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FROM THE DIRECTOR

I recently attended both the Midwest Region's Superintendents' Conference and the biennial George Wright Society Conference. With a shared theme of "Rethinking Protected Areas in a Changing World," the concurrent meetings were held in St. Paul, Minn., affording an excellent opportunity for the two groups to engage in spirited off-session discussions, as well as formal connections.



Members of the two organizations and their respective partners had stimulating debate on a variety of topics ranging from Native People and Protected Lands to the Renaissance for Interpretation and Education and the National Park Service Centennial Initiative.

I was particularly pleased with the frank give-and-take between presenters and the Midwest Region superintendents and management staff. I was even pleased to find I was not spared tough and thoughtful questions after I spoke. I hope that this sort of dialogue will be a continuing part of my tenure as director. I believe I get my best advice when there is a free and frank exchange of ideas.

At George Wright, I was able to reinforce my commitment to careful research and thoughtful analysis. The entire conference underscored the essential message that effective natural and cultural resource management is integral to sound park operations.

The opportunity to share the microphone with my colleagues, Ernesto Enkerlin of Mexico and Alan Latourelle of Canada, was a special privilege. We all enjoyed the give-and-take with conference participants on a wide range of topics.

Speaking of colleagues, I was thrilled that we were joined by five former NPS directors at our National Leadership Council (NLC) meeting in May: Bob Stanton, Roger Kennedy, Jim Ridenour, Gary Everhardt and George Hartzog.

The NLC discussed many topics, but spent a great deal of time on the people programs. For this to be a true "time of the people" we must prepare the next generation of park leaders with training and development opportunities.

Just as our former directors continue to contribute, I hope we can also draw on the immense experience of our NPS alumni to help mentor and counsel the future generation of leaders for our parks.

People will always be the essential ingredient of our Service and I know we can depend on both our employees and alumni to help move us forward. And I know we can always depend on the Employees and Alumni Association to support us as members of the National Park Service family—you're the best!

—Mary Bomar

NPS Announces 391st Unit: Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

On April 28, 2007, National Park Service Director Mary Bomar, along with Tribal leaders and massacre descendents, federal, state and local officials, Tribal drummers and ceremonial flag color guards, dedicated Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in southeastern Colorado as the newest unit of the NPS. Director Bomar formally dedicated this new site, where 143 years ago a force of some 700 soldiers, the majority 100 day volunteers, attacked a village of Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians camped along Sand Creek in Colorado Territory. The new site memorializes that massacre of nearly 160 Cheyenne and Arapaho on November 29, 1864.

"As I looked out at Sand Creek and

across its valley onto the surrounding plains and bluffs, I reflected on how necessary this dedication was," said Director Bomar. "The National Park Service is proud to announce Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site as the 391st unit of the National Park Service. The history of this great nation is not complete without an understanding and respect for the tragedies that affect our national consciousness. We hope that when people visit this important national park site, they will learn about and remember the Northern and Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho victims of Sand Creek."

The diversity of the units within the National Park System is reflected in the variety of classifications they are given in

the congressional legislation authorizing them, or by the president, who proclaims "national monuments" under the Antiquities Act of 1906. Many names are descriptive—lakeshores, seashores, battlefields—but not all are easily categorized because of the diversity of resources within them. The NPS preserves stunning natural areas such as Yellowstone and Grand Canyon, national significant historic areas like Independence Hall or Aztec Ruins, battlefields such as Gettysburg or Antietam, seashores at Cape Cod and Padre Island, lakeshores and rivers at Sleeping Bear Dunes and Upper Delaware River, monuments and memorials like the Washington Monument or the World War II Memorial, parkways such as the Natchez

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Interior Secretary and NPS Director Attend Frederick Douglass NHS Ceremonial Reopening



NPS photo by Terry Adams

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE looks on as NPS Director Mary Bomar speaks during the ceremonial reopening of the historic home at Frederick Douglass NHS on April 23.

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne kicked off National Park Week at a ceremonial reopening of the historic home at Frederick Douglass NHS in Washington, D.C., on April 23.

"It is my honor as Secretary of the

Interior to officially commemorate the reopening of the Frederick Douglass house," Kempthorne said. "Frederick Douglass is truly one of our nation's great heroes; a man whose life we should study and whose courage,

integrity and humanity we should emulate. Visitors can once again tour this house and see it as it was in the days when he lived here. Even more so, they can learn how Frederick Douglass became the conscience of a nation when it was struggling with issues of racial injustice and equality."

Frederick Douglass was born into slavery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1818. During the course of his remarkable life, he escaped from slavery, became internationally renowned for his eloquence in the cause of liberty and went on to serve the national government in several official capacities.

First opened to the public in 1972, Frederick Douglass NHS celebrates Douglass' life and work. The Douglass home was reopened to the public in February 2007, following a three-year, \$2.7 million preservation project.

"The National Park Service is proud to manage, conserve and interpret this very important national historical site,"

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President's National Park Service Budget Proposes Record Increases for Park Operations

President Bush's \$2.4 billion NPS budget for fiscal year 2008 calls for the largest increase in park operations funding ever proposed and leveraged public-private investments that could generate as much as \$3 billion to help the parks prepare for their 100th birthday in 2016. The proposed budget includes 3,000 new seasonal employees, continues increases for park maintenance and targets specific cultural and natural resource improvements.

