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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I write this column, my first as National Park Service director, I am remembering my confirmation just a few weeks ago. Although I accepted this responsibility humbled by its importance and excited about the possibilities, something happened that has happened countless times throughout my career—when I thought it couldn't get any better—your words of encouragement, commitment and hopefulness have made me even more determined and energized about what we are embarking on together.



I appreciate this forum because it reaches our colleagues and our venerable alumni who have blazed the trail for our work and inspired us with their wisdom. It's because of his respect for this knowledge and experience that Secretary Ken Salazar chose a career employee to serve as director, and I am thankful for his confidence in us.

NPS employees will be my focus as director. Your safety, your job satisfaction, ample training, and advancement opportunities, and a diverse workforce are essential to the future of the National Park Service and to our ability to care for America's special places.

My commitment to this mission is unwavering. We will improve our stewardship using the best science available. I have appointed Gary Machlis, Ph.D., as senior science advisor to the director, and he will lead us in creating a Servicewide science strategy.

Along with research, teaching is an important part of our work, and I will emphasize education as integral to our mission. I will create an associate director for education and interpretation to bring the appropriate prominence to this work—work that enriches people's lives, for a lifetime.

If we do all this well, and I know it's no small task, we will capture the key to the future—that elusive word "relevance." We must help people make their own connections to our work. With such a variety of parks and community programs, there are innumerable ways for people to find meaning. And, we will do it—because we believe in our work, because we know how it changes people's lives, because the places entrusted to us need people to preserve them.

Again, four areas in which we will make great strides together: workforce, stewardship, education and relevance. I am building our National Leadership Council discussions around these ideas, and I ask you to join us in thinking about and acting toward these goals in your work every day.

With my thanks and best wishes for a great 2010.

—Jonathan B. Jarvis

Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM Added to Park System

The National Park System has gained a new park: Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial in Concord, Calif. With President Obama's signing of the Defense Authorization Act, on Oct. 28 Port Chicago became the 392nd unit of a system fondly referred to as "America's best idea."

"The addition of Port Chicago demonstrates a commitment to make America's best idea even better—more relevant to Americans, more expressive of our nation's history and more representative of our diversity," said NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

On July 17, 1944, crews at the magazine in the San Francisco Bay area were loading two Pacific-bound naval vessels with active munitions when the explosives ignited in a terrific series of blasts. Felt throughout the area, the explosions broke windows as far away as San Fran-

cisco, hurled debris in the air, obliterated both ships and killed everyone at the waterfront. To this day, because of the tragedy, ignition sources for bombs and guns are loaded separately on carriers.

The disaster caused the greatest loss of life on the home front during World War II. Three-hundred-twenty men died, and almost 400 others were injured. Of the 320 killed, 202 were African Americans.

In the nation's then-segregated military, enlisted and drafted African Americans could work in kitchens, cooking meals for fellow servicemen, or as stevedores, loading and unloading ships. The stevedores at Port Chicago lacked training and thought they were handling inactive munitions. In reality, they were working at top speed to load bombs equipped with warheads.

After the explosion, African-American survivors were sent to a nearby base to

resume loading ships for the war effort. Many refused to continue their work without safety training, and the U.S. Navy charged 50 of these men with "conspiring to make mutiny." They were tried, convicted and imprisoned. After the war, they were released, granted clemency, allowed to complete their military service and given honorable discharges. Only one was ever pardoned.

Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), attended the trial and took advantage of the occasion it presented to speak with journalists several times about racial discrimination in the armed forces. The navy began to integrate its regiments in June 1945. Desegregation of the entire U.S. military came in 1948.

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Jonathan Jarvis is 18th NPS Director

Jonathan B. Jarvis was sworn in on Oct. 2 as the 18th director of the National Park Service. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar administered the oath of office.

"We knew Jon Jarvis had the vision and the energy and the capacity to bring the National Park Service into the next century," Secretary Salazar said of the new director. "Jon Jarvis will help us move forward to develop the 21st Century Great Outdoors America Agenda [and] the Treasured Landscapes Agenda. And it will mean first of all that our national parks will continue to be America's best idea into the second century (of the National Park Service)."

"You are absolutely a great find for us," Secretary Salazar told Jarvis in front of about 30 employees of the NPS and

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JONATHAN JARVIS takes the oath of office. Pictured left to right: Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Director Jarvis' brother, Destry, and NPS Director Jon Jarvis.

Great Smoky Mountains NP Celebrates 75th Anniversary With a Rededication

By Nancy Gray, Information Officer,
Great Smoky Mountains NP

Seventy-five years ago on June 15, 1934, Great Smoky Mountains NP was established as a place worthy of national recognition and protection. "The visionaries who created Great Smoky Mountains National Park understood the power of place," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to a crowd of 2,000 people during a rededication ceremony on Sept. 2. The event, the culmination of a yearlong 75th anniversary celebration, was staged at the same spot that President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the park in 1940.

Secretary Salazar was joined on the speaker's platform at the historic Rockefeller Memorial by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Will Shafroth, Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk, NPS Southeast Regional Director David Vela, Great Smoky Mountains NP Supt. Dale Ditmanson and Deputy Supt. Kevin FitzGerald and the park's entire congressional delegation: U.S. senators Richard Burr (R-NC), Kay Hagan (D-NC), Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Bob Corker (R-TN) and representatives John Duncan (R-TN-2), Phil Roe (R-TN-1) and Heath Shuler (R-NC-11). Also present were North Carolina Governor Bev

Perdue and Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, among others. However, most in attendance agreed that the event headliner was country music star and Sevier County, Tenn., native Dolly Parton, who served as special ambassador during the park's anniversary.

Supt. Ditmanson, serving as master of ceremony, said in his opening remarks, "To celebrate our past and focus on stewardship for the future have been our primary goals throughout this anniversary year. We are so thankful today for so many ... for those of you who gave so much, our heartfelt thanks." He used the opportunity to direct his remarks to

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• On four Saturdays this past summer, **Effigy Mounds NM** held its annual teachers' workshop series. This year's series was entitled "Seeds of Change: Insuring Our Future by Understanding Our Past." The 2009 summer workshop provided 241 teachers from 34 districts in four states with opportunities to learn about the history of American Indians, the fur trade, pioneers and farming and the railroads and riverboats that built this part of the Mississippi River Valley. The educators learned from local historians, visited historical sites, toured the Mississippi River and participated in an American Indian Heritage Celebration.

Educators began the first of four workshops, dedicated to teaching about the history of the area, on June 13 with a workshop entitled "Native Americans to the Europeans to the Steamboat Era." The second weekend's workshop was presented in conjunction with Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area and was entitled "Perusing Our Pioneer History." The American Indian Heritage Celebration occurred on the third week. The history of the railroad, the riverboat and the logging industries is an integral part of the Upper Mississippi River Valley and the last workshop,

entitled "Trains, Riverboats and Logging," covered this subject matter. For more information on the teachers' workshops at Effigy Mounds NM, visit www.nps.gov/efmo.

• On July 3, nearly 700 people attended a dedication ceremony for the new Tule Lake Unit of **WWII Valor in the Pacific NM** on the site of the former Tule Lake Segregation Center in Newell, Calif. The dedication event was held in conjunction with the Tule Lake Pilgrimage, an annual return to the site. Of the 400 persons attending this year's pilgrimage, 159 were former prisoners, over age 70, and many of these had not returned to the site since the camp closed in 1946. Approximately 200 local residents and neighbors also attended. The dedication ceremony was followed by an interfaith Buddhist and Christian memorial service.

Tule Lake was unique among the 10 war relocation centers (more commonly known as internment camps) in that it was the camp where the most resistance to the unjust incarceration occurred. In 1943, Tule Lake was converted to a high security "segregation center" and placed under military control. Persons from the other nine camps who were deemed "disloyal" were moved to Tule Lake.

WWII Valor in the Pacific NM, created by Presidential Proclamation on Dec. 5, 2008, consists of nine sites in California, Hawaii and Alaska. The Hawaii unit includes the former USS *Arizona* Memorial and other Pearl Harbor sites. Portions of the Tule Lake Unit are within the Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge, so the unit will be co-managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the NPS.

• The newly refurbished Germantown White House, a unit of **Independence NHP**, officially reopened in a special event attended by over 200 people on July 10. President Washington came to the Germantown White House in 1793 to escape the yellow fever epidemic and returned with the First Family and household in the summer of 1794. The house hosted important cabinet meetings and family gatherings.

Since closing in February 2008, the site has undergone substantial renovation. New exhibits have been installed to interpret President Washington's household, including four enslaved Africans.

The Germantown White House was donated to the NPS by the Morris family and became part of Independence NHP in 1948. The well-preserved historic building was initially restored to its 1790s appearance in the 1970s. The site was enhanced with the donation of the neighboring Bringham House to the NPS by the Germantown Savings Bank.

This \$4.8 million, 18-month project included the extensive restoration of both historic houses, installation of a geothermal heating/cooling system and new public restrooms and interactive exhibits. Exhibit themes include three centuries of Germantown history, the 1777 Battle of Germantown, President Washington's residency and the Morris family legacy. Interactive exhibits were designed by the park staff and Harpers Ferry Center to appeal to all ages and interests and provide a glimpse into President Washington's private life, while introducing his extended household.

• On July 10, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar visited **Jefferson National Expansion Memorial** along with Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk, Senator Claire McCaskill and St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay. During the visit, the party was escorted around the Arch grounds by Supt. Tom Bradley, traveled to the top of the Gateway Arch, walked to the Old Courthouse and held a press conference on the use of Stimulus money for park projects. Stimulus funds will be used at the park to replace the nearly 70-year-old roof of the Old Courthouse and to pay for new Programmable Logic Control improvements to the Arch's unique tram system. Secretary Salazar had time to meet and greet park employees and to discuss the status of the park's General Management Plan with Regional Chief of Planning Sandra Washington, park officials and local civic leaders.

• Lakota drummers, dancers and artists highlighted the first annual **Badlands NP** Heritage Celebration of Arts and Culture. The park partnered with the National Park Foundation, South Dakota Humanities Council and Badlands Natural History Association to hold the festival on Aug. 8.

The daylong event featured music and dance performances by the Lakota Creekside Drum Group, including Emmanuel Black Bear, Tim Black Bear, Simon Thunder Hawk, Rob Lawrence and John Mestes, and international hoop dancing champion Jasmine Pickner of the Crow Creek Tribe. Cultural demonstrations were presented throughout the day, showing Junior Rangers and other visitors how to flint knap, tan bison hides and make dream catchers.

