

# Arrowhead

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The spring season brings cause for celebration and commemoration, occasions both for joy and for a more sobering remembrance. April brings the 150th anniversary of the first shots fired on Fort Sumter and the start of the most momentous event in American history. There are more than 75 Civil War and civil rights sites in the National Park System. It is our solemn responsibility not only to preserve them, but to help the public understand what brought the nation to war and its legacy in the continuing struggle for equal rights.



The National Park Service has launched a commemorative Civil War website ([www.nps.gov/civilwar150](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar150)), a rich resource designed to highlight the sesquicentennial, offering a host of features including a timeline, historic documents, articles and analysis. It also includes dispatches from a fictional war correspondent by the name of Beglan O'Brien, whose accounts are streamed to the website via Twitter. In partnership with Eastern National, the NPS has also produced *The Civil War Remembered*, a handbook of essays by leading scholars, intended to familiarize the public with the war's vast social, economic and cultural scope [see page three for more information about the book].

April is also the time for National Park Week, our annual celebration of an American idea that is admired by the entire world. Events during National Park Week are aimed at getting people to experience these places firsthand, to impress on them not only the importance of our fragile natural world, but of physical exercise—exercise *outside*—which has unique benefits that are not widely appreciated. This is in keeping with the international movement, *Healthy Parks, Healthy People*, which is raising awareness of the connection between human health and the health of the natural world and the theme of a National Park Service conference in San Francisco in early April. While most national parks are free throughout the year, none charge admission during National Park Week, April 16 to 24, 2011.

Finally, April marks the anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. While this is hardly a cause for celebration, it is cause for pride in the National Park Service. It was a moment when our strengths as an organization and the importance of our mission achieved high visibility. It is said that disasters bring out the best in people. My experience working with you all on the response to the oil spill convinced me that that old expression is true. I want to take this opportunity to not only thank you for your dedication and service, but to express my appreciation for having had the privilege to join you.

These three events are an expression of the excellence and the altruism that we will take into our second century.

—Jonathan B. Jarvis

## 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War Observed

On Feb. 23, 2011, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and NPS Director Jon Jarvis officially kicked off the NPS commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War (2011-2015) with an announcement at Ford's Theatre. The announcement was made at the conclusion of the Lincoln Inaugural Journey, an 18-city tour retracing the route of Abraham Lincoln's journey from his home in Springfield, Ill., to Washington, D.C., to become president.

"The Civil War Sesquicentennial provides us the opportunity to commemorate not only a defining event in our nation's history, but also its legacy in the continuing fight for equal rights for all Americans," said Secretary Salazar. "We look

forward in the coming years to both painting an inclusive picture of the Civil War era and to drawing attention to the larger arc from Civil War to civil rights. We want to help give the war and events of a century and a half ago meaning to 21st-century Americans."

Planned events this year included the commemoration of the bombardment of Fort Sumter, April 9 to 17, at Fort Sumter NM and a national symposium on "The Ordeal of the Border States," sponsored by Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine in partnership with the Maryland Historical Society; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; and Baltimore City Historical Society, on April 15. July marks the 150th anniversary

of the First Battle of Manassas, the war's first major land battle, and will be marked with four days of events at Manassas NBP, July 21 to 24.

The Civil War 150th anniversary website ([www.nps.gov/civilwar150](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar150)) offers a comprehensive calendar of anniversary events at more than 70 national parks and partner sites across the country, as well as historical features and resources. The Civil War Reporter, an engaging new feature on the website, offers daily dispatches from reporter Beglan O'Brien, a (fictional) Civil War-era correspondent. Follow O'Brien on the website, on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/civilwarreportr](http://www.twitter.com/civilwarreportr)) or on Facebook (search Civil War Reporter). ■

## President's Budget Requests \$2.9 Billion for NPS

The president's fiscal year 2012 budget, released on Feb. 14, 2011, includes a request of \$2.9 billion for the National Park Service. The request continues vital support for critical national recreation and conservation missions in support of the administration's America's Great Outdoors initiative. The budget also includes cuts in several areas as part of the president's plan toward fiscal sustainability in the next few years.

National parks stimulate spending and job creation. "Taxpayer investments in national parks result in far more than the obvious recreational and educational dividends," said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. "National parks also are tremendous economic engines for their gateway communities. In 2009, park visitors spent \$11.9 billion and supported 247,000 jobs.

"The budget includes tough choices to cut spending in construction and certain

grant programs to address our nation's critical budget deficit. However, a proposed increase in investments through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) will step up our commitment to states and communities, many of which are facing serious cutbacks of their own," Director Jarvis noted.

Overall, the budget proposal represents an increase of about \$140 million over the FY 2010 enacted, targeted at park operations and LWCF programs. An increase of \$35 million will support critical park operations that enhance the visitor experience and promote greater cultural resource preservation and conservation. The proposed increase in the LWCF—from \$126 million in 2010 to \$360 million—will mean more grants to support local projects that increase access to outdoor recreation and conservation in large urban centers and

other areas through restoration of open space and waterways.

The budget includes \$10 million funded through the LWCF for American Battlefield Protection Grants, which require a dollar-for-dollar match with non-federal funds to help state and local governments and nonprofit organization partnerships to purchase and protect threatened Civil War and other battlefields.

"The president's budget will ensure that national parks continue to serve the 285 million visitors who come every year to relax in America's great outdoors and learn about the people and places that make up America's story," said Director Jarvis. "This is especially important as we prepare for the start of our second century in 2016 and begin commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, which we hope will bring millions of new visitors to our more than 70 Civil War sites." ■

## President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home NHS is 394th National Park

On Dec. 14, 2010, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced the formal establishment of the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site in Hope, Ark. It is the 394th park in the National Park System. The home was set aside by Congress with legislation (P.L. 111-11) signed by President Obama on March 30, 2009.

NPS Director Jon Jarvis said that the new park was, "a valuable addition to the National Park System and fits nicely with the 20 other homes associated

with U.S. presidents that are managed by the National Park Service. We welcome this newest park into the National Park System."

The 42nd president of the United States spent the first four years of his life in the two-and-a-half-story frame house on Hervey Street in Hope, Ark. These were his formative years, and President Clinton credited his family and the community with helping to shape his understanding of the world and influencing his development.

He lived here with his widowed

mother and maternal grandparents after his birth in 1946. His grandparents helped care for him when his mother was in New Orleans pursuing a nursing degree to support her young son. The Clinton Birthplace Foundation restored the home and opened it to the public in 1997.

The National Park Service will have personnel on site and will work closely with the Clinton Birthplace Foundation to transition from private to federal ownership. The home is open to the public for tours. ■

# Focus on the Parks

• Twenty-seven people representing 17 countries became American citizens on Sept. 22 at the **Lincoln Memorial**. Their countries of origin included Afghanistan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sudan and Thailand. Among them were three members of the American military: Corpsman Jhonny Alexander Franco Garcia of the U.S. Navy, Private First Class Alan David La Fuente of the U.S. Army Reserve and Corporal Marco Antonio Aguilar of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"I can't think of places more appropriate to welcome a new generation of American citizens than national parks," said NPS Director Jon Jarvis as he welcomed the new Americans and their guests with a stirring invitation to become park visitors and stewards. "These parks are places of stunning natural beauty and abundant wildlife. Across this country, nearly 400 national parks preserve our fascinating history and protect our rich cultural heritage. These places were set aside for all Americans, and that means that they belong to all of you."

The ceremony was one in a series of naturalization ceremonies held in 24 national

parks across the country to celebrate Constitution Day and Citizenship Week. Ceremonies took place under a 3,000-year-old sequoia tree at Kings Canyon, on the rim of the Grand Canyon and on the Civil War battlefield at Vicksburg, Miss. The theme of the ceremonies was "Embrace Citizenship - Experience America through Your National Parks."

Nearly 1,000 candidates have taken the Oath of Allegiance during these events, which were made possible by a partnership between the NPS and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The NPS and USCIS recently renewed a formal partnership to enhance citizenship ceremonies by holding them in national parks. The agreement helps introduce new citizens to the nation's most significant cultural heritage sites and natural resources.

• The Liberty Bike, built by Orange County Choppers and featured on the reality series *American Chopper*, was presented to **Statue of Liberty NM** for a yearlong exhibition on Oct. 28—the 124th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. "What a wonderful example of American craftsmanship the Liberty Bike is," said Supt. Dave Luchsinger. "It was made with pride right here in the United States, and we in turn are very proud to have it on display in the coming year."

This special motorcycle is part of a series of 50 privately commissioned works of art (one for each of the 50 states) made with material preserved from the 1986 restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The Liberty Bike is extensively plated in copper from the restoration and features numerous details that pay homage to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. This work of art has traveled more than 60,000 miles, visiting communities and schools across America.

• **Death Valley NP** held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 8 to mark the restoration of the historic cookhouse at Scotty's Castle. In 1991, a fire destroyed two-thirds of the building, and it remained a burned-out ruin for 19 years due to insufficient available funds for reconstruction and restoration. The park ultimately accumulated enough money from its recreation fee dollars to complete the project.

Scotty's Castle, a Spanish-revival-style vacation home built by Albert and Bessie Johnson in the 1920s, is the most prominent building in the Death Valley Scotty National Historic District. The Johnson's friend Walter Scott, better known as "Death Valley Scotty," claimed the castle was built with money from his secret gold mine. The Johnsons fostered this tale—a sample of the colorful history surrounding the site.

The cookhouse was one of the first buildings constructed at Scotty's Castle. In the early days, lodging and meals for construction employees were provided there. It was modified several times by Albert Johnson and evolved from a simple outbuilding into a beautiful Spanish structure. In later years, visitors to Scotty's Castle dined in the cookhouse. The main dining room section will be open to the public. It will also provide space for interpretive ranger talks and contain temporary exhibits.

• After more than five years of design development, eight years of vigorous public participation and 10 years after ground was first broken for the Liberty Bell Center in **Independence NHP**, "President's House: Freedom and Slavery in the Making of a New Nation" opened Dec. 15

## Exhibit Honors Local Cultural Diversity



New Bedford Whaling Museum

**CAPTAIN ANTONE EDWARDS** (back row, center, with long tie) and his crew of the bark *Wanderer*. The crew was largely Cape Verdean. The image is part of a new permanent exhibit, entitled *Communities of Whaling*, at New Bedford Whaling NHP.

On Sept. 24, 2010, park staff and volunteers invited the public to celebrate the grand opening of a new permanent installation in the visitor center of **New Bedford Whaling NHP**. The exhibit, entitled *Communities of Whaling*, explores the connections between this city and five local ethnic communities whose roots trace back to whaling: African Americans, Cape Verdeans, Azoreans, Native Americans and West Indians. Visitors will be able to explore how these cultures shaped the whaling industry and New Bedford itself by examining the forces that brought these people here, looking at their lives during the heyday of whaling and hearing the personal stories of some of the individuals who made a mark on this region.

