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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dan Wenk, Acting Director

The following is based on remarks offered by Acting Director Dan Wenk at the Celebration of the Life of Brian O'Neill on May 29. Brian, the long-time superintendent of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, passed away on May 13, 2009.



Brian O'Neill was an agent of change. He changed the National Park Service. He changed all of us who were his colleagues and friends. And he changed this place, this national park, that he loved.

It may shock many of you to hear that the National Park Service—a proud organization that has been around for nearly 100 years—is sometimes wary of change. Brian saw that wariness as just another challenge. He would push the envelope—sometimes into the next zip code—but almost always with spectacular results ... results that set the bar high, and then higher still.

From engaging the entire Bay Area in the rebirth of Crissy Field to the recent transformation of historic Fort Baker, each of these projects—and many more—were possible and succeeded because of Brian's vision, leadership and resolve to always ask, "Why not?" rather than, "Why?"

Brian also changed each of us. He changed how we think about our work and its connectivity with our communities. He changed how we define our roles, demonstrating that when we share power and authority, the universe of what is possible expands exponentially.

If you Google the word "partnership," Brian's name comes up. Or at least it should. He was the Johnny Appleseed of partnerships. Those he nurtured here at Golden Gate have spawned offspring across the nation and around the globe.

But Brian's most tangible legacy of change is this national park. Phil Burton convinced Congress to create Golden Gate National Recreation Area as America's major national park in an urban setting. Brian O'Neill figured out what that meant. Today, more than 20 million people every year experience what Brian created. And it is good.

And as much as the stunning park he created, those of us Brian mentored, whose lives and way of thinking about life were forever altered by him, we are his legacy. The bold ideas we have to better preserve and share our parks ... they are his legacy. The relationships we forge and strengthen with like-minded citizens and communities ... they too are his legacy. And the kids of every color and ethnic heritage that we seek out, that we invite to learn about parks, to be part of what we do, to own these places that are theirs ... they are certainly his legacy.

Brian's work isn't done—he was never done—and now he's counting on each of us to carry it forward. That's his greatest legacy.

Secretary Salazar Announces \$750 Million Investment in Parks

From the Statue of Liberty and Independence Hall to Yellowstone and Death Valley, the NPS will undertake more than 750 projects at parks across the country to create jobs, restore and protect our nation's parks and preserve our history and heritage for future generations, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced on April 22. The projects reflect an investment of \$750 million in our National Park System (including \$15 million at historically black colleges and universities) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, part of more than \$3 billion the Interior Department is investing in the nation's economy under President Obama's recovery plan.

"From the Civil War to the Great Depression, America's best ideas for protecting our national parks and open spaces have often come when our nation has faced its greatest challenges," said Secretary Salazar. "Today, by investing \$750 million to restore and protect America's most special places, we are creating a new legacy of stewardship for our National Park System while helping our economy stand up again. These projects—at places like Ellis Island in New York and Dinosaur National Monument in Utah—are ready to go and will create jobs in communities across the country."



Tami A. Heilmann, DOI

TO MARK EARTH DAY, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announces that hundreds of National Park System projects will be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 at a rooftop press conference at the Interior building on April 22.

The National Park Service's Recovery Act projects will benefit both large parks such as Yellowstone, where more than \$9 million will be spent to completely overhaul an antiquated wastewater treatment facility, and smaller parks such as Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, where \$7 million will be spent in the first phase of renovating the 352-foot monument that commemorates Oliver Hazard Perry's naval victory during the War of 1812. All of the projects that

were announced on April 22 are long-standing priorities of the NPS based on its capital planning process. With an array of projects identified by stakeholders as critical, the Service worked through a rigorous merit-based process to identify investments that met the criteria put forth in the Recovery Act: namely, that a project addresses the Department's highest priority mission needs, generates the largest number of jobs in the shortest

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Statue of Liberty's Crown To Reopen

Beginning on July 4, the American public can once again visit the crown of the Statue of Liberty, which was closed by the NPS after the 9/11 attacks for safety and security reasons. Access to the crown will be limited to 10 people at a time guided by an NPS ranger, and the crown will be open for approximately 30 people per hour.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar based his decision on a comprehensive analysis of the entire structure completed in April by the NPS, including expert rec-

ommendations on reducing risk for visitors. The crown is accessible only by a narrow 168-step double-helix spiral staircase. After 9/11, the NPS, which has responsibility to keep visitors safe and make it possible for them to evacuate in the event of an emergency, deemed the risk too high to reopen the crown to the public.

"We cannot eliminate all the risk of climbing to the crown, but we are taking steps to make it safer," Secretary Salazar said. This includes raising the handrails on the spiral staircase and stationing

rangers throughout the statue both to aid visitors and to help them enjoy the experience and learn more about the statue and its symbolism.

The Statue of Liberty will be open for the next two years. Then it will be closed again for work on a long-term solution that will improve safety and security permanently. "Once the work is complete, the statue will be safer and so will its visitors," Secretary Salazar said. Visit www.nps.gov/stil for information on how to reserve tickets to visit the crown. ■

New Parks, Wilderness and Trails a Highlight of Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009

A waterfall that helped power the Industrial Revolution, a battle that became a turning point of the War of 1812 and a presidential birthplace in a place called "Hope" will soon be added to the National Park System. The new parks are just part of a wealth of public lands protections made law on March 30 in the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009.

"We are in a time of deep uncertainty and economic pain, but for Americans, moments of crisis are opportunities to rebuild, renew and restore the places we cherish," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "With a stroke of his pen,

President Barack Obama has ensured that treasured landscapes and places of historical and cultural importance will be protected and honored as part of our National Park System."

America's first Treasury secretary, Alexander Hamilton, saw the 78-foot-high Great Falls of the Passaic River for its natural beauty and as a way to secure economic independence from British manufacturers. In 1791, Hamilton helped found the Society for the Establishment of Useful Manufactures. Paterson, which was founded by the society, became the cradle of the Industrial Revolution in America. When land exchanges are com-

pleted, the area will become Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park.

River Raisin National Battlefield Park will interpret one of the worst defeats Americans experienced in the War of 1812. Battlefield areas near Monroe, Mich., will be donated for the park. The Battle of River Raisin unfolded on Jan. 22, 1813. It was a bloodbath. Five hundred British troops and 800 Indian allies overwhelmed the 650 Americans who, two days earlier, drove a small Canadian force out of Frenchtown, a village on the River Raisin.

The battle became a furious rally cry for

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Focus on the Parks

• The National Park Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation joined History™ (previously known as the History Channel) at **Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP** on Nov. 18, 2008 to unveil GIVE A LINCOLN FOR LINCOLN™, a year-long initiative by History™ to encourage Americans to donate Lincoln-head pennies or five dollar bills or make larger contributions to help preserve six specific sites associated with Lincoln's life and legacy. These sites are Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP, Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, Lincoln Home NHS, President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers' Home, Ford's Theatre NHS and Lincoln Memorial. The campaign is part of a larger education and outreach effort spearheaded by History™ in honor of the Lincoln bicentennial.

Joining this event was National Park Foundation Honorary Chair Mrs. Laura Bush. Park rangers and historical interpreters in period costume provided opportunities for a visiting group of Junior Rangers from Abraham Lincoln Elementary School to learn about the life and times of our 16th president through Lincoln-inspired activities like splitting rails and spinning thread. The students created themed coin boxes made to look like log cabins and top hats

so they could begin collecting their own Lincolns for Lincoln. To contribute, get coin boxes and learn more, visit www.history.com/lincoln.

• January festivities paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other civil rights heroes beginning with a celebration of Dr. King's birthday on Jan. 15 at **Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS**. The event included a puppet show about Dr. King designed by park staff, and Christine King Farris, Dr. King's sister, read her book, *My Brother Martin*, to schoolchildren. A musical tribute on Jan. 17, featuring the U.S. Naval Academy Jazz Band and New Orleans' Free Agent Second Line Band, with a keynote address by Hakim Primus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, offered visitors an opportunity to reflect on the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On the King Holiday on Jan. 19, thousands of people visited the park to participate in signature events organized by the King Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. March Committee. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Commemorative Service was not held at historic Ebenezer Baptist Church (Dr. King's home church), as it had been for 39 years, due to the structure's closing for restoration in 2007. When it reopens in late 2009, historic Ebenezer will be returned to its 1960s appearance when Dr. King was co-pastor there. Instead, the service was held at the new Ebenezer Church located across the street from the historic one. On Jan. 20, over one thousand visitors participated in a public viewing of the presidential inauguration at the park's visitor center.

In addition, footsteps of 13 new civil rights icons were recently added to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame at the park. The Walk gives recognition to the foot soldiers of justice who sacrificed and struggled to make equality a reality for all. The sixth annual Walk of Fame induction ceremony was held on Jan. 24 and capped off the park's commemoration of the 23rd national holiday honoring Dr. King.

• **Edgar Allan Poe NHS** held a four-day celebration of Edgar Allan Poe's 200th birthday in January. Poe was born on Jan. 19, 1809. On Jan. 16, a capacity crowd of 175 gathered in a neighboring building for a special exhibit preview and reception hosted by the Friends of Poe. Supt. Cindy MacLeod welcomed everyone and spoke of Poe's six years in Philadelphia. "The Black Cat," "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" are just a few works Poe wrote in Philadelphia. There was a short play, written by and starring Poe site staff, featuring a younger and an older Poe, who debated "their" greatest creations—poetry, horror stories, inventing the detective story, science fiction and criticism. The official Poe bicentennial poster, which was created by a student from the Art Institute of Philadelphia, was also unveiled.

Park rangers gave guided tours of the new exhibits that opened in January to celebrate Poe's bicentennial. Since few records of Poe's personal belongings exist, the park did not refurbish the historic house in which he lived. Large, full-color art sketches on fabric panels were commissioned, which help visitors to imagine how the Poe family would have used the rooms. There is a short film, and exhibit panels interpret Poe's

Inauguration Photo Wins International Contest



A photo taken from the top of the Washington Monument at noon on Jan. 20, 2009 by NPS Public Affairs Chief David Barna has been selected as a winner in the FOTOBAMA International Photography Contest sponsored by the Newseum in Washington, D.C. The photo is on display at the Newseum from May 7 through Sept. 7. It will also be published in a book later this year by the museum featuring the other winners.

PRESIDENTIAL SUNDIAL: Like a giant sundial, the Washington Monument points to the White House as President Obama takes the oath of office on Jan. 20, 2009.

life and times (1809 to 1849), his body of work and his influence on literature and popular culture. All of the exhibits, as well as the AV programs, are audio described for people with visual impairments, and the audio sections are reproduced in written form with open captions on the film. Harpers Ferry Design Center was the project manager for the exhibits. For more information about the site or Poe bicentennial events, visit www.nps.gov/edal.

• One of the primary winter attractions at **Apostle Islands NL** is a spectacular set of ice-encrusted sea caves on Lake Superior's mainland shoreline. The surface of Lake Superior near the sea caves may be covered with ice for some or all of the period from mid-January to early April. Visitors walk, ski or snowshoe across the ice to explore the sea caves once the ice is in place. On Jan. 29, park rangers determined that ice conditions allowed over-ice travel to these mainland sea caves. More than 2,500 visitors explored the caves during President's Day weekend.