"All of this is possible because the president recommends a \$230 million

increase in park operations funding over his fiscal year 2007 budget request," said NPS Director Mary Bomar. "That is the largest increase ever for park operations and programs that directly benefit national parks." The FY 2008 budget proposal is the first financial infusion for the President's Initiative to ready America's parks for the 2016 Centennial of the National Park Service.

The "National Parks Centennial Initiative" is a potential \$3 billion investment in the coming 10 years. "This is money above and beyond our regular

budget," Bomar said. "It includes \$100 million of discretionary funds for parks each year and up to \$200 million a year within the Centennial Initiative, which would provide \$100 million a year to match donations for signature projects and programs." Bomar said the Centennial Initiative emphasizes three key goals:

- Engage all Americans in preserving our heritage, history and natural resources through philanthropy and partnerships.

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Focus on the Parks

• The special regulations for **Dry Tortugas NP**, published in the Federal Register Dec. 19, 2006, became effective Jan. 19. Among other things, the regulations establish a Research Natural Area (RNA) that adds a new layer of protection for the marine resources of the park by not allowing fishing or anchoring.

“The RNA complements the adjacent Tortugas Ecological Reserve in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, creating the largest no-take marine reserve in the continental United States,” said Dry Tortugas NP Supt. Dan Kimball. “The plan for protecting this area of the park was developed with broad public participation and the direct involvement of the State of Florida, the sanctuary, fishing organizations and other interest groups; we will be implementing the RNA with an emphasis on education and cooperation with partner agencies, local communities, user groups and individual users as we work to place boundary and mooring buoys in the RNA,” he said.

The RNA is a 46-square-mile no-take,

no-anchor ecological preserve that provides a sanctuary for species affected by fishing and loss of habitat. Fifty-four percent of the park remains open to fishing. “The RNA allows for a better visitor experience, while protecting the unique natural treasures above and below the sea. Future generations will be able to experience the remoteness, tranquility and the abundance and diversity of coral and marine and bird species that were once common in this part of America, but are found in only a few very special places today. The park’s goal for the future of the South Florida resources is that recreational and commercial fishermen will see more and bigger fish, more conch and more lobster in Florida Bay, the Straits of Florida and beyond as a result of the critical spawning and nursery areas that we are protecting in the park,” said Dan. Additional information can be found at www.nps.gov/drto.

• In early December 2006, **Gettysburg NMP** replanted 11 historic orchards in major battle action areas on the battlefield. Contractors for the NPS replanted 30 acres of orchards with hardy varieties of apples, so visitors can better understand the fighting and see the battlefield through the eyes of the soldiers who fought in 1863.

According to park historians, almost every farm of any size in 1863 Gettysburg had an orchard, usually of a size in proportion to the farmstead. The orchards played many roles during the battle: cover from observation or from fire for both troops and artillery batteries; concealment during movement; obstructions to observation or clear fields of fire; and places to gather to rest or seek medical assistance.

The NPS funded the planting project with \$17,972 bequeathed to the park by Frances L. Woolf (deceased) of Harrisburg, Pa. Frances included Gettysburg NMP in her last will and testament. Since 2000, the park replanted 71 acres of orchards at 31 historic orchard sites. The goal is to replant a total of 160 acres of orchards throughout the major battle action areas of the battlefield.

• On Feb. 23, the NPS unveiled plans for a new **USS Arizona Memorial** Visitor Center. Piles will be driven down 140 to 200 feet to ensure that the new visitor center buildings do not sink into the soil—the fate of the current building, which opened in 1980 on land filled from dredging. The \$38 million construction project will also make concessions to the post-9/11 environment, with buildings set back from the Pearl Harbor waterfront and the parking area as a precaution against attacks by boat or car bomb. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall, with a completion date of Dec. 7, 2009—the 68th anniversary of the Japanese attack that plunged the U.S. into WWII. The current visitor center will remain open throughout the construction of its new facility.

• On Dec. 19, 2006, President George W. Bush signed legislation establishing the **Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT**. The John Smith trail is the first national water trail in the U.S. and will be administered by the NPS. The trail is designed to complement the existing Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, also administered by the NPS.

The trail will commemorate the

Connecting with the Cosmos at Carlsbad Caverns NP

By Shannan Marcak, Park Ranger,
Carlsbad Caverns NP

On November 8, 2006, employees at **Carlsbad Caverns NP** knew they had found the perfect time to test their new telescope when Mercury made one of its rare orbital passes directly between the Earth and the sun. Viewed as a transit of the planet across the face of the sun, this event had not occurred since 2003 and wouldn’t happen again until 2016. So, the park broke out its new, 11-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope and invited the public to have a closer look. One-hundred-and-sixty-eight park visitors and employees took their turns peering into the lens and through the mirror-like solar filter to catch a glimpse of “that teeny-weeny, little dot!”

Mercury is the solar system’s smallest planet—just 3,000 miles in diameter. As it passed in front of the 335,000-mile-wide glowing disc of

the sun, it looked like a tiny, perfectly round droplet of jet-black ink. The visual size comparison was often shocking and even humbling. Realization that this diminutive “speck” was actually another world was often accompanied by whispered “Wows!”

and always the need to confirm: “That tiny dot?”