The event culminated with a presentation, "Voices from the Past," performed by Geraldine Goes in Center and Joyce Jefferson. The program was made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Night Sky Program followed, giving visitors an opportunity to observe the Badlands night sky using park telescopes and binoculars. High

school students from the area Lakota Tribe volunteered to help set up and participate in the event.

• A celebration of the completion of five miles of new trail through the heart of **Whiskeytown NRA** was held on the morning of Aug. 15. The trail project was planned in 2000 as part of the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program in cooperation with the City of Redding, the Bureau of Land Management, Shasta-Trinity National Forest and trail coalition advocates such as the Redding Mountain Bike Club.

The trail was completed by volunteer groups and Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns. A 16-person SCA crew of summer interns constructed approximately two miles of new trail through rugged Papoose Pass this summer. A bronze spike was placed in a granite boulder symbolizing the connection of the park's eastern trail system with its distant western trails.

SCA Western Regional Director Jay Watson and NPS Pacific West Deputy Regional Director George Turnbull were on hand to witness the placement of the bronze spike for the "Golden Spike Moment." They thanked the crowd of volunteers who assisted in the trail project and the SCA crews who have contributed close to 10,000 hours of labor to this trail project over the past three years. A ranger led some 25 hikers over Papoose Pass for a complete tour of the new trail section.

During the ceremony, 14-year-old John Maich of the Redding Children's Symphony played "America the Beautiful" on his violin in the old-growth forest at Sheep Camp. The park also displayed a newly commissioned serigraph print of the Shasta Trinity Trail by artist Jake Early.

• On Aug. 21, **Jimmy Carter NHS** hosted the premiere of *Traveling Through Time: From Plains to the White House*, a film about President Carter, at the Plains High School auditorium. The movie was produced and directed by Jimmy Carter NHS Educational Specialist Annette Wise, was the product of

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NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY SUPT. CAMERON SHOLLY officially reopened the Ridgeland Information Cabin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 12. Participating in the event were, pictured left to right: Natchez Trace Parkway Association President Dot Ward, City of Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee, Supt. Sholly and Eastern National Southern Regional Manager Ethel Austin. Association President Ward and Ms. Austin both have been strong partners and supporters of the project from its conception. The cabin was the first interpretive center on the Natchez Trace Parkway, opening in 1951 along with 63 miles of parkway.

Focus on the Parks

Minute Man NHP Celebrates 50th Anniversary



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NPS NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR DENNIS REIDENBACH, on the far left, with the staff of Minute Man NHP at the 50th anniversary gala.

By Lou Sideris, Chief of Planning and Communications, Minute Man NHP

On Sept. 20, Minute Man NHP celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala celebration and a salute to its community of partners and colleagues. Celebrants included members of the boards of selectmen and citizens of the towns within which the park is located. The opening ceremony included Minute Man companies from the three towns (Concord, Lincoln and Lexington) as well as His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot and the First Squadron, 182nd Cavalry, Massachusetts Army National Guard, who are descended from the Middlesex militia who fought on the first day of the American Revolution.

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas spoke, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin, the evening's keynote speaker, recounted how visiting the "real places" preserved by the NPS inspired her career as a historian. The spirit of 1775 was vividly recalled in a

musical performance by Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes and Drums and a dance demonstration by the park's 18th-century reenactor community.

On Sept. 21, the park's actual 50th anniversary, a rededication ceremony was held at the North Bridge, site of "the shot heard round the world." The ceremony emphasized the park's anniversary theme, "Honoring the Past; Inspiring the Future." Northeast Regional Director Dennis Reidenbach addressed the audience, which included over 150 schoolchildren, and highlighted the significant role national parks can play in stimulating young people to appreciate American history and heritage. Liz Putnam, founder of the Student Conservation Association, highlighted student involvement in and contributions to our national parks. "Paul Revere," as portrayed by park volunteer Bob Allegretto, galloped his horse over the bridge and passed a lantern to a selected student to symbolize passing the ideals of liberty, democracy and citizen responsibility into the future. ■

over two years of research and filming at the Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm and was made possible through the hard work and dedication of many volunteers.

Jimmy Carter NHS has a partnership that combines the resources of the NPS, the Georgia State Department of Education and the local school system. Attending the premiere were special guests including President and Mrs. Carter; David Vela, Southeast regional director; Kathy Cox, Georgia State Department of Education superintendent; George Hooks, Georgia state senator; Mike Cheokas, Georgia state representative; and Dr. Dennis McMahon, Sumter County Schools superintendent.

- On Aug. 22, Florissant Fossil Beds NM celebrated the landmark environmental law case that resulted in the creation of the monument 40 years ago. In the summer of 1969, the area that is now Florissant Fossil Beds NM nearly became an A-frame housing subdivision. The monument was saved by a

grassroots group called the Defenders of Florissant and a precedent-setting legal team. Together, they succeeded in convincing a federal court to file an injunction to stop the developers' bulldozers long enough for a bill to be passed and the president to sign it.

Estella Leopold, professor emerita at the University of Washington, daughter of famed conservationist Aldo Leopold and one of the founding members of the Defenders of Florissant, recalled how the grassroots group of women was prepared to stand in front of bulldozers to save the fossils. Members of the legal team were also present, including brothers Tom and Dick Lamm. Dick was a state legislator at the time and went on to become the longest-serving governor of Colorado. Tom shared the stories of the innovative legal arguments presented in court and how the judge gave them a big break to save the Florissant Fossil Beds.

The last speaker of the day was Victor Yannacone, Jr., who was recognized by

all as the heart and soul of the legal team and whose arguments won the case. He was awarded the National Distinguished Service Conservation Award by the National Wildlife Federation in recognition of his efforts with Florissant and for his role in founding the field of environmental law. In the legal effort to protect Florissant, he established the "public trust doctrine" as the foundation of environmental common law. That doctrine states that the public has a right to stop private development that threatens natural resources and has been applied successfully numerous times since the Florissant case.

According to Mr. Yannacone, the most important result of the Florissant case was that it proved our system works just as the Founding Fathers designed it. Besides Florissant, he stopped a jetport from being built in the Everglades, fought to establish Fire Island NS and wrote the first treatise on environmental law. He was first to recognize the courts as the primary avenue for protecting the environment, saying that "[the] time has come for you who are committed to the preservation of our environment to ... enter the courtroom to protect our natural resources...."

- For over a thousand visitors each sea-

son, the drill at Old Harbor Life-Saving Station brings to life in dramatic fashion the heroic work of the U.S. Lifesaving Service. With these five words by interpretive volunteer Dave Spang—"Open the boat room doors!"—the final beach apparatus drill of the 2009 season at Cape Cod NS began on Aug. 27. In this historical reenactment, Dave and a team of interpretive rangers portrayed U.S. Lifesaving Service Keeper Hezekiah Doane and his crew of surfmen. Before a record-size audience, Supt. George Price and his staff celebrated 30 years of success in conducting this signature program at Cape Cod NS and recognized Dave's contributions to the drill, first as a ranger (1980-2004) and now as a volunteer.

In the early 20th century on Cape Cod, the Great Lakes and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the U.S. Lifesaving Service prevented countless shipwrecks and is credited with saving over 170,000 lives. The men constantly practiced their skills to maintain their rescue readiness. At stations across the country, Thursdays were reserved for performing the beach apparatus drill. In 2008 and 2009, Old Harbor Life-Saving Station was extensively rehabilitated and restored through funding from the NPS Centennial Initiative. ■

Dedication and Living History Encampment Held at Pecos NHP



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FIRST ARTILLERY COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO volunteers, shown during the living history encampment for the trail dedication weekend at Pecos NHP.

On June 13 and 14, Pecos NHP held a trail dedication celebration and living history encampment to mark the opening of the first public trail within the Glorieta Pass Civil War Battlefield Unit of the park. The trail project was developed due to the very limited public access and interpretation of the battlefield. Prior to this project, the only access to the battlefield for the public was by participating in scheduled tours guided by park rangers and volunteers. Guided tours offered the only means of on-site interpretation, and limited information on the battle is provided at the visitor center.

The project involved constructing an interpretive foot trail to allow public access to viewpoints overlooking the battlefield. Stops along the trail contain interpretive signs and trail guide information. With the completion of this project, visitors can now experience the

battlefield through self-guided and self-scheduled tours. Trailhead parking and associated access road improvement allows for safe and easy access to the site and assists in protecting surrounding resources by channeling visitors along one dedicated pathway.

The commemoration events highlighted the ongoing partnerships contributing to the Civil War trail project. Partners in this project include Friends of Pecos National Historical Park, Glorieta Battlefield Coalition, Civil War Preservation Trust, United Daughters of the Confederacy, New Mexico Confederate Historical Society, Student Conservation Association, Western National Parks Association, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, New Mexico State Parks, NPS Connecting Trails to Parks, Eker Family, Vordermark/Teel Family, Don Alberts and many other donors and volunteers. ■

Kudos and Awards

Amtrak Honors Amistad NRA Trails & Rails' Texas Service



Bill Sontag

TRAILS & RAILS SUPPORTERS BOARD IN DEL RIO for another westbound run to Sanderson, Tex., Sept. 1. Pictured left to right: Amtrak conductor Oliver Bryant; Trails & Rails volunteers Lou Lane, Adolfo Reyes, Fern Herrington and Charles Lane; Del Rio Chamber of Commerce representatives Donna and Bill Langford; Amistad NRA Education Specialist Lisa Evans; and Trails & Rails volunteer Coy Grainger.

By *E&AA Life Member Bill Sontag, former superintendent, Amistad NRA (retired)*

A cadre of six devoted community volunteers, led by Amistad NRA Education Specialist Lisa Calloway Evans, received the Amtrak President's Service and Safety Award, "Champion of the Rails," at Los Angeles' Millennium Biltmore Hotel on Oct. 8. Trails & Rails volunteers Coy Grainger, Fern Herrington, Charles and Lou Lane, Adolfo Reyes and Patrice Warren were each honored for hundreds of hours aboard Amtrak's "Sunset Limited" observation car, Del Rio to Sanderson,

Tex. Since the Amistad program's inception in 1999, 107,409 westbound passengers have heard vivid interpretations of Chihuahuan Desert landscapes, 4,000-year-old cultural resources and the yawning, 300-foot-deep Pecos River Canyon presented by Ranger Evans and the park volunteers—some of whom are retired Southern Pacific Railroad and Amtrak employees.

