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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Eastern National Announces Third Book in Civil War Series, *Asians and Pacific Islanders and the Civil War***

**FORT WASHINGTON, PA, February 24, 2015:** Eastern National is pleased to announce the release of a new publication, *Asians and Pacific Islanders and the Civil War: Official National Park Service Handbook*. The book is the third book in a series of official National Park Service Handbooks that profile the contributions of ethnic groups to the American Civil War.

*Asians and Pacific Islanders and the Civil War* sheds new light on the stories of Asians and Pacific Islanders and their impact on the American Civil War, having fought for the Union and for the Confederacy. The book also illustrates the struggles that Asians and Pacific Islanders endured with prejudice, and the impact that the war had on them and their families. “The enduring legacy of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Civil War is their battle for civil rights,” said Jonathan Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service.

Published by Eastern National, *Asians and Pacific Islanders and the Civil War* was produced by the National Park Service: Washington Support Office, Cultural Resources; Southeast Region, Interpretation and Education. Several organizations contributed to the publication of this book, including Western National Parks Association and the Civil War Trust.

“This important publication and series provides a new perspective on the Civil War, and demonstrates the significance of the contributions to the war by Asians and Pacific Islanders,” said Kevin Kissling, Chief Operating Officer of Eastern National. “These stories need to be told to fully understand the breadth of the impact that the Civil War had on all Americans.”

*Asians and Pacific Islanders and the Civil War: Official National Park Service Handbook* is softcover, 258 pages, and is available now on eParks.com for \$14.95. For more information about this publication and other Eastern National products, visit eParks.com or call 1-877-NAT-PARK (1-877-628-7275). Wholesale opportunities are also available.

***Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association with the National Park Service and other public trust partners, promotes the public’s understanding of America’s national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$105 million to the National Park Service in the form of direct donations and grants which support vital educational and interpretive programs in America’s national parks.***

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