The installation includes informational panels, interactive displays, film, audio and a touch-screen exhibit where visitors can learn about the

workers living "Behind the Mansions" of New Bedford in the 1800s and how that area connected to the Underground Railroad and abolitionism. Visitors can view the exhibit any time during the visitor center's normal operating hours, seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"For years, these communities' roles in the industry and culture of New Bedford whaling were an often untold or under-told part of our collective history," said Supt. Jen Nersesian. "With this exhibit, the National Park Service will take a new step forward in sharing these stories with the broader public, recognizing their importance to our national heritage."

Members of the five communities, as well as the New Bedford Historical Society, participated in the development of the exhibit, which is designed to expand as histories of additional individuals are uncovered. ■

with a ribbon-cutting event that drew significant local and national media attention. The commemorative open-air installation marks the site where the nation's first two presidents, George Washington and John Adams, served their terms of office and began to shape the executive branch of government. It also marks the site where the presidents lived as well as worked. The exhibits showcase the enslaved men and women of African descent who lived and toiled on this site.

"From its inception, this project has generated conversation and discovery, and we hope it will continue to do so," said Independence NHP Supt. Cynthia MacLeod. "Benefiting from the voices of citizens and guiding legislation from the U.S. Congress and the collaboration between the city of Philadelphia and the National Park Service, the project is a welcome addition to Independence National Historical Park." The park will continue to develop programming to supplement the site and exhibits.

• The new year came with a new name for Longfellow NHS. President Barack Obama signed into law legislation redesignating it

as **Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site**. The Longfellow House was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, America's most popular 19th-century poet and scholar, and his family from 1837 through 1950. Built in 1759, the house also served as headquarters and home for General George Washington and family during the Siege of Boston, July 1775 to April 1776.

"The house was the first major headquarters of the American Revolution and Washington's second-longest-held headquarters," said Site Manager Jim Shea. "During this critical first year of the American Revolution, the house became a center for diplomacy and strategy." Both the NPS, which has managed the site since 1972, and the Friends of the Longfellow House have hailed the redesignation.

"The site's connection to George Washington had become obscured over time," said Supt. Myra Harrison. "In the 19th century, popular memory of the Washington occupancy was fresh and vibrant. This redesignation will help restore our links with this important part of our past." ■

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## “Edgar Allan Poe” Visits James A. Garfield NHS



**JAMES A. GARFIELD NHS STAFF** with “Edgar Allan Poe” (David Keltz) during the site’s *Poe in Person* event on Oct. 28, 2010. Park staff, pictured from left to right, are: Seasonal Park Ranger Lisa Zevorich, Chief of Interpretation and Education Todd Arrington, Park Ranger Allison Powell, Park Ranger Mary Lintern and Park Guide Joan Kapsch.

By Todd Arrington, Chief of Interpretation and Education, James A. Garfield NHS

Baltimore-based actor David Keltz, the nation’s foremost Edgar Allan Poe presenter, appeared in character in two performances at James A. Garfield NHS on Oct. 28, 2010. David presented *Poe in Person*, a living history program in which he explained details of Poe’s short but prolific life and recited four of Poe’s most famous tales of mystery and the macabre. The stories were *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Black Cat* and *The Cask of Amontillado*. David also performed the renowned poem *The Raven*. Both performances were completely sold out.

From memory, David commands five hours of Poe’s poems, short stories, essays, literary criticism, letters and reported conversations. He performs as Poe throughout the U.S. and internationally. The evening also featured an open house of the James and Lucretia Garfield home, a lantern-lit walk around portions of the property and refreshments provided by Eastern National. The site’s bookstore offered several Poe-related items for sale thanks to Eastern

National and Edgar Allan Poe NHS. Other outstanding partners included: CCM Rental of Mentor, Ohio, (donation of a professional stage); the Fine Arts Association of Willoughby, Ohio, (donation and installation of theater lights); Mentor Hardware (donation of assistance with stage installation); and Cuyahoga Valley NP (providing a law enforcement park ranger for parking assistance). Cleveland’s *The Plain Dealer* and the Willoughby-based *News-Herald* provided extensive media coverage. As always, the site’s dedicated volunteers offered critical assistance with planning and conducting the event.

“President and Mrs. Garfield were readers of Poe’s works,” noted James A. Garfield NHS Supt. Sherda Williams. “In fact, several original Poe volumes are on the shelves of the Memorial Library of the Garfield home. The Garfields believed strongly in instilling a love of reading and literature in their children, and they often read stories, novels, plays and histories aloud to them. In this tradition, it was a real pleasure to host David Keltz to present some of Poe’s most chilling tales.” ■

## Interpreting for the 21st Century Conference Held

By Doris Martin, Park Guide, Homestead National Monument of America

NPS employees from across the nation attended an “Interpreting for the 21st Century Conference” in Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 25 to 29, 2010. The first of its kind, the conference was attended by 36 rangers from 28 different parks and was organized by Homestead National Monument of America Education Coordinator Tina Miller.

“In 2009, we had a successful one-day conference which focused on distance learning,” said Tina. “I wanted to expand this idea to other technologies

currently available to help parks tell their stories.” She was assisted by Don Ferneding, Southeast Nebraska Distance Learning Contract (SNDLC) director for Nebraska Educational Service Unit 5 (ESU 5). Homestead NM of America and ESU 5 have enjoyed a long partnership and were pioneers in establishing distance learning as a way for parks to reach an audience outside their parks. Sponsors for the event included Eastern National, Western National Parks Association, Friends of Homestead, Nebraska Educational Service Unit #5 and Jefferson National Parks Association.

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## Off the Press

### *The Civil War Remembered*

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In the preface to *The Civil War Remembered*, the editors write, “The American Civil War was indeed ‘the most momentous era in American history.’ It defined who we are as a nation, both then and now, and what beliefs we hold to be ‘self-evident.’ In our more than 75 National Park Service Civil War-related battlefields and historic sites, our collective mission is to preserve and protect these resources, and to provide understanding of the events that occurred there, within the context of the causes and consequences of the American Civil War.”

*The Civil War Remembered* is designed to provide a measure of understanding of



this “most momentous era” of our history. Written by noted historians, these dramatic essays address the military, political, racial, social, cultural and economic facets of the Civil War and its place in our nation’s legacy and memory. *The Civil War Remembered* is available from Eastern National at [www.eParks.com](http://www.eParks.com). ■

## International Committee Meets in Caribbean

By Milagros Flores, Historian  
Caribbean Parks, Virgin Islands NP

The International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage (known as IcoFort) was established by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in 2005 to serve as advisor to the ICOMOS on UNESCO World Heritage Nominations, carry out specialized studies and promote the application of professional expertise in regard to the preservation problems of historic fortifications and military heritage. In addition, it was established to actively pursue international cooperation for the identification, protection and preservation of historic fortifications, military structures, military landscapes and sites and other military heritage monuments.

Every year, the committee holds its annual meeting at a different location in response to requests for IcoFort expertise. In 2010, they met in the Caribbean (June 1 to 7, 2010) as a response to its recommendation of potential nomination of the Virgin Islands Danish Forti-

fications System. The Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico hosted 14 IcoFort members from Italy, the United Kingdom and the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The colonial history of the islands of St. John, St. Thomas, St. Croix and Puerto Rico comprise a diverse range of historical themes and cultural resources. There is an infrastructure of colonial defensive structures such as Danish forts, Dutch forts, Napoleonic-era forts, Spanish colonial forts, batteries and slave revolt sites battlefields, barracks, cemeteries, leprosy colonies, wharves, dockyards, guardhouses and 20th-century U.S. Army and U.S. Navy complexes.

Military heritage preservation challenges in the Caribbean were shared by local leaders, professionals and the community, giving the interdisciplinary team a better sense of the community interest and government capacity to preserve important historic resources. They learned about the nature and breadth of these islands’ fortifications

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NPS photo by Cristina Kessler

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE** on Fortifications and Military Heritage (IcoFort) met in the Caribbean for the first time in June 2010. Participants are shown during a site visit to Fortsberg on the island of St. John.

# Kudos and Awards



NPS photo by Terry Adams

**JOHN KIRKPATRICK**, park ranger (interpretation), National Mall and Memorial Parks, accepts his regional Freeman Tilden Award from Peggy O'Dell, (then) National Capital regional director, at the 2010 National Capital Region Excellence in Interpretation Awards Ceremony. John was also the national winner of the award (see second award listing below).

- The National Capital Region (NCR) held its 13th annual Excellence in Interpretation Awards Ceremony on Sept. 22. **John Kirkpatrick**, park ranger (interpretation), National Mall and Memorial Parks, received the regional Freeman Tilden Award for his leadership and inspiration in developing the Lincoln Memorial Interactive Site. John went on to receive the National Freeman Tilden Award for his work on this project (see next award listing).

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP Chief of Interpretation **Bill Justice** received an Interpretive Leadership Award; **Tobin Tracey**, assistant director for design and construction and NPS liaison to the White House, received the Support to Interpretation Award; and Monocacy NB Park Ranger **Barbara Justice** was presented with the Sustained Interpretive Services Award. There were two winners for the Interpretive Teamwork Award—the **Canal Quarters interpretive team from Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP** and the **Second Nature pilot program from the NCR**.

- Park Ranger **John Kirkpatrick**, National Mall and Memorial Parks, received the 2010 National Freeman Tilden Award for interpretive excellence during an interagency ceremony held on Nov. 18 at the National Association for Interpretation workshop in Las Vegas. John was honored for developing an

interactive website about the Lincoln Memorial. He organized and contributed to every aspect of the website.

The Lincoln Memorial interactive website contains information about the memorial and its key features. It also enables visitors to tour the site via 20 panoramic spherical photographs with zoom capability. The website also contains 13 short videos that delve into the themes of unity and equality. The videos illustrate a diversity of views, including a white male who was raised on traditional beliefs about Lincoln, a Southern woman who was taught in school that Lincoln was a tyrant, an older African American man who fought for his country even though it denied him basic rights and an immigrant who endured civil war in her homeland.

“I don’t think anyone can watch the personal reflections on this website and not be moved by the continuing impact that Abraham Lincoln, his message and his memorial have had on the world,” said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. “This website is a great example of how we can connect our parks to people—even those that aren’t able to visit in person.”

The Freeman Tilden Award recognizes outstanding public contributions in interpretation and visitor services by a park employee. Freeman Tilden’s writings have had considerable influence on NPS interpretation and education programs.

