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‘One Hundred Nights of Taps’ plays over Gettysburg

New, daily event, will bring iconic bugle call to Gettysburg National Cemetery

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The notes of Taps will fill the air over the hallowed grounds of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, this summer as the famous 24-note call is sounded in honor of those who have served our nation.

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania, in partnership with Gettysburg National Military Park and Taps for Veterans, have announced “One Hundred Nights of Taps” each evening at 7 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day in the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Gettysburg.

“This is a unique opportunity for visitors to Gettysburg to reflect and honor those who not only fought during the American Civil War, but through all wars – before and after,” said Wendy Allen, Vice President of The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania and co-owner of the Lincoln Into Art gallery. “Gettysburg and the Gettysburg National Cemetery are special, solemn places, and we are humbled to bring this experience each and every night this summer.”

Allen and the Lincoln Fellowship recruited renowned bugler and bugle historian Jari Villanueva to assemble a team of buglers for this 100-evening event. Among the buglers signed up to perform are military veterans, Civil War

re-enactor buglers, community band members, high school and college students and music teachers.

“There is no greater way for buglers to express their appreciation to those who have served than to sound Taps,” said Villanueva. “For over 150 years, this call has defined our nation’s solemn tribute to Americans.

The evening bugle call will take place at the Soldiers’ National Monument within the cemetery – often believed to mark the location of President Abraham Lincoln’s immortal “Gettysburg Address” in November 1863.

Gettysburg National Cemetery is home to more than 3,500 Union Army veterans as well as veterans from more recent wars. Visitors from around the world tour these hallowed grounds to pay respects to the fallen soldiers as well as honor one of America’s most famous speeches.

The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania was formed in 1938 to observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, to fittingly commemorate the anniversary of the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Gettysburg and Lincoln’s “Gettysburg Address.” In addition, the Fellowship, preserves and makes more readily accessible the landmarks associated with Lincoln’s life and ancestry within Pennsylvania and actively encourage the youth of Pennsylvania to embrace his ideals.

Taps for Veterans is an organization that facilitates locating competent, trained buglers to perform the honorable duty of sounding Taps at military funerals and ceremonies.

Gettysburg National Military Park preserves, protects and interprets for this and future generations the resources associated with the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, during the American Civil War, the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and their commemorations. Learn more at www.nps.gov/gett

For more information or to sign up to perform, visit www.tapsbugler.com/100-nights-of-taps.

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