Amistad NRA Supt. Alan Cox calls news of the award gratifying. "Without the efforts of these volunteers, Amtrak passengers would not have a clue about Amistad, the National Park Service or these rich resources they are passing through," he said. ■

• On May 13, at a meeting of area superintendents, Grand Canyon NP Supt. **Steve Martin** received the Regional Director's Superintendent of the Year Award for Natural Resource Stewardship from Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder. This award is an annual recognition for outstanding contributions in natural resource management by an NPS superintendent. According to a congratulatory letter from Regional Director Snyder sent out when the award was announced, Supt. Martin's award acknowledges his "exemplary commitment to conservation leadership in the National Park Service." The letter went on to say that Supt. Martin has "revitalized the National Park Service's role in the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program process," a primary reason why he received this year's award. According to Regional Director Snyder, "by taking immediate action and bringing together key agency and departmental leaders," Supt. Martin was "able to influence a collaborative decision to move forward with the high flow" which occurred in March 2008.

Prior to Steve Martin's arrival at the Grand Canyon in spring 2007, another high flow experiment at Glen Canyon Dam had not been anticipated for several years. The experimental high flows are

designed to build upon existing scientific knowledge to inform managers about the efficacy of using high flows from the dam to mimic the natural conditions that create sandbars and backwaters.

Throughout his 34 years in the NPS, Steve has been recognized as a champion of natural resource management, both at the field level and as a senior manager. As Mike Snyder said when he handed Steve his award, "Your commitment to science-based decision-making and adaptive management has made a great contribution to the Service and the natural resources at Grand Canyon and provides a superb example for others to follow." For more information on the 2008 High Flow Experiment, visit www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/high_flow2008.htm.

• NPS units in southeast Arizona, along with other tourism professionals in the region, were recognized by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer at the Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism held July 9 and 10 in Scottsdale, Ariz. The group received the Cooperative Marketing Award for creativity in cross-advertising visitor attractions through the production of a 12-minute video.

The video is intended to make visitors aware of the wide variety of activities in the area, highlighted by various themes such as military history, ranching and min-

ing, the Wild West, Hispanic and Native American cultures, geology and birding.

Coronado N MEM Supt. Kym Hall, representing **Coronado N MEM, Chiricahua NM** and **Fort Bowie NHS** and contributing staff, received the award as part of the Governor's Awards Luncheon along with representatives of the City of Sierra Vista, the City of Benson, Cochise County, the City of Tombstone and other area attractions and communities. The director of the Arizona Office of Tourism also revealed the state's new print and television ad campaign for tourism. The governor selected Chiricahua NM as one of five places in the state to highlight as a significant attraction, featuring it in state tourism advertising all over the country and around the world.

• In June, park visitors James Bachman and Dorothy Hovland of Huntington Beach, Calif., presented a plaque to Yosemite NP Ranger **Dan Abbe** to show their appreciation for his heroic efforts and saving their lives. Dan rescued the pair after their truck and trailer slid off of Highway 41 and down a steep hillside. The plaque was presented during a ceremony in Yosemite Valley.

While exiting Yosemite Valley and heading home to southern California on May 26, James' truck slid over the side of Highway 41 when he pulled into a dirt pullout. After tumbling approximately 40 feet down the hillside, his truck came to a rest on its side. Other visitors who witnessed the accident flagged Dan to the scene. When he arrived at the vehicle, the engine compartment was on fire, and James and Dorothy were unable to open the door to escape. Dan was able to pry the door open allowing the pair to escape the vehicle. They climbed up to the roadside as the truck and trailer were completely engulfed in flames. All three suffered smoke inhalation, but there were no serious injuries.

"If it wasn't for Dan, we wouldn't have been able to get out of the vehicle," said James upon presenting the plaque to Dan. "The engine started on fire while we were still inside. Once Dan got us out, the fire got bigger. He is a very special person, and we are alive because of him."

"We are so appreciative of the effort James and Dorothy have taken to recognize one of our park rangers," said Acting Deputy Supt. Jim Hammet during the event. "This level of gratitude is rarely expressed by visitors, and we are so thankful to have a ranger like Dan Abbe on our staff."

• **Dick Ewart**, park ranger (interpretation) at Yosemite NP, is the recipient of the 2009 Barry Hance Memorial Award. The award, named in honor of Barry Hance, is given annually to employees who exemplify the qualities and attributes of Barry—a long-term facilities management employee who died in an avalanche while plowing the Tioga Road in 1995. These qualities include a positive attitude, a concern for fellow employees, getting the job done and a love for Yosemite NP.

"Barry was always happy and willing to help people out, and being a part of his legacy is an honor," said Dick, who was a close friend of Barry. Dick has worked in Yosemite as a park ranger for 33 years, serving in Tuolumne Mead-

ows, Glacier Point and Badger Pass in the winter. He exemplifies the spirit of a park ranger—providing interpretive nature walks, working in law enforcement, assisting the maintenance division and patrolling the backcountry in both summer and winter.

• **Phyllis Hassinger**, a spry 85-year-old great-grandmother from Wasilla, Alaska, was recognized for her 20 seasons of volunteer campground host service, predominantly at the Wonder Lake campground, in Denali NP & PRES during an informal ceremony on July 4. The event and award were a surprise to Phyllis, who was coaxed into attending by her visiting family members, in spite of it being her day off.

Mark Motsko, Denali NP & PRES's volunteer coordinator, presented Phyllis with the award. He and several other NPS staff who were present at the ceremony worked with Phyllis for many years, and all experienced the extra effort she puts forth in doing the best possible for Wonder Lake campers and for other park visitors. Park staff also managed to get a large cake out to the campground relatively unscathed, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Phyllis and her husband, Harry, who passed away in 2007, spent all but one of their Denali volunteer seasons at Wonder Lake, which is located 85 miles into the heart of the park. The site has no phone or Internet service and no electricity except the motor home's small generator. The closest grocery store, medical service or other amenities are over four hours away via a winding, dirt and gravel road.

Phyllis and Harry were each recognized with the President's Call to Service Award in 2005 for giving over 6,000 hours each of volunteer service to the NPS. Phyllis has returned to Wonder Lake alone because of the place, which was so special to both of them, and because of the wonderful people she has met there over the years, many of whom are now her friends. By providing that extra touch of caring and kindness she is so well known for, Phyllis continues to enrich the experience of those hardy campers who have traveled in a bus for hours and braved the elements for the possibility of a breathtaking view of "the mountain" from their campsite.

• **Christopher "Chris" Jarvi**, associate director for Partnerships and Visitor Experience, received the American Recreation Coalition's Legends Award at a ceremony on June 9 for his efforts to advance the NPS's philanthropic efforts, policy and service to the public. The Legends Award, presented since 1991, celebrates accomplishments in the field of outdoor recreation. In extending his congratulations, Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk said, "Chris has exemplified the agency's effort to engage the public as citizen stewards of our national parks and public lands."

Over his career, Chris developed and expanded programs that improve young people's connections with nature. In partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA and Student Conservation Association, he created opportunities for young people, especially those who would otherwise have no experience with the outdoors, to leave their video games behind and

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Alumni News



Cynthia Wyant

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION'S 2009 FRANK F. KOWSKI MEMORIAL Golf Tournament participants, shown left to right: Charles Borders, Bruce Sheaffer, Nate Hundt and Dan Wenk. See full story below.

The National Capital Region (NCR) wants to thank everyone who participated in and sponsored the regional **2009 Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament** that was held on Aug. 24 at Glade Valley Golf Course in Walkersville, Md. A special thanks to Dan Wenk, acting NPS director; Mel Poole, Catoctin Mountain Park superintendent; Cynthia Wyant, Catoctin Mountain Park administrative officer; Gayle Hazelwood, National Capital Parks - East superintendent; Ed Clark, Manassas NBP superintendent; and Joe Lawler, retired NCR regional director. Many thanks to the organizers: Barbara A. Riddick, Catoctin Mountain Park administrative technician; Mike Barnhart, retired Catoctin Mountain Park ranger; Tony Martinez, Catoctin Mountain Park maintenance mechanic; Edward B. Riddick, Manassas NBP information technology specialist; Kevin Riffle, volunteer; and the staff at Glade Valley for making this event a great success.

The top three teams were: First Place Team: James Burton, Ken Ferebee, Ross Crampton and Ed Bishop; Second Place Team: Jeff Lee, Jim Kelly and John Tragert; and Third Place Team: Jay Fossett, Chad Dewees and Kevin Rinehart. Individual awards included: Men Longest Yard: Ken Ferebee, Par-5, Hole #9, 224 yards; Men Closest to the Pin: Kevin Rinehart, Par-3, Hole #3, 13 inches; Women Closest to the Pin: Barbara Riddick, Par-3, Hole #15, 14 inches; Women Closest to the Pin: Gayle Hazelwood, Par-3, Hole #9, 20 inches; and Women Longest Yard: Gayle Hazelwood,

Par-5, Hole #8, 157 yards. A donation of \$1,436.00 was made to the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, which provides interest-free education loans to dependent children/grandchildren of E&AA NPS members.

E&AA Life Member **Stuart Snyder** has provided the following **34th Annual Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament 2008 Results**—For the first time in its 34-year history, a woman golfer cracked into the top three places of the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament (Callaway division). Patricia Welles Bringardner shot a net 76 and finished as runner-up to the 2008 national champion, Rob Bringardner—her husband. Talk about keeping it in the family! Rob set a new scoring record when he finished with a net 68. Patricia is recently retired from the Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle (see page six, Class of 2009). Frank Sannino placed as third low net. Frank is the chief of cartography for the Columbia Cascades Land Resources Program Center in Seattle. Low gross was captured by Steve James, NPS retiree from North Cascades NP. Retiree Bill Locke holed a putt from 63' 6" for longest putt, and Rob Bringardner put his tee shot to within 6' 3" to win the closest-to-the-pin competition.

In the scramble division, once again the Intermountain Region and National Capital Region/WASO waged their traditional battle. NCR/WASO won out with the team of Steve Doulis, Jim Gridley, Joe Lawler and Mike Lawler

scoring 12 under par to take the title. The 150 participants contributed an aggregate of \$3,500.95 to the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program as a result of the 2008 competition, which brings the total amount raised to \$125,085.28 over the past 34 years.