Park staff go to great lengths to determine when ice conditions permit access to the sea caves. As the ice thickens, rangers cut holes in the ice near the sea caves to determine the quality and thickness of the ice. The lake ice must be thick enough and in place for several days before the public is notified that the sea caves are accessible. Public notification includes updating the 24-hour "Apostle Islands Ice Line" at (715) 779-3397, ext. 499, which provides information on current ice conditions at the mainland sea caves.

Rangers monitor ice conditions until the spring breakup occurs. The length of the ice season varies dramatically from year to year. Some years, the ice never thickens enough to permit access to the sea caves. When conditions allow access to the caves, park staff assume numerous responsibilities besides monitoring ice conditions. Walking on a frozen lake is an inherently dangerous thing to do. Orienting visitors and making sure they are appropriately equipped to venture onto the ice is often the most important task during this exceptional winter event. The goal is to make the visit memorable for all the right reasons.

• Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and NPS Acting Director Dan Wenk joined Ford's Theatre Society officials and Washington, D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty on Feb. 11 in a ribbon-cutting ceremony highlighting the completion of a multimillion dollar renovation project at **Ford's Theatre NHS** done in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. The ceremony marked the completion of a multi-tiered project that included the installation of a new elevator that will provide mobility access to all levels of the theatre and improved access to a newly updated museum located in the Ford's Theatre basement.

Other new additions include a modern climate-controlled heating and air-conditioning system, additional restrooms and an upgrading of the lighting and sound systems. The \$40 million-plus project includes \$8.3 million from congressionally appropriated construction funds and was undertaken in conjunction with the Ford's Theatre Society, a long-term partner of the NPS. The society provided for project design costs and worked closely with the NPS to improve use of the site for visitors.

• On Feb. 12, in honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, more than 300 people gathered for the ribbon cutting and opening of the David Wills House in downtown Gettysburg, Pa., an official site within **Gettysburg NMP**. For the first time ever, the NPS has created a museum to tell the story of the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln's visit to give the Gettysburg Address.

David Wills' home was not just the center of Gettysburg, it was the center of the immense clean-up process after the battle and where President Lincoln put the finishing touches on the Gettysburg Address. The speech transformed Gettysburg's community from a place of devastation to the symbol of our nation's new birth of freedom. The property had a \$7.2 million overhaul to rehabilitate its historic features and develop the museum exhibits. The project was managed by the Denver Service Center.

Main Street Gettysburg is operating the museum in partnership with Gettysburg

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NMP. The property, located at 8 Lincoln Square in Gettysburg, is on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, visit www.davidwillshouse.org and www.nps.gov/gett.

- Nine WWII veterans who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima—two of them directly in the fight for Mount Suribachi—participated in a flag-raising ceremony with active duty marines at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial on Feb. 23, the 64th anniversary of that event. The flag was raised at 10:17 a.m. to commemorate the exact same time 64 years ago that five marines and one navy corpsman had their images etched in history when photographed by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. That iconic image later won a Pulitzer Prize.

George Washington Memorial Parkway Deputy Supt. Jon James welcomed the veterans, thanking them for their service more than six decades ago, for their willingness to provide oral histories to the park's staff and, for some who live locally, for their continuing efforts as NPS volunteers at the memorial. Col. William Lietzau, commander of the U.S. Marines Detachment at Henderson Hall, a Marine Corps facility in Arlington, gave the invocation to a crowd of about 200 visitors, saying that the service provided by marines 64 years ago was what led Admiral Nimitz to make the observation now engraved on the memorial: "Uncommon valor was a common virtue." A marine honor guard provided military marching precision to the ceremony before and after the playing of the U.S. Marine Hymn.

The nine veterans—Norman Hatch of Alexandria, Va.; Cyril O'Brien of Camden, N.J.; Morris Semiatin of Baltimore, Md.; Benjamin Alfano of Providence, R.I.; Thomas Miller of Silver Spring, Md.; Gordon Ward of Kensington, Md.; Jack Colby of Arlington, Va.; and Tom Cox of McLean, Va. and Jim Wheeler of Falls Church, Va. (both of whom were on Mount Suribachi when the flag was raised)—all spoke of the distinction and pride they derived from their service and of their honor for and tribute toward their fallen comrades in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

- On Feb. 26, park staff, partners and friends gathered at the new Verkamp's Visitor Center on the South Rim to celebrate **Grand Canyon NP's** 90th anniversary and to commemorate the reopening of a historic structure as a park visitor center. The Grand Canyon was designated as a national park when President Woodrow Wilson signed Senate Bill 390 on Feb. 26, 1919.

As each speaker rose to share his or her thoughts on the importance of the park's 90th anniversary, it became apparent that a broader perspective is also needed to conceive of the many meanings that people attribute to the park. In a pre-event interview, Supt. Steve Martin said of the park, "We are a World Heritage Site, we are a national park, we are one of the seven wonders of the world." To some, the park is a tourist destination, an economic driver, a business partner or a neighbor. To others, it is a natural shrine, a wilderness, a classroom or even a playground. Yet, for all of those perspectives, few who

visit the park think of it as a place to live, or raise a family, or go to school. It takes over 2,500 people to provide all of the services that the park's visitors require each year. Because of the long distance to the nearest community where housing is readily available, almost 1,500 of those people live their lives inside the park. They have potlucks and walk to the grocery store here. They send their children off to school each morning here. They work to build better lives for themselves and their families in a place others view as only a temporary destination. Another definition for the superintendent's list could be, "We are a community."

That is the story that the interpretive displays at the new Verkamp's Visitor Center tell. The building itself used to house not only Verkamp's Curios (a retail store that closed September 2008 after operating for over 100 years), but the Verkamp family. The structure, the curio shop and the family are all indelible parts of the canyon's history. Several members of the family were present for the celebration, and some even took the time to share snippets of their family's history during the ceremony. To learn more about visiting Grand Canyon NP or the park's history, visit www.nps.gov/grca.

- **Valley Forge NHP** has received a donation from the descendants of a Continental Army officer—a United States Oath of Allegiance that was issued from the Valley Forge encampment. The oath was issued to First Lieutenant Lawrence Allman, a Pennsylvania native and member of the Continental 4th

Artillery. On it is handwritten: "Sworn before me at the Artillery Park, Valley Forge this 15th day of May 1778," and is signed: "HKnox B.G. Artillery."

On Feb. 3, 1778, the Continental Congress passed a resolution requiring all officers of the Continental Army to sign an oath acknowledging their support of national independence for the new United States of America. The resolution was an effort to weed Loyalist sympathizers out of the Continental Army. On May 7, General Washington issued a General Order from headquarters urging that the oaths be administered promptly to officers of the 3rd and 4th New Jersey regiments.

To accomplish the work, Washington selected high-ranking generals to administer the oaths to the officer staff. Among those selected was Brigadier General Henry Knox, who would administer oaths to officers of the Artillery and Military Stores. The site chosen to administer the oaths was Artillery Park. Apparently, General Knox served as witness to many oaths taken by officers of the Continental Army. His signature appears on a similar Oath of Allegiance administered to Major General Benedict Arnold on May 30, 1778 at the Artillery Park. The exact number of oaths taken at Valley Forge remains unknown.

Lieutenant Allman's oath, carefully protected for more than two centuries by his family, now has returned to Valley Forge. The certificate is a valuable addition to the park's archival collection, which includes four similar Oaths of Allegiances certified at Valley Forge. ■

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the rest of the war when, on the day after the battle, 60 of 85 wounded American prisoners of war were slaughtered by Indians after the British withdrew.

The American Foursquare home at 117 South Hervey Street in Hope, Ark., will be the William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace National Historic Site. The Clinton Birthplace Foundation has cared for the home since 1993 and will donate it to the NPS.

According to Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk, in addition to three national park units, more than half-a-million acres of new wilderness designations in the Act are set for five national park units: Pictured Rocks NL, 11,700 acres; Joshua Tree NP, 36,000 acres; Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, 85,000 acres; Rocky Mountain NP, 249,000 acres; and Zion NP, 124,000 acres. "Congress also made additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; created new national scenic, geologic and historic trails; and reauthorized the American Battlefield Protection Program, which provides grants to protect and interpret Civil War battlefield sites," he said.

Here is a brief look at more NPS provisions. The Omnibus Public Lands Act:

- Adds the Snake River Headwaters (Wyo.) and the Taunton River (Mass.) to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

- Establishes the Arizona National Scenic Trail, the New England National Scenic Trail, the Washington-

Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail and the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and adds additional routes and land components to the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

- Creates national heritage areas in Colorado, North Dakota, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alabama and Alaska.
- Establishes the "Votes for Women History Trail Route" to link sites that tell of the struggle for women's suffrage. This section of the law authorizes a National Women's Rights History Project to focus on the increasing number of sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places associated with women's suffrage, as well as a National Women's Rights History Project and Partnerships Network for interpretive and educational programming.

The public lands bill also directs the NPS to look to the future with "special resource studies" of a dozen sites for possible inclusion in the National Park System as new units or additions to existing units. The sites are: Walnut Canyon, Ariz.; Tule Lake Segregation Center, Calif.; Estate Grange, U.S. Virgin Islands; Harriet Beecher Stowe House, Maine; Shepherdstown Battlefield, W.Va.; Green McAdoo School, Tenn.; Harry S Truman Birthplace, Mo.; Battle of Matewan, W.Va.; Battle of Camden, S.C.; Fort San Geronimo, P.R.; Butterfield Overland Trail in various states; and a Cold War sites theme study. ■

Special Programs Planned for Eleanor Roosevelt's 125th Birthday

This year marks the 125th birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt, one of the most influential First Ladies in American history, and the NPS and its partner organizations are planning various programs to commemorate this special year. In addition, 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of Eleanor Roosevelt NHS (Val-Kill), which was dedicated on Oct. 11, 1984—Mrs. Roosevelt's 100th birthday. To celebrate these two anniversaries, there are new exhibits at the site that focus on the former First Lady's accomplishments from 1945 until her death in 1962. Along with the new exhibits, tours at Val-Kill will regularly include the stone cottage, as repairs allow. Val-Kill is open seven days a week, May through October, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fair Trade Shop at Val-Kill, operated by the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historical Association, will be open during site visiting hours. Traveling abroad, Mrs. Roosevelt sought gifts to bring home by purchasing handcrafted items from women in third world countries. Purchasing directly from these artisans helped to support their families. Long before the term "fair trade" came into existence, Mrs. Roosevelt led by example. As fair trade products are added to the Val-Kill shop, Mrs. Roosevelt's vision of improving the quality of life around the world is brought closer to realization.