For most of the people, viewing the transit seemed to create a sense that there is a timeless vastness of which we are only the tiniest part. Interestingly, many park visitors walk out of Carlsbad Cavern’s cathedral-like underground spaces with that same feeling. Mercury’s transit provided the perfect opportunity for the park’s staff to

help visitors connect the microcosm hidden beneath Earth’s surface with the vast cosmos within which our Earth is just a “speck” through that common emotional response. ■



CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP Park Ranger Shannan Marcak helps a young park visitor view the planet Mercury as it passes in front of the sun.

exploratory voyages of Captain Smith on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in 1607 to 1609, and will provide significant new opportunities for education, recreation and heritage tourism in the Chesapeake Bay Region. As designated by Congress, the trail is intended to play an important role in fostering citizen stewardship of the bay. The law requires the Secretary of the Interior to administer the trail “in coordination” with the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network and the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program that is leading the estuary restoration effort.

• **Independence NHP** hosted Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, on Jan. 27. This was the first visit to Philadelphia by a Prince of Wales in 147 years, and the park and the city made every effort to ensure a warm welcome for the royal couple. NPS Director Mary Bomar joined Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, Philadelphia Mayor John Street and Independence NHP Supt. Dennis Reidenbach in greeting and welcoming the royal couple.

In Independence Hall, the site where the Second Continental Congress declared independence from the British monarchy, the royal visitors were given a brief tour by Park Ranger Renee Albertoli. Their Royal Highnesses moved on to the Liberty Bell Center, where Park Ranger Larry McClenney provided them with a brief history of the famous bell. NPS Director Bomar and Supt. Reidenbach also joined the royal couple at a reception at the National Constitution Center, hosted by Mayor Street and Governor Rendell.

• The new **Historic Jamestowne Visitor Center** at **Colonial NHP** opened its doors on Jan. 2 to greet visitors arriving for the events of this year’s 400th anniversary and beyond. This 18,000-square-foot facility provides a variety of orientation services, including museum exhibits, audiovisual programs and personal interpretive services.

Interactive museum exhibits tell the story of Jamestown’s 92 years as capital of Virginia, including the arrival and melding of three cultures—the Virginia Indians, the English and the Africans. In the audiovisual “immersion” experience, nine computers control more than 3,000 images as a multimedia overview of Jamestown’s rich history unfolds in a 180-degree theater setting.

A new, elevated footbridge leads from the new visitor center to the historic town site, providing a panoramic view of Jamestown. From the bridge’s terminus at the Jamestown Tercentenary Monument, visitors may visit the Jamestown Rediscovery archeological excavations or take a stroll through New Towne, site of Jamestown’s post-fort population center from the 1620’s to 1699, when the capital moved to Williamsburg.

• From Feb. 17 through Oct. 21, 2007, **Manzanar NHS** and the Eastern California Museum are hosting an exhibit entitled *GULAG: Soviet Forced Labor Camps and the Struggle for Freedom*. The exhibit is on display at the Eastern California Museum in Independence, Calif.—the only West Coast venue.

The exhibit traces the history of the Soviet Union’s forced labor camp system and its impact on Russia and the

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world today. The vast network of labor camps both repressed political opposition and provided labor to fuel the Soviet Union's economic engine. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/manz. Visit www.gulaghistory.org to take a virtual tour of the exhibit, learn more about the Gulag experience and follow the traveling exhibit.

• More "footsteps" of civil rights icons were added in February to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame at **Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS**. The International Civil Rights Walk of Fame was created in 2004 to give recognition to those courageous soldiers of justice who sacrificed and struggled to make equality a reality for all. The 2007 assemblage of Walk of Fame inductees include: Lerone Bennett, Jr., Tony Bennett, Marian Wright Edelman, Mayor Shirley Franklin, Attorney Frankie

Freeman, Joe Louis, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Sir Lynden Pindling, Sir Sidney Poitier, Dr. Otis W. Smith, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, The Honorable L. Douglas Wilder and Jean Childs Young.

The walk resembles a parade of 2' x 2' granite squares imported from Africa and embedded into the visitor center promenade at Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS. The actual shoes of each honoree, used to create the footprint impressions on the granite markers bearing their respective names, were on display during the induction ceremony. The International Civil Rights Walk of Fame is sponsored by the Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc. and was created and designed by Xerona Clayton, founder and executive producer of the Trumpet Awards. Each year, more foot soldiers will be added to the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. ■

President's NPS Budget

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- Reconnect people with their parks.
- Build capacity for critical park operations and facilities, and sustain them through the next century.

The FY 2008 budget includes \$57.5 million to fully fund employee pay and benefits. "This is so important," Bomar said. "Even as the National Park Service has received budget increases, we have frequently absorbed portions of employee pay raises. Over time, that eats away at park operations." Other key elements of the proposed FY 2008 budget include:

A solid foundation for park base funding: With \$140 million in increases at the park base level, this budget supports core mission responsibilities like interpretation and education programs, staff at visitor centers, park safety and maintaining resources and facilities in good condition.

Flexible park base operations funding: A request of \$20 million for cultural and natural resource programs at 20 parks to meet specific improvement goals, such as upgrading historic structures to "good condition," to meet "museum standards" for historic and cultural artifacts, eradicating exotic species and restoring disturbed lands.

