of life and property and our parks around the country. Because of this, we were unable to clear our testimony for today's hearing on the public lands bill. Once the shutdown has ended, we intend to submit testimony on HR 3188.

Mike

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 11:21 AM, Phil Taylor &lt;ptaylor@eenews.net&gt; wrote:

Thanks, Jennifer.

Mike, I'm covering a House Natural Resources Committee hearing today on public lands bills that includes one bill, H.R. 3188, that would authorize salvage logging activities at Yosemite National Park. Do you know whether the Park Service is submitting written testimony to the subcommittee on that bill?

Thanks for your help!

**From:** Mummart, Jennifer [mailto:jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2013 8:45 AM

**To:** Phil Taylor

**Cc:** Michael Litterst

**Subject:** Re: media inquiries

Hi Phil,

If you're looking for a national perspective, Mike Litterst at our headquarters is on duty - he's copied on this note. I am working on issues particular to the National Capital Region, and Carol Johnson is representing the National Mall.

So, let us know how we can help, and we will do our best.

Jennifer

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Jennifer Mummart

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On Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 8:01 PM, Phil Taylor <[ptaylor@eenews.net](mailto:ptaylor@eenews.net)> wrote:

Hi Jennifer. I'm a reporter for the publication *Greenwire* in Washington, D.C., who covers the Interior Department and has been trying to get a hold of a National Park Service spokesperson who is working during the shutdown. I noticed you were quoted in a *Washington Post* article this evening and wanted to see if you'd be willing to be my point of contact. Do you work on issues specific to the National Mall or is your coverage national? I'm particularly interested in a national spokesperson. I learned Jeffrey Olson is out of the office this week.

Thanks for your help!

**Philip A. Taylor**

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## Re: Money from RNC for WWII Memorial

1 message

**Margaret O'Dell** <peggy\_o'dell@nps.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 10:05 PM

To: Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>

Cc: "Litterst, Michael" <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>, Androff Blake <Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Kelly Kate <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Carol Johnson <carol\_b\_johnson@nps.gov>, Jennifer Mummart <Jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov>, Superintendent Bob Vogel <Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov>

Ditto. Everyone needs to get some rest now. Thanks for all your efforts today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 2, 2013, at 9:55 PM, Suzanne Waldron <sue\_waldron@nps.gov> wrote:

Thanks mike!

Sue Waldron  
Assistant Director, Communications  
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Yup -- we found the photos from 1995 that show the barriers.

We don't want to change, just want to understand.

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## Re: The Washington Post Liveblog: Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial

1 message

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**Foster, Maureen** <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2013 at 2:10 PM

To: "Waldron, Suzanne" &lt;sue\_waldron@nps.gov&gt;

Cc: Kate Kelly &lt;Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Blake Androff &lt;Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Mike Litterst

&lt;Mike\_Litterst@nps.gov&gt;, Jennifer Mummart &lt;jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov&gt;, Carol Johnson

&lt;Carol\_B\_Johnson@nps.gov&gt;, Bob Vogel &lt;Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov&gt;

Here is the full text:

### Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial

*Michael E. Ruane reports from the Mall:*

On Wednesday, it seemed that the barricades around memorials on the Mall weren't doing much to keep people out of the memorials. Yet another group of World War II veterans made their way to the closed World War II memorial, following a similar scene on Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the National Park Service [said Wednesday](#) that veterans would be granted access to the World War II Memorial under the First Amendment. Jeff Miller, co-founder of the [Honor Flight Network](#), also said officials have told him they will no longer bar veterans groups from entering the memorial.

"The Park Service they have been so compassionate, they have done everything they could," Miller said.

He said the Park Service "bent over backwards" to make sure veterans were not inconvenienced or disappointed.

"We don't need representatives, senators anybody here," he said. "We will be allowed to move the gate if there's no one here and our veterans [can] go in."

The Korean War memorial is barricaded with bicycle racks, but people just walked around the barricades and entered the memorial. At the memorial for veterans of the Vietnam War, there are barricades present at one entrance but they look as if they have been pushed aside and the memorial was crowded with visitors on Wednesday afternoon.