- U.S. Public Health Service Commander **Tracy Gilchrist**, was selected to receive the 2010 Department of the Interior (DOI) Engineer of the Year award by Public Health Service officials working within the DOI. Commander Gilchrist was selected for his outstanding performance as a project manager for the **Denver Service Center** and for his humanitarian activities.

In June 2009, Commander Gilchrist transitioned his duties from project specialist to project manager with immediate responsibility for seven NPS projects. His accomplishments on those projects include: expediting design and award on two boat ramp projects, successfully managing a high-profile American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 project at Olympic NP and managing completion of two entrance stations and a design-build contract for a new maintenance facility at Lake Mead NRA. ■

## NPS Presents Accessibility Achievement Awards



NPS photo by Lissa Spomer

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PARKS THAT RECEIVED** the 2010 National Accessibility Achievement Awards at the awards presentation on Oct. 14. Pictured from left to right: Merrith Baughman, chief ranger, Homestead National Monument of America; Don Kodak, director, Harpers Ferry Center; Michele Hartley, media accessibility coordinator, Harpers Ferry Center; Mickey Fearn (award presenter), deputy director for communications and community assistance, WASO; Mary Kline, INT/CORE specialist, Yosemite NP; Jeffrey Wells, supervisory facility operations specialist, Saratoga NHP; Bill Justice, chief of interpretation, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP; and Mark Engler, superintendent, Homestead National Monument of America.

On Oct. 14, 2010, the NPS presented the 2010 National Accessibility Achievement Awards. This program recognizes outstanding accomplishments within the National Park System that result in greater opportunities for persons with disabilities. Awards were presented in four categories.

The Director’s Sustained Park Accessibility Achievement Award was presented to **Yosemite NP’s Accessibility Program**. Yosemite NP has made accessibility improvements to a range of visitor amenities and attractions. The park created an accessibility guide that is available in large print and Braille at visitor centers and contact stations and online. The Programmatic Accessibility Achievement Award went to **Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP** and **Harpers Ferry Center** for their collaborative efforts in developing a pilot accessibility evaluation process that was successfully used in the design of the Great Falls Tavern exhibits.

The winner of the Architectural Design Achievement Award was **Saratoga NHP** for the design and

construction of a new one-mile trail that includes a 950-foot, accessible raised boardwalk and waysides that relay pivotal events after the Battles of Saratoga.

The Exhibit Design Accessibility Achievement Award was shared by two winners: **Homestead National Monument of America**, for developing (in partnership with the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Harpers Ferry Center) a comprehensive audio description tour of the indoor and outdoor exhibits at the Homestead Heritage Center, and **Harpers Ferry Center**, for outstanding efforts to successfully incorporate the principles of universal design in the African Burial Ground NM visitor center exhibits.

The NPS annual Accessibility Achievement Awards program was initiated in fiscal year 2000. The awards program has resulted in the recognition of a host of extremely creative and innovative projects, all of which have significantly increased accessibility for people with disabilities at NPS facilities and programs. ■

## NPS and North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching Team Up for America’s Best Idea

On a sunny, warm September day, the ferry ride to Ocracoke Island brought together 22 teachers from all regions of North Carolina, NPS staff and members of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to launch a new endeavor—a seminar entitled “The Landscape of Democracy: Our National Parks.”

Alton Ballance, center fellow for NCCAT and lifelong resident of Ocracoke Island, said the idea for the new seminar was influenced by the Ken Burns series *The National Parks: America’s Best Idea*. “Doing a seminar with a National Park Service focus was also a natural since we visit and discuss the park’s resources during most seminars,” he stated. “NCCAT’s mission and the educational programs the National Park System pro-

vides throughout America are a common thread that connects us.” The seminar is one of many high-quality and innovative programs offered to North Carolina teachers as part of NCCAT’s mission to advance teaching as an art and profession.

NCCAT has two inspiring campus locations, one located in the mountains of North Carolina and one on Ocracoke Island on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. “Our Ocracoke campus just happens to border the southern gateway to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. We are also fortunate to have easy access to the seashore’s great beaches, marshes, maritime forests and cultural resources such as the lighthouse,” stated Alton. In addition to this seminar, NCCAT also offers other seminars that study the seashore’s resources, such as “Sea, Sand

and Human Hands: The Changing Face of the Outer Banks” and “From Sound to Sea: The Ecology of the Barrier Islands.”

The seminar, first offered Sept. 19 to 23, 2010, quickly filled to capacity with 22 teachers from the mountains, piedmont and coast of North Carolina. The teachers joined several NPS staff, including NPS Chief Historian Bob Sutton and Outer Banks Group staff, including Supt. Mike Murray, Cultural Resource Specialist Doug Stover, Chief Ranger Paul Stevens, Ocracoke District Ranger Kenny Ballance and Public Affairs Specialist Cyndy Holda.

The seminar introduced teachers to the NPS mission of protecting and preserving while providing compatible recreational opportunities in some of America’s finest landscapes. The program also explored some of the conflicts that come with that

mission in today’s world and included various community perspectives on appropriate visitor use of the seashore.

“The national parks belong to all Americans, both current and future generations,” stated Supt. Murray. “Programs such as this NCCAT seminar allow both participants and NPS staff to reflect about our joint responsibility in preserving these special places.” For some teachers, the class was their first introduction to America’s best idea...the unique formulation of the national park concept in the United States that reflects and reinforces the idea that our most valuable and scenic landscapes should be kept for all people and for future generations. For more information, visit [www.nccat.org](http://www.nccat.org) and [www.nps.gov/caha](http://www.nps.gov/caha), or call (252) 473-2111, ext. 148. ■

# Alumni News

E&AA Life Member **Warren Bielenberg**, national Kowski Golf Tournament chairman, has provided the following 2010 tournament results—**The 36th Annual Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament**, which benefits the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, had tournaments held in Denver, Seattle and Great Smoky Mountains NP with a total of 125 golfers participating.

The Seattle group had 55 players in their Callaway tournament. The Low Gross Champion is once again Rob Bringardner, husband of NPS retiree and E&AA Life Member Tricia Welles Bringardner, who shot 74. This is Rob's ninth tournament with the lowest score to go along with his two low net championships. Rob also had the lowest net score, but since tournament rules allow only one trophy per person, the Low Net and 2010 Kowski Champion is Mike Sorenson with a 72. Frank Sannino's 74

garnered second low net, and Steve James had a 75 for third place.

The Intermountain team of Chris Spurl, Ben Brauch, Mike Lane and Bob Malcolm won the Scramble Championship with a -14. The Great Smoky Mountains team of Kevin Fitzgerald, Alan Sumeriski, Darris Clabo and Sam Curtis was second with -9.

Olympic NP's Steve James took home closest-to-the-pin honors with a shot 33 inches from the pin. Darris Clabo, Great Smoky Mountains, won the Longest Putt when he drained one from 30' 6".

Congratulations to our 2010 winners. I am hoping more areas and offices will participate in 2011.

*If you would like information about holding a Kowski Golf Tournament in your area, please contact Warren Bielenberg at [web9272@msn.com](mailto:web9272@msn.com) or (865) 681-7884.* ■

## Valley Forge NHP Launches Energy Conservation Program

*By Ernestine White, Volunteer Program Manager, Valley Forge NHP*

As part of the focus on youth programs, climate change and sustainability, in July 2010, Valley Forge NHP launched the Northeast Region, Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) - Energy Conservation Corps (ECC) pilot program. The YCC participants worked with staff from the divisions of maintenance and interpretation in parks where they were assigned, providing energy audits and weatherization, as well as energy conservation presentations and outreach to park visitors. The program is the first of its kind.

The pilot program involved six young adults from the Philadelphia area who spent two weeks attending training at the Energy Coordinating Agency, a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to help people save energy and to promote a sustainable and socially equitable energy future for all in the Philadelphia region. They learned about building science, weatherization and energy audits, then took these skills and performed basic weatherization projects on buildings at Valley Forge NHP, Hopewell Furnace NHS and Independence NHP.

The participants also visited Hampton NHS and Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine to see firsthand how geothermal principles and other new-age conservation methods and alternative energy sources are being used to conserve energy in historic structures. In addition, participants provided the visiting public information on energy efforts they can do in their own homes to reduce energy consumption in order to preserve resources for the future and reduce environmental pollution. Outreach programs were conducted at a local state park, area zoos, partner organizations and at locations such as REI and The North Face stores.

Nathan Gilbert, a member of the YCC-ECC Team, says the program's training taught him how to do energy audits in homes, and he found this to be valuable. "It was surprising just how much air can leak through a small crack surrounding a window. These small leaks can add up, making your heating and cooling system work harder, which adds up to a big cost with your energy bills," he stated.

Visit [www.npsenergyconservationcorps.blogspot.com](http://www.npsenergyconservationcorps.blogspot.com) for more information on this program. ■

## Yosemite NP Holds Effective Oral History Course

*By Lu Ann Jones, Staff Historian, Park History Program, WASO*

During October training, longtime Yosemite NP employees provided valuable interviewing experience to participants when they shared their stories in an Effective Oral History course. Twenty-eight students from units across the NPS learned how to plan an oral history project, conduct in-depth interviews, archive and preserve recordings and interpret oral history sources. The course also addressed legal and ethical issues and the particular concerns of ethnographers when conducting oral history research with members of tribal groups.

Brenna Lissoway, course site manager and acting archivist at Yosemite NP, and I

(as principal instructor) worked together to offer participants extensive hands-on experience. Yosemite NP employees who discussed their NPS careers were: Laurel Munson Boyers, retired wilderness program manager; Gary Colliver, retired project manager; Dick Ewart, interpretive park ranger; Len McKenzie, retired Golden Gate NRA deputy superintendent who was also chief naturalist at Yosemite NP for 18 years; Mike Osborne, retired NPS special agent; and Jim Tucker, retired acting deputy chief ranger.

Although the Park Service has many interviewing projects underway and thousands of interviews in park archives, the NPS had offered little comprehensive,

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## Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial Holds Program on Historic Election



Photo by NPS volunteer Barbara Carter

**VOLUNTEER ANDREW STRAIT** campaigning for Lincoln with the support of West Springfield High School volunteers as "Wide Awakes."

*By Jin Prugsawan, Visitor Use Assistant, George Washington Memorial Parkway*

On Oct. 16, 2010, Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial held a special evening program entitled *The Election That Divided the Nation*. The event marked the 150th anniversary of the election of Abraham Lincoln (which led directly to the secession of the lower South and, with secession, the coming of the Civil War).

Activities included an open house in which visitors toured the Arlington House and the grounds in a rare opportunity at night. Visitors participated in children's activities and explored exhibitions that included the politics of the 1860s and the history of the Custis and Lee families at Arlington. Volunteer Craig Syphax, a descendant of an enslaved family of Arlington House, spoke about the enslaved people of Arlington in the historic slave quarters.