This season, the NPS is instituting frequent shuttle service to Val-Kill from the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS. Tourists who begin their visit to Hyde Park at the FDR Home will have the option of leaving their cars at the parking lot and

traveling to Val-Kill via shuttle bus. The on-site tram at Val-Kill will also operate this season beginning in June with expanded hours. Access to the site via trails has also been improved for hikers and walkers.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill hosts its annual Girls' Leadership Workshops, a program for high school students that teaches leadership skills in the tradition of Eleanor Roosevelt, June 27 to July 5 and July 11 to 19. On Oct. 11, Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday, the NPS will hold its traditional wreath-laying ceremony in the Rose Garden at Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS. Following the ceremony, birthday cake will be served. On Oct. 18, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill will honor individuals who have contributed significantly to the betterment of the human condition at a special medal ceremony to be held in Hyde Park.

The NPS is also pleased to mark the 60 years that have passed since the ratification of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by members of the United Nations through the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt. A new education program, "No One Can Take Away Your Human Rights," has been created to enable students from elementary through high school to participate in a conversation about the UDHR and its relevancy in Eleanor Roosevelt's time and in their own time. Students will be inspired to act locally and have an impact upon human rights issues in their communities. For more information, visit www.nps.gov or www.ervk.org. ■

Kudos and Awards



NPS photo by Christopher K. Phillips

BIG SOUTH FORK NRRRA WAS AWARDED the Achievement in Promoting Fire-Adapted Human Communities Award as part of the 2008 National Park Service Fuels and Ecology Awards program. Pictured left to right: Big South Fork NRRRA park rangers Tommy Barnes and Frank Graham, Southeast Region Associate Regional Director for Operations Gordon Wissinger, Big South Fork NRRRA Supt. Stennis Young and Southeast Regional Director David Vela.

In January, the winners of the 2008 National Park Service Fuels and Ecology Awards were announced at the Intermountain and Pacific West Regions' Fire Management Workshop in San Antonio, Tex. The **Midwest Regional Office** received the Brad Cella Award for Achievement in Managing Fuels; **Big South Fork NRRRA** received the Achievement in Promoting Fire-Adapted Human Communities Award; **Corky Conover**, Pacific West Regional Office (PWRO), received the Achievement in Restoring and Maintaining Fire-Adapted Ecosystems Award; **Yellowstone NP** received the Achievement in Appropriate Management Response to an Unplanned

Ignition Award; and the **resource management staff at Yosemite NP** and **Nelson Siefkin**, PWRO, received the Achievement in Implementing Adaptive Management Award.

The intention of the NPS Fuels and Ecology Awards program is to promote those areas of emphasis important to the mission of the NPS and the DOI. The five areas of recognition have been selected from the *NPS Wildland Fire Management Strategic Plan* and the DOI Wildland Fire Performance Measures. The awards are meant to acknowledge those programs that have best aligned their efforts with the DOI and NPS Hazard Fuels Program goals. ■

• The 2008 Director's Awards for Natural Resource Stewardship were recently presented. The annual awards, established in 1989, honor significant natural resource accomplishments in six categories. The recipients are as follows.

Marc Albert, natural resource manager at Saugus Iron Works NHS (resource sharing with Salem Maritime NHS and Boston Harbor Islands NRA), received the Trish Patterson Student Conservation Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park. Marc helped to plan and implement the \$3.5 million Saugus River Turning Basin Project, which restored a rare freshwater intertidal marsh community and historic waterfront structures. He also secured funding for a five-year data collection, management and reporting effort to conduct multiple resource monitoring studies within the Saugus River tidal basin.

Sonya Capek, solid waste coordinator at the Pacific West Regional Office, received the Director's Excellence in Natural Resource Stewardship through Maintenance award. Sonya improved environmental standards for parks in the region by implementing Environmental Management Systems and Integrated Solid Waste Alternative Plans and by setting goals for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification and green supply purchases.

Patrick Reed, superintendent at Mammoth Cave NP, received the Director's Award for Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship. Patrick established a framework for science-informed decision making and maintains

partnerships that include the Mammoth Cave International Center for Science and Learning, the Cumberland Piedmont Inventory and Monitoring Network and sister park relationships with cave and karst areas in China and Spain.

Fred Bunch, chief of resource management at Great Sand Dunes NP & PRES, received the Director's Award for Natural Resource Management. Fred has obtained historic groundwater rights for the park, collaborated with other agencies on a variety of bison research and conservation issues, established a Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments (GLORIA) monitoring site, monitored night sky and natural sounds and set up a long-term integrated groundwater and wetland ecological health pilot program.

Kathy Jope, chief of the regional natural resource program, Pacific West Region, received the Professional Excellence in Natural Resources Award. Kathy has raised NPS awareness of global climate change. She identified and connected NPS personnel with external subject-matter experts and provided detailed information on climate change to park managers and interpreters.

William C. Malm, Ph.D., research physicist at the Air Resources Division in Fort Collins, Colo., received the Director's Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Research. William is the coordinator for the NPS visibility/particulate research and monitoring program. He has designed and built instruments to measure the effects of atmospheric aerosols on the scenic qualities of landscape features, as well as their optical and

chemical properties. He formulated radiation transfer algorithms that allow pictorial visualization of aerosol scattering and absorption effects.

• The two highest awards bestowed by the NPS for outstanding public and employee safety achievement were recently presented to two national parks. **Mount Rainier NP** received the 2008 Andrew Clark Hecht Public Safety Achievement Award. Despite unforgiving conditions and the more than 9,000 climbers who visit Mount Rainier NP annually, through innovative efforts of the Mount Rainier Climbing Program, other park staff and partners, the park was able to realize impressive decreases in injuries and fatalities over a sustained three-year period. Enhanced communication, training, improved concessions management and improved coordination among park programs has resulted in significant reductions in visitor injuries. **Glacier Bay NP & PRES** was the recipient of the 2008 Director's Safety and Health Achievement Award. In 2004, the staff at Glacier Bay NP & PRES began to reengineer its existing safety and health program into an employee-driven safety program. At that point, 12 of the park's 15 OSHA recordable employee injuries occurred in the Main-

tenance Division. Since 2004, the change in philosophy has led the entire park to realize significant decreases in employee injuries, but in 2008, the Maintenance Division reached its goal of zero injuries.

These two parks were chosen from among the regional finalists. The regional finalists for the 2008 Andrew Clark Hecht Public Safety Achievement Award also included: George Washington Memorial Parkway, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Rocky Mountain NP and Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation. The regional finalists for the 2008 Director's Safety and Health Achievement Award also included: Richmond NBP; Steve Hastings, training manager at the Historic Preservation Training Center; Lake Mead NRA; Virgin Islands NP; and George Rogers Clark NHP.

• **Peter Armington**, chief ranger at Denali NP & PRES, is this year's recipient of the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award for excellence in "rangering." Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk presented Pete with the peer-nominated award at a Capitol Hill ceremony on May 19. The prestigious Harry Yount Award, named for the 19th-century outdoorsman generally credited as the first park ranger, is presented annually by the NPS and made possible

Grand Canyon NP Staff Receive Humanitarian Service Award

On Feb. 23, at the Helicopter Association International Heli-Expo awards banquet—"Salute to Excellence," members of Grand Canyon NP's helitack and search and rescue crews received the Igor I. Sikorsky Award for Humanitarian Service in recognition of their efforts during the short-haul rescue of 16 stranded boaters on Aug. 17, 2008. The Igor I. Sikorsky Award for Humanitarian Service is sponsored each year by Sikorsky Aircraft in honor of its founder and is presented to the person(s) who best demonstrates the value of civil rotorcraft to society by saving lives, protecting property and aiding those in distress.

Havasu Canyon, a popular side canyon of the Grand Canyon, flash flooded as a result of heavy, localized, monsoon rains in August of last year. The floodwaters necessitated the evacuation of almost 400 people from Havasu Canyon and the Village of Supai (located approximately 75 air miles west of Grand Canyon Village) and washed the boats of a private rafting party that had gone ashore downstream.

A Grand Canyon NP search and rescue team found the party of 16 rafters and guides stranded on a ledge more than 30 feet above the floodwaters at the confluence of Havasu Creek and the Colorado River. The rescue team, consisting of a pilot from Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters, five members of Grand Canyon NP's helitack crew and a park ranger/paramedic, used a short-haul rescue technique to move group members, two at a time, from the ledge to the shore of the Colorado River. From there, the group members could get into the helicopter and be flown to Hualapai Hilltop for transport by bus to a Red Cross shelter.

According to the program for the 2009 "Salute to Excellence," the evacuation required, "precision flying under difficult conditions due to the tight canyon and the need to hover for prolonged periods

in close proximity to the canyon wall." According to Jay Lusher, Grand Canyon NP's helicopter program manager, the need to work and land right next to rushing water only increased the challenges as the movement of the water can prove disorienting to pilot and crew.

Seven individuals were honored for their efforts during the rescue: Helicopter Program Manager **Jay Lusher**, Helitack Squad Leader **John Yurcik**, seasonal Helitack Crew Member **Sean Naylor**, seasonal Helitack Crew Member /Paramedic **Nate Becker**, seasonal Helitack Crew Member **Ali Ulwelling**, Park Ranger/Paramedic **Brandon Torres** and Helicopter Pilot **Bryce Barnett** of Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters. According to Jay Lusher, "It just says 'Grand Canyon Helitack' on the award, but to us it includes our vendor (Papillon), ... all the people who work for them and all the people who work for the National Park Service. We see ourselves as one giant crew that works together to accomplish all the missions we have."

Other nominees considered for the 2009 award included the Orange County Fire Authority Air Operations, STARS Aviation Canada, Inc. and the Manaus Squadron of the Brazilian Air Force. Previous winners of the award include aircraft involved in Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Katrina air operations, the Government Flying Service of Hong Kong, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Turkish Armed Forces/Red Star Helicopter Association, the South African Air Force Rescue Crew and Soviet Union aircrews involved in relief efforts following the Chernobyl nuclear power station accident.

According to Interagency Unit Aviation Officer Michael Ebersole, "This is the most prestigious award received in the 36-plus-year history of Grand Canyon National Park's aviation program...." ■

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"Pete is the consummate ranger," said Acting Director Wenk. "He has demonstrated overwhelming competence in the performance of his duties throughout his 38-year National Park Service career. He has protected park visitors and resources, provided emergency medical support, fought wildland and structural fires, prosecuted poachers, led search and rescue missions, patrolled the backcountry and helped implement a helicopter rappel and short-haul program that revolutionized rescue procedures."

For Pete, the challenge and joy of the job lies in its diversity and unpredictability. "Rangering is not just a job, it is a way of life, a passion, a *raison d'être*," he said. "I feel so fortunate and honored to be chosen as this year's recipient of the Harry Yount Award. But I also feel uncomfortable. There are hundreds of outstanding United States park rangers

out there who, day in and day, out work passionately, not for awards, but to protect the resource of our national parks and those who visit them. They are my mentors, peers, friends and partners."