Asset Management Program: The NPS now has a complete baseline on facility conditions and will establish specific performance targets for improving assets. Total construction and facility maintenance funding is \$663.2 million in 2008, including a \$68.1 million increase in facility maintenance. Parks can also improve assets through the Centennial Challenge, which could raise up to \$200 million a year in donations and matching funds.

"The 2008 budget includes a \$35 million increase in cyclic maintenance, bringing the total for this critical program to \$106.5 million," Bomar said. This represents a 224 percent increase from the program level of \$35.5 million in 2001. Cyclic maintenance allows assets to be maintained on a predictive cycle.

Land acquisition: The 2008 budget includes \$22.5 million for federal land acquisition, including completing land acquisition for Flight 93 N MEM and funds for Civil War battlefield grants.

Historic Preservation: The 2008 budget includes \$63.7 million for historic preservation. The historic preservation budget includes \$10 million for the Save

America's Treasures program, \$10 million for Preserve America and \$43.7 million for historic preservation grants-in-aid to states, territories and Indian tribes. It would also establish a National Inventory of Historic Properties grant program. Matching grants of \$4 million would be available to states, tribes, local governments and federal land management agencies to make inventories more accessible and useful.

The National Recreation and Preservation program: The 2008 budget proposal is \$48.9 million. That is \$15.6 million more than the 2007 budget request. The president's 2008 budget includes:

- \$8.7 million for Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance, an increase of \$650,000 from 2007. The increase is to provide technical assistance to connect trails to parks through new trail partnership projects.

- \$22.7 million for cultural programs, an increase of \$2.5 million from 2007. The increase includes an additional \$1 million to establish data format and protocols for the new National Inventory of Historic Properties grant program. The increase also includes an additional \$1.5 million for American Battlefield grants. The requested funding would allow for 50 grants through annual competition authorized by the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996, which promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with war on American soil.

- \$10 million for heritage areas, an increase of \$2.6 million from 2007. The Heritage Partnership Program provides seed money for congressionally designated, but locally managed, national heritage areas. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Michael Adams, Cathy Beeler, John Case, Carol Edmondson, Rose Fennell, Art Frederick, Joe Helmkamp, Richard B. Hoffman, Lori Kinser, National Park Foundation, Einar Olson, Tina Orcutt, John Roman, Mark Saferstein, Katherine Swift, Anthony Washington and Friday Wiles.

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Contribute to New National Parks Documentary Film

In the fall of 2009, PBS will air *The National Parks*, a major documentary film series produced and directed by Ken Burns and written and produced by Dayton Duncan. But now, they are asking for your help. Their film series is not a travelogue or a "nature" film; it will tell the very powerful, human story of how the parks came into being and what they have meant to Americans for over 100 years. It will be filled with major historical figures—from John Muir to Theodore Roosevelt to Ansel Adams—but it will also tell the stories of many lesser-known Americans, from cowboys to immigrant artists, wealthy philanthropists to dirt-poor farmers who turned their passion for a part of the American landscape into crusades for their permanent protection. As it tells the story, it will reveal a larger story of people passing on a love for these special places from one generation to another.

To help them tell this story, they would like to collect home movies of visits to national parks by families and individuals for possible use in the film. They are looking for home movies from the time period of the 1920's through the 1980's,

and are most interested in footage of families and tourists in the parks. If your home movies are used in *The National Parks*, you will receive a DVD of the series. If you happen to have footage of the Yosemite firefall and it is included in the series, you will receive the DVD, plus your choice of one other Ken Burns film.

If you have home movies you would like to submit, follow the criteria below:

- Home movies from the 1920's, 1930's, 1940's, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's.
- They are most interested in families and tourists in the national parks, not scenery without people.
- Do not send original footage: VHS or DVD copies only, please. THE MATERIAL WILL NOT BE RETURNED.
- Clearly mark the tape or disc with your name, address, phone number and email address (if available), so they can contact you if your footage is selected.
- Include a brief description, e.g., the Smith family, George and Martha, Bill and Sally, in Grand Canyon, 1955.
- Send to the following address by August 1, 2007: Anne Harrington, WETA, 2775 S. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22206. For questions, contact Anne Harrington at eod@weta.com. ■

Reopening of Frederick Douglass NHS

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said NPS Director Mary Bomar. "I am confident the public will agree the work performed here will ensure this home remains the strong symbol of what Frederick Douglass represented and stood for."

The ceremony at Frederick Douglass NHS came at the start of National Park

Week, an annual, presidentially proclaimed week for celebration and recognition of the country's national parks. Parks across the country hosted events throughout the week, from hikes to picnics to family and kids days, culminating in National Junior Ranger Day on April 28. For more information on Frederick Douglass NHS, visit www.nps.gov/frdo. ■

Kudos and Awards



JOY MEDLEY LYONS

• The Historic Confederation of Kentucky and the Kentucky Historical Society awarded their 2006 Award of Merit to *Making Their Mark: The Signature of Slavery at Mammoth Cave*. The book and its author, **Joy Medley Lyons**, chief of program services at Mammoth Cave NP, were honored at the Kentucky History Awards Banquet on March 3. This is the highest award the organizations bestow.

The Kentucky History Awards celebrate outstanding programs, publications and people who have excelled in the field or have made lifetime contributions to the preservation, awareness and appreciation of Kentucky's history. *Making Their Mark*, published by Eastern National, describes the lives of slaves who served the Mammoth Cave Estate during more than 125 years of private ownership.