Park rangers and volunteers interpreted the politics of 1860 and the effect of the election that divided the nation. With over 500 in attendance, participants were led through the political campaigning of living historians who represented presi-

dential candidates Abraham Lincoln, John Bell, John C. Breckinridge and Stephen A. Douglas. The night was filled with campaign music performed by the Federal City Brass Band spreading the fever of the election of 1860, while living historians campaigned for their presidential nominees. Virginia Historical Society volunteers acted as 1860 audience members sparking agitation and pushing sensitive issues of the time. Local students from West Springfield High School served as "Wide Awakes," a campaign organization composed of young men in a military-based structure affiliated with the Republican Party in support of Abraham Lincoln.

After interacting in political debate and campaigning, visitors cast a ballot in a mock election. The results followed closely with our nation's history, with Abraham Lincoln winning the presidential race.

The Election of 1860 is just one of the many events to come leading the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Visit [www.nps.gov/arho](http://www.nps.gov/arho) for other events at Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial that will commemorate the 150th anniversary. ■

## Interpreting for the 21st Century

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The attendees traveled to Omaha Westside High School, which features state-of-the-art technology, and learned how this technology is being used by Brenda Zabel, a Presidential Award winner for math and science teaching. The group learned about iPod touch technology and its applications for parks and classrooms. Elisabeth Reinkordt from the Nebraska Department of Education spoke on "Documentary for Everyone."

Keynote speakers were Meg Ormiston and Mark Standley, who have together authored two books: *Digital Storytelling with PowerPoint* and *Digital Storytelling with Movie Maker*. Attendees learned about working with Movie Maker and worked on movies for their parks. "My

goal is to help teachers restructure learning opportunities to engage the 21st-century brains," said Meg. She offered suggestions to help them complete their movies before the conference ended.

Don Ferneding talked about the technical needs for setting up distance learning and videoconferencing capabilities for parks, and the group watched the technology in action with an online visit to an elementary school in Beatrice taught by Matt Gerber, science specialist, at ESU 5. Sessions on webquests, clickers and interactive worksheets were also presented. The conference closed with a presentation by Julia Washburn, NPS associate director of interpretation and education, in which she spoke about the future of the NPS. ■

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**Christopher B. “Chris” Ahrens**, facility management specialist, Steamtown NHS, Dec. 31 after 22 years of federal service.



**RAY BAKER**

**Ray Baker**, writer-editor, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Nov. 1 after 43 years.

Ray joined the NPS in the Publications Office in 1967 when the office was located in the main Interior building in Washington, D.C. In 1970, the new Harpers Ferry Center opened. Ray helped open the doors—he was among those who painted the walls so they could move in.

“Ray has had an outstanding career with the National Park Service and Harpers Ferry Center,” said HFC Director Don Kodak. “Ray leaves a legacy of outstanding interpretive writing that has enhanced the understanding and experience of millions of visitors across the entire National Park System.”

“Ray’s knowledge is not only deep and wide, but he shared it with great generosity. You can ask Ray a question on any subject—from history to popular culture,” said his longtime colleague, cartographer Nancy Haack. “Our office motto became ‘Ask Ray; Ray knows everything!’”

Summing up his years of work on NPS publications, Ray said they gave him the “privilege of working with exceptional and talented people, both at Harpers Ferry Center and throughout the National Park Service, and the opportunity to learn more aspects of U.S. history than one could ever learn in school.” He says they also gave him the satisfaction of knowing that his work might make someone’s visit more meaningful.

Ray lives in Brunswick, Md., with his wife, Barbara. They plan to travel and to spend time with their son, Chris, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Dennis Borud**, maintenance worker, Fort Union Trading Post NHS, July 31 after 26 years.

Dennis has a passion for the fur trade and Fort Union Trading Post. Fort Union Trading Post NHS Supt. Andy Banta writes that Dennis “was not only an excellent maintenance worker, he was a wonderful interpreter. His expertise will be missed.”

**Maia Browning**, program manager, Superintendent Academy, Learning and Development Division, Aug. 31 after 34 years.

After a career in museum management, Maia (a.k.a. Betty) became a full-time member of the learning and development community in 1994. She served as the first Universal Competencies training manager and created the NPS Fundamentals program. She has retired as program manager and co-creator of the Superintendent Academy. She extends profound

thanks, affection and respect for the many individuals who contributed to the creation and delivery of Fundamentals and the “Compass” training programs.

Maia’s awards include two Crystal Owl Awards for Training and Development Excellence and a DOI Honor Award for her work in employee development. She is moving on to new avocations as a life, executive and team coach and a lightweight sculler at the Potomac Boat Club and Avalon Rowing Club in Washington, D.C.

E&AA Life Member **James P. “Jim” Corless**, superintendent, Keweenaw NHP, Oct. 31 after over 31 years of federal service, over 29 of them with the NPS.

Jim’s federal service includes two years with the U.S. Navy and twenty-nine-and-a-half years with the NPS. With his B.A. in U.S. history, Jim’s career was spent primarily at historic sites. He served at 11 parks throughout his NPS career, including as a volunteer museum assistant in the White House Liaison office; history interpreter/supervisor at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Independence NHP and San Antonio Missions NHP; historian at Ozark NSR; and chief ranger at Fort Frederica NM and Hopewell Furnace NHS. He was Yosemite Valley District interpreter and interpretive planner at Yosemite NP (1994-2000), chief ranger for interpretation and education at Lowell NHP (2000-2004) and superintendent at Klondike Gold Rush NHP in Alaska (2004-2007).

Jim arrived at Keweenaw NHP in 2007. At this park, the vast majority of resources are owned by individuals, local govern-



**JIM CORLESS**

ments and private and nonprofit organizations, and the NPS role is one of advocacy and coordination, providing technical assistance and funding to owners of historic properties, sites and museums that provide visitor services to the public (which Jim calls the “parknership”). Jim oversaw the planning and design of the park’s first visitor center, projected to open in late 2011.

Jim retires to Sarasota, Fla. His plans include joining his wife, Mary Jane, in her cruise consulting business, seeking new ways to continue preserving and interpreting our nation’s history and frequently visiting his daughter, Virginia—an astrophysicist who splits her time between Norway and Germany.

**Cheryl Dillard**, computer specialist, Midwest Regional Office, Sept. 30 after over 30 years of federal service, 17 of them with the NPS.

Cheryl began her federal career as a U.S. Postal Service clerk in 1979. She resigned from that position in 1992 for the family’s NPS move to Yellowstone NP.

In 1993, Cheryl began her NPS career

as a clerk in the Yellowstone NP Visitor Services Office. A move to Lyndon B. Johnson NHP provided a career change to computer specialist. Subsequently, she moved to Rocky Mountain NP, followed by the Midwest Regional Office (with duty stations at Buffalo NR and Ozark NSR). She and her husband, Roger, who is a fellow NPS retiree, are enjoying retirement at their home in Eminence, Mo.



**BOB DODSON**

E&AA Life Member **Robert “Bob” Dodson**, superintendent, Fort Sumter NM, Dec. 14 after 37 years.

Bob began his NPS career as a seasonal park technician at Ford’s Theatre NHS. He has worked at a number of park units throughout the Park Service, including the National Mall, Death Valley NP, Old Post Office Tower, Valley Forge NHP, Natchez NHP and San Juan NHS. He and his wife, Betsy, plan to move to California to be near their son, Aaron, and Betsy’s parents.

E&AA Member **Mike Ebersole**, aviation officer, Grand Canyon NP, Dec. 31 after 36 years of federal service, 32 of them at Grand Canyon NP.

Mike served in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1970. In 1975, while attending Utah State University, he began working seasonally at Grand Canyon NP as an archeologist. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in archeology in 1977 and his first permanent appointment was as a dispatcher at Grand Canyon NP in 1979. In addition to aviation officer, he has served as a helibase manager, South Rim patrol ranger, Tuweep Subdistrict ranger, resource management specialist and park pilot.

Mike and his wife, Lita, plan to stay at their residence south of the Grand Canyon. He will continue to be active in his beekeeping business and other endeavors.

**Clayton Frazier**, land surveyor and dam safety coordinator, Office of Facility Management and Design, Intermountain Region (IMR), Dec. 31 after 20 years.

Clayton began his NPS career with the Denver Service Center (DSC) in 1990. He was a member of a survey crew on permanent travel status, working throughout the country. In his eight years with the DSC, he only spent a total of six days in the office, as his travel was nonstop.

In 1998, Clayton became a surveyor for IMR’s Office of Facility Management and Design. He continued to spend time on the road as he traveled to almost every park in the IMR producing topographic maps, mapping utilities and surveying various other facilities for



**CLAYTON FRAZIER**

the IMR’s design staff and numerous parks. Clayton estimates he worked in approximately 150 NPS units throughout the country. He enjoyed meeting and working with many NPS professionals. He also has the distinction of being the last professional land surveyor in the NPS and has been affectionately referred to as “the One and Only.”

In 2008, Clayton became IMR’s dam safety coordinator. He earned accolades as a member of a Washington-based NPS committee working with the Bureau of Reclamation to develop and revise existing procedures for evaluating dam safety for the NPS. In addition to his responsibilities as a land surveyor and dam safety coordinator, he was involved in IMR’s asset management program as a facility operations specialist assisting with the region’s PAMP (Park Asset Management Plan) efforts. In retirement, Clayton is looking forward to having more time to spend at home with family and enjoying his passion for collecting and reading books, as well as visiting parks to enjoy the scenery as opposed to mapping the utilities.

**Bruce J. Hancock**, maintenance worker supervisor, Whitman Mission NHS, Oct. 1 after 37 years.



**JOANNE HANLEY**

E&AA Life Member **Joanne M. Hanley**, general superintendent, National Parks of Western Pennsylvania (Flight 93 N MEM, Fort Necessity NB, Friendship Hill NHS, Johnstown Flood N MEM and Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS), Jan. 29 after 32 years.

Joanne holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental science from Long Island University and a master’s degree in environmental science from Washington State University. She began her NPS career as an environmental specialist on

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the Western Team at the Denver Service Center in 1978.

Joanne was the general superintendent of the National Parks of Western Pennsylvania for the last 13 years. Her previous positions included superintendent of Women's Rights NHP, interpretive planner for the National Capital Regional Office, site manager at Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton NHS, concessions management specialist at George Washington Memorial Parkway, international cooperation specialist in the WASO Office of International Affairs and natural resource specialist at Mount Rainier NP. On Feb. 1, 2011, she assumed a new position as president of the Gettysburg Foundation.

**Richard Hanson**, trails supervisor, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Nov. 30 after 34 years.



**RON HEEREN**

**Ron Heeren**, supervisory law enforcement park ranger, Golden Gate NRA, Oct. 31 after over 33 years of federal service, 28 of them with the NPS.

