

**CIVILIAN
CONSERVATION
CORPS**

**CCC
1933-1942**

CCC motto-“WE CAN TAKE IT”



FDR asks for passage of the legislation

More important, however than the material gains(conservation of natural resources) will be the moral and spiritual value of such work. The overwhelming majority of unemployed Americans, who are now walking the streets... would infinitely prefer to work. We can take a vast army of these unemployed out into healthful surroundings. We can eliminate to some extent at least the threat that enforced idleness brings to spiritual and moral stability.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION ACT

**FDR SIGNED INTO LAW
MARCH 31, 1933**

**HENRY RICH FROM ALEXANDRIA WAS
FIRST ENROLLEE – APRIL 7**

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

**AGRICULTURE, INTERIOR,
LABOR, WAR**

DIRECTOR ROBERT FECHNER

Robert Fechner inspecting CCC camp at Rock Creek Park



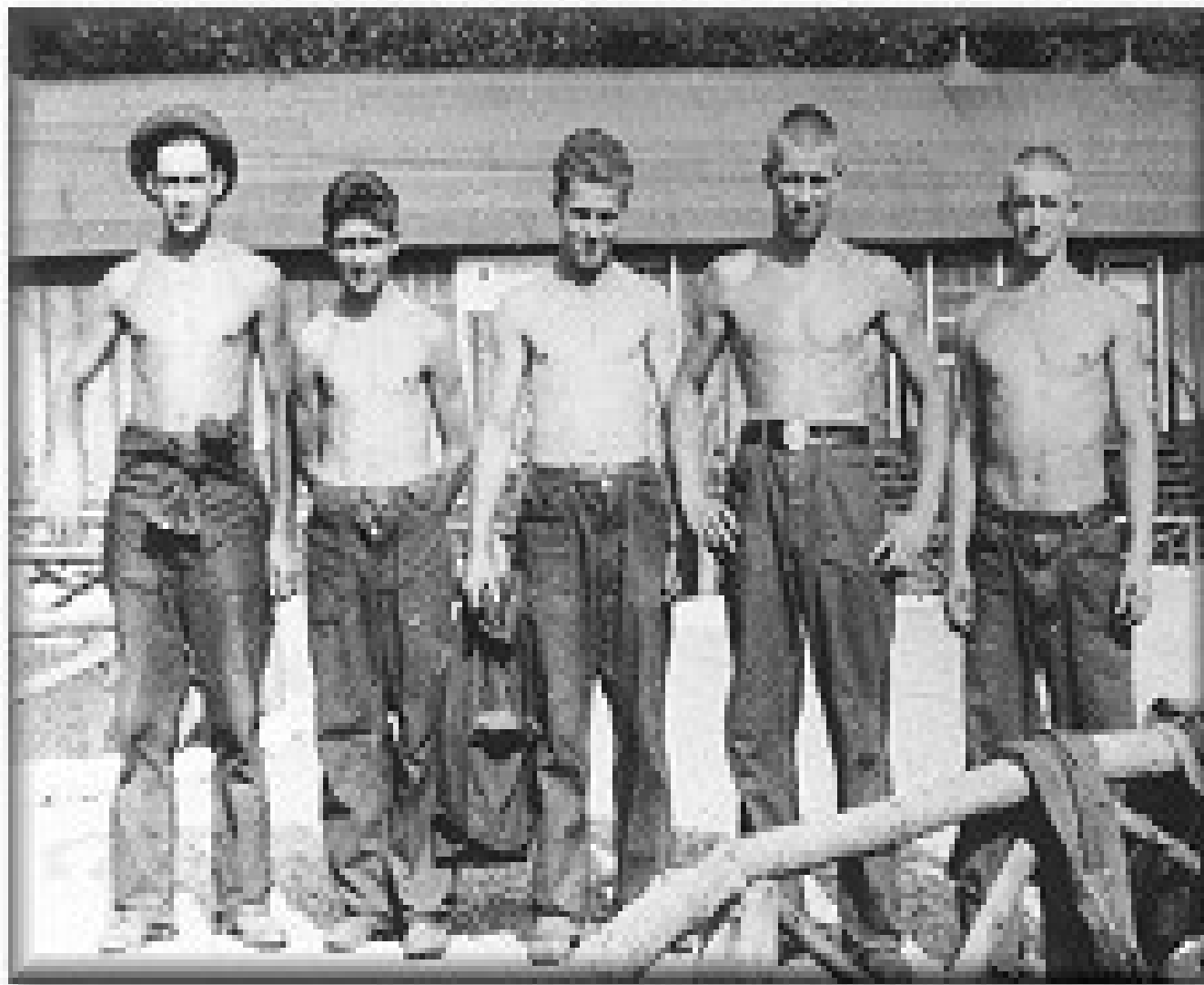
**QUARTERMASTERS
outfit the CCC men**

**SUPPLY TRUCKS,
TOOTHBRUSHES,
UNIFORMS,
C - RATIONS, etc.**

CCC TENT CITIES Camp Roosevelt



CCC "MEN"