"The untold story and little-known facts about the slaves of Mammoth Cave has intrigued me since the early 1980's," said Joy. "I began my own independent research, then joined with researcher Jeanne C. Schmitzer in the mid-1990's as we corroborated our findings. Between the two of us, we have helped bring these important Mammoth Cave pioneers to the forefront."

• On Jan. 16, Denver Service Center (DSC) Project Manager **Charles Borders** and Printing Specialist **Tom Fair** were presented with the DSC Director's Award for their outstanding work on behalf of the DSC and the NPS. This annual award is presented as an acknowledgement from the DSC director, above and beyond divisional awards within the office, and is presented for individual excellence and dedication.

Tom was cited for his outstanding customer service assistance and his continual analysis of costs to ensure the best use of government expenditures at all times. Charles was cited for his performance, attitude and professional abilities.

• On March 1, **Janet Snyder Matthews**, Ph.D., was awarded the University of Florida College of Design, Construction and Planning's Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award. The annual award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the spirit of historic preservation in Florida. As associate director for cultural resource stewardship and partnerships for the NPS, Jan manages the nation's most important historic preservation and cultural resource stewardship programs. She is responsible for the management of federal government programs that identify, document, recognize, preserve and interpret historic places throughout the country, including the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmarks Program.

Jan's many accomplishments were recognized through her 2002 appointment to the National Park System Advisory Board. She served as chair of the Advisory Board's National Historic Landmarks Committee, as well as on the Board of Advisors for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board, the Historical Commission of Sarasota County and the Florida Historical Society.

• On Dec. 11, 2006, the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH) and the NPS announced that 42 **Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants** totaling \$7.6 million were awarded to preservation and conservation groups around the nation. The NPS and the President's Committee oversee the Save America's Treasures program in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Save America's Treasures competitive awards preserve the nation's most significant endangered intellectual and cultural artifacts, historic structures and historic sites.

The range of this year's awards covers the breadth of American history and culture—from preserving the *Nellie L. Byrd*, one of the Chesapeake Bay's few remaining skipjacks, to saving Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church, a civil rights landmark. Other grants will restore the Gettysburg Cyclorama and the letters and

journals of prominent leaders of the American Revolution. Overall, 19 awards were made to institutions with collections, artifacts, artistic works or documents and 23 awards were made to organizations caring for structures and sites. Some 327 groups applied for SAT funds in 2006. Additional information on the Save America's Treasures program can be found on the PCAH website at www.pcah.gov or the NPS website at www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/index.htm.

• The 2006 Director's Awards for Natural Resource Stewardship were presented during a banquet at the George Wright Society Biennial Conference in St. Paul, Minn., on April 19. The seven winners have exhibited leadership in the effort to preserve park ecosystems.

The awards and recipients are: Trish Patterson Student Conservation Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park - **Fran Pannebaker**, chief of resource management, Bent's Old Fort NHS. Director's Excellence in Natural Resource Stewardship through

Maintenance - **Chuck Stalker**, road/fleet supervisor, Rocky Mountain NP. Director's Award for Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship - **Dale B. Engquist**, superintendent, Indiana Dunes NL. Director's Award for Natural Resource Management - **Don Swann**, wildlife biologist, Saguaro NP. Professional Excellence in Natural Resources Award - **Dr. Glenn Plumb**, natural resources chief, Yellowstone NP. Director's Award for Natural Resource Research (two winners) - **Darryll R. Johnson**, NPS research coordinator, Pacific Northwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, University of Washington and **Dr. Norbert Psuty**, director of Sandy Hook Cooperative Research Programs of the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University, New Jersey.

• New River Gorge NR Supt. **Cal Hite** was honored Nov. 29, 2006 at the 2006 West Virginia Governor's Conference on Tourism Awards Program. Governor Joe Manchin presented Cal with the Distinguished West Virginian Award. During the presentation, the governor summa-

National Park Service Receives Trailblazer Award



DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NHP employees at the Trailblazer Award ceremony on April 16, pictured left to right: Marty Anderson, administrative assistant; Julia Frasure, park ranger; Bonnie Murray, administrative officer; Casey Simmons, park guide; Bill Gibson, former Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP superintendent; Mark Dues, park guide; Larry Blake, superintendent; Nicholas Georgeff, management assistant; Mandy Murray, park guide; Bob Petersen, park ranger; and Ann Honious, chief, education and resources management.

On April 16, Aviation Trail, Inc. presented its 2007 Trailblazer Award to the NPS for accomplishments at **Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP** at the Trailblazer Award ceremony in Kettering, Ohio. Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP Supt. Larry Blake accepted the award on behalf of the NPS.

The Trailblazer Award recognizes an organization or individual who has furthered aviation in the greater Miami Valley. During the NPS's 15-year presence at Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP, the site has attracted national recognition, NPS personnel and resources to tell the story of Wilbur and Orville Wright, the community's aviation heritage and the poet Laureate Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Aviation Trail, Inc. President Marvin Christian commented that many of the park's challenges have stemmed from its structure as a geographically separated, four-unit park. "The park rangers work daily to promote all the sites to local, national and international visitors..." he said.