Ron served in the U.S. Army and worked for the Veterans Administration. He began his NPS career in 1982. In addition to Golden Gate NRA, parks at which he worked include Saint Croix NSR, Everglades NP, Blue Ridge Parkway and San Juan Island NHP as chief ranger. Ron has worked in the areas of interpretation, environmental education, maintenance, law enforcement and supervision. He worked for 10 years each at Blue Ridge Parkway and Golden Gate NRA.

Ron was dispatched to several western wildland fire assignments with duties ranging from work on firelines to law enforcement security. He was an EMT for 27 years in six different states. Since 9/11/01, he has been deployed four times to four different NPS sites on Homeland Security details.

**Randy Kane**, chief ranger, Fort Union Trading Post NHS, Oct. 2 after 38 years.

Over the course of his NPS career, Randy served at 14 sites. Areas in which he worked included law enforcement, interpretation and resource management. He retired near Fort Robinson State Park in Crawford, Nebr.

**Bill Lavato**, scanning technician, Denver Service Center, Dec. 31 after 42 years of federal service, 37 of them with the NPS.

**Dominick P. "Nick" Lorenzetti**, electrician, Steamtown NHS, Nov. 30 after over seven years.

**Steve Martin**, superintendent, Grand Canyon NP, Jan. 1 after 35 years.

Steve obtained a bachelor of science degree in resource management from

the University of Arizona in 1975. That same year, he began his NPS career at Grand Canyon NP as a law enforcement river and backcountry ranger and resource manager on the Colorado River, focusing on resource protection and management of recreation. He also served as district ranger of the Old Faithful and North districts and chief of concessions at Yellowstone NP and as chief ranger at Voyageurs NP.

Steve had a long field career, including serving as superintendent of Grand Teton NP, Denali NP & PRES and Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES. At Gates of the Arctic, he worked with Alaska natives on cooperative conservation involving subsistence, wilderness and resource protection and ecotourism.

From 2003 to 2005, Steve served as regional director of the Intermountain Region. Prior to becoming superintendent at Grand Canyon NP, he completed a two-year assignment as deputy director of the NPS in Washington, D.C. As deputy director, he supervised all operations of the NPS, including 390 park units, a \$2.2 billion budget and 20,000 employees. As superintendent of Grand Canyon NP, Steve managed all park programs, as well as a staff of 500.

**Dennis McGinnis**, chief of facility management, Outer Banks Group (Cape Hatteras NS, Fort Raleigh NHS and Wright Brothers N MEM), Jan. 1 after 37 years.

Dennis is a second-generation NPS employee and a native of Manteo, N.C. He began and now ends his career at the Outer Banks Group. He returned home to Manteo in November 2008 as the Outer



**DENNIS MCGINNIS**

Banks Group's chief of facility management, thereby following in the footsteps of his father, Dennis McGinnis, Sr., who held the same position in the 1960s.

As a youth, Dennis spent 11 summers as an actor in *The Lost Colony*, the nation's longest-running outdoor symphonic drama, which is held every summer at the Waterside Theatre in Fort Raleigh NHS. His NPS career began as a seasonal lifeguard at Coquina Beach in Cape Hatteras NS, eventually spanning five parks in three regions and included 13 years of service as an active member of the National Type 1 Incident Command Team. Serving in a variety of incident command team positions, Dennis assisted with many events, such as the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in 1991, and with natural disasters, such as Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the Yosemite flood in 1997 and Hurricane Isabel in 2003.

Dennis has been instrumental in a

number of key projects for the Outer Banks Group. He recently supervised two significant, multi-phased line item construction projects involving the rehabilitation of the group's administration offices, visitor center and The Lost Colony office building at Fort Raleigh NHS and the renovation of the 1872 Bodie Island Lighthouse. He also facilitated the renovation and improvement of several key NPS facilities at Fort Raleigh that are used by the park's partner, the Roanoke Island Historical Association, for the production of *The Lost Colony*. Dennis retires in Manteo, N.C.

**Jerry Megenity**, chief IT specialist, WASO - Land Resources Division, Fort Collins Technical Center, Dec. 30 after 37 years of federal service, 18 of them with the NPS.

Jerry began his federal career in 1974 as a cartographic aid working for the Defense Mapping Agency in Washington, D.C. While there, he attended night school to learn more about computer programming and midway through his professional career, changed his career path and became a computer specialist.

Jerry began his NPS career in 1992 as a GIS/computer specialist at Big Cypress N PRES. Within two years, he transferred to the Land Acquisition Office in Naples, Fla. Upon his arrival, he undertook the challenge of upgrading an outdated mainframe database system that tracked land acquisition and lands managed and preserved by the NPS.

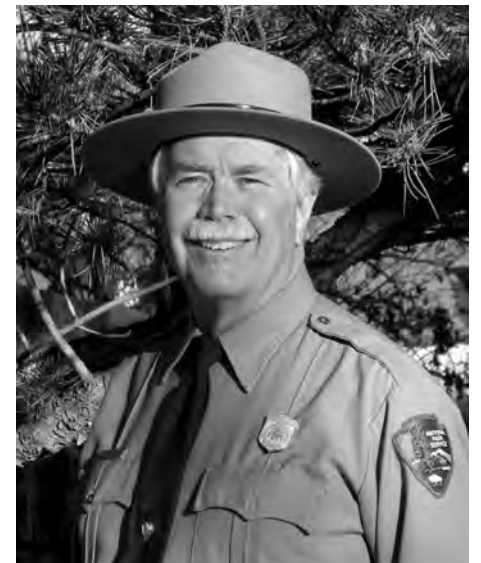
The upgraded database that Jerry created has been used nationwide by Washington Headquarters and NPS regional offices for over 13 years. Due to Jerry's innovations and technological improvements, he revolutionized the NPS's land acquisition tracking and reporting capabilities. This system provides accurate acreage figures for all the parks and is used daily by the Washington Land Resources Division, particularly for congressional and public inquiries and budget reports. In addition, the database serves as a valuable park management tool. Jerry received a Superior Service Award for his development, management and improvement of this database system, which has become vital to the accuracy of not only the land resources program, but also to NPS units nationwide.

**William R. "Bill" Quinn**, custodial worker, Steamtown NHS, Dec. 28 after over 13 years.

E&AA Life Member **Dave Roberts**, management assistant, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP and Curecanti NRA, Dec. 31 after 35 years.

Dave was a volunteer docent at Placerita Canyon Natural Area in the San Gabriel Mountains in the early 1970s before serving seasonal appointments at Muir Woods NM and Fort Point NHS. He gained permanent status working as a park technician at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Lake Isabella Project in central California. His first permanent NPS position was park technician/ranger at Montezuma Castle NM (1977). He served as chief of interpretation and resource management at three park units: Fort Union NM (1986), Tonto NM (1988) and (then) Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM (1990).

In 1996, Dave became the management assistant at Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM and Curecanti NRA. He oversaw planning and development of



**DAVE ROBERTS**

several trails and worked on legislation that redesignated Black Canyon of the Gunnison as the 55th national park. In 2000, he received the Intermountain Regional Director's Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Management for his efforts related to land protection.

Dave holds a B.A. degree from UCLA and attended graduate school at Cal State, Northridge. He and his wife, Blanche, plan to remain in their Montrose home to continue to enjoy the amenities available on Colorado's western slope. They have enjoyed traveling to archeological sites in different parts of the world (e.g. Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and Peru) and plan to continue such explorations. Dave can be reached at [daveblanche@bresnan.net](mailto:daveblanche@bresnan.net).

**Betty M. Runnels**, administrative officer, Lewis and Clark NHP, Nov. 3 after 29 years.

**Dennis R. Schramm**, superintendent, Mojave N PRES, Dec. 3 after 33 years.

Dennis attended undergraduate and graduate school at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He conducted his graduate studies in Death Valley, studying the plants of the Black Mountains. He began his NPS career at the Denver Service Center in 1978 as an environmental specialist and planner.

Throughout the years, Dennis worked at various parks, including Lava Beds NM, Santa Monica Mountains NRA and Mojave N PRES, and had assignments in the Alaska Regional Office and at the NPS's headquarters in Washington, D.C. He spent eight years in Alaska, and he traveled throughout the state working on mining and hazmat issues in the parks. He is particularly proud of the extensive hazmat clean-up work that was completed in Denali NP & PRES, Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES and Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES.

From 1995 to 2002, Dennis was a management assistant at Mojave N PRES. During his tenure in Washington, D.C., he served on the National Wilderness Steering Committee and was part of the team that rewrote management policies in 2005. In addition, he led a national team of planners in the development of the updated management planning policies and handbook and, in particular, the new planning training course for the NPS. In 2009, he served as deputy superintendent at Yosemite NP. Other assignments included serving as the Pacific West Region superintendent representative to the Natural Resource Advisory Group for three years

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and as NPS representative on the Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative initiative. Dennis was superintendent at Mojave N PRES for five years.

E&AA Member **Gary Somers**, superintendent, Nez Perce NHP, Oct. 1 after 36 years.

**Ed Tafoya**, branch chief, Compliance and Data Management Branch, Contracting Services Division, Denver Service Center, Dec. 18 after 32 years of federal service, 28 of them with the NPS.

E&AA Life Member **Randy W. Turner**, superintendent, Morristown NHP, Jan. 3 after over 35 years.

Randy began with the NPS at Natchez Trace Parkway in 1973 as a volunteer, work-study student trainee, seasonal park aid and seasonal park technician until graduating from Mississippi State University in 1976. He held additional seasonal positions at Cumberland Gap NHP and Fort Caroline N MEM. His first permanent NPS position was at Gulf Islands NS (Florida Unit) in 1977. He also had assignments as a field ranger and supervisor at Herbert Hoover NHS and Statue of Liberty NM.

In 1985, Randy joined the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway NRA as an interpretive specialist and became chief of interpretation and cultural resources there in 1987. From 1990 to 1999, he was the chief of visitor services and cultural resources at Delaware Water Gap NRA.

Randy was selected as the Bevinetto Congressional Fellow for 1999 and 2000, spending year one assigned to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, and year two assigned to the WASO Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Following this, he was named deputy superintendent of Manhattan Sites, superintendent of Weir Farm NHS (2001) and superintendent of Morristown NHP (2005). During 2007, he served double duty as superintendent of Morristown NHP and (then) Edison NHS.

Randy served on advisory groups, task forces and committees, including as the first chair of the National Interpretive Advisory Council, as a founding member of the former North Atlantic Regional Interpretive Training Skills Team and as the NPS liaison to the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage

Area in New Jersey. In 2009, the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table named him "Man of the Year."