Denali NP & PRES Supt. Paul Anderson praises Pete, who has served as chief ranger at Denali since 2003, for the countless contributions he has made benefiting park visitors, employees, partners and resources. "During Pete's tenure at Denali, he has provided the ranger staff with the guidance, tools and support needed to accomplish more than ever before," he said. "A classic example is the approach he has taken in regard to poaching. Poaching has always been a serious problem due to the park's size and remoteness. Pete established wildlife protection patrols which led to a dramatic increase in the number of poaching cases discovered and prosecuted. Restitution fees from those cases help fund additional wildlife protection patrols." ■

Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan Named Honorary Park Rangers



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ACTING NPS DIRECTOR DAN WENK (left) shown with Dayton Duncan (center) and Ken Burns.

Acclaimed filmmaker **Ken Burns** can now add "honorary park ranger" to a resume that already includes two Academy Award nominations, seven Emmy Awards and 20 honorary degrees. Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk presented Burns and his production partner, **Dayton Duncan**, with honorary park ranger certificates and traditional ranger hats during a ceremony in the DOI Auditorium on March 5. After receiving the awards, Burns and Duncan previewed and discussed a short film based on *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, their six-part, 12-hour series scheduled to air on PBS stations nationwide this September.

"Ken and Dayton have created a documentary film on the national parks and the origin of the National Park Service that provides Americans an opportunity to reflect on the significance and value of our national parks," said Wenk. "Their film will assist the National Park Service in communicating important messages and themes, such as the wonder of our natural and cultural heritage preserved in the National Park System; the unique American ideas and ideals that the System represents; and the inclusion of America's diversity in its past, present and future."

Duncan, the series' writer and co-producer, first thought of making a film about national parks during a cross-country vacation in 1998. The project, eight years in the making, traces the

birth of the national park idea in the mid-1800s and follows its evolution for nearly 150 years. Creating the series was a labor of love for Burns and Duncan, who both said that many of their fondest memories include experiences shared with family members in national parks.

Burns, the director and co-producer, said the cinematography in the series is the most stunning of his nearly 30-year career. He mixed scenic shots with archival footage and photographs and supplemented them with first-person accounts from historical characters as well as personal memories and analysis collected from over 40 interviews. Like his prior epic works, including *The Civil War*, *Baseball* and *Jazz*, Burns' latest documentary has a quintessentially American theme.

"National parks embody an idea as uniquely American as the Declaration of Independence and just as radical: that the most magnificent and sacred places in our land belong not to royalty or the rich but to *everyone*—and for all time," said Burns. "While making this series, we discovered more than stories of the most dramatic landscapes on Earth, we discovered stories of remarkable people from every conceivable background. What they had in common was a passion to save some precious portion of the land they loved, so that those of us who followed might have the same chance to fall in love with that place. Without them, parks would not exist." ■

Saint-Gaudens NHS Receives Museum Accreditation



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CHARLES PLATT, TRUSTEE OF THE SAINT-GAUDENS MEMORIAL (left), presents the American Association of Museums national accreditation certificate to Saint-Gaudens NHS Supt. BJ Dunn at a ceremony at the Municipal Art Society in New York City on Jan. 16.

Saint-Gaudens NHS has been awarded accreditation from the American Association of Museums (AAM), the highest national recognition for a museum. Accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, to governments, funders, outside agencies and, most importantly, to the museum-going public.

AAM accreditation is the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation and public accountability and earns national recognition for a museum for its commitment to excellence in all that it does: governance, collections stewardship, public programs, financial stability, high professional standards and continued institutional improvement. Developed and sustained by museum professionals for 35 years, the museum accreditation program strengthens the profession by promoting practices and standards used by museum staff to make informed decisions, protect and preserve collections and provide the best possible service to the public.

"We are very pleased to be recognized for the park's museum collections and resources, the professionalism of our staff and our commitment to providing excellent programming and visitor experiences," said Supt. BJ Dunn. "Our visitor satisfaction rate has consistently been in the 90th percentile the past few years." Byron Bell, president of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, the site's non-profit operating partner, stated, "The park and its staff should be commended for their dedication to managing a museum of a caliber necessary to receive this prestigious designation."

Of the nation's estimated 17,500 museums, 775 are currently accredited. Saint-Gaudens NHS is one of only four museums accredited in New Hampshire, joining the Currier Museum of Art, the Hood Museum of Art and the Museum of New Hampshire History, and just one of nine NPS units that have received this designation. In 2008, only six museums were newly nationally accredited and 15 others were re-accredited.

Accreditation is a rigorous process that examines all aspects of a museum's operations. To earn accreditation, a museum first must conduct a year of self-study then undergo a site visit by a team of peer reviewers. AAM's Accreditation Commission, an independent and autonomous body of museum pro-

fessionals, reviews and evaluates the self-study and visiting committee report to determine whether a museum should receive accreditation. While the time to complete the process varies by museum, it generally takes three years. "Accreditation assures museum goers that this museum is among the finest in the nation," said Ford W. Bell, president of AAM. Once accredited, a museum remains so for 10 years, then must go through a thorough review process.

Saint-Gaudens NHS features the studios, home, gardens and artwork of Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907), one of America's greatest sculptors. The site preserves a collection of nearly 10,000 museum objects. Over 100 of Saint-Gaudens' original artworks may be seen on the grounds and in the galleries, from heroic public monuments to expressive portrait reliefs and the gold coins that changed the look of American coinage. Saint-Gaudens' home, "Aspet," contains its original family furnishings. The 150-acre park also includes formal gardens and two miles of nature trails.

During the last three years, the site completed several major accomplishments, including a new, hour-long documentary film on Augustus Saint-Gaudens that will be broadcast nationally on PBS this year. A two-year, traveling exhibition of 120 of Saint-Gaudens' works went to 13 museum venues in the United States and one in Europe, and in 2005, staged performances of the pageant "Masque of the Golden Bowl" were held at the park to commemorate the centennial of the original 1905 performance. The site opened for the 2009 season on May 23 and will be open daily, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Oct. 31. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/saga.

The American Association of Museums has been bringing museums together since 1906, helping to develop standards and best practices, gathering and sharing knowledge and providing advocacy on issues of concern to the entire museum community. With more than 15,000 individual, 3,000 institutional and 300 corporate members, AAM is dedicated to ensuring that museums remain a vital part of the American landscape, connecting people with the greatest achievements of the human experience, past, present and future. For more information, visit www.aam-us.org. ■

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David Bannister, plumber, Lake Mead NRA, Jan. 2 after 29 years.

George Berndt, chief of interpretation, Missouri NRR, Feb. 28 after 40 years.

George joined the NPS in 1968 as an intake trainee. He attended Albright Training Center until October 1968, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

George resumed his NPS career two years later at NCP-Central, then joined Vicksburg NMP as a historian in 1971. Subsequent assignments included park ranger/historian at Gulf Islands NS (1973-1975), chief of interpretation and resources management at Fort Frederica NM (1975-1981), chief of interpretation at Martin Van Buren NHS (1981-1989) and interpretive specialist at Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor (1989-2000). He was chief of interpretation at Missouri NRR since 2000.

George served as Missouri NRR's first-ever interpreter and uniformed employee. His accomplishments at Missouri NRR include coordinating the production and



GEORGE BERNDT

installation of some 80 wayside exhibits, serving as an interpretive consultant for an exhibit package developed by Harpers Ferry Center for the new Missouri NRR Resource and Education Center at Nebraska's Ponca State Park and coordinating the site's involvement in the Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration. He was the Midwest Region's Freeman Tilden Award nominee in 2004.

In retirement, George is relocating to Roanoke, Va., to be near family. He anticipates continued involvement with history and the national parks.

Larry Brown, law enforcement ranger, Natchez Trace Parkway, Nov. 30, 2008 after 25 years.

Kevin Cann, deputy superintendent, Yosemite NP, Jan. 3 after over 35 years.

Kevin served at Yosemite NP for the last 19 years. He joined the park as the chief of maintenance, served as the chief of flood recovery following the flood of 1997 and concluded his career there as the deputy superintendent. Among his NPS assignments, he also worked at Carlsbad Caverns NP and WASO. Kevin is now serving as the county supervisor in District 4, Mariposa County, Calif.

Mary Anne Carlton, park ranger naturalist, Sequoia NP, March 31 after over 35 years.

Mary Anne began her career in 1973 as a seasonal employee at Sequoia NP in the Lodgepole/Giant Forest subdistrict. She became the local expert on nature and, upon completion of her master's degree, wrote a handbook to guide all new natu-



MARY ANNE CARLTON

ralists in the park. She received the chief park interpreter's award, the division chiefs award twice and other special achievement awards.

During her years as a seasonal NPS employee, Mary Anne worked winter seasons at Death Valley NP and Everglades NP and as an interpreter on Alcatraz Island. She spent the last 19 years of her NPS career as the permanent park ranger naturalist at Lodgepole and Giant Forest at Sequoia NP. She has backpacked hundreds of miles of trails in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and looks forward to hiking in her new backcountry of Arnold, Calif.

Noel Carrasco, maintenance worker, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Oct. 30, 2008 after 28 years.

Doug Corrigan, law enforcement ranger, Redwood National and State Parks, Jan. 3 after over 29 years of federal service, over seven of them with the NPS.

Doug began his NPS law enforcement career in 2001 at Lava Beds NM and transferred to Redwood National and State Parks in 2004. He and his wife, Jean, administrative officer at Oregon Caves NM, will remain in Crescent City, Calif.

Bill Delaney, chief of project management, Yosemite NP, Jan. 31 after over 30 years.

Bill began his NPS career in 1978 as a structural engineer co-op student with the Denver Service Center. From 1980 to 1988, he performed structural engineering work for western parks including Klondike Gold Rush NHP, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Denali NP & PRES, Mount Rainier NP, Crater Lake NP, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Sequoia NP, Grand Canyon NP, Yosemite NP, Lake Mead NRA and Golden Gate NRA.

Bill transferred to Yosemite NP in 1993 and served as the chief of professional services, providing design work for the park. Later, he became chief of flood recovery and then chief of project management, overseeing all design and construction in the park. He and his wife, Kathy, will remain in the Mariposa, Calif., area, where Bill will continue to enjoy golf, motorcycle riding and his new passion, fly-fishing.

Kathy Dimont, branch chief for education services, Yosemite NP, Dec. 31, 2008 after 38 years.

Janet Fernandes, park ranger (interpretation), Petrified Forest NP, Jan. 2 after 30 years.

Janet started her federal career in 1978 as a seasonal fee collector/interpreter at Petrified Forest NP. In 1980, she became a permanent NPS employee as a clerk

typist at the park, becoming fee collection supervisor that same year. After attending the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Janet wore many hats at Petrified Forest as interpreter, fee collection supervisor and law enforcement ranger. She joined Yosemite NP in 1986 as a supervisory fee collector.

In 1992, Janet returned to Petrified Forest and remained until her retirement. She has contributed her talents to Petrified Forest NP's General Management Plan, the Long Range Interpretive Plan, exhibit planning, publications, special events and employee and volunteer training. She was also the volunteer coordinator at the park.

John Garrison, chief ranger, Blue Ridge Parkway, Jan. 3 after over 26 years.

Linda Wedel Greene, chief of resources management, Death Valley NP, Jan. 2 after 36 years.