The park's first major step was acquiring The Wright Cycle Company Building from Aviation Trail, Inc., which had saved

it from the wrecking ball in the early 1980's. It was then restored by the NPS to its 1895-97 ambience, while developing 1890's-era displays. Next, the NPS purchased the Hoover Block and restored and opened it as the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center. The park's third major building focus was the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, which, in cooperation with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was constructed on the grounds of Wright Brothers Hill.

"To accomplish so much in only 15 years is truly indicative of the park's spirit to fully tell this important aviation story," said Christian. "The park has formed productive partnerships with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton History (which manages Carillon Historical Park) and the Paul Laurence Dunbar memorial site owner—the Ohio Historical Society. The park also has developed a unique cooperation with local governmental and educational entities on events and programs at each of the park sites," he added.

For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/daav. To learn more about Aviation Trail, Inc., visit www.aviationtrailinc.org. Click on "Trailblazer" for a complete list of awardees. ■

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David Wallace
Friday Wiles
Southeast Region Leadership Conference Auction

In honor of Gary and Nancy Everhardt
Dan and Linda Brown

In memory of Chet Brooks

Nathan Golub
James Harrison
John Pattie
Eastern National

In memory of Jed Davis

NPS Alaska Region
Leadership Council

In memory of Tom Ela

Carl and Meraldine Walker

In memory of Bill Featherstone

Tom and Margaret Hartman

In memory of Randy Jones

Kyle Patterson Phillips

In memory of Robert Belous, Chet Brooks, Randy Jones and Jerry Tanner

Doug and Thelma Warnock

Kudos and Awards

rized Cal's 33-year career with the NPS, noting that it was fitting that Cal had both begun and ended his NPS career in West Virginia. [Cal retired Feb. 3 from the NPS, see retirement listing on page 7.] Just after graduating from West Virginia University, Cal worked as a seasonal park aid at Harpers Ferry NHP. Over three decades later, he retired as the superintendent of three NPS units in southern West Virginia: New River Gorge NR,

Gauley River NRA and Bluestone NSR.

Governor Manchin noted that Cal had been recognized by the NPS for his work in protecting the gorge from development threats, and for communicating the significance of the park's resources. "He was an important partner to the tourism industry..." said the governor. Cal was also recognized at the ceremony by the West Virginia Tourism Commission with a resolution honoring his contributions. ■



Tami A. Hellemann, DOI

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: NPS DIRECTOR MARY BOMAR, Shenandoah NP Chief Ranger Gordon Wissinger, National Park Foundation President Vin Cipolla and Unilever's Americas region President Mike Polk at the Harry Yount Award presentation.

Shenandoah NP Chief Ranger **Gordon Wissinger** is this year's recipient of the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award for excellence in "rangering." The national award was presented on May 1 by NPS Director Mary Bomar at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., hosted by the National Park Foundation (NPF).

Named after Harry Yount, who is generally given credit for being the first park ranger, the award is the hallmark of recognition as a NPS ranger, is presented annually by the NPS and is made possible by the NPF through a gift from Unilever. The peer-nominated award seeks to recognize and honor outstanding rangers and to encourage high standards of performance; foster an especially responsive attitude toward public service; enhance the public's appreciation of the park ranger profession; and further the art and science of "rangering."

"It is my privilege to be able to present

the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award to Gordon Wissinger," said NPS Director Bomar. "Gordon's dedication to the profession of rangering and to the National Park Service is evident in his accomplishments and with this award given by his peers—many of whom have told me that Gordon's actions, standards and leadership personify the art of being a ranger. Gordon is a credit to the National Park Service and we are very proud of him and each of the others who were nominated for this award."

Gordon's consistent dedication to the mission of the NPS and his ability to perform his duties at the level of the great rangers make him a model for all rangers to aspire to. He has regularly demonstrated that a ranger who is well skilled in protection, interpretation, resource management and visitor use management is the most effective tool that the Service has for managing the parks. ■

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS Celebrates Dr. King's Birthday

By Stephen A. Brown, Education Specialist, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS

For the past 26 years, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS has served as host to the Hodgenville, Ky. community's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This year, on Jan. 12, the site also reached out to surrounding counties and area schools in a two-part birthday celebration.

Twenty students from area schools, under the direction of music teacher Phyllis Westfall, performed two choral pieces: "I Had a Dream" and "We Call It America." Skylar Hornback from the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, Magnolia Campus in LaRue County recited the Gettysburg Address.

Dr. King used similar language when standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963, 100 years

after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect. Fifth-grade students from Barbara Boyd's class at Lincoln Elementary School in Louisville concluded the program at Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS with a recitation of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. The class has students from Africa, the Ukraine, Cuba, South America, Mexico, Europe, Vietnam and the U.S.

The second ceremony, co-sponsored through a partnership between the park and The Lincoln Museum, was held in the Community Room in downtown Hodgenville. Dr. Thomas C. Mackey, professor of history at the University of Louisville, was the featured speaker in the continuing Lincoln Bicentennial Speaker Series. Dr. Mackey, author of three books and a featured speaker on the Abraham

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E&AA Educational Trust Fund

Demand for the Educational Trust Fund continues to grow! Please remember the following loan criteria:

- All applications must be received and on file by the closing date of May 1.
- Student must be enrolled full time and be at the graduate or undergraduate level.
- Loans can cover tuition, room/board, books and supplies.
- Any current loans outstanding must be up-to-date regarding payment due.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
- If requests exceed available funding, loan approval will be determined based on GPA.
- The loan limit is \$2,500 per student, per year (maximum of \$10,000 per student).
- The maximum loan limit per family is \$20,000.

