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PRESS RELEASE

New Guidebook to African American History in the National Parks Helps to Commemorate the Dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial

Fort Washington, PA: Eastern National is pleased to announce their newest publication, the *Guidebook to African American History in the National Parks*. A concise guide to African American history in the national parks, this insightful book chronicles the legacy of African Americans through American history, from slavery to civil rights. The book's introduction was written by National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and content was developed with the assistance of National Park Service historians and interpreters.

The release of the *Guidebook to African American History in the National Parks* coincides with the unveiling of the only memorial on the National Mall dedicated to a person that was not a president. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial immortalizes the leader of the civil rights movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Featuring dozens of historic and present day images, the book pieces together the many facets of African American history, and presents it in a way that encourages all people to explore and discover African American history through our national parks and historic sites. This book will engage visitors and inspire them to learn more about African American history in the national parks.

Eastern National is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) cooperating association, whose mission is to promote the public's understanding and appreciation of America's national parks and other public trusts. Operating educational and interpretive bookstores in over 150 national parks on the eastern part of the United States, Eastern National donates its profits from these operations to aid the interpretive, scientific and historical mission of the National Park Service and other public trust partners. Since its founding in 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$105 million to the National Park Service. Visit www.EasternNational.org for more information on Eastern National's products and services.