E&AA Life Member **Paul Hartwig**, associate regional director for resource stewardship and science, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 3 after 36 years of government service, 29 of them with the NPS.

Paul joined the NPS in 1980 as the assistant regional director for cultural programs for the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Services' Southeast Region. He became the deputy associate regional director for cultural resources for the Southeast Region in 1981 and served in that position until 1994, when he took over the desk office for the Southeast Region's Gulf Coast Cluster.

In 1995, Paul became superintendent of the Gulf Coast Cluster System Support Office and was assigned as the Caribbean liaison officer in San Juan from 1996 to 1997. He served as superintendent of San Juan NHS from 1997 to 2002. He had been associate regional director for resource stewardship and science for the Southeast Region since 2002, with a brief stint as acting superintendent at Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES in 2004.

Paul served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1966 to 1993, retiring as a master sergeant, and is currently in the Retired Army Reserve. He and his wife, Annie, plan to stay in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

Dan Horner, special agent, Yosemite NP, Jan. 3 after 38 years.

Bill Hose, supervisory exhibit specialist, Historic Preservation Training Center, March 2 after over 30 years.



PETE HOWARD

Pete Howard, roads and trails foreman, Glen Canyon NRA, Dec. 31, 2008 after over 36 years.

Pete began his NPS career at Grand

Canyon NP in 1972, where he held various positions, eventually becoming Grand Canyon's trails foreman. In 1990, Pete moved to Guadalupe Mountains NP as roads and trails foreman. He joined Glen Canyon NRA in 1992.

Robert King, facility manager, Jewel Cave NM, Jan. 3 after 38 years of federal service, 36 of them with the NPS.

Robert started his NPS career in 1972 as a park technician at Guadalupe Mountains NP. Subsequent positions included park technician at Saguaro NP (1976); maintenance worker at Canyonlands NP (1977) and then a similar position at Joshua Tree NP (1981); maintenance mechanic, electrician foreman and elevator mechanic at Carlsbad Caverns NP (1985); chief of maintenance at Devils Tower NM (1989); and the first facility manager at Tallgrass Prairie N PRES (2002). Robert joined Jewel Cave NM as facility manager in 2006.

John A. Laughter, maintenance worker supervisor, Navajo NM, Jan. 3 after over 31 years.

John spent his entire NPS career at Navajo NM, beginning as a maintenance worker there in 1977. In 1984, he was promoted to maintenance foreman and later, to maintenance worker supervisor. John served as the leader for maintenance operations at Navajo NM for 24 years. In addition, he served as a coordinator and instructor for the Navajo Speaking Maintenance Training from 1982 until 2000. John plans to ride and train his Arabian horses, manage the family ranch and actively participate in community events.

Terry Lindsay, wayside exhibit planner, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Jan. 2 after over 32 years of federal service, over 29 of them with the NPS.

Terry began his NPS career in 1976, serving first as an intern and subsequently as a seasonal park technician at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. The following winter, he worked for the Denver Service Center on a survey crew with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Restoration Team. He returned to C&O Canal as a seasonal park technician the following spring before moving on to Everglades NP during the winter of 1977-1978. He then became a permanent park technician at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (then a unit of the NPS), subsequently moving on to Castillo de San Marcos NM and Fort Matanzas NM, where he worked in interpretation, living history and law enforcement.

In 1979, Terry joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, then returned to the NPS in 1982, serving as district naturalist in Shenandoah NP for the next 10 years. Following this, he was an interpretive specialist and then branch chief for interpretation and resource education at Isle Royale NP. Terry joined the Division of Wayside Exhibits at HFC as a wayside exhibit planner in 1996.

During retirement, Terry plans to pursue his many interests, including yoga, fly-fishing, bird-watching, surfing and building rustic furniture. On the day he retired, his son began his own permanent NPS career as a law enforcement ranger at Amistad NRA.

E&AA Life Member **Bob Lineback**, deputy regional fire management officer, Intermountain Regional Office - Santa Fe, April 3 after 34 years.

Bob began his NPS career in 1974 as a

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seasonal ranger at Yellowstone NP, returning there for five more summers. He held seasonal ranger jobs at Death Valley NP, Lava Beds NM and the Helena National Forest. He had a short stint with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Mississippi and then spent the rest of his career with the NPS. He worked ranger jobs at Fort Laramie NHS, Zion NP, Olympic NP and Saguaro NP. He was involved in fire throughout his career and took the regional office job in wildland fire in 2002.

Bob's best work memories are of the field time he spent in the parks and especially backcountry trips. He enjoyed working with many fine people in the NPS and other agencies. He and his wife, Debra, plan to remain in northern New Mexico restoring a historic acequia, hiking, kayaking and traveling. He also plans to go to an occasional wildland fire.

Barbara Mauller, Kosciusko District ranger, Natchez Trace Parkway, Dec. 31, 2008 after 34 years. Known for her tireless efforts in rescuing animals abandoned on the parkway, she is returning to school to start a career in veterinary medicine.

E&AA Member **Delpha Maunders**, ranger activities specialist, Intermountain Regional Office - Santa Fe, Feb. 3 after over 30 years of federal service, over 15 of them with the NPS.

Delpha began her federal career in 1975 as a clerk-typist at the Bureau of Land Management in Santa Fe. Over the years, she worked there as a procurement clerk, a purchasing agent, a contract specialist and a supervisory procurement analyst. In 1990, she took a break from federal service, then started working for the NPS as a secretary in the Santa Fe office in 1993. She was promoted to the specialist position and has been working in Santa Fe for the Intermountain Region's Ranger Activities Branch ever since.

Major **Gerard "Jerry" McCarthy**, commander of the San Francisco Field Office, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Jan. 3 after over 29 years.

Jerry joined the U.S.P.P. in 1979. He completed basic police academy training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and was then assigned to the Anacostia Station in Washington, D.C. In 1980, he transferred to the San Francisco Field Office (SFFO). In 1983, he was selected as a horse mounted officer and served for a year as a collateral duty horse mounted officer. In 1986, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to SFFO's Criminal Investigations Branch.

In 1993, Jerry was promoted to lieutenant at the SFFO, where he served as the field office operations lieutenant, then the administrative lieutenant. His responsibilities included developing and providing annual in-service law enforcement training for U.S.P.P. officers and law enforcement rangers at Golden Gate NRA, Point Reyes NS, Pinnacles NM and other California national parks.

In 1998, Jerry was promoted to captain at the SFFO, the first U.S.P.P. officer to be promoted from officer to captain without leaving the field office. In 1999, he became law enforcement specialist for the Pacific West Region in Oakland and in 2003, served as the acting regional chief ranger for eight months. In 2005, he transferred back to the SFFO as the assistant field office

commander and was promoted to the rank of major as the commander of the SFFO in 2006. He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Mary, and their three children.

Daryl Miller, South District ranger, Denali NP & PRES, Dec. 31, 2008 after over 17 years.

Daryl served as a U.S. Marine for 11 years. He joined the NPS at Denali NP & PRES in 1991 and was a climbing ranger and climbing supervisor on Mount McKinley. He served as the South District ranger for the last 10 years of his career there. Daryl's NPS career highlights include completing (with Ranger Jim Phillips) the highest technical rescue in North America above 19,500 feet on Mount McKinley; successfully executing the highest recorded helicopter short haul in 1993 with Lama Helicopter Pilot Bill Ramsey, when, during a training exercise, Daryl was short hauled round-trip from the 14,200-foot camp on Mount McKinley to the peak's 20,320-foot summit; and being noted in the U.S. Senate Congressional Record for completing the first winter circumnavigation of the Denali and Foraker massifs on foot with Mark Stasik in 1995.

Daryl retires to Anchorage, Alaska, with his wife, Judy Alderson, and plans to work with raptors as a volunteer at the Bird Treatment and Learning Center. He can be reached at judyndaryl@gci.net.

Hugh Leigh Newcomb, museum specialist, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Jan. 2 after 31 years.

E&AA Life Member **David Park**, Servicewide accessibility program manager, WASO, Jan. 3 after 29 years.

Dave has held the position of accessibility program manager for the NPS since 1980. His efforts have included national policy development, in-service education, technical assistance, compliance enforcement and outreach to disabled citizen groups. He served in numerous leadership capacities, including chair of the National Advisory Committee's subcommittee on outdoor facilities (1992-1994), NPS and DOI representative on the U.S. Access Board's Regulatory Negotiating Committee on Proposed Standards for Accessible Outdoor Recreation Facilities (1996-1999) and, since 2001, DOI's official liaison to the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

Dave and his wife, Viki, intend to remain in the Washington, D.C., area (at least until Viki's retirement in summer 2009) then will relocate "down south." His plans include spending time with their children and grandchildren and visiting with friends in Europe.

E&AA Life Member **Marilyn H. Parris**, superintendent, Haleakala NP, Jan. 30 after 34 years.

Marilyn began her NPS career in 1975 as a seasonal park ranger at Kings Mountain NMP. Other seasonal experiences included Canaveral NS and Biscayne NP. Her first permanent NPS position was in 1978 at Lincoln Home NHS, followed by a tour at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP. In addition to her most recent position, throughout her career Marilyn served as site supervisor at Castillo de San Marcos NM; chief ranger at Buck Island Reef NM

and Christiansted NHS; and superintendent at Horseshoe Bend NMP, Fort Necessity NB, Friendship Hill NHS, Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS, Johnstown Flood N MEM and Lassen Volcanic NP. She became superintendent at Haleakala NP in 2005. She spent 22 years of her NPS career as a park superintendent.

Marilyn also served in various detail assignments, including acting equal opportunity manager for the Mid-Atlantic Region and assistant secretary for policy, management and budget for the DOI. Marilyn plans on a retirement full of golf, friends and new adventures in South Carolina.

Jose W. Ramirez, facility manager, Chiricahua NM/Fort Bowie NHS, Jan. 2 after 31 years.

Jose, a second generation NPS employee, grew up in Big Bend NP, where his father worked. He began his NPS career in 1978 as a heavy mobile equipment mechanic at Big Bend, later becoming an equipment operator there. Subsequently, he went to Petrified Forest NP and Hawai'i Volcanoes NP as roads and trails foreman. He became facility manager at Chiricahua NM in 1996.

Steve Ruth, photographer, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Jan. 31 after over 21 years.

Steve began with the NPS as a volunteer for a northern spotted owl monitoring program at Olympic NP, then joined HFC in 1987 as a temporary employee. He became a permanent NPS employee there in 1990. His duties at HFC included filming reenactments, landscapes and wildlife at many parks. He is an acknowledged master of time-lapse photography whose images have inspired millions of visitors.

John Schuster, supervisory facility operations specialist, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Jan. 2 after 30 years.



CHARLES SCROGGINS

Charles Scroggins, chief of maintenance, Obed WSR, Feb. 2 after 26 years.

Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army in May of 1969, fought in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in November of 1970. He joined the NPS at Obed WSR in 1981 and was instrumental in building and installing all of the park's boardwalks, fences, changing stations and rest facilities. In 2007, he installed the park's first wayside exhibits at the Lilly Bluff Bridge and Overlook.