Please note that the cut-off date for loan applications is May 1, and it will be necessary to submit the student's most recent transcript with the request. The fundraising committee is working to establish an endowment to support the Hartzog Educational Loan Program. Our goal is to raise \$3 million to ensure that this program can sustain itself in the future.

Skills Inventory

The E&AA outreach committee is putting together a skills inventory. E&AA is often called upon to assist the NPS in a variety of tasks. We know that our members have tremendous knowledge of the NPS and would do a wonderful job as

ambassadors to support the NPS. The form can easily be filled out online at www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=356833202810.

Please take a moment to fill out this form, noting your areas of interest, and state your experience with each selected area. Based on preliminary discussions with NPS management and the positive response this inventory is receiving, we believe the program will offer our members opportunities to contribute significantly in support of the NPS mission. We are particularly excited to provide interested retirees a way to work with Incident Command and special event planning teams in a meaningful way. For a written copy of the survey, please call Bonnie Stetson, E&AA membership coordinator, at (215) 283-6900, ext. 131.

Searching for E&AA Members

The following E&AA members might have moved and forgotten to let us know. If you can help with a current address or other contact information, please send an email to laura.robinson@eandaa.org.

Gary M. and Deanna M. Ahlstrand, Robert Binnewies, Jennie May Blake, Mrs. T. Reid Cabe, Carolyn Edwards, James Felton, David Gackenbach, Clayton Hagen, Mrs. James Ice, Grace Jarboe, Charles E. Krueger, Richard Lake, Charles Mangers, Jerome McHugh, Victor Nash, James O'Toole, Preston Patraw, James Radney, John B. Rogers, Leroy Rowell, Daniel Salisbury, Guy Taylor, Jr., Ruth Van Kirk, Bryan Wagner and Eunice Young. ■

New Oh, Ranger! Book Available in August 2007

American Park Network and Eastern National have partnered with Ford Motor Co. to publish a new edition of the popular *Oh, Ranger!* book. The book is a collection of exciting stories told directly by the experts—national park rangers. From animal encounters to firefighting; and from scientific discoveries to search-and-rescue missions, rangers share their most memorable, life-changing adventures. *Oh, Ranger!* provides an insider's view into the most beautiful, historic and culturally significant treasures in America.

This book is a tribute to NPS employees and was inspired by an original storybook written in 1928 by Horace Albright, the first superintendent of Yellowstone NP. His memory lives on in the heroic actions of all those who proudly wear the instantly recognizable green and grey uniform and flat hat—NPS rangers.

American Park Network publishes outdoor guides reaching over 20 million park enthusiasts each year. Their little green national park guides are a defini-



tive resource to planning vacations in and around America's public lands.

Profits from the sale of this book will be donated to support national park education programs and the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service. The book will be available in August 2007, and advance orders may be made by calling the America's National Parks store at (877) 628-7275 (M-F 9-5 et). ■

NPS Family

The *Arrowhead* newsletter received the following message from the friends of Al Miller and Audrey Evans at Yellowstone NP: "Yellowstone NP Park Ranger Supervisor **Albert E. Miller, III** and Fire Dispatcher **Audrey Evans** were engaged

in December 2006 overlooking Dunraven Pass in the Canyon District of Yellowstone NP. We would like to extend our congratulations to the happy couple who will tie the knot early this fall..." ■

Send us your stuff! We welcome news and photos about yourself and our NPS family members. See page 12 for mailing and telephone information.

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E&AA Life Member **Joe Alston**, superintendent, Grand Canyon NP, Feb. 2 after 31 years.

Joe began his NPS career as a firefighter on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, as well as an inner canyon ranger. Other NPS positions include concessions specialist at Yellowstone NP, chief of the Concessions Management Division in the Alaska Regional Office, assistant superintendent at Yellowstone NP and superintendent at Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Curecanti NRA and Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM. He had been superintendent at Grand Canyon since 2000.

Joe's awards include the DOI Meritorious Service Award. He will continue to live in Arizona with his wife of 32 years, Judy.

Barbara Ashley, budget analyst, Olympic NP, Dec. 8, 2006 after 28 years.

Mary Bates, office automation assistant, Martin Van Buren NHS, Jan. 3 after 23 years.

Frank Baublits, chief of maintenance, Haleakala NP, March 23 after 27 years.

Throughout his career, Frank traveled and worked as an employee and project manager in nearly all of the 57 parks in the Pacific West Region. He helped guide policy and management while serving on a number of NPS committees and coordinated special maintenance projects. He was one of the first to start "Buddy Projects," organizing NPS employees to work as teams.

Chief of maintenance since 1998, Frank's notable achievements at Haleakala include a nationally recognized sustainable and "green" restroom facility at the summit visitor center, and improved overall park energy efficiency. He will retire to Sequim, Wash. with his wife, Peggy.



NPS photo by Marie Marek

PAULA BAUER

Paula Bauer, supervisory park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Feb. 3 after over 12 years.