Vaden Family Photo

## NORMA VADEN

**Norma Vaden**, park ranger (interpretation), Padre Island NS, March 8, 2010 after 22 years.

Norma worked for the state of Texas in education for 20 years before entering federal service. She has a master's degree in theology and will be working on her doctorate. Norma and her husband enjoy traveling and, most importantly, spending time with their family and friends. She says, "Thank you for making my tenure with the Park Service a success."

**Bruce R. Vanvick**, maintenance mechanic, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Dec. 3 after 33 years.

E&AA Member **Michael D. Wilson**, chief of the State and Local Assistance Programs Division, WASO, Dec. 3 after 31 years of federal service, nearly all of them with the NPS.

Working first as an intern planner at the Atlanta Regional Commission, Michael began his career as a land use planner and zoning administrator with a regional planning and development commission in Alabama. Here, he progressed to the position of planning director. He then became assistant community development director of the city of Ypsilanti, Mich. In these latter two positions, he gained expertise in securing and managing federal grants, which led to his being hired in 1979 at the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS) regional office in Ann Arbor, Mich. HCRS was merged with the NPS in

1981 shortly after he transferred to Washington, D.C.

Except for a two-year stint as assistant superintendent of George Washington Memorial Parkway and 18 months managing state AmeriCorps grants at the federal government's Corporation for National and Community Service, all of Michael's NPS career was spent working with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State Assistance Program and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program. During his last nine years of service, Michael was national manager of these programs, along with the Federal Lands to Parks Surplus Property and Base Realignment and Closure Program.

Michael takes great pride in the accomplishments of these programs, especially LWCF, which has endured



NPS photo by Rosa Wilson

## MICHAEL D. WILSON

for over 45 years—providing more than \$3.8 billion in acquiring and/or developing more than 40,000 state and local parks located in more than 98 percent of the nation's counties.

Michael holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a Master of City Planning degree from Georgia Tech and a law degree (JD degree) from George Mason University. His daughter, Victoria, is a senior at Penn State University and his son, Joshua, is an attorney practicing law in Virginia. Michael and his wife, Paula, plan to relocate to Central Florida near Orlando, and they look forward to new adventures and travel.

**David Yubeta**, exhibits specialist, Tumacácori NHP, Sept. 30 after 25 years. ■

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types, particularly coastal defensive works. At this session, participants, local historians, archeologists, government representatives and preservation professionals obtained more information regarding the identification, evaluation and protection of the resources and had the opportunity to discuss the other aspects of military heritage in line with the IcoFort committee's mission. The meeting participants also acquired sufficient familiarity with Caribbean fortifications to be able to comment meaningfully on any future proposals for potential World Heritage nomination of the Virgin Islands Danish fortifications and/or sugar plantations.

Conference programs on each of the

islands were a combination of presentations, working sessions and site visits. The week of activities opened at San Juan NHS, and the first two days were dedicated to nine presentations, a stucco workshop and a site visit to the Spanish castles of San Felipe del Morro and San Cristóbal.

The next stop was St. Croix, where the IcoFort participants toured Fort Frederick led by Christiansted NHS Chief of Interpretation William Cissel, who also spoke about the Salt River Bay NHP & Ecological PRES. Next, the group was greeted by Christiansted NHS Supt. Joel Tutein, followed by a tour of Fort Christiansted by Park Ranger Anibal Colon. They visited Hassel Island guided by Charles Consolvo, archeologist and chairman of the Hassel Island Task Force of the St. Thomas Historic Trust, with visits to Creque

Marine and Fort Shipley. They also visited Fort Christian.

At St. John, the members visited the battery at Cruz Bay, the ruins of Cinnamon Bay, Annaberg and Caneel Bay plantations, the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS), Tektite and Fortsberg at Coral Bay. At Fortsberg, they listened to Gilbert Sprauve, retired University of the Virgin Islands professor; Myron Jackson, Virgin Islands Cultural Heritage Institute executive director; and Chuck Pishko, St. John historian, talk about the Fortsberg site—considered by the people of St. John as sacred ground and important in the island's history.

The day concluded with a sunset water tour of the north shore of Virgin Islands NP. Our heartfelt thanks to the many organizations and individuals who participated and contributed to the success of this event. ■

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Homestead National Monument of America** invites staff alumni to a reunion celebration on June 17, 2011 as part of the monument's 75th anniversary. Former staff will enjoy a meal and see the changes that have occurred at the monument. Activities include a photo slide show, trivia and time to enjoy each other's company. This event is during Homestead Days 2011, so participants may stay in Beatrice, Nebr., for the weekend's festivities.

Interested staff alumni should contact the event's coordinator, Park Guide Allison La Duke, to register. If you know other former Homestead employees, please send their contact information so they can be invited to this exciting event. For more information, contact Allison La Duke or Supt. Mark Engler at (402) 223-3514.

**1862 and the Making of the Great Plains**—The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for Great Plains Studies, in collaboration with Homestead National Monument of America, will host a symposium March 28 to 30, 2012 on the impact of this historic year on the subsequent development of the region. The symposium will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 2012, we mark the 150th anniversary of the 1862 passage of four pieces of landmark legislation: (1) the Homestead Act, (2) the Morrill Act, (3) the Pacific Railroad Act and (4) the act establishing the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The bitter 1862 Dakota Conflict in Minnesota will also be observed in 2012.

Focusing on the importance of these laws and events, the symposium will identify and evaluate their role in shaping the Great Plains. How did the federal vision for the region drive regional development in some directions while foreclosing it in others? How did these historic laws and the unfolding policies that implemented them shape the culture, economy, environment, democracy, history and politics of the Great Plains? How do they continue to have relevance today?

If you wish to present a paper, please consult the more complete statement of the symposium theme at [www.unl.edu/plains/seminars/futuresymp.shtml](http://www.unl.edu/plains/seminars/futuresymp.shtml). Submit your proposal by Nov. 1, 2011 using the submission form provided at [www.unl.edu/plains](http://www.unl.edu/plains).

**Annual Glacier NP Picnic**—Aug. 21, 2011 at park headquarters in West Glacier, Mont. It's a great time to visit with old friends and fellow retirees. Approximately 125 attended last year. The organizers hope you will be one of the 2011 attendees! For information, or to be added to the email list for this annual event, contact Susan Buchel at [retireinmt@yahoo.com](mailto:retireinmt@yahoo.com) or Rae Marie Fauley at [raeree@centurytel.net](mailto:raeree@centurytel.net) or P.O. Box 396, Lakeside, MT 59922. ■

## E&AA welcomes the following new members:

K. Lynn Berry, Theron Daniel, Mark Davison, Cheryl DeShazer, Ben Helwig, Toni Stark Lanford-Ferguson, Clyde Maxey, Roberta Nilson, Loretta Schmidt, Timothy Stair, Jeff and Kelly Weak, Donald Weir and Michael Wilson.

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**Laurie Axelsen**, 41, Oct. 8, in an off-duty plane crash.

Laurie was Dangling Rope District ranger at Glen Canyon NRA and worked at the park for over eight years. She began her NPS career in 1989 as a park ranger at Mount Rainier NP and also worked at several other NPS sites, including Olympic NP, Big Bend NP and Shenandoah NP.

Laurie is survived by her parents and a brother. Donations are being accepted through Glen Canyon Natural History Association to establish a Seasonal Law Enforcement Ranger Academy scholarship [also see Brent McGinn on page 10]. Please make checks out to: Glen Canyon Natural History Association, and note McGinn-Axelsen Scholarship on the memo line. Mail checks to: Glen Canyon Natural History Association, Attn: McGinn-Axelsen Scholarship, P.O. Box 1835, Page, AZ 86040, or call (credit card only): (877) GLEN-CYN. Online condolences may be made at [www.sympathytree.com/laurieaxelsenps](http://www.sympathytree.com/laurieaxelsenps).



Chandler Family Photo

## BOB CHANDLER

E&AA Life Member **Robert S. "Bob" Chandler**, 74, Dec. 23, in Bakersfield, Calif., due to multiple myeloma.

Following graduation from the University of Maryland, Bob's 38-year NPS career began in 1958 in the National Capital Parks, where he served as a horticulturist. Subsequently, he was the first head of the Harpers Ferry Job Corps Center, assistant superintendent at Mount Rainier NP, headed the NPS's Chicago field office and was superintendent at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (1975-1978), Santa Monica Mountains NRA (1978-1983), Olympic NP (1983-1989), Everglades NP (1989-1991) and Grand Canyon NP (1991-1993). His final assignment, from where he retired in 1996, was as the first general manager of the Presidio of San Francisco. He oversaw the transfer of the Presidio from the army to the NPS.

Bob received DOI's Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Award. Following his NPS retirement, he served on the National Park System Advisory Board and helped to author the report, "Rethinking the National Parks for the 21st Century." He served on the board of the Grand Canyon National Park Foundation and as a senior advisor to the National Park Foundation and consulted on park matters in Southern California.

Bob's survivors include his wife of 53 years, Mitzi; two sons: Alan and Richard; daughter, Donna; and three grandchildren. Messages can be posted about Bob at:

[BobChandlerTribute.blogspot.com](http://BobChandlerTribute.blogspot.com), or email photos/stories to [Ruthkilday@aol.com](mailto:Ruthkilday@aol.com).

E&AA Life Member **Douglas B. "Doug" Cornell, Jr.**, 77, Oct. 11, due to pneumonia and other complications.

Doug graduated from Cornell University in 1957 with a degree in architecture. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years and had a 37-year career as a park planner/architect with the NPS, retiring from the Denver Service Center in 1993.

In 1963, Doug married Fifi Branner in San Francisco. They had two sons. The family moved to Evergreen, Colo., in 1974, and Fifi passed away in 1990. Doug met his spousal partner, Paul Luzetski, in 1994, and they shared life's adventures while residing in Evergreen for the past 16 years. Doug's dedication to the Evergreen community included serving on the board of directors for the Evergreen Center for the Arts and Jefferson County Historical Society. He had a passion for the arts and was highly involved in the production of the locally popular Summerfest and Mountain Rendezvous events.

Doug became an advocate for LGBT rights and devoted the last two decades to volunteerism with Colorado social and human rights advocacy organizations. He was one of the longest-running active members of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Evergreen/Mountain Area chapter.

Doug's survivors include Paul; two sons: Lance (Teresa) and Trace; five grandchildren; and many friends. Contributions in his memory may be made to: PFLAG National Office, 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 660, Washington, DC 20036 or [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org).



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## BRYAN CULPEPPER

**Bryan Culpepper**, 48, Nov. 25, following a long battle with cancer.

Bryan began his NPS career in 1988 as an interpretive park ranger at Ozark NSR and became the park's first full-time museum curator in 2007. He was responsible for the preservation of over 500,000 natural and cultural artifacts, extensive administrative documents, oral histories and thousands of photographs. His love of the Ozarks and its resources were displayed in the many interpretive programs he conducted for the visiting public and children (who were drawn to him). He was especially interested in Ozark archeology and Native American cultures.