Charles is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Lois Ann; son, Brandon; and two grandchildren: Tyler and Katie. He also plans to plant

and cultivate a garden and do a little fishing and traveling.

Mark Seaton, facility manager, Great Sand Dunes NP & PRES, Jan. 31 after over 30 years.

Throughout his NPS career, Mark worked at Capulin Volcano NM, Bandelier NM, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Wupatki NM and Salinas Pueblo Missions NM. He joined Great Sand Dunes in 1992. Mark and his wife, Suzanne, will remain in Colorado.

E&AA Member **Richard A. Smedley**, fire planner, Pacific West Region, Jan. 2 after 26 years.

Lorrie Sprague, public affairs specialist, New River Gorge NR, Jan. 3 after over 37 years.

Lorrie began her NPS career in 1972 at Great Smoky Mountains NP and worked at Cuyahoga Valley NP, Biscayne NP, Everglades NP and Yosemite NP before completing 18 years of service at New River Gorge NR.

Victoria Squier, equal employment opportunity specialist, Shenandoah NP, Jan. 3 after over 27 years of federal service, over 12 of them with the NPS.

D. Craig Stubblefield, chief of resource management, Natchez Trace Parkway, Jan. 3 after 33 years of federal service, 23 of them with the NPS.

Craig's NPS career began in 1985 as a landscape architect at Ozark NSR. In 1993, he joined the Rocky Mountain Regional Office as a landscape architect in facility management, design and engineering, becoming program leader and Federal Lands Highway Program coordinator there in 1994. He was the chief of resource management at Natchez Trace Parkway for the last 12 years of his NPS career.

Rich Sussman, chief of the Planning and Compliance Division, Southeast Region, Jan. 3 after 38 years of federal service.

Stephen R. Tollefsen, maintenance worker, Kalaupapa NHP, Dec. 31, 2008 after 20 years.

Amelia Tully, administrative support assistant, Resource Stewardship and Science Division, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Jan. 3 after 37 years.

Mosie Welch, park ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Jan. 30 after 23 years.

Mosie began with the NPS as a volunteer at Blue Ridge Parkway in 1984. The following year, she became a cooperative education appointee. In 1989, Mosie became a protection ranger at Lincoln Home NHS. She transferred to Cuyahoga Valley NP as the North District ranger in 1993. She became the field operations supervisor in 2003 and was a key person in the reorganization of the visitor and resource protection program. She spent five months at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial as acting chief ranger in 2008.

Eric Williams, chief ranger/historian, Ninety Six NHS, Jan. 3 after 31 years.

Eric started his NPS career at Carl Sandburg Home NHS in 1976 as a seasonal park ranger (interpretation), then moved on to Cowpens NB for another seasonal position. His first permanent position with the NPS was at Carl

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Sandburg Home as a resource management ranger in 1979. In 1981, Eric transferred to Ninety Six NHS to take a position as interpretive park ranger,



Williams Family Photo

ERIC WILLIAMS

eventually moving up to his most recent position as chief ranger/historian.

Eric has also been an NPS historic

weapons safety officer. Since 1975, he has been an 18th-century reenactor, portraying participants in the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War eras. He is a life member of the Sons of the American Revolution. In 2007, he received the Daughters of the American Revolution's Bobby Gilmer Moss History Award (for research and preservation of South Carolina history) for co-authoring his book, *Old Ninety Six: A History & Guide*.

Eric plans to stay in Greenwood, S.C. and spend more time with his wife, Jan, and daughter, Rebecca. He plans to be occupied with several hobbies, including restoring antique cars, Revolutionary War reenacting and cooking. On Dec. 30, a community drop-in was held for Eric at Ninety Six NHS. A retirement dinner was given in his honor on Jan. 10 by coworkers, friends, family and park volunteers. Eric invites his NPS friends to keep in touch at ewilliams@gogenesis.com.

Mike Wurm, volunteer coordinator, Lowell NHP, Jan. 2 after over 40 years of federal service, 33 of them with the NPS.

Mike worked seasonal ranger-interpreter jobs at Fort Raleigh NHS and Cape Hatteras NS (1972 to 1974) and at Yel-

lowstone NP (1976). He became a permanent park ranger at Boston NHP in 1977, then moved on to Gateway NRA in 1978. He spent the last 26 years at Lowell NHP. He was initially involved in early park exhibit development that was to guide visitors through Lowell while telling the complex stories of America's Industrial Revolution. Later, he was assigned to the ranger corps as supervisory park ranger, and he mentored numerous up-and-coming park rangers. He became the "go-to" person for park programs and was a presenter for outreach programs.

Mike built lasting relationships with members of all facets of Lowell's diverse community, which was evident by the numerous requests for him to talk and lead tours of Lowell's neighborhoods. He was the park's volunteer coordinator for the last decade and became known for his volunteer coordination of the park's biggest single yearly event—The Lowell Folk Festival, where thousands of volunteer hours are contributed annually.

Mike coached, was a referee and participated in numerous sports leagues in the Merrimack Valley. His love for sport, competition and teamwork will continue in his new role as a park alumnus.

E&AA Member **Alex Young**, senior advisor to the assistant director for workforce management, Office of the Assistant Director, WASO - Lakewood, Colo., Jan. 2 after over 28 years.

Alex's federal career began in 1967 with the Department of the Navy as a personnel staffing specialist in Honolulu. In 1973, he accepted a position with the Environmental Protection Agency and in 1980, joined the NPS as the third regional personnel officer in the former Rocky Mountain Region.

In 1995, the Denver Administrative Program Center was established with Alex as the director. While director, he also served interim periods as acting director of the Denver Service Center, acting chief of human resources in WASO and acting assistant director for human capital (now workforce management). He was a long-time member of Servicewide standing councils, including the Administrative Advisory Council and the IT Investment Council. As a leader in the human capital area, Alex transitioned himself into the newly established workforce management directorate in 2007. His awards include the DOI Superior Service Award (1988) and Meritorious Service Award (1991). ■

Effigy Mounds NM Annual Workshops for Teachers Are a Hit With Area Educators

By Maria Wenzel, Seasonal Park Ranger, Effigy Mounds NM

During the summer months of 2008 (June through August), Effigy Mounds NM hosted its 5th annual teachers' workshop series. The history and culture of the human race in the Upper Mississippi Valley stretches back more than 10,000 years, and the theme of the 2008 workshops, "From Caves to Condos: The History of Human Activity Along the Upper Mississippi River," was the survival and prosperity of the human race in this area. These annual workshops are organized by seasonal Effigy Mounds NM Park Ranger Merle Frommelt for the benefit of teachers, educators and the staff of the monument. Those who teach about the Woodland Culture and the history of the Upper Mississippi Valley attend from states that include Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska. The teachers who participate in the program are able to receive college credit or continuing education credit.

Despite careful planning, Park Ranger Merle Frommelt and the staff could not predict Mother Nature, and the first weekend of the workshops took place following a week of major storms and rain. There was mud, fallen trees and flooding, and houses and businesses were destroyed throughout the area. But, with some luck and the help of a visiting archeologist, the workshop proceeded without a hitch. The program included a presentation on ancient cave art in the vicinity of the Mississippi River with slides of some northern Iowa rock shelters. Since the originally scheduled trip to one of those caves had to be postponed, the educators next took a trip to a test site being excavated in the monument to view some recently discovered mounds with Jim Lindsey from the Midwest Archeology Center and Robert "Ernie" Bozhardt from the Mississippi Valley Archeology Center (MVAC). James Thieler, another archeologist from MVAC, later joined the group and spoke of the difficulties early American Indians faced in their daily lives.

The second workshop was a historic look into the entry of the Europeans into the Upper Mississippi River Valley. The teachers started at St. Feriole Island. Michael Douglass, site manager of the Villa Louis, a Wisconsin

state historical site, spoke of the early trade and the fort that was established on the site. Later, they visited Fort Crawford and the medical museum famous for the early experiments of Doctor William Beaumont, where they were escorted by the archeologist in charge of the site and a local historian. The day ended with a trip to the military cemetery, which contained a combination of ancient American Indian burial mounds and the graves of early American military heroes.

As time progressed in the valley, the new inhabitants had to survive, so farming became the main business. For the third workshop, Effigy Mounds NM and Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area presented an event featuring early agriculture in eastern Iowa. The day started with a visit to a mill that was built in 1869 and crafted of limestone from the surrounding bluffs. The next stop was a museum that housed farm memorabilia that was all collected by one man following his return from World War II—91-year-old George Maier of Clayton County, Iowa. George spent the last 65 years of his life collecting gadgets, signs, farm tools, machinery and implements. Later, the educators visited Froelich, Iowa, where the first gas tractor was invented. The last stop was a goat farm with more than 500 breeding goats, where the plan was to tour the farm and taste a variety of goat cheese produced by a local dairy. While there, the teachers were greeted with a once-in-a-lifetime surprise—a nanny goat came to term and delivered a kid in front of the amazed visitors.

The final teachers' workshop was focused on the modern industries the Mississippi River sustains. The first speaker was commercial fisherman Mike Valley, who learned the trade from his father and his grandfather. He has been diving, setting up nets and clamming



TEACHERS BEGIN A DAY OF LEARNING on the Mississippi River.

since he was a young boy. He treated the educators to colorful local stories and shared his unsurpassed knowledge of the river. Following their introduction to the commercial fishing trade, the educators boarded the *Mississippi Explorer* to experience the river. The captain, Jack Libbey, entertained the travelers with stories of his life as a riverboat pilot as he piloted the boat through the barge traffic. The group docked along the banks in southern Effigy Mounds for a traditional fish fry. After a tour of Sny Magill, they again boarded the boat for a trip upriver to a special addition to the workshop—a performance by internationally renowned American Indian hoop dancer Brian Hammill, which was held at the monument's visitor center. As Hammill is a well-known "cultural educator," it was the perfect ending to the 2008 workshop series.

The park is now holding its 2009 teachers' workshop series from June to August this summer, which is entitled "Seeds of Change: Insuring Our Future by Understanding Our Past." The workshops include field trips to some of the most impressive and well-preserved ceremonial, archeological and habitational sites in the upper Midwest. Topics include, "Native Americans to the Europeans to the Steamboat Era," "Perusing Our Pioneer History" and "Riverboats/Logging/Trains." Visit www.nps.gov/efmo for more information. ■

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MAC BERG

E&AA Life Member **Malcolm "Mac" John Berg, Jr.**, 70, Dec. 16, 2008, after a long illness.

Mac grew up in Memphis and attended Memphis State University. His career with the NPS began in 1958 at Yellowstone NP as a seasonal park ranger. During a 21-year career at Yellowstone, Mac served in various capacities of increasing responsibility as a park ranger, including law enforcement, forestry and fire management, public affairs and responsibility for management of various subdistricts in the park. In 1979, he moved to Texas as superintendent of a newly authorized area on the Rio Grande. He was involved in creating the various planning documents to establish the area, which became the Rio Grande WSR. In 1981, Mac returned to Yellowstone as assistant superintendent. In 1982, he became superintendent of Herbert Hoover NHS. In 1989, Mac became superintendent of Wilson's Creek NB. He retired from the NPS in 1999.