After 16 years as national chair and tournament director for the annual Kowski golf outing, the 2008 tournament marks the last for Stuart Snyder in that capacity. He wishes to express his profound gratitude to all of the local tournament coordinators for their tireless efforts in making the Kowski Golf Tournament a tremendously successful event over the years.

Frank F. Kowski served in the NPS from 1937 until his retirement in 1974. He was

a longtime director of the Albright Training Center and later, the director of the Southwest Region. Frank loved golf, and after his untimely passing in 1975, his friends organized this golf tournament in his memory. It has been played annually ever since on a date as close as possible to the Aug. 25 Founder's Day.

The contest is staged at as many local venues as can be organized. The local results are then collated and recorded by the national chair, and a national champion is crowned. Proceeds benefit the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program. E&AA Life Member **Warren Bielenberg** is the new national Kowski Golf Tournament chair. If you are interested in becoming a coordinator for a tournament in your area in 2010, Warren can be reached at (865) 681-7884 or web9272@msn.com. ■

Rekindling the "Ranger Within" After Retirement



Bob Huggins

SEDONA RANGERS Jerry Showalter and Karen Dansby chat with local merchant Tudy Longmire.

By E&AA Life Member *Bob Huggins*

While I was sure I was not the first to experience it, I couldn't help but feel alone as I approached retirement seven years ago. In the months prior to retirement, I began to feel a sense of doom, an element of uncertainty and loss at the pending disconnection from the family and vocation that had become my life for the past 30 years. Like most members of the NPS family, Judy and I had lived, worked and played with the greatest people in some of the most beautiful places in America, and now it was coming to an end.

Where would we live that would even come close to matching the sheer beauty of the Tetons, the ruggedness of Big Bend, the magic of the Redwoods shrouded in fog, the wilderness sounds of Isle Royale, the breathtaking views of the Grand Canyon and the unique mix of positive energy and frustration that comes with working at headquarters in Washington, D.C.? What would I do? I was so used to waking up every morning facing new challenges. Whether it was saddling-up "Tuffy" for a backcountry horse patrol to Grand Tetons' Lake Solitude, responding to a boating accident on Lake Mead, rafting the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River or preparing for a last-minute meeting with the

director, my life had always been filled with that sense of anticipation and that unique satisfaction found in just being a "National Park Ranger."

But retirement day did come and go without much fanfare, and 10 months later, Judy and I moved to Sedona, Ariz. Ironically, on the first anniversary of my retirement, *USA Today Weekend Magazine* named Sedona as the "Most Beautiful Place in America."

So far, we hadn't done too badly, but that part of the "ranger within" still remained unsatisfied. While the option of working in the surrounding Coconino National Forest or volunteering at nearby Montezuma Castle remained open, the idea of creating a park ranger program specifically designed to meet the needs of the area began to formulate as a challenge I couldn't ignore.

Why start a park ranger service in a town that has only 10,000 residents? That was the first question asked when I proposed the idea to Sedona's parks and recreation commission and city council, but it wouldn't be the last. I realized I had to develop a rationale based on community need and anchored in precedent, though a city all-volunteer park ranger program had never been attempted before. There were no guidelines or case studies. Sedona would be unique among

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experience nature firsthand. His work, with DOI officials and solicitors, the Office of Inspector General, congressional staff and friends groups and cooperating associations, to revise NPS policies on donations and fundraising ensured that the NPS mission was at the forefront and decision making remained at the local and regional levels.

Chris also improved the Volunteers-In-Parks Program. Using information from a two-year study, he and his staff increased volunteer participation to more than five million hours of service annually across the country. These volunteers help to conserve rivers, parks, trails and wildlife. All of these accom-

plishments are important steps toward bolstering tourism in the national parks.

• On June 4, **Shannon Jay**, Golden Gate NRA protection ranger, was presented the Law Enforcement Instructor of the Year Award for his training accomplishments in 2008. In addition to his field ranger duties, Jay is a firearms instructor, a field training ranger and is on the staff at the Santa Rosa Seasonal Ranger Academy. He has instructed in firearms and control tactics in both classroom and field settings, has dedicated untold hours to ensure the highest level of proficiency and is always willing to share the information and teach the skills he's learned and to provide training to his fellow rangers and cooperating agencies. ■

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Marcy Aldaz, fleet manager and heavy mobile equipment mechanic, Mesa Verde NP, July 3 after 36 years.

Marcy began his NPS career at Grand Canyon NP in 1973 as a seasonal motor vehicle operator. He quickly moved to a permanent position as an automotive helper. In 1987, he became the fleet manager and heavy mobile equipment mechanic at Mesa Verde NP. He has provided ground support for the big fires at Mesa Verde. Marcy is looking forward to teaching his grandson how to fish and continuing to assist the Special Olympics program.



CRAIG AXTELL

E&AA Life Member **Craig C. Axtell**, superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Oct. 2 after 34 years.

Craig began his NPS career as an economist and park planner at the Denver Service Center in 1975. Positions throughout his career included resources management specialist at both Everglades NP and Isle Royale NP, then chief of resources management at Rocky Mountain NP for 15 years, followed by the first chief of the NPS' Biological Resource Management Division in Fort Collins, Colo.

While he was at Rocky Mountain NP, Craig served on wildland fire incident management teams (IMTs) and a number of all-risk IMT assignments. His acting assignments throughout his career included acting assistant and acting superintendent at Rocky Mountain NP and acting deputy superintendent at Grand Canyon NP. He is the recipient of the DOI Superior Service Award for accomplishments made in the natural resource management program.

Craig served as superintendent at Bryce Canyon NP for over three years before being appointed superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in 2005. He and his wife, Kris, an elementary school teacher, plan to remain in Three Rivers, Calif., while she finishes the school year. They will then move back to the Rocky Mountains in Estes Park, Colo., to be near their son, Corey and daughter, Erin.

Mai-Liis Bartling, deputy superintendent, Golden Gate NRA, June 30 after 31 years of federal service, 28 of them with the NPS.

Mai-Liis began her career with the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service in 1978. She transferred to the NPS and began her career with Golden Gate NRA as a management analyst in 1986. The Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988 closed the Presidio of San Francisco as an army base, and

Mai-Liis was assigned to the early transition planning team to transfer the operations of the former army base to a national park unit. From 1989 through early 2000, she worked exclusively at the Presidio on NPS transition efforts (first as project coordinator, then project comptroller, then chief of staff and then deputy general manager of the Presidio Project Office). As one of the principal NPS representatives through the GMP planning and management transition from the army, Mai-Liis helped establish NPS management capabilities and organization, initial leases and agreements at the Presidio.

With the establishment of the Presidio Trust, Mai-Liis advanced to one of two assistant superintendent positions at Golden Gate NRA. As an assistant superintendent, she was responsible for planning, projects and partnerships. In 2003, she became deputy superintendent and directly oversaw another transition of an army base to a national park—Fort Baker, including the development of Cavallo Point.

For most of her career, Mai-Liis worked with Supt. Brian O'Neill as his deputy superintendent. With Brian's sudden recent illness and death, Mai-Liis stepped into the position of acting superintendent, managing the Service's largest urban national park through this unexpected transition.

In retirement, Mai-Liis looks forward to spending more time with her husband, Don; her three children: Linnea, Logan and Liam; and her 93-year-old mother. She looks forward to extended family visits to Estonia.



PATRICIA WELLES BRINGARDNER

E&AA Life Member **Patricia "Tricia" Welles Bringardner**, information technology (IT) specialist, Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle, May 2 after over 32 years.

A second generation employee, Tricia was born in New Mexico, where her father worked at Carlsbad Caverns NP. As a child, she lived at Tonto NM, Coronado N MEM and Lake Mead NRA. She started her career with the NPS in a seasonal position in interpretation at Coronado in 1972 and gained permanent status in administration at Wupatki NM in 1977. In 1980, she joined the North Atlantic Regional Office - Boston as a budget analyst, and in 1984, she joined the (then) Pacific Northwest Regional Office - Seattle, where she eventually became the regional budget officer. Tricia became an IT specialist there in 1996.

Tricia most enjoyed project-oriented work, especially when it involved working

with park staff. She was instrumental in the implementation of Lotus Notes in the Pacific West Region and more recently has enthusiastically contributed to the Servicewide implementation of the Footprints help desk software.

Tricia will continue to live in Snoqualmie, Wash., with her husband, Rob. She's looking forward to more time golfing, gardening and visiting family in Arizona, Florida and other locations.

William "Bill" Cantine, curator, Pipe Spring NM, Aug. 1 after 10 years. Bill has taken a position as a museum specialist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge.

Darrell Chambers, maintenance supervisor, Pinnacles NM, June 30 after 20 years.

E&AA Life Member **Judy Chetwin**, interpretive and visual information specialist, Interpretation and Education Program, Intermountain Regional Office - Denver, Oct. 2 after 31 years.

Judy's NPS career began in Washington, D.C., and included an assignment at the White House during the Nixon administration. Other NPS assignments included Golden Gate NRA (Alcatraz and Fort Point), Morristown NHP, Pinnacles NM, Carlsbad Caverns NP and the former Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe. During her career, she has held positions in interpretation and education and law enforcement, fire and emergency services. In addition, she has done clerical work and served as an NPS volunteer. Her husband, Cliff (also an E&AA life member), retired from the NPS in 2006 as the Intermountain Region's aviation manager.

Judy is active with organizations including Girl Scouts of the USA, the American Red Cross, the National Association for Interpretation and the Association of National Park Rangers. Her hobbies include painting, drawing, quilting, making pine-needle baskets and reading sci-fi novels. She is an avid "Trekkie"—her friends and co-workers wish her to "live long and prosper" in her retirement.

Diane Cooke, privacy and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, WASO, Sept. 10 after 28 years.

During her NPS career, Diane has supported both the Privacy and FOIA programs as a member of the WASO Administrative Program Center and, more recently, the Office of the Chief Information Officer. Beginning Sept. 14, Diane joined the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in a new FOIA position.

Edward Duffy, Jr., park manager (associate regional director - operations), National Capital Regional Office, July 3 after 37 years.

Claude Fowler, Jr., park ranger (interpretation), George Washington Memorial Parkway, June 30 after 31 years.

Viki Gonzales, budget analyst, North Cascades NP, July 26 after 19 years.

Lester Harvey, maintenance ranger, Thomas Stone NHS, July 31 after 31 years.

Lester started his NPS career at George Washington Birthplace NM, where he ran the interpretive living history farm as the resident farmer (and occasional cattle herder). He later trans-

ferred to Thomas Stone NHS, where he served as the solo maintenance ranger.