Beginning in 2004, Bryan initiated, organized and coordinated the annual Ozark Riverways Heritage Days. He was recognized for his Heritage Days efforts with the regional Freeman Tilden Award in 2008. Bryan was proud to preserve the original CCC

records for Big Spring State Park, which became part of Ozark NSR in 1964.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Lending a Hand Fund, P.O. Box 734, Van Buren, MO 63965, or plant a tree in Bryan's memory.

**Leonard F. "Len" Dems**, 52, Dec. 5, following a battle with cancer.

Len was the fire and aviation officer for the Intermountain Region and had retired from the NPS on Dec. 3, 2010 after over 30 years of service. He was one of the NPS's highly skilled veteran firefighters.

Len started his firefighting career on the fire crew of the Grand Canyon North Rim "Longshots" in 1978. He received his bachelor of science degree in forestry and forest biology from the State University of New York's College of Environmental Science in 1980. After graduation, he rose to become foreman of that crew in 1984.

Len's first permanent NPS position was as a fiscal clerk at Grand Canyon NP in 1984. His first ranger position was at Everglades NP in 1987. He attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga., and graduated with the highest marksmanship scores in his class. In 1988, he transferred to Glen Canyon NRA, where he served as a protection ranger. He subsequently served at Shenandoah NP and Grand Teton NP as a fire management officer.

In 2001, Len transferred to the Intermountain Region as wildland fire specialist. He was promoted to his most recent position in 2005 and served on many national boards of review and as a technical subject-matter expert for management of large wildland fires.

Len was preceded in death by his father, Leonard A. Dems. Survivors include his wife, Jenny (Hinson), who works in the Park Facility Management Division, WASO; two sons: Cody and Dylan; mother, Connie; sister, Kathleen (Robert) Hazen, and her family; sister, Karen O'Donnell, and her family; and brother, Bernie (Patty) Dems, and his family. In addition, survivors include his father-in-law, Norm Hinson, who is an NPS retiree; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Scott and Mary Hinson (Scott is special agent in charge in WASO, and Mary is chief ranger at Lake Mead NRA); and brother-in-law, Jeff Hinson, who works for the Forest Service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Len's name to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation ([www.wffoundation.org/Donation.asp](http://www.wffoundation.org/Donation.asp) or 2049 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705), and/or donate blood in Len's name. Online condolences may be made at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/lendems](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lendems).

E&AA Life Member **William F. "Bill" Donati**, 77, Oct. 17, at home, following an illness.

Bill served in the U.S. Air Force (1950 to 1954). He graduated from Wright Junior College (now Wilbur Wright College) while working for TWA and the Museum of Science and Industry. He attended The College of Wooster in Ohio, where he met and married his wife, Ann, and graduated in 1962 with a major in geology.

Bill's NPS career spanned from 1962 to 1994. He served as a ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway and Crater Lake NP, district ranger and interpretation specialist at Mount Rainier NP and chief of resource management and visitor protection at Lava Beds NM. He spent 14 years at Redwood NP in the chief ranger's office



Donati Family Photo

## WILLIAM F. DONATI

as visitor protection specialist and safety officer—from where he retired in 1994.

Following his NPS retirement, Bill served on the board of the Crescent City, Calif., Fire Protection District for eight years (1994-2002) with one term as chairman. He was a member of the Crescent City United Methodist Church, at times serving as a trustee, singing in the choir and serving as Sunday school superintendent. He helped reorganize the Community Concerts Association and served as an officer for a three-year term. He and Ann enjoyed RVing in their retirement years, making four full-circle trips around the USA and then cruising to the two states to which they could not drive.

Bill was the last of 16 siblings. His survivors include, Ann, his wife of 50 years; two sons: Marc (wife, Rose Marie) and David; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to: Crescent City United Methodist Church, 664 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531.

**Edward F. "Ed" Duffy**, 68, Dec. 7, peacefully, at home in Northern Virginia, following a battle with lung cancer.

Ed was a 37-year NPS employee. He began his career with the NPS in the early 1970s as a public information specialist in the Office of the Assistant Director for Public Affairs, later advancing to the position of park technician. In 1973, he was detailed as a special assistant to NPS Director Ron Walker. He left that position in 1975 to become a ranger and then superintendent at Great Falls Park and the Potomac River Gorge (now part of George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP)). He worked in this position for nearly a decade.

It was during this period that an alarming pattern of Potomac River drowning began. Ed's tenure saw the infancy of the Potomac River Gorge safety initiative, an effort to address high-risk activities and reduce the loss of life.

In 1984, Ed became a concession specialist at GWMP, followed by a move to the National Capital Regional Office (NCR) in 1989. At NCR, he became the chief of concessions in 1994 and associate regional director of operations and education in 1997, the position he held upon his NPS retirement in July 2009.

Ed's family has asked that donations be made to the Capital Hospice of Washington at (703) 532-5355. They ask NPS friends to view and sign the family's guestbook: [www.moneyandking.com](http://www.moneyandking.com).

**Don Garate**, 59, Sept. 21, following a struggle with brain cancer.

Don grew up on the Madeline Plains

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in Lassen County, Calif., and was the third generation of Garates to have lived on the family cattle and sheep ranch. In addition to working on the ranch, Don taught Basque language and culture at Lassen College and published two books about the Madeline Plains.

After years of ranching, Don began his NPS career as a purchasing agent at Zion NP in 1987. He transferred to Tumacácori NHP in 1990, where he served as historian and chief of interpretation, and devoted his career to learning and sharing his knowledge of Tumacácori's history.

Don developed "Mission 2000," a database that contains church records from 1684-1848 for all births, deaths, marriages, baptisms, etc., as documented by the priests who served at the Guevavi, Calabazas and Tumacácori missions. Along with Basque, he was fluent in Spanish and played a major role in the development of the park's museum exhibits. He was a prolific writer and published 24 books and numerous articles.

In 1992, Don was the regional Freeman Tilden Award winner for the Western Region. He presented first-person living history programs at historical sites, events and meetings in the U.S. and Mexico and was known to many as "Capitán Juan Bautista de Anza." Don's survivors include his wife, Alice, six children and 15 grandchildren.



**GARY HETZEL**

**Gary Hetzel**, 56, Nov. 22, unexpectedly, at home.

Gary was a maintenance worker at North Cascades NP and had 21 years of government service, 18 years of which were with the NPS in Stehekin, Wash. He was admired for his strong work ethic, the quality of his carpentry and his understanding of historic preservation construction, but what he will truly be remembered for is his gentle, generous spirit and easy laugh. Gary was a friend and mentor to many and made a particular effort to take new seasonal employees under his wing. His co-workers and members of the Stehekin community will miss him.

**James "Jim" Hooyboer**, 64, Nov. 17, at home in Elgin, Tex.

Jim served in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army, and after completing his army service, he worked at the White House during President Johnson's administration. His long career with the NPS included working at (then) Lyndon B. Johnson NHS, Fort Larned NHS, Fort Union NM, Big Thicket N PRES and Mammoth

Cave NP and at regional offices in Omaha and Santa Fe.

Most recently, Jim devoted his time to the Down Home Ranch in Elgin, working with people with developmental disabilities. Survivors include his son, Daniel; two daughters: Melinda (husband, Brett) and Adrienne; four grandchildren; four brothers and their wives: Ralph (Kit), Dan (Kristi), Bob (Donna) and Joe (Daphne); sister, Joan; aunt, Mary; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

E&AA Life Member **Lawrance J. "Larry" Hovig**, 78, Oct. 2, at home in Humarock, Mass.

Larry served in the Korean War and was associate regional director for administration in the (then) North Atlantic Regional Office - Boston (1974-1987), retiring from the NPS in 1987. In 1988, he married NPS colleague Rosalie (Brouillard) Spitz-Hovig and operated McKays Inn in Bar Harbor, Maine, for several years.

Larry's survivors include Rosalie; three children: Melody, Kimberly and Karry; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to the National Parks Conservation Association, 1300 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 or Hospice of the South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree, MA 02185.

E&AA Life Member **S. Lebrun Hutchison**, 81, Dec. 21, peacefully, surrounded by family, in Littleton, Colo., due to natural causes.

As a child, Lebrun served in the Boy Scouts—attaining Eagle rank and teaching canoeing and rowing to other Scouts. He met Myrtle Fikes at Eastern Community College in Decatur, Miss., and they married in 1951. Thereafter, he earned a degree in civil engineering at Mississippi State College and worked for the Illinois Central Railroad before moving to Albuquerque, N.Mex., in 1959 to join the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Lebrun was transferred to Littleton, Colo., in 1963 and later joined the NPS, where he remained for eight years on the Denver Service Center's Western Team as chief engineer - A/E manager until his retirement in 1980. As chief engineer, he enjoyed working on visitor centers and water, sewer and road projects in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Utah and Nevada. He loved to travel and was active in the Littleton sister city exchange with Bega, Australia. He served on the board of the United Methodist church and was active in the church's men's club. He was president of the Littleton Lions Club and was elected Grand Marshal of the Littleton Western Welcome Parade in 1996. Other community activities included Friends of the Littleton Library, Colorado Boys Ranch and Meals on Wheels.

Lebrun is survived by Myrtle; two daughters: Sylvia and Stella; five grandchildren: Daniel, Sarah, David, Alexandra and Jackson; and two great-granddaughters: Victoria and Elizabeth. Donations may be made to: Colorado Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 681, La Junta, CO 81050, or to: Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 South Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120.

E&AA Life Member **Sandra L. "Sandy" Kogl**, 67, Sept. 13, at home in Talkeetna, Alaska, after a lengthy struggle with ALS.

Sandy's experience with sled dogs led her to (then) Mount McKinley National

Park's kennels in 1975, where she was hired to revitalize that program, improve the breeding and renovate the facility. While there, she authored the book *Sled Dogs of Denali*. In 1987, she graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and was appointed Denali NP & PRES's backcountry supervisory park ranger. She retired as Denali's backcountry subdistrict ranger in 1995. Survivors include Sandy's partner, George Wagner.

**Brent McGinn**, 49, Oct. 8, in an off-duty plane crash.

Brent was chief ranger at Glen Canyon NRA for almost three years. He began his NPS career in 1980 as a park technician at Apostle Islands NL. He had also worked at several other NPS sites, including Bryce Canyon NP, Zion NP and Canaveral NS.