CCC man in military uniform



NATIONWIDE

**CAMPS IN EVERY STATE and
HAWAII, ALASKA AND PUERTO RICO**

**AUGUST 1933, CCC GAINS PERMANENCY
1,433 CAMPS**

Receiving orders



CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS



THE CCC — A YOUNG MAN'S OPPORTUNITY

to work



to live
to learn
to build

— and to conserve our National Resources

MINORITIES IN THE CCC

**AFRICAN AMERICANS,
NATIVE AMERICANS,
WOMEN**

AFRICAN AMERICANS

250,000 ENROLLED

BY 1935, CCC CAMPS WERE SEGREGATED

**QUOTA: NO MORE THAN TEN PER CENT OF
ENROLLEES COULD BE BLACK**



Historic Restoration

**African Americans in CCC
Rebuilt earthworks at the Yorktown
Battlefield in Virginia**

BOUCHER V 22



FIELD No. 10000



NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS

85,000 ENROLLED

**ALASKA REQUIRED THAT 50% OF
THE ENROLLEES MUST BE NATIVES**

Totem Bight Community House

Ketchikan vicinity, Alaska

**Constructed by early aboriginals in
1800**

**Restored by CCC Native Americans
1938**



HABS No. AK-3-1

WOMEN – “SHE SHE SHE” CAMPS

8,500 WOMEN BENEFITTED

PROGRAM ENDED IN 1937



3706

EXPERIENCED MEN

**LEM_s – LOCALLY EXPERIENCED MEN
FIRST SUMMER- 35,000 ENROLL**

**VETERANS FROM SPANISH AMERICAN WAR
AND WORLD WAR I**

**BY END OF CCC, 225,000 VETERANS HAD
ENROLLED**

WORK PROJECTS

Conservation,

Reforestation,

Fire prevention and control,

Parks and campgrounds construction,

Historic property restoration,

Disaster relief

CCC MEN and HARD LABOR

**EIGHT HOURS OF PHYSICAL
LABOR EACH DAY**

AT WORK



WE CAN DO IT!
**“COLOSSAL COLLEGE OF
CALLUSES”**



TYPICAL DAY

6AM REVEILLE

6:30 AM BREAKFAST

7:15 AM WORK

THIRTY MINUTE LUNCH

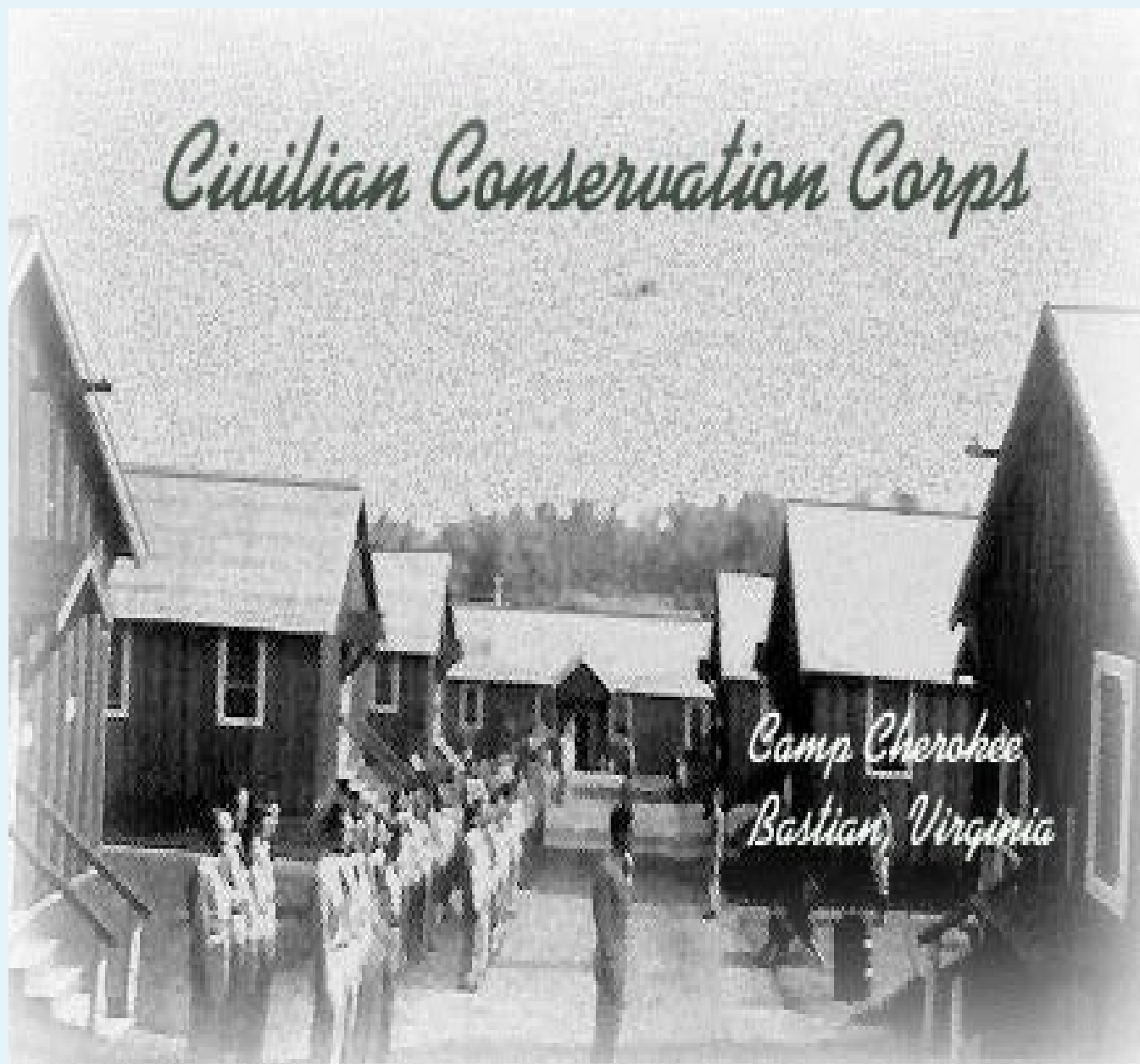
4:00 PM RETURN TO CAMP

5:00 PM RETREAT CEREMONY