Doris Heard, secretary, National Capital Regional Office, July 3 after over 12 years.

E&AA Member **Joseph "Joe" Heinrich**, maintenance foreman, Fire Island NS, Aug. 3 after 30 years of federal service, 19 of them with the NPS.

Joe spent his entire NPS career at Fire Island NS. Following positions at Calverton National Cemetery/Veterans Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Joe, a native Long Islander,



JOE HEINRICH

joined Fire Island NS as an auto mechanic and boat operator. He was selected as maintenance foreman in 2007.

Before he closed up shop, Joe said, "It's been a great place to work, and I have many fond memories to take into retirement." If he follows the lead of many retired Fire Island NS employees before him, it may not be the last the park will see of Joe. "This park will always be part of me. I will never forget the time and people at Fire Island National Seashore," he shared. "Thank you for the experience." Joe and his wife started their retirement with a leisurely cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway, where he once again returned to the position of "boat operator."

Heath Jarratt, park ranger (law enforcement), Natchez Trace Parkway, June 30 after over 21 years.

Heath began her NPS career in 1987 at Acadia NP as a campground supervisor. She later attended Memphis State University, where she received her master's degree in parks and recreation management in 1989. While attending Memphis State, she completed the NPS Park Ranger Training Academy and continued her NPS career as a protection ranger.

Heath worked at parks including Cape Cod NS, Gateway NRA (Sandy Hook Unit), Grand Canyon NP and Cape Hatteras NS. She transferred to Natchez Trace Parkway in 1999. While at the parkway, she was heavily involved with national scenic trail management and the volunteer and agricultural lease programs. Heath will retire to her home in Clinton, Miss.

John Lancos, chief of interpretation, Gateway NRA, April 3 after 34 years.

John began his NPS career in 1973 as a park aid at Statue of Liberty NM. He has worked in interpretation at sites including Florissant Fossil Beds NM, Richmond NBP, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS and Boston NHP. At Gateway NRA, he worked with the Job Corps and

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in environmental education. He was appointed chief of interpretation in 2004. Over 70 colleagues in the NPS, partners and organization representatives were in attendance to laud John's accomplishments at a luncheon on March 31.

"Some of my favorite memories are of the visitors I have met along the way, not just the places," John said. "I hope you all remember at the end of the day, it is the visitor who we work for. We need to do our best to make their park experiences great ones."

Dr. Janet Levine, oral historian, Statue of Liberty NM, Aug. 28 after 18 years.

Janet was an oral historian for the Ellis Island oral history program since 1991 and played a crucial role in the program's creation and development. She leaves it in great shape, with nearly 2,000 interviews conducted with former Ellis Island immigrants, staffs of many government agencies connected with the island, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Army and, more recently, with former NPS staff. Janet also helped with the establishment of the oral history program at Flight 93 N MEM and worked with many researchers and authors and the general public, traveling extensively to interview people around the United States.



Stuart West

CORKY MAYO

E&AA Life Member **Charles W. "Corky" Mayo**, NPS chief of interpretation and education, WASO, Oct. 2 after 41 Years.

Corky began his NPS career as a seasonal park ranger at Great Falls Park in 1968. He was a seasonal park ranger in 1969 at Theodore Roosevelt Island and The Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial.

In 1969, Corky enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to Athens, Greece, for three years, and upon his return in 1973, began a second assignment at Great Falls Park and later was chosen for an intake ranger position on the George Washington Memorial Parkway where he worked as the interpretive specialist until 1988. That year, he applied for the chief of museum and visitor services at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

In 1993, Corky started his assignment as the chief of interpretation for the Pacific Northwest Region. From 1993 to 2009, he was the chief of interpretation for the NPS. Under his leadership, the Comprehensive Interpretive Plan was developed, the Interpretive Development Program was established and the Benchmark Ten Award was created. He also conceived the idea of the WebRangers program.

In 2007, Corky was instrumental in

launching the Interpretation and Education Renaissance with the intent of unifying interpretive work around connecting people to parks, developing professional standards, working with partners, using technology and creating a culture of evaluation. In 2008 and 2009, Corky was an active participant in creating the Interpretive Media Asset (7500) to be added to the Facility Management Software System. He received the Sequoia Award and the National Association for Interpretation President's Award in 2008.

Corky has a bachelor of arts degree in American history from American University in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in the same field from George Mason University. He is a founding member of the National Association for Interpretation. He and his wife, Madeline Rose, plan to spend time in Alexandria, Va., and at the lake house in Monroeville, N.J., with occasional trips to Greece.

E&AA Life Member **Sue McGill**, deputy superintendent, Olympic NP, Nov. 2 after 31 years.

Sue began her NPS career at Mount Rainier NP in 1976, as a student intern from Washington State University. After graduating that year, she worked seasonally at Mammoth Cave NP, Everglades NP and Mesa Verde NP. Her first permanent appointment was as a clerk typist in the research division at Glacier NP in 1980.

A year later, Sue moved to Capulin Volcano NM, where, after completing law enforcement training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, she served as a traditional generalist ranger. In 1983, she joined Carlsbad Caverns NP as a motor vehicle operator. Within two years, she was promoted to buildings and utilities foreman. She became the facility manager at the USS *Arizona* Memorial in 1985 and two years later, was promoted to chief of maintenance at Bryce Canyon NP, also completing a detail as acting superintendent at Florissant Fossil Beds NM during that time.

In 1991, Sue became superintendent of Timpanogos Cave NM. In 1994, she was selected as the Bevinetto Congressional Fellow, serving a year assigned to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, subcommittee on national parks. This was followed by an assignment to the Branch of Legislative Affairs at WASO. In 1995, Sue became chief of maintenance for Great Smoky Mountains NP, and she became deputy superintendent at Olympic NP in 2002, where she also served two assignments as acting superintendent.

Sue has been honored with a variety of awards, both as a team member and an individual, including the Park Roads and Parkways Honor Team Award from the Federal Highways Administration, the DOI Unit Award for Excellence of Service and the DOI Superior Service Award. She plans to remain in her native Washington State, enjoying herself by traveling, quilting and catching up with all those unfinished projects at home.

Fred Morreale, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, July 3 after over 33 years.

Idella Mullins, contract specialist, Lake Mead NRA, July 31 after 34 years.

Patrick J. Murray, engineering equipment operator, Great Basin NP, Aug. 28 after 20 years.

Ronald J. Nagata, resource management specialist, Haleakala NP, Aug. 3 after 30 years.

Randi Owens, youth and volunteer coordinator, Alaska Region, July 31 after 10 years.

Randi served in the Alaska Region for 10 years and was youth and volunteer coordinator for the last year. During her time with the NPS, she developed a partnership with the Anchorage School District to bring Park Service subject-matter experts into classrooms, participated in several diversity recruitment trips and provided conflict resolution services for many employees.

Randi, whose professional training has focused on counseling, has taken a counseling position with Providence Behavioral Health in Wasilla, Alaska. The Alaska Region wishes her well in her new endeavors.

Justin Sandlin, visitor use assistant, Pinnacles NM, June 17 after six years.

Lisa Sasser, Facility Management Software System (FMSS) coordinator, Northeast Region - Philadelphia, Aug. 31 after over 31 years of federal service, over 29 of them with the NPS.

Lisa worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 1977 to 1979 as an architect at the Denver Engineering Center. In 1979, she joined the NPS as a historical architect at the Denver Service Center. Subsequent positions included preservation trainee and staff positions at the Williamsport Preservation Training Center in Williamsport, Md. (1984-1993); assistant chief historical architect, Washington, D.C. (1993-1996); project manager, Building Conservation Branch, Lowell, Mass. (1996-2006); and FMSS coordinator, Northeast Region (2006-2009). Lisa lives in Amherst, N.H., and can be contacted at lisa@quid-tum.com.



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TERRY SAVAGE

Terry Savage, superintendent, Boston NHP and Boston African American NHS, Aug. 1 after 42 years.

Prior to his most recent position, Terry served as the superintendent of the NPS Boston Support Office. Working closely with Congress and its representatives, he was directly involved with the creation and designation of 12 new NPS units, including Golden Gate NRA, Frederick Law Olmsted NHS, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP and Boston Harbor Islands NRA. He has been superintendent at Boston NHP and Boston African American NHS since 2000.

Terry maintains professional and civic

affiliations including trustee and vice president for scholarships at the Landscape Architecture Foundation. He serves on the Boston Municipal Harbor Advisory Committee and on the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board, is a trustee with the Boston Harbor Association and the Hubbard Educational Foundation and is a founding board member of the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Terry's awards include a DOI Honor Award and the Alfred B. Lagasse medal (one of the highest awards of the American Society of Landscape Architects). In 1998, he was elected to Fellowship in the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has served on committees for the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities in Washington, D.C., has been a frequent guest lecturer at universities and colleges across the country and was formerly a visiting critic in landscape architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He advised the Chinese government on landscape architecture and planning matters, including preservation, conservation and ecotourism strategies. He also provided similar services to Chile, India, Saudi Arabia, England, Canada and Australia.

"I want to let you know that I will be moving on to chapter two," Terry said. "I believe it will include lots of leisure and some other stuff like consulting, teaching, furniture making, painting, traveling and the like, all of which I have done previously and would like to do more of."

Eluterio Varela, Jr., masonry worker, Pecos NHP, Aug. 17 after 14 years.

Anthony Vick, machinist, National Mall and Memorial Parks, July 3 after 32 years.

Elizabeth Waddell, air resources specialist, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, Sept. 2 after over 31 years of federal service, over six of them with the NPS.

Elizabeth spent every summer of her childhood camping with her extended family and longed to be a park ranger and wear a Stetson. She started her federal career with typist positions in the departments of Defense and Labor. At the Department of Labor, Elizabeth discovered the annually published *Occupational Outlook Handbook* and used it to choose a college major that would combine her love of math and science.

Elizabeth graduated from the University of California at Davis with a degree in atmospheric science in 1979 and became a weather forecaster in Seattle. After five years, she was able to translate her science skills to a job with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

It was while at the EPA that Elizabeth learned of her dream job at the NPS. She started her employment with the NPS in December 2002 as an air resources specialist with the Pacific West Region, coming full circle back to her childhood dream of being a park ranger. Well, not exactly a ranger, but close enough for government work and childhood dreams.

Joe Wallis, budget officer, Cultural Resources, WASO, July 31 after over 34 years of federal service.