Survivors include Brent's parents and three siblings. Donations are being accepted through Glen Canyon Natural History Association to establish a Seasonal Law Enforcement Ranger Academy scholarship. Please make checks out to: Glen Canyon Natural History Association, and note McGinn-Axelsen Scholarship on the memo line. Mail checks to: Glen Canyon Natural History Association, Attn: McGinn-Axelsen Scholarship, P.O. Box 1835, Page, AZ 86040, or call (credit card only): (877) GLEN-CYN. Online condolences may be made at [www.sympathytree.com/brentmcginnnps](http://www.sympathytree.com/brentmcginnnps).

E&AA Life Member **Temple A. "Temp" Reynolds**, 78, Dec. 24, following a brief battle with bacterial meningitis.

Temp spent his early summers at a family cabin on a small lake in Northeastern Pennsylvania, where he fell in love with the outdoors and learned how to fish and operate a boat—two of his lifelong passions. In 1954, after earning a B.S. degree in forest management from Penn State University, he moved to Logan, Utah, where he obtained an M.S. degree in wildlife management in 1957 from Utah State University.

Temp met Susan ("Sue"), a biology teacher and his "wife-to-be," in spring 1956. They were married in June 1957 and embarked on a life that became dominated by Temp's outdoor passions of hunting, fishing and boating and his profession—the management of natural resources. Their son, Stuart, came along in early winter 1965.

From 1957 until he resigned from directorship of the Arizona Game and Fish Department in 1988, Temp served with three state wildlife agencies and two federal bureaus of the DOI. He held a variety of positions ranging from upland game bird research through public information, outdoor recreation planning and grants-in-aid management to administration of national parks and statewide natural resources management programs. While they were all challenging, the jobs he enjoyed the most were his years as assistant superintendent of Lake Mead NRA, superintendent of Glen Canyon NRA and executive director of Utah's Department of Natural Resources.

In fall 1988, at age 56, Temp decided to get off the "merry-go-round." He and Sue bought a trailer on a lot in San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico, and became winter residents there. In 1998, they moved into a condominium development in Loreto, Baja California Sur. Their years in Mexico were never dull. They agreed to become RV caravan leaders and spent 10 years showing enthusiastic travelers the best of Mexico. While

spending part of the year in Mexico, Temp also served as an assistant city magistrate and justice of the peace pro tempore in the county court system in Arizona from 1996 until his death.

Temp and Sue spent a month or more each summer in British Columbia and traveled widely. He truly lived the "good life," and enjoyed almost every minute of it!

Temp is survived by his wife, Sue, and his only son, Stuart. At his request, there were no memorial services or "celebrations" of his life. He asked, rather, that his friends remember him through contributions to the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program administered by the Employees and Alumni Association of the NPS (E&AA). Tax-deductible donations should be sent to the E&AA Trust Fund at 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

E&AA Life Member **Arthur Lawrence Sullivan**, 79, Dec. 23, at home, from complications related to sarcoidosis.

Arthur was a radio operator in the U.S. Air Force before attending Boston College, where he graduated with a degree in history in 1957. He married the love of his life, Florence "Flo" Ann Cahill, in June 1957, and they had three children.

Arthur began his nearly 40-year NPS career in 1958 as a historian at (then) Harpers Ferry NM. Five years later, he transferred to Minute Man NHP before being assigned superintendent at Salem Maritime NHS in 1963. He went on to become superintendent of (then) Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park (1966), Statue of Liberty NM (1969), Bighorn Canyon NRA (1970) and finally Ozark NSR (1976), from where he retired in 1995. His awards include the 1985 Water Conservationist of the Year from the Conservation Federation of Missouri and a Keep America Beautiful Award.

Arthur never lost his love of learning, and late in life, he learned to speak, read and write Russian and earned a paralegal degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. He was a lifelong water enthusiast who enjoyed fishing and navigating his boat on the Intercoastal Waterway and the open ocean.

Arthur's survivors include his wife of 53 years, Flo; son, Kevin (wife, Coti); daughter, Kimberly Pyles (husband, Bruce); brother, John; sister, Louise; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sharon; three brothers: David, Daniel and Richard; and sister, Barbara. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the St. Michael Catholic Church Building Fund. Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

**Alexander "Alex" Taylor, Jr.**, 83, June 9, at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J.

Alex served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in the Philippines. He graduated with honors from the Howard University School of Architecture in 1952.

As an architect and professional planner, Alex worked for the federal government for 20 years on projects including renovations at the White House and retired from the NPS in 1996.

Alex's survivors include his wife of 50 years, Gloria; two sons: Mark (wife, Beverly) and Todd; daughter, Alexis; sister, Gloria; and two grandchildren. Donations in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. ■

# New Places & Faces

**Frank Alvarez**, from human resource specialist (labor and employee relations), Northeast Regional Office, to human resource specialist, Northeast Region, Central Servicing Human Resource Office - Philadelphia.

**LeTisha Ashton**, to administrative support assistant, Lassen Volcanic NP.

**Sue D. Bennett**, from site manager, National Capital Parks - East (Anacostia Park and Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens), to chief of interpretation and education, Indiana Dunes NL.

**Karen Beppler-Dorn**, from superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush NHP (Seattle Unit), to superintendent, Pinnacles NM.

**Katie Berrian**, to telecommunications equipment operator, Shenandoah NP.

**Susan Boudreau**, from superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush NHP (in Skagway, Alaska), to superintendent, Glacier Bay NP & PRES.

**Debbie Caro**, from information receptionist, Shenandoah NP, to procurement tech, MABO (Major Acquisition Buying Office), Northeast Regional Office.



**DENNIS L. CARRUTH**

**Dennis L. Carruth**, from superintendent, Aztec Ruins NM, to superintendent, Pecos NHP. Dennis will also serve as the general superintendent over Fort Union NM and as the NPS representative to the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area.

**Cathleen J. "Cathy" Cook**, from NPS acting chief of interpretation and education, WASO, to superintendent, Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP.

**Christopher Derman**, from lead park ranger (interpretation), World War II Valor in the Pacific NM, to supervisory park ranger (interpretation), Big Cypress N PRES.

**Jim Dougan**, from wilderness program manager, Rocky Mountain NP, to chief ranger, Natural Bridges NM and Hovenweep NM.

**Dr. Patrick Gonzalez**, to climate change scientist, Climate Change Response Program, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, WASO.

**Scott Gray**, to park ranger (law enforcement), Carlsbad Caverns NP.

**Dave Hoepfer**, from park ranger (protec-

tion), Independence NHP, to park ranger (protection), Lassen Volcanic NP.

**Dan Johnson**, from interpretive specialist, Keweenaw NHP, to chief of interpretation, Dinosaur NM.

**Theodore Johnson**, from park guide, Independence NHP, to park ranger, Fort Frederica NM.

**Chris Jones**, from concessions management specialist, Shenandoah NP, to facility management specialist, WASO Concessions.

**Clayton "Clay" Jordan**, from chief ranger, Gulf Islands NS, to chief ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP.

**Marta Cruz Kelly**, from e-training project manager, DOI, to NPS chief of interpretation, WASO.



**MIKE KUSCH**

**Mike Kusch**, from chief of interpretation and resource management, Fort Stanwix NM, to chief of interpretation and cultural resource management, Hot Springs NP.

**Randy Y. Larson**, from chief ranger, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, to superintendent, Sitka NHP.

**Tom Leatherman**, from deputy superintendent, to superintendent, Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, John Muir NHS and Eugene O'Neill NHS.

**Cathy Loshner**, from administrative officer, Gulf Islands NS, to administrative officer, Great Smoky Mountains NP.

**Ken Mehne**, from park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP, to law enforcement specialist, Indiana Dunes NL.

**Jessica Murgia**, to accounting technician, Lassen Volcanic NP.

**James A. "Jim" Nepstad**, from chief of planning and resource management, Apostle Islands NL, to superintendent, Effigy Mounds NM.

**Peggy O'Dell**, from regional director, National Capital Region, to NPS deputy director for operations, WASO.

**Gordon Olson**, from chief of natural and cultural resources, Shenandoah NP, to chief of natural and cultural resources, Lake Mead NRA.

**Michael D. "Mike" Pflaum**, from regional partnerships coordinator, Mid-



**MIKE PFLAUM**

west Regional Office, to superintendent, Keweenaw NHP.

**Travis Poulson**, from supervisory law enforcement ranger, Southeast Arizona Group (Coronado N MEM, Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS), to chief ranger, Padre Island NS.

**Steve Printz**, to maintenance worker, Shenandoah NP.

**Pete Reinhardt**, from visitor and resource protection operations supervisor, to chief ranger, Crater Lake NP.

**Doug Richardson**, from park ranger, Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS and Johnstown Flood N MEM, to chief of interpretation, Fort Donelson NB.

**Janet Rogers**, to administrative officer, Lassen Volcanic NP.

**Melania Stoeber**, to park guide, Lassen Volcanic NP.

**Jeff Troutman**, from chief of natural and cultural resources, Southeast Utah Group (Canyonlands NP, Arches NP, Hovenweep NM and Natural Bridges NM), to chief of resource management and science, Great Smoky Mountains NP.

**Russel J. "Russ" Wilson**, from superintendent, Cape Lookout NS, to chief, Division of Regulations and Special Park Uses, WASO.

**Patty Lockamy Wissinger**, from deputy superintendent, to superintendent, Chattahoochee River NRA.

## The Arrowhead Store

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## Oral History Course

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Servicewide training in oral history project management and interviewing. I recruited NPS instructors who were knowledgeable about various aspects of the oral history process. They included Deborah "Dee" Bardwick, an assistant field solicitor in the San Francisco Office of the Solicitor; Jennifer Hardin, park cultural anthropologist at Yosemite NP; Alan Marsh, cultural resource specialist at Andersonville NHS; Hannah NyalaWest, historian at Joshua Tree NP; Jeff Pappas, a lead ranger at Tioga Pass in Yosemite NP and a historian; and Paul Rogers, Pacific West regional archivist.

Course participants included historians, interpretive and wilderness park rangers, collections managers, archivists, curators and cultural resources specialists. In their evaluations, students praised the course as practical and "deeply powerful." Oral history, one person noted, "alters and provides deep insights into every aspect of life. As it relates to the National Park Service, we can create a product that can affect leadership decisions, interactions with gateway communities, mentoring and resource management." Learn more about oral history in the NPS at [www.nps.gov/history/history/oh/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/history/oh/index.htm). The next Effective Oral History course will be Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, 2011 at Everglades NP.

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**SHENANDOAH NP'S INTERPRETIVE STAFF**, summer 1970. Recognize anyone in this photo? If so, be sure to let them know about Shenandoah NP's employee reunion on May 14 and 15, 2011. In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Shenandoah NP will honor past and present employees with a weekend full of activities, programs and fellowship. To see more Shenandoah alumni photos, get information on the weekend's activities and to register, visit [www.CelebrateShenandoah.org/reunion](http://www.CelebrateShenandoah.org/reunion).

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