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Subject: The Washington Post Liveblog: Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial  
To: Michael Litterst <[Mike\\_Litterst@nps.gov](mailto:Mike_Litterst@nps.gov)>, Sue Waldron <[Sue\\_Waldron@nps.gov](mailto:Sue_Waldron@nps.gov)>

The Washington Post Liveblog: Veterans no longer barred from WWII memorial

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics-live/liveblog/live-updates-the-shutdown-showdown/?id=9a747636-a2aa-453c-884c-dc6c869ab089>

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**Re: Updated statement**

1 message

**Litterst, Michael** <mike\_litterst@nps.gov>

Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 8:17 AM

To: Blake Androff &lt;blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Suzanne Waldron &lt;Sue\_Waldron@nps.gov&gt;, Carol Johnson &lt;Carol\_B\_Johnson@nps.gov&gt;, Bob Vogel

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All:

Please update your statement to read "...and the Korean War VETERANS Memorial will not..."

Mike

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Mike Litterst

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2013 at 8:11 PM, Blake Androff &lt;blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov&gt; wrote:

This is good to go for the Mall.

With the lapse in funding appropriated by Congress, the National Park Service has furloughed more than 20,000 employees and closed all 401 national parks, including the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

The National Park Service is proud to protect the national memorials and to preserve the calm, peace and tranquility they offer to all those who wish to honor America's veterans and our nation's history. We respectfully request that visitors to the veterans memorials honor the solemn purposes of these areas.

With the limited NPS resources remaining, we will be focusing on protecting life and property. Access to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial will not be prevented for those paying respects to their fallen comrades.

12/19/13

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Re: Updated statement

Blake Androff  
Deputy Director of Communications  
U.S. Department of the Interior



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**Re: Urgent for tmrw's WSJ**

1 message

**Suzanne Waldron** <sue\_waldron@nps.gov>

Sun, Oct 6, 2013 at 3:39 PM

To: "Litterst, Michael" &lt;mike\_litterst@nps.gov&gt;, Mendelson-Ielmini Lisa &lt;Lisa\_Mendelson-Ielmini@nps.gov&gt;, Vogel Bob &lt;Bob\_Vogel@nps.gov&gt;, Mummart Jennifer &lt;jennifer\_Mummart@nps.gov&gt;

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Looping in mall and ncr folks

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Sent from my iPad

On Oct 6, 2013, at 3:28 PM, "Litterst, Michael" &lt;mike\_litterst@nps.gov&gt; wrote:

Just got off the phone with WSJ working on a story for tomorrow on the shutdown being popular with skateboarders because there's less enforcement at Freedom Plaza and other popular off-limits sites. She asked about our levels of patrolling and I gave her the "limited resources concentrating on protection of life and property" that we were using for Mall sites. She asked what the penalties were and if it was a federal violation. I said it was up to the magistrate to assess penalties (which Cam gave me last week on a similar inquiry) and that it was a CFR violation, though I couldn't cite chapter and verse.

Let me know if there's anything incorrect and I'll get with the reporter. In the theater waiting for the start of Contact, so I'll be out of pocket for a couple of hours.

Mike

On Oct 6, 2013 2:48 PM, "Williamson, Elizabeth" &lt;Elizabeth.Williamson@wsj.com&gt; wrote:

Hi Mike-had a couple of Qs for a story on our front tmrw. Easy but urgent. Can u call me please on cell (b) (6). Thanks much.

Elizabeth Williamson

The Wall Street Journal.

Work 202 862 6667

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Mummart, Jennifer &lt;jennifer\_mummart@nps.gov&gt;

## Statement in response to offers of support to open parks

1 message

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Fri, Oct 4, 2013 at 5:48 PM

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As discussed on the call this afternoon, attached is the approved statement for replying to inquiries about offers of donated funds/services to reopen individual parks or parts of parks. Feel free to refer those inquiries to our office; if parks supply the statement to local media, please ensure I am copied so we can track what inquiries are coming in.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mike

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**Statement of Mike Litterst, National Park Service Acting Chief Spokesperson:**

America's 401 national parks are a source of pride for all Americans and serve as important economic engines for local communities across the nation and we appreciate the generous offers of support and temporary assistance to reopen various individual parks around the country.

There are 401 national parks that comprise the National Park System, which is managed for the common benefit of all the people of the United States, and requires federal appropriations to fulfill its mission and responsibilities. As a result of the lapse in that funding, the entire National Park System is closed and cannot be reopened until funding is restored. Beyond the legal constraints involved, it would not be appropriate or feasible to open some parks or some parts of parks while other parts of the National Park System remain closed to the public.

The National Park Service shares in the frustration of the more than 700,000 people who are being turned away from our parks each day. We continue to hope for a speedy resolution to the lapse in federal appropriation so that we may reopen America's 401 national parks for the enjoyment of millions of visitors.