Mac loved flying and was a licensed pilot. He held a lifetime NRA Police Combat Pistol Master Category. Mac is survived by his wife, Emily, whom he met in Yellowstone and married at the Little Brown Church in the Vale. Additional survivors include his brother, Donald. Memorials may be made to the Yellowstone Park Foundation - Ranger Fund Initiative, 222 E. Main Street, Suite 301, Bozeman, MT 59715, or Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation, P.O. Box 8163, Springfield, MO 65801.

Norman "Norm" Boese, 56, Dec. 17, 2008, due to cancer.

Norm was the Downlake buildings and utilities supervisor at Glen Canyon NRA. He worked for the federal government for over 30 years—25 years in facility management and engineering with the Department of Defense. Norm joined Glen Canyon NRA in March 2000. His diverse engineering and maintenance operations background were well utilized overseeing the Wahweap, Dangling Rope and Lees Ferry building and utility operations. He will be remembered by many at Glen Canyon as a good friend and someone who could be counted on to help in any situation.

Gregory Ashton Coco, 62, Feb. 11, at home in Gettysburg, Pa.

Greg graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1972 with a degree in American history. He was an honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War who served in the 25th Infantry Division as a prisoner

of war military interrogator and infantry platoon radio operator. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Greg worked as a park guide and as a seasonal interpretive ranger at Gettysburg NMP, where he was known for his development of the extensive two- to three-hour battle walks across the battlefield. In addition, he was an NPS licensed battlefield guide for several years. He also served in law enforcement as a state trooper with the Louisiana State Police and as a patrolman first class with the Lafayette City Police in Louisiana. Greg authored 16 books and 12 scholarly articles on topics related to the American Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. He received national recognition for two of his books. *A Strange and Blighted Land* was voted number 12 in the top 50 Civil War books ever written.

Survivors include Greg's wife of 26 years, Cindy, and daughter, Keri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Civil War Preservation Trust, "Saving America's Endangered Civil War Battlefields," P.O. Box 17686, Baltimore, MD 21297-1686.



RICK GALE

E&AA Life Member **Richard T. "Rick" Gale**, 71, March 27, at home in Boise, Idaho, due to a heart attack.

Rick, who retired in 2002 with over 40 years of service, began his NPS career in 1958 as a fire control aid at Lava Beds NM, then served in various ranger positions at parks including Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Yosemite NP, Glacier NP, Grand Canyon NP, Coulee Dam (now Lake Roosevelt NRA), Lake Mead NRA and Santa Monica Mountains NRA. He served at the National Interagency Fire Center as NPS chief of fire operations prior to becoming the deputy chief ranger for the NPS, stationed in Washington.

Among his many accomplishments, Rick served on national Type I incident management and area command teams from 1971 through 1997 as logistics section chief, operations section chief, assistant area commander (logistics), incident commander and area commander; served as search commander on several large-scale search missions; and was one of the first law enforcement specialists in the NPS, serving in that capacity at Lake Mead NRA from 1969 to 1973. He helped develop and taught national-level courses, including managing the search function and managing lost person incidents. From 1975 to 2001, he was on the

faculty for the advanced incident management (S-520) and area command (S-620) courses and served as the steering committee chair for both from 1990 to 2001. He was a founding member and principal in the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) from its inception in 1977 until his death and served as president from 1988 to 1994.

In 1994, President Clinton personally presented the first Harry Yount Lifetime Achievement Award to Rick at a ceremony in the White House. He received the award for being "on the cutting edge of innovation in almost every major ranger program area over the last two decades, a period when ranger work became truly professionalized in the NPS." His awards also include the DOI Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service awards.

Survivors include Rick's three daughters: Beth, Cindy and Sarah; companion, Sherry Clark; four grandchildren; and two sisters: Anne and Judy. Condolences may be sent to the Gale family online at www.sympathytree.com/rickgale1937. Memorial contributions may be made to ANPR by credit card online via www.anpr.org/donate2.htm. Type "Rick Gale Memorial Fund" in the comments section of the donation webpage. For donations by personal check or money order, please mail to: Association of National Park Rangers, 25958 Genesee Trail Road, PMB 222, Golden, CO 80401, and write "Rick Gale Memorial Fund" on the memo line.

Meredith Hudson "Merrie" Hinson, 71, April 23, at home in Quitman, Tex., after a prolonged illness.

Merrie retired from Yosemite NP in 1996 as a housing officer. She was the wife of E&AA Life Member Norman D. "Norm" Hinson, who retired from Yosemite NP as a criminal investigator in 1990. They were married for 50 years. The couple began their NPS adventures at Rocky Mountain NP, where Merrie was a reporter for the *Estes Park Guide*. They later moved to Organ Pipe Cactus NM, Carlsbad Caverns NP, White Sands NM, Catoclin Mountain Park, Natchez Trace NST and Yosemite NP.

Merrie joined the Housing Office at Yosemite NP in 1982 as a housing clerk and soon after became housing officer. She was instrumental in building the Yosemite Housing Program—one of the NPS's largest and most diverse housing programs. She developed, wrote and finalized the Yosemite housing management plan, which set precedents for business practices and provided guidelines for the entire Service. Merrie played a critical role in the planning, development and building of the El Portal housing initiative beginning in 1987, which provided housing for Yosemite employees. She was often relied upon as an expert in the housing field by her colleagues in other parks and at the regional and national levels. She helped write and implement *NPS-36: Government Furnished Housing Management*, the original handbook parks utilized for housing program guidance. Merrie also played an integral role in the development and implementation of the Quarters Management Information System—the Servicewide housing inventory tracking database.

Merrie loved her job and was a participant on many housing task groups. E&AA Life Member Pat Smith, retired

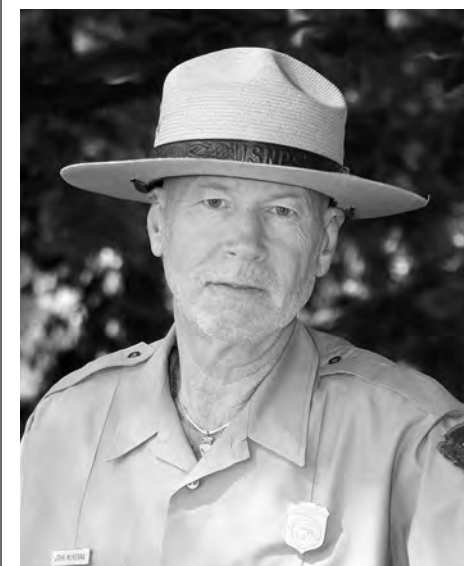
national housing officer, said, "Merrie was one of the best housing officers in the National Park Service." Norm and Merrie passed their love, devotion and fondness for the national parks on to their children—all three became and married NPS employees.

In addition to Norm, Merrie is survived by her daughter, Jenny Dems, facility management specialist at the Washington Park Facility Management Division, and her husband, Len Dems, Intermountain Region fire management officer; son, Norman "Scott" Hinson, special agent in charge, Pacific West Region, and his wife, Mary, chief ranger at Lake Mead NRA; and son, Jeff Hinson, supervisor forestry technician at Yosemite NP, and his wife, Maureen, biological technician at Yosemite NP; and four grandchildren.

The family has requested memorial donations be made to The Yosemite Fund, 155 Montgomery Street, Suite 1104, San Francisco, CA 94104 (www.yosemitefund.org). When making a contribution, please indicate that it is in memory of Merrie Hinson. Messages may be posted online at www.sympathytree.com/merriehinson. Cards may be sent to the family at 7322 S. Miller Street, Littleton, CO 80127.

Helmuth "Hal" Hoenig, 63, Feb. 24, at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich., after a brief illness.

Hal was a longtime employee at Isle Royale NP who retired in 2006 after 37 years of working for the park's Maintenance Division. Starting as a laborer, Hal eventually became and retired as the supervisor of docks and campgrounds. He was an experienced navigator of Isle Royale waters who formed many lasting friendships with employees, fishermen and park visitors throughout his decades of service.



JOHN MCKENNA

E&AA Life Member **John McKenna**, 59, Jan. 6, at Gettysburg Hospital in Pennsylvania, following a battle with cancer.

Prior to working for the NPS, John was deputy comptroller for the Naval Facility Engineering Command in Philadelphia. He joined the NPS in 1992 as associate regional director for administration for the former Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. During his NPS career, he had held temporary assignments as deputy superintendent of Grand Canyon NP and as superintendent for Fort Necessity NB, Johnstown Flood N MEM, Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS and Friendship

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Hill NHS. He became superintendent of Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine and Hampton NHS in 2004. Most recently, he was deputy superintendent of Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS. At Gettysburg, which he first joined in 1995, he was responsible for planning a major new partnership with the community to develop a first-ever public transportation system to serve park visitors and community needs. His leadership at Gettysburg guided the implementation of partnerships to build a new museum and visitor center and to rehabilitate the Gettysburg battlefield so that visitors can see it as the soldiers did in 1863.

Survivors include John's wife, Jennifer Weaver; three children: Ryan, Kerri and Patrick; two stepchildren: Brad and Brooke; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Thomas Jefferson University, Pancreatic Cancer Surgical Research Fund, 925 Chestnut Street, Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Harold "Red" Paul Noland, 62, Jan. 2, at home near Johnson City, Tex., following a battle with cancer.

Red served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War as a machinist mate on the USS *Larsen* (1963 to 1967). In 1989, he joined the staff of Lyndon B. Johnson NHP and retired from there as a maintenance worker on Oct. 14, 2008.

Red was a "can-do" man, and no job was too big or too small. He was always willing to help with whatever needed to be done. Survivors include Red's wife, Sharon; four children: Neshia Lynn, Shawn Ann, Michael Paul and Brandie Lee; and 10 grandchildren.



BRIAN O'NEILL

Brian O'Neill, 67, May 13, at a San Francisco hospital, after complications from heart surgery.

Brian was the superintendent of Golden Gate NRA for the past 23 years. After college graduation, he joined the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, D.C., as a geographer (1964-1965). He then joined the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Washington, D.C., as assistant to associate director and assistant chief, Urban Studies Branch (1965-1971). During this time period, he helped plan what would become Golden Gate NRA and was instrumental in helping to convince President Nixon to endorse the idea of including the area in the National Park System.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation became the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, for which Brian became chief, Technical Assistance and State Team Leader, South Central Region, in 1973 and assistant regional director, Southwest Region, in 1979. At

the time the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service was merged into the NPS in 1981, he was appointed assistant superintendent at Golden Gate NRA.

Brian became superintendent of Golden Gate NRA in 1986. Among his many accomplishments during his superintendency, he was a prominent figure in the transitioning of the Presidio from a military installation to a national park and oversaw the transformation of Alcatraz and Fort Baker, the addition of Morit Point and the renovation of Crissy Field. Thousands of acres were added to the park. Under his leadership, Golden Gate NRA developed an array of park operational partnerships that have served as national and international models. Brian had also been a key advisor to the DOI on partnership matters and developed programs to bring urban youth to parks. He provided leadership for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, the Bay Area Open Space Council, the Association for the Central California Biosphere Reserve and the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, among other organizations. His many honors and awards include the DOI Meritorious Service Award (2002) and the Presidential Rank Award (2004).