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E&AA Life Member **Pamela Beth West**, regional curator, National Capital Region (NCR) and director of the region's Museum Resource Center, Jan. 1 after 34 years of government service.

Pam began her NPS career in 1975 as a GS-4 temporary clerk typist. During the ensuing 34 years of her NPS career, she has served as a park technician, a museum technician, a museum curator and, for the past 25 years, as the regional curator for the NCR and the director of the region's Museum Resource Center.

Among her many significant accomplishments are the following three examples. For many years, NCR museum collections had been stored in a substandard and overcrowded museum storage facility. Responding to the needs

of the collections, and to provide a more user-friendly facility, Pam developed the funding sources, designed the space and oversaw the construction of NCR's Museum Resource Center in Landover, Md. This state-of-the-art museum facility, completed in 2003, serves as the central curatorial facility for the NCR. The facility currently houses five million objects, including two million archeological specimens and thousands of pieces of furniture associated with various historic homes the region administers. The facility also provides quality museum care for the DOI museum collection. The Museum Resource Center has set the standard for museum collections care throughout the Service.

When Hurricane Isabel slammed into the East Coast in 2003, one of the hardest hit parks was Jamestown NHS, where the

park visitor center and all its collections were inundated by the storm surge. Pam helped lead a team of museum professionals from both the NCR and Northeast Region in the successful recovery of millions of archeological specimens and records. As a result of the lessons learned at Jamestown, Pam formulated the concept, pulled together the funding, selected a multi-disciplinary team of professionals and trained the team in incident command procedures to create the very first museum emergency response team (MERT) in the U.S. Her team now serves as "first responders" to be rapidly deployed to NPS emergencies to rescue and restore museum collections and to assess damage to other cultural and natural resources following a manmade or natural disaster. This model has now been incorporated as a permanent part of the NPS incident command struc-

ture and recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

When visitors began to leave objects at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (the Wall) as forms of remembrance and healing to fallen relatives or loved ones, Pam had the vision and foresight to see the significance of those objects and created the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection. This ever-growing collection now encompasses over 100,000 objects, is international in scope and is the subject of numerous press articles, books, college papers, dissertations and television specials.

Pam has moved to Richmond, Va., and is planning to spend time with her husband, Jeff, two grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law and her Harley Davidson motorcycle. She can be reached at pbethw@comcast.net. ■

Postage Stamp Features Grand Teton NP



GRAND TETON NP SUPT. MARY GIBSON SCOTT unveils new international postage stamp featuring Grand Teton NP with Richard Thomas of the American First Day Cover Society at a June 28 event at the park.

Over 100 people gathered at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in Moose, Wyo., on June 28 to celebrate the unveiling of a new 98-cent international postage stamp featuring Grand Teton NP. The stamp—part of the Scenic American Landscape series—displays a photograph taken at dawn from the Snake River Overlook by Bishop, Calif., resident, Dennis Flaherty. The stamp's image is reminiscent of the famous Teton view captured by Ansel Adams in his classic 1942 black-and-white photograph.

This is the first time that Grand Teton NP has been honored on a postage stamp specifically honoring the park. To celebrate this special recognition, Grand Teton NP international postage stamps and commemorative cachet envelopes were offered for sale by Moose Postmaster Penny Maldonado and cancelled with a specially designed first-day issue stamp for collection purposes.

Supt. Mary Gibson Scott joined Gary Sims, senior operating manager of the Colorado/Wyoming United States Postal Service District, and Richard Thomas, philatelist, of the American

First Day Cover Society to mark the occasion and acknowledge the audience, many of whom had traveled from across the country just for the event. All three remained after the dedication to sign collectors' programs and specially created cachet envelopes.

Postage stamps were first issued in the United States in 1847—a little over 100 years before Grand Teton NP was enlarged to its present-day boundaries in 1950. Stamp collecting is now a varied and widely popular hobby around the world; it provides an inexpensive and fascinating way to explore cultures, places and history. It is estimated that over 80 percent of the world's children have dabbled in stamp collecting, and adults share the same passion. In fact, the American Philatelic Society boasts over 50,000 members from 110 countries worldwide. Many beginning collectors choose a favorite subject like art, history, sports, transportation, famous people or animals as the theme of their collection, and the Grand Teton NP international stamp is a great way to start a new collection or enhance a current one. ■

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communities, and it was that uniqueness that served as my rationale.

Sedona is surrounded by the 1.8-million-acre Coconino National Forest with its designated wilderness, campgrounds, picnic areas and backcountry trails. Best known for its red rock scenery and Oak Creek Canyon, the city draws over three million visitors a year, most of whom concentrate in a very small tourist zone known as "Uptown" or "Main Street."

Not unlike Grand Canyon Village, Yosemite Valley or Yellowstone's Old Faithful, Sedona experiences many of the same challenges found in the national parks. Families become separated, keys get locked in cars, medical emergencies occur, "weekend recreational warriors" attempt feats beyond their abilities and sometimes visitors just need some friendly assistance. Sedona is also blessed with beautiful city parks and trailheads that connect with the surrounding national forest trail system. What better location to create the first all-volunteer city park ranger program?

After meetings with the city police, fire district and Coconino National Forest, state parks and city staff, the proposal went to the city council and was approved. It was agreed that the City of Sedona Volunteer Park Rangers (SVPR) would have three primary functions—they would: provide a uniformed presence in the parks to act as a deterrent to inappropriate activity, provide a roving contact in high visitor-use areas and provide community support during events or emergencies.

In June 2007, three Sedona rangers (including myself), wearing tan uniform shirts with shoulder patches, identification badges, green jeans and western-style hats, ventured out onto "Main Street" Sedona. We immediately faced a barrage of visitor questions and a warm welcome from the local merchants. One of the first things I heard that day was, "Excuse me 'Ranger,' can I ask you a question?" and the "ranger within" was finally released.

Since that day, the Sedona Park Ranger Service has grown slowly and includes a retired doctor, nurse, nun, banker, former local business owner,

USDA Forest Service ranger, computer specialist, school administrator and, yes, an old NPS ranger who serves as "chief."

Today, the Sedona park rangers, who work seven-days-a-week, 361-days-a-year, have logged more than 6,200 hours of volunteer service. They have answered millions of questions, had their pictures taken hundreds of times, been the first responders to medical emergencies, directed traffic, provided interpretive programs, assisted at community events, been the focus of local media interest and become a familiar presence in the parks. They are recognized by residents and merchants as one of the most positive programs the city has ever offered.

Who knew seven years ago as I faced the sunset of my career that I was really just witnessing the sunrise of a new and even more challenging lifestyle. I guess today I view my retirement as being somewhat akin to one of the many moves we made to a new park. You experience that feeling of apprehension and sadness that comes with moving away from a family, yet you have that sense of excitement and anticipation that comes with facing new challenges. You become part of a new family, you face new challenges and that thread that binds you to the ranger brotherhood/sisterhood remains unbroken.

About the author: Originally an actor and writer at 20th Century Fox Studios, Bob Huggins left Hollywood in 1967 to become a California state park ranger at (now) Redwood National and State Parks. He and his wife, Judy, joined the NPS in 1970 as seasonal (then subject-to-furlough) employees at Grand Teton NP. They both participated in the intake program at Grand Canyon NP and went on to a long career that included duty stations at Lake Mead NRA, Isle Royale NP and Big Bend NP, where Bob served as both chief of interpretation and a commissioned law enforcement officer. He retired in 2002 as the Servicewide education specialist at the NPS headquarters in Washington, D.C. He is currently a commissioner for Sedona's parks and recreation commission and program manager for the SVPR. He and Judy can be contacted at ra_huggins@esedona.net. ■

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E&AA Member **Arthur C. "Art" Allen**, 74, Sept. 4, following an illness.

Art served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, stationed in Germany. During this time, he was a Boy Scout leader and troop master for army dependents at the base. His NPS career began in 1961 as a GS-5 park ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway. This was followed by park naturalist at Big Bend NP (1963) and assistant chief ranger for Canyonlands NP (1964). In 1966, Art piloted the whitewater raft that took Lady Bird Johnson through Big Bend NP's Mariscal Canyon. That same year, Art was selected to attend the University of Michigan, where he earned a master of science degree in natural resources management. After matriculation, he was transferred to the New Area Studies at NPS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Art was a member of the planning teams that helped create or expand Biscayne NP, Cape Lookout NS, Big Cypress N PRES, Gulf Islands NS, Canaveral NS, Ozark NSR, John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS, Fort Circle Park National Recreation Trail, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, Guadalupe Mountains NP, Redwood NP and Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS. In 1970, he began working in Harpers Ferry at the newly created Interpretive Design Center. He served as chief curator of the NPS Division of Museum Services at Harpers Ferry Center for 12 years. From 1983 until his retirement in 1990, he served as assistant superintendent of professional services at Blue Ridge Parkway.

During retirement, Art designed and then moderated a computer list serve that features news stories that deal with NPS and conservation issues. It has continued on following his death. Art was a life member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild and served on the board of trustees for three terms and as president for two terms.

Survivors include Art's wife of 54 years, Peggy. Their 54th wedding anniversary was Sept. 4. Additional survivors include his son, Ted (wife, Belinda) and grandsons: Morgan, Tyler and Brody; son, Gary (wife, Beverly) and granddaughter, Kerri; and daughter, Julee Gittemeier and grandson, Haydn. Memorial donations may be sent to the Southern Highland Craft Guild Educational Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28815.

E&AA Life Member **Edmund J. "Ted" Bucknall**, 85, Sept. 12, in Fort Bragg, Calif.

Ted served as a radio operator in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII serving in the Aleutian Islands. Following the war, he completed his education at Oregon State University, earning a bachelor's degree in wildlife.

Ted's love of the outdoors led him to a career as a ranger in the NPS. He began his NPS career in 1950 as a seasonal ranger traveling between Crater Lake NP and Everglades NP. His first permanent assignment was as a park ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway. This was followed by a position as supervisory park ranger at (then) Badlands NM, where he met his first wife, Ila Jane. Additional assignments included Grand Portage NM, Rocky Mountain NP and Yellowstone NP, serving as a staff ranger specializing in wildlife and resource management.

Ted retired from Yellowstone NP in 1979 as a resources management specialist. Ila Jane passed away in 1987, and in 1990, Ted married Jean Christensen. The couple made their home in Fort

Bragg, Calif. In retirement, he enjoyed travel and his hobbies of rock hounding, lapidary, woodworking, jewelry making and beach walking.