DINNER

10:00 PM LIGHTS OUT

Civilian Conservation Corps



*Camp Cherokee
Bastian, Virginia*

CCC men at work



**Prince George,
Virginia**

AFTER HOURS

**THREE Rs
LIFE SKILLS
CRAFTS
CITIZENSHIP
SOCIAL COURTESY
RECREATION**

Many camps produced own newspapers



CCC in Virginia

**BY THE END OF 1933 - 46 camps,
9,200 men**

**First camp- Camp Roosevelt in
George Washington National Forest**

CCC enrollees reaching camp



FDR visits CCC camp in Virginia August 12, 1933



HOME AND WORK

TENT CITY IN SKYLAND PARK

**CCC MEN BUILDING SKYLINE
DRIVE**









OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Camp building Douthat State Park, Clifton Forge, VA



CCC men Douthat State Park



Appalachia, Virginia

**William L. Cross
erects a prefab
camp workshop
building**



CCC in Fairfax County

FORT BELVOIR - ARMY 3 VA 2399 C
SEGREGATED CAMP FOR AFRICAN-
AMERICANS

FORT HUNT- NP 6 2387
“IDEAL CAMP”

Fort Belvoir, Va

**Segregated camp starting in
1935**

**Engaged in
reforestation, blazing fire trails,
and fire fighting**





Used by CCC men when fighting forest fires



- **Five gallon back pack**
- **Used by the CCC from 1933-1939**

Fort Hunt CCC camp

Landscaped George Washington Parkway

Transformed Fort Hunt into a park

**Trained men to make exhibits at a museum
laboratory**

Royals visit Fort Hunt CCC camp



THE LEGACY

**MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION MEN
ENROLLED**

AVERAGE AGE 18 TO 19 YEARS OLD

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPS
NATIONWIDE
4,500**



NATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS
CAMP NO. 349, CO 374
CLEVELAND, OH
MARCH 21, 1935

LESTER PUTNEY
CAMP NO. 349
CLEVELAND, OH
MARCH 21, 1935

THE END OF THE DAY