A celebration of Brian's life was held on May 29 and was attended by over 2,000 people, including hundreds of NPS employees. Survivors include Brian's wife, Marti; daughter, Kim Lear; son, Brent; three grandchildren; mother, Mimi; and twin brother, Alan—a retired former superintendent of Glacier NP and Lake Mead NRA. To read remembrances of Brian, find out where to donate in his memory, send a note to his family or post a remembrance, visit www.incelebrationofbrianoneill.blogspot.com.

Kenny Settle, 51, Dec. 9, 2008.

Kenny was a maintenance worker at Fort Donelson NB. He spent his entire 32-year NPS career at Fort Donelson, beginning as a park technician/history employee and eventually transferring into the Maintenance Division in 1981. He maintained the park fleet of vehicles, operated heavy equipment to support national cemetery operations, maintained grounds and served as the institutional memory for all park facility and grounds infrastructure and operations. Kenny further served as the liaison between the park and the city and county maintenance entities and other federal and state agencies including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He had a steadfast work ethic.

Kenny was born and raised in the Dover, Tenn., area and remained active in the community, including serving as a Stewart County volunteer fire and emergency responder. His survivors include two daughters and extended family.

Clarence "Reggie" Vaughn, 70, Feb. 22, at home in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Reggie served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 through 1958 as a radioman aboard the battleship USS *New Jersey* and the cruiser USS *Salem*. He worked for the state of Hawaii and after his retirement, became a park guide at the USS *Arizona* Memorial in October 2007.

Reggie was converted to a term park ranger in February 2008. As an interpreter, he loved to tell of the events surrounding the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Oahu. Survivors include his companion in life, Marie Diaz; his daughter, Laura; two stepchildren: Dwayne and Dolores; nine grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. ■

Off the Press

Forge of Innovation: An Industrial History of the Springfield Armory, 1794-1968

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Historian Richard Colton

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Forge of Innovation is a case study of the Springfield Armory—the nation's preeminent military small-arms factory. This complete study of the armory, geared toward historians and history enthusiasts, examines the manufacturing, storage, repair, testing and development functions assigned by the U.S. Army. The book is a comprehensive work that examines traditional assumptions, modern scholarship and original records collected throughout the 174-year history of the armory. The authors of the book noted in its introduction that the lack of any comprehensive study of the Springfield Armory has left something of a gap in the economic and industrial history of the United States. That gap is bridged—though not filled—with this report.

Forge of Innovation is available for purchase at Springfield Armory NHS or

by calling the park at (413) 734-8551, or visit www.eParks.com.



The Adventures of Salt & Soap at Grand Canyon

By Lori Rome

Illustrated by Tanja Bauerle

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32 pp; \$9.95

The Adventures of Salt & Soap at Grand Canyon is the true story of two puppies who wandered into the Grand Canyon and experienced great adventures—multiple rim-to-river hikes, a river trip and a helicopter ride—while ultimately snuggling their way into park rangers' hearts. Salt and Soap didn't know pets weren't allowed below the rim of the Grand Canyon—they were just puppies!

Their curiosity and love of human companionship carried them through

rugged hikes, riverside camping in a violent thunderstorm, the unpredictable rapids of the mighty Colorado River, ranger patrols at Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the canyon, a harrowing helicopter ride back to the rim and a new life on the South Rim of Grand Canyon NP. Told with compassion and a sense of wonder by the park ranger who adopted the pups (E&AA Life Member Lori Rome), this one-of-a-kind canine adventure tale reveals the kindness of strangers, the ruggedness of the Grand Canyon and the joy two wiggly, perpetually happy puppies can bring to everyone they encounter.

For kids ages four to eight, *The Adventures of Salt & Soap at Grand Canyon* is available from the Grand Canyon Association at www.grandcanyon.org.

Everglades Betrayal:

The Issue That Defeated Al Gore

By Monika Mayr

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172 pp; \$15.95

With the 2000 presidential election as its backdrop, *Everglades Betrayal* describes incredible events surrounding the proposal to redevelop the Homestead Air Force

Base into an airport located between Everglades NP and Biscayne NP in south Florida. An airport in that location would have profoundly impacted the area's national treasures, and environmentalists fought hard against it. Presidential candidates, however, were trying to win voters in the undecided state and desperately sought the support of one of the airport's biggest supporters, the Cuban American mayor of Miami-Dade County.

"There were surprising twists and turns at every juncture, including the final decision," author and E&AA Life Member Monika Mayr explains. She was the assistant superintendent at Biscayne NP during much of the saga.

Readers of *Everglades Betrayal* will witness the strength and strategies of this country's greatest environmental protectors, explore the infamous political scene in south Florida, understand the intricacies involved in redeveloping the former Homestead Air Force Base and journey through the subtropical paradise of the greater Everglades ecosystem, including Biscayne NP and Everglades NP.

Everglades Betrayal is available at bookstores, or can be purchased online (for the discounted price of \$14.95) at www.EvergladesBetrayal.com. ■

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New Places & Faces

Dean Alexander, from superintendent, Hopewell Culture NHP, to superintendent, Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP.

Paula Bauer, to management assistant, Carlsbad Caverns NP. Paula has rejoined the NPS after serving as assistant director of visitor services at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France.

Craig Bentley, to biological science technician (lead), Northeast Regional Office.



STEVE BLACK

Stephen "Steve" Black, from chief ranger, Pea Ridge NMP, to superintendent, Big Hole NB. Steve will also serve as the unit manager for the Montana Unit of Nez Perce NHP.

Scott Burch, to concession management specialist, Division of Commercial Services, Denali NP & PRES.

Sarah Craighead, from superintendent, Saguaro NP, to superintendent, Death Valley NP.

Sarah Creachbaum, from superintendent, War in the Pacific NHP and American Memorial Park, to superintendent, Haleakala NP.

Michael Fields, from maintenance worker, Everglades NP, to maintenance worker, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Ted Firkins, from supervisory park ranger (interpretation), Carlsbad Caverns NP, to assistant chief of interpretation, Wind Cave NP.

Jim Foster, from acting chief of facility management, to chief of facility management, Glacier NP.

Lisa Conard Frost, from supervisory park ranger, Oklahoma City N MEM, to superintendent, Washita Battlefield NHS.

Jason Gaskin, from park ranger (law enforcement), Carlsbad Caverns NP, to park ranger (law enforcement), Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP.

Bob Grant, from district ranger, to chief ranger, Cape Cod NS.

Barb Griffin, to superintendent's secretary, Saint Croix NSR.

Meg Hahr, from ecologist, Kenai Fjords NP, to chief of science and natural resources, Pictured Rocks NL.

Michael Hoy, to visitor use assistant (fees), Shenandoah NP.



TIM JARRELL

Tim Jarrell, from supervisory facility operations specialist, Chickasaw NRA, to chief, Facilities Management Division, Grand Canyon NP.

Charles Kahlstrom, from park ranger (interpretation), General Grant N MEM, to park ranger (interpretation), Governors Island NM.

Patricia "Trish" Kicklighter, from deputy superintendent, Shenandoah NP, to superintendent, Assateague Island NS.

Catherine Light, from superintendent, Tuskegee Institute NHS, Tuskegee Airmen NHS and Selma to Montgomery NHT, to superintendent, Chamizal N MEM. She will also oversee management of Gila Cliff Dwellings NM.

Shirley McKinney, from deputy superintendent, to superintendent, Manhattan Sites (Federal Hall N MEM, Castle Clinton NM, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS, General Grant N MEM, Hamilton Grange N MEM and Saint Paul's Church NHS).

Bill McLaughlin, from chief of partnership and business development, National Parks of New York Harbor, to fee program manager for business services, Northeast Regional Office.

John W. Murphey, to cultural resources specialist, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Trails System - Intermountain Region.

Linda Neal, from superintendent, Governors Island NM, to program coordinator for partnership construction, Office of Partnerships and Philanthropic Stewardship, WASO.



JEN NERSESIAN

Jen Nersesian, from management assistant, Yosemite NP, to superintendent, New Bedford Whaling NHP.

Jeanette Pomrenke, to superintendent, Bering Land Bridge N PRES.

Pedro Ramos, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Big Cypress N PRES.

Patti Reilly, from acting superintendent, Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway NRA, to superintendent, Governors Island NM.

Leslie Reynolds, from district ranger, Yosemite NP, to chief ranger, Shenandoah NP.

Kent Schwarzkopf, from natural resource specialist, Appalachian NST, to chief of resource stewardship and science, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Leigh Stansfield, to visitor use assistant (fees), Shenandoah NP.

Dan Stark, from park ranger (law enforcement), Lake Roosevelt NRA, to park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP.

Naomi L. Torres, from chief of education and interpretation, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, John Muir NHS and Eugene O'Neill NHS, to superintendent, Juan Bautista de Anza NHT.

Laurie Tuohy, from park guide, to supervisory park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Stuart West, from branch chief of remote areas, to chief ranger, Acadia NP.

Patty Wissinger, from concessions management specialist, Shenandoah NP, to regional partnerships coordinator, Southeast Regional Office. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

George Baisley, Todd and Linda Brindle, Karren Brown, Sherrie Collins and Ronnie Gibson, Harley and Annette Green, David Heller, Nancy Muleady-Mecham, Lois Neff, Richard Smedley, Harold Turner, Gia Wagner and Alex Young.

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period of time and creates lasting value for the American public.

Other projects being undertaken include:

- \$8.8 million to stabilize the Ellis Island Baggage and Dormitory Building, one of the most significant structures at Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island.
- \$13.1 million to demolish and replace condemned portions of the Quarry Visitor Center at Dinosaur NM.
- \$54.7 million to undertake six mitigation projects to prepare for the removal of the Elwha Dam and restoration of the Elwha River basin at Olympic NP.
- \$11.5 million to replace more than five miles of water lines at Mesa Verde NP.
- \$5.5 million to rehabilitate Independence Hall Tower at Independence NHP.
- \$2.37 million to reclaim abandoned

mine lands and restore the natural landscape at Great Sand Dunes NP & PRES.

- \$304,000 to install gates and protect visitors at Greenwater Valley at Death Valley NP.
- \$585,000 to rehabilitate historic bridle trails at Rock Creek Park.
- \$5 million to replace the roof of the historic Old Courthouse at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.
- \$30.5 million to repair the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and \$7.3 million to restore the District of Columbia War Memorial at the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR Ken Salazar recently announced that the American public will once again be able to visit the crown of the Statue of Liberty. "On July 4th, we are giving America a special gift," Secretary Salazar said. "We are once again inviting the public to celebrate our great nation and the hope and opportunity it symbolizes by climbing to Lady Liberty's crown for a unique view of New York Harbor, where the forebears of millions of American families first saw the new world." (See full story, page one).

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