In addition to his first wife, Ted was predeceased by a sister, Monica Trezona. Survivors include his second wife, Jean; son, David; daughter-in-law, Karla; and three grandchildren: Katrina, Josh and Melissa.

Linda DeVon, 60, Aug. 17, unexpectedly, at home in Tucson, Ariz.

Linda worked for the NPS and Saguaro NP for 10 years. She provided information technology (IT), telecommunication and radio support for Saguaro, the Western Archeological and Conservation Center and several other southern Arizona NPS units.

Linda helped organize park events, including Saguaro's 75th anniversary, and donations for local food banks and was the chairperson for the Saguaro Employees Association. Many staff parties and holiday gatherings were held at the DeVon household. Linda's warm personality, unique sense of humor and great smile were contagious. Her wonderful spirit touched many people, not only through the professional IT services she



LINDA DE VON

provided, but also through her many hobbies, most notably her cooking and entertaining. She also loved embroidery, quilting, photography, computers and her dogs, Buddy and Misty.

Linda's survivors include her husband, Jim; father, Ted "Coach" Haddad; brothers and sisters: Larry (Helen) Haddad, Karen Haddad, Ted Haddad, Patty (Rich) Wands and Bob (Joni) Haddad; stepchildren: James (Jill) DeVon, Diana DeVon, Kurt (Sandy) DeVon and Renee (Jeff) Sieg; nephews: Tony and Nick Haddad; and niece, Emily Haddad. Contributions in Linda's honor can be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters (www.tucsonbigs.org), Casa de los Niños (www.casadelosninos.org) or the Southwest German Shepherd Rescue (www.swgermanshepherdrescue.com). Condolences may be sent to Jim and the family via email through the park's administrative officer at Michelle_Torok@nps.gov.

E&AA Life Member **John R. Douglass**, 84, May 27, in Mount Vernon, Wash.

John received a B.A. from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., in 1945 and obtained his Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1952. He then taught chemistry at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden and at Colorado State University.

John worked for several years as a seasonal naturalist at Rocky Mountain NP beginning in 1956 and completed courses



JOHN R. DOUGLASS

required for permanent employment with the NPS. His first permanent position was at Carlsbad Caverns NP as a park guide in 1962. He went on to work at other parks including Petrified Forest NP, White Sands NM, Yellowstone NP and Rocky Mountain NP. While working at Yellowstone, he married Ramona J. Evans in 1970. He became chief park interpreter at Olympic NP in 1972, joined North Cascades National Park Service Complex in 1983 as staff park interpreter and retired from this position in 1987.

Following his NPS retirement, John became branch manager for the Northwest Interpretive Association (NWIA) for five years. Thereafter, he became a member of the NWIA board of directors.

John is survived by his wife, Ramona; his sister, Margaret Darrow; one niece; four nephews; two great-nieces; and three great-nephews. Memorials may be made in John's name to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004, or the Skagit Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1101, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

Gregory Lee Goehring, 45, Aug. 20, due to a heart attack, while on duty at Blue Ridge Parkway.

Greg served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a master sergeant. After three seasons as a temporary employee at Blue Ridge Parkway, he became a permanent NPS employee there as a maintenance worker, a position he held for only 30 days before his passing. At the time of his death, he was flagging for a ditching crew on the main line motor road. Park EMTs who were on the scene when he collapsed began CPR immediately but were unable to revive him. He was transported to a local hospital, where his death was certified by the on-call physician.

Greg is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn; their children: Cody Lee and Carly Renee; and his mother, Barbara. Donations may be made in his honor to the American Heart Association or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

E&AA Life Member **Gertrude Hieb Johnsen**, 98, May 28, at Jefferson County Hospital in Washington, peacefully, in her sleep.

Gertrude graduated from Lanyon Consolidated School and then trained to become a nurse at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Omaha, Neb. After becoming a registered nurse, she worked as a nurse/stewardess for the Union Pacific Railroad. She wed David L. Hieb in 1936. Dave was a career NPS employee, and the couple lived in various NPS areas, includ-

ing Carlsbad Caverns NP, Blue Ridge Parkway, Fort Laramie NHS, George Washington Carver NM and Herbert Hoover NHS. After a brief assignment at the Mill Creek District Ranger Station at Rocky Mountain NP (1945-1946), the Hiebs returned to visit Estes Park, Colo., on a yearly basis and retired there in 1973.

Following Dave's death in 1980, Gertrude remained in Estes Park. She was an officer in the Estes Park chapters of the American Red Cross and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and a lifetime member of the Estes Park Museum.

In 1990, Gertrude married John Johnsen (now deceased) and moved with him to Sun City, Ariz., in 1996. In July 2008, she moved to Port Townsend, Wash., to be near family. She loved her new surroundings, became involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Port Townsend and enjoyed many happy times with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include Gertrude's sister, Ruth Burkett (age 101); daughter, Rena H. Murman (Earl M.) of Port Townsend; son, Louis A. Hieb (Sharon C. Aller) of Seattle; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, Gertrude was preceded in death by her sisters, Mildred Black and Carol Anderson. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Estes Park Museum or the Rocky Mountain Nature Association.

Jeff Maurer, 47, Aug. 30, due to a fall, while rock climbing on Mount Dana at Yosemite NP.

Jeff, a wildlife biologist at Yosemite NP, worked in the park for the past three years. Prior to that, he worked at the Yosemite Institute, taught at the University of California, Davis and did research for many conservation organizations.

Marron F. McDowell, 87, July 6, at the Plano Specialty Hospital in Plano, Tex., due to congestive heart failure.

Marron was the wife of E&AA Life Member Lyle H. "Mac" McDowell, who retired from the NPS in 1977 as associate regional director - operations in the Western Regional Office. Marron and Mac met at the USO Club in Dallas, Tex., in 1943. They were married in 1946.

Marron was a "dutiful" NPS wife, happily going with Mac from one assignment to another, often involving cross-country moves and always without complaint. While driving across central Wyoming on their move from Rocky Mountain NP to Glacier NP, Marron said, "I think I'm going to the ends of the Earth." But when they arrived at Glacier, she found her place in the park community and established a new home.

While at Glacier, Marron began the serious study of art (painting), which she maintained throughout the rest of her life. While Mac was assigned to the Washington Office (1966-1972), she volunteered at Fairfax County Hospital, Va., where she became director of volunteer services.

Following Mac's retirement, the couple moved to Oceanside, Calif., where Marron became a member of the Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League and one of its presidents. She was a member and director of Brandon Art Gallery in Fallbrook, Calif., and a vice president of the San Diego Watercolor Society in which she was responsible for coordinating the society's international watercolor exhibition. She traveled frequently in pursuit of her

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art, studied under some of the country's leading watercolor artists and exhibited in local and national shows where her work was recognized with many awards.

Marron is survived by her husband of 63 years, Mac (of Plano, Tex.); son, James; daughter, Pamela; sister, Marjorie; brother, John; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Allen Moyer, 65, July 29.

Allen worked for the NPS for over 33 years at Shenandoah NP. He began his NPS career as a seasonal fire control aid, fire technician and a laborer at the park. He became a permanent employee in 1975, beginning as a tree worker and later went on to hold positions as an engineering equipment operator and welder. Allen had retired from the NPS on Sept. 2, 2008.

Mellony Roll, 53, July 9, following a battle with cancer.

Mellony was a facilities operations specialist at Amistad NRA. She began her NPS career in 1995 as a seasonal park ranger at Chiricahua NM. In 1998, she accepted a subject-to-furlough visitor use assistant position at Chiricahua and remained in that position until 2000, when she became maintenance assistant. In 2007, she joined Amistad NRA as facilities operations specialist.

During her NPS career, Mellony was very involved in the fire community and assisted in fires around the country. She was a valued member of one of the Southwest Incident Management Type I teams and joined the interagency team in 2006. Mellony will be remembered for having a great smile and a sense of humor and mischief. She and her great

attitude and big smile will be greatly missed by all of her team members

Mellony is survived by her husband, Rogers Steed; sons: Sam and Isaac; sister, Rebecca; brother, Paul; and father, Raymond Blanke. Donations may be made in Mellony's memory to a favorite charity, the American Cancer Society or the Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

William L. "Bill" Yandle, 63, June 27, unexpectedly, in Dayton, Ohio.

Bill was a seasonal park guide at Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP. As a secondary school teacher, he had spent his summers working for the NPS, then continued his seasonal work after retirement. He began working for the NPS at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in the summer of 1998 and joined Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Debbie. ■

Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM Added to Park System

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Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM reminds Americans that our history includes both opposition to injustice (opposition seen here in the actions of Thurgood Marshall) and the tolerance of injustice (in such forms as segregation). The story of Port Chicago resonates with any group whose members have been treated differently from other citizens of their country. The story also raises questions—Who in our world is treated as being of lesser worth? Who is denied opportunities?—and motivates us to strive for the equality of all.

"We're honored to provide educational opportunities and preservation at Port Chicago," Director Jarvis said. "We have a chance, as the National Park Service heads to its centennial in 2016, to reach out to Americans with places that hold meaning for them and make all of us culturally aware. Port Chicago is one of those places. We have worked to realize the dream of including it within the National Park System, and we thank Representative George Miller and Senator Barbara Boxer for their vision in sponsoring this legislation."

The Defense Authorization Act calls for the transfer to the NPS of the five acres around the site of the 1944 explosion, for the NPS and the military to

coordinate public access through an active military base and for the establishment of a visitor orientation facility with curatorial storage in concert with the City of Concord and the East Bay Regional Park District. The act raises Port Chicago from its previous designation as an affiliated area (a place whose national importance is recognized but where no federal money is spent on education, historic preservation or efforts to increase public awareness of the site's significance).

"We are committed, along with our partners—the army, the Friends of Port Chicago, the City of Concord and the East Bay Regional Park District—to preserving this site, which has such a rich history," said Martha Lee, superintendent of this new site and of Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, John Muir NHS and Eugene O'Neill NHS.

Currently, the ocean-side memorial features bunkers, boxcars and remnants of piers, as well as interpretive signage and a granite monument bearing the names of those who died. Reservations for visiting Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM are required and can be made by calling (925) 228-8860. Visitors should call at least two weeks in advance. They need military clearance as well as reservations. No visits occur when the docking and loading of military ships are planned. ■

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other Interior agencies. "You honor us with your decision to be part of this administration, to be part of our team."

Jarvis, a 32-year veteran of the NPS, said he was grateful for the appointment, confirmed Sept. 24 by the U.S. Senate. "There is a pent up desire by the (NPS employees in the) field to get going with this Secretary's agenda with all the opportunities that are in front of us," said Jarvis.

"There is energy out there around climate change, around the smart use and protection of our public lands, and under this Secretary's leadership, I think we're going to do great things, right up there with the kind of legacy that was laid on the ground by past presidents like Teddy Roosevelt," he said.

Director Jarvis' brother, Destry, held a family Bible for the ceremony. He is a former NPS and Interior executive who served during the Clinton administration.

Jon Jarvis began his NPS career as a seasonal interpretive ranger on the National Mall in 1976. His career positions included protection ranger, resource management specialist, park biologist and chief of natural and cultural resources. He served as superintendent of Mount Rainier NP, Wrangell-St. Elias NP and PRES and Craters of the Moon NM, and from 2002 to 2009, he was the Pacific West regional director. ■

Second Century Commission Report Online

On Sept. 24, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar commended the members of the National Parks Second Century Commission for their report on the future of the National Park System. The report includes a wide range of recommendations for enhancing all aspects of our national parks.

"I applaud the commission for leaving no stone unturned in seeking ways to enhance our National Park System so that we might better honor our nation's beauty, history and culture; conserve our treasured landscapes and their wildlife; and both inform and inspire the American people," Secretary Salazar said. "The report provides a foundation upon which to build an even brighter future for our already outstanding national parks."

The National Parks Conservation Association convened the commission, chaired by former U.S. senators Howard Baker and J. Bennett Johnston, to produce a comprehensive report on the Park System as it nears its 100th anniversary in 2016 and begins a second century.

The commission consists of nearly 30 national leaders, experts and thinkers drawn from a broad range of backgrounds, including scientists, historians, conservationists, academics, business leaders, policy experts and retired NPS officials.

In its report, entitled "Advancing the National Park Idea," the panel said that the National Park System is at a crossroads, facing challenges such as urgent environmental problems, a burgeoning population and critical needs in education. It called for a new vision recognizing the interrelationships between human beings and the natural world and the need for a sustainable relationship between people and the planet. The report also included recommendations to strengthen the educational role of the National Park System, including new partnerships with the formal education community.

"National parks are no longer just far away places where people go to visit," Secretary Salazar said. "We now have nearly 400 national parks, many of them in or near cities. We have a major role in supporting local communities and, especially, in fueling a passion in our young people for our natural and historical heritage that will help them build a better future for our country." The National Parks Second Century Commission's report is available online at www.visionfortheparks.org. ■

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sitka NHP is turning 100 in 2010, and former employees and volunteers are invited to join the yearlong party. The park will celebrate its centennial on March 23, 2010, the last day of a four-day weekend celebration. Among the many events marking the centennial throughout the year, the park is extending a special invitation to former and current employees to meet in Sitka, Alaska, in May for a centennial reunion held from May 13 through 15, 2010.

Employees and veterans of Sitka NHP's long-standing partner, the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center

(recently renamed the Sitka Cultural Center), are invited to join the fun. Mark your calendars!

Following the reunion in May, among the centennial events that will be held through Feb. 2011, the park and the cultural center will co-host a Tlingit-Aleut cultural sharing in June and the raising of a centennial totem pole at the park in July. In August, Sitka NHP will co-sponsor the 4th International Conference on Russian America. More reunion and event details can be found at www.nps.gov/sitk, or contact the park through sitk_centennial@nps.gov. ■

The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service would like to thank all those who participated in and helped organize the gala event and auctions at Mount Rushmore N MEM for the NPS Employees and Alumni Trust Fund for Disaster Relief and made donations to assist NPS families in need.

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Judy Chetwin, Lisa Eckert, Steven Gazzano, Patrick and Lucy Given, April Gragas, Lawrence Johnson, Nancy Kuncl, Doug McLean, John Muller, Robert Parker, Ada Shepherd and Nancy Wallis.

New Places & Faces



BRAD BENNETT

Brad Bennett, from chief of interpretation and education, Alaska Region, to superintendent, Andersonville NHS.

Dennis Burmeister, to administrative technician, Lewis and Clark NHT.

Benjamin Byrnes, from park ranger (protection), Prince William Forest Park, to park ranger (protection), Cumberland Gap NHP.

Brian Carey, from superintendent, Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS, to deputy superintendent, Glen Canyon NRA.

Stan Cockrell, to auto shop mechanic supervisor, Shenandoah NP.

Kevin Crisler, from maintenance mechanic supervisor, Ozark NSR, to deputy facility manager, Shenandoah NP.

Anne Doherty-Stephan, from education program manager, Mount Rainier NP, to chief of interpretation and education, Missouri NRR.



TAMMY DUCHESNE

Tammy Duchesne, from chief of cultural resources, War in the Pacific NHP and American Memorial Park, to management assistant, Regional Director's Office, Northeast Region.

Kay Ellis, to manager, Servicewide Accessibility Management Program, Park Facility Management Division, WASO.

Mickey Fearn, to NPS deputy director for communications and community assistance, Office of the Director, WASO.

Drew D. Gilmour, from South District ranger, Big Cypress N PRES, to chief ranger, Devils Tower NM.

Kevin Hanley, from park guide, to park ranger, Morristown NHP.

Mark Herberger, from superintendent, Minuteman Missile NHS, to manager, Operational Leadership Program, Risk Management Division, WASO.

Ali Kelley, to special assistant to the director, Office of the Director, WASO.

Dr. Gary Machlis, to science advisor to the director, Office of the Director, WASO. As the first-ever science advisor to the director, he will play a key role in advancing science within the NPS and advising the NPS director on science policy and programs. Dr. Machlis has served as the NPS visiting chief social scientist and as the national coordinator of the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Network.

Vidal Martinez, from superintendent, Upper Delaware SRR, to superintendent, Prince William Forest Park.

Chip Nelson, from chief ranger (protection), Prince William Forest Park, to site manager, Fort Necessity NB.

Celinda Peña, to assistant director for communications, Office of the Director, WASO.

Paul E. Petersen, from biologist, to resource manager, Prince William Forest Park.

John Piltzecker, from acting NPS chief of staff, WASO, to superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks. Previous to serving as the acting NPS chief of staff, John served as program manager for the Office of Partnerships and Philanthropic Stewardship, WASO.



LORI ROME

Lori Rome, from lead park ranger (interpretation), to supervisory park ranger (interpretation), Grand Canyon NP.

Mark Spier, from chief ranger, Big Bend NP and Rio Grande WSR, to superintendent, Palo Alto Battlefield NHS.

Allen D. Vaira, from seasonal (2008) park guide (interpretation), Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS, to seasonal (2009) park ranger (interpretation), Klondike Gold Rush NHP.

Dennis A. Vasquez, from superintendent, Brown v. Board of Education NHS, to program manager, commission to study the potential creation of the National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, D.C., Office of the Deputy Director (Operations), WASO.

Jennifer A. Pederson Weinberger, from chief of resource management, to superintendent, Hopewell Culture NHP.



RANDY WESTER

Randy Wester, from superintendent, Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, to superintendent, Fort Pulaski NM.

Rebecca Wiles, from supervisory park ranger, Chamizal N MEM, to chief of interpretation, White Sands NM.

Nancy Woods, from project manager, to chief of partnership development, Office of Park Partnerships, Northeast Region. ■

NPS Family

Lusetta Nelson, botanist at Yosemite NP, welcomed a son, Toby Alan Seiler, on July 25. Toby weighed in at seven lbs., 10 oz. and was 21-inches long.

Beverly Rukowski, park ranger (law enforcement) at Shenandoah NP, and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their first child, Matthew Stephen, on July 21. Matthew weighed in at six lbs., one oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches. ■

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Great Smoky Mountains NP

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those who personally sacrificed their homesites for the park's creation—and are still alive today to witness the rededication and benefits of its preservation. A concerted effort was made to locate and invite those individuals who had lived in what became the park so that their sacrifice could be publicly recognized. By far, it was the park's largest and most memorable reunion of the "People's Park," as it is frequently called!

Gudger Palmer was one whose family was removed from Cataloochee Valley when he was 25 years old to make way for the park. He is now 100 years old. Supt. Ditmanson recognized Mr. Palmer among the crowd of people who were born in the park.

Also saluted were those who attended the original dedication in 1940 and a dozen Civilian Conservation Corps alumni. Acting NPS Director Wenk honored the corpsmen, who, during the Great Depression, built much of the park's infrastructure—bridges, roads and campgrounds—still very apparent today.

Secretary Salazar said he was humbled by the courage and sacrifice of the people whose lands became Great Smoky Mountains NP. "Today, as we rededicate this park, we also recommit ourselves to fulfilling President Roosevelt's vision and to completing the work of so many over so many years: Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees, Park Service employees, park partners, park volunteers, gateway communities, park visitors and others," he said.

As the recurring theme of most speeches was the majesty and the spirit of the mountains, the beauty, the nature and the traditions, Tennessee's senior senator, Lamar Alexander, spoke about the park's future. "So what should we hope for as we look to the 100th anniversary? I hope we have finished cleaning the air so that, instead of seeing smog, we can always see the blue haze about which the Cherokee sang; and that we will have done more to celebrate the way of life of families who lived here; that we will have become better students of the remarkable environmental diversity here ... [and] we do a better job of creating picturesque entrances and encouraging conservation easements along the park boundaries to protect the wildlife and the magnificent views."

North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue also remarked about stewardship when she said, "We are at bat now. It is our job. We have to be sure that this legacy for the future is intact."

But of all the speakers, it was Dolly Parton who received standing ovations with renditions of two songs that she wrote specifically for the park's anniversary about her feelings growing up in the shadow of the mountains. Parton has donated over \$225,000 to the park this year, partly from the sale of a commemorative CD with all proceeds going to the Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Before Parton ended the festivities with one of her songs, "Forever Home," she summed up the feelings of many who cherish the Great Smoky Mountains by saying, "They will always be a part of my heart and a part of my soul." ■

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COUNTRY SINGER DOLLY PARTON performs a song she wrote in honor of Great Smoky Mountains NP's 75th anniversary. Pictured from left to right, front row: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Will Shafroth, Southeast Regional Director David Vela, Great Smoky Mountains NP Supt. Dale Ditmanson, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue, Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen and Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk; back row: Great Smoky Mountains NP Deputy Supt. Kevin FitzGerald, Reverend Dan Matthews and Cherokee Elder Jerry Wolfe. (See full story, page one.)

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