Paula spent time at Zion NP first as a Student Conservation Association intern and then an interpretive ranger. She had Peace Corps experience in Niger, West Africa, where she honed her French language skills. Paula came to Carlsbad Caverns in 1995 as an interpreter, and spent time as an evaluator and instructor for the Interpretive Development Program. Over the course of her tenure at the park, she has been the Volunteers-In-Parks and Student Conservation Association coordinator, had duties working with the concessions operation and, since 2004, has been a seasonal supervisor. Paula begins a new job as assistant director of

visitor services at the Normandy American Cemetery in Normandy, France—the final resting place for 9,387 American soldiers who gave their lives during D-Day and the ensuing Normandy campaign during WWII.



Hunter Beck

JOHN BECK

E&AA Life Member **John Beck**, resource education specialist, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 2 after 33 years.

John began with the NPS as a volunteer at Great Falls Park, when it was administered by the George Washington Memorial PKWY, followed by permanent employment when park management was transferred to the newly created Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP in 1972. Here, he developed the park's first sustained interpretive operation at Great Falls. In 1976, he accepted a park ranger intake position at Kings Mountain NMP and Cowpens NB. He then transferred to chief of interpretation and resource management at Fort Pulaski NM in 1977, serving as acting superintendent in 1988.

John then took an interpretive position in the Southeast Regional Office, Ranger Activities Division in Atlanta. He wrote long-range interpretive plans and played a principal role in the establishment of and initial planning for Selma to Montgomery NHT and Tuskegee Airmen NHS.

John and his wife, Nancy (also a park ranger), will stay in Atlanta until 2008 when they hope to relocate to north Georgia or North Carolina. In addition to developing a consulting business, they are looking forward to traveling and visiting with family and friends. They can be reached at laurelclan@yahoo.com.

Robbie Brockwehl, concessions management specialist, Shenandoah NP, Feb. 3 after over 38 years of federal service, 29 of them with the NPS.

During her career, Robbie has worked as a concessions specialist at Yellowstone NP, information management specialist for the Washington Budget Office and staff assistant to the deputy director of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, as well as in various positions within military agencies. She arrived at Shenandoah NP in 1988 as the park's first full-time concessions specialist and established the Concessions Management Program.

For her work in ensuring the concessions' buildings are accessible to all visitors, she was the co-recipient of the 2005 NPS Accessibility Leadership Achievement Merit Award. Robbie was also an instructor that prepared NPS employees to manage concessions contracts. In 1999, she received the Crystal Owl Team Award for Training and Development

Excellence for her work as a member of the nationwide concessions evaluation and pricing teaching team. Robbie will retire in Luray, Va., and plans to spend time with family and friends and volunteering with the park.

Rick Brown, assistant chief ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP, March 30 after 29 years.

Rick began his career as a ranger at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial NMP, followed by Buffalo NR and New River Gorge NR, before moving to Great Smoky Mountains NP five years ago. He has been assistant chief ranger since early 2006.

Rick also served as an incident commander for many years for one of the NPS eastern incident management teams. He was presented the DOI Valor Award in 1984, the Harry Yount Award in 2004 and seven Exemplary Act Awards over the course of his career.

E&AA Life Member **Kent Bush**, regional curator, Pacific West Region, Jan. 3 after 35 years of federal service, 31 of them with the NPS.

Kent began his NPS career as curator at Hubbell Trading Post NHS in 1976, where he developed the collections area and established a collection preservation budget. He became acting superintendent in 1980. In 1981, he moved to the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Region as the first regional curator and, a year later, became a key member in the region's first Cultural Resources Division. In 1996, he became regional curator for the combined Western and PNW region when the two merged. He instituted a "Curator of Record" system that provides each park collection with professional oversight for collections registration and management, and developed new collections area concepts and cabinet systems that are now in standard use in the region. He was an instructor at the annual Curatorial Methods Course for 18 years.

Kent has received the Appleman-Judd Award for cultural resources and a Superior Service Honor Award. In retirement, he will continue to live in Bellevue, Wash. A dedicated Native American flute maker, he plans on spending more time working on and playing flutes, and may be reached at kent_bush@sundogflutes.com.

Arthur Canfield, small engine mechanic, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 2 after over 19 years.

Lupe Carrasco, administrative officer, Tonto NM, Feb. 16 after over 39 years.

Margaret Chandler, park ranger (interpretation), Office of the NPS Liaison to the White House, Jan. 3 after over 30 years.

E&AA Life Member **Mark J. Corey**, superintendent, Andrew Johnson NHS, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Frances Day, visual information specialist, Submerged Cultural Resources, Intermountain Region, Jan. 3 after 18 years.

Craig Dorman, superintendent, Lava Beds NM, Jan. 3 after 35 years.

John E. Ehrenhard, supervisory archeologist, Southeast Archeological Center, Jan. 3 after 35 years.

J. Keith Everett, associate regional director for resource stewardship and science, Northeast Region, Jan. 5 after 30 years.

After obtaining his master's degree in

architecture, Keith joined the Southwest Regional Office in 1976 as a student intern. He spent three years providing technical assistance to parks including Hubbell Trading Post NHS and Lyndon B. Johnson NHP. In 1979, he joined the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha as a historical architect, then transferred to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office.

In 1982, Keith moved to the region's partnership preservation programs and conducted Historic Preservation Tax Incentives (Tax Act) review for eight years. During this period, he worked with property owners and developers rehabilitating historic properties. In 1990, Keith transferred to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office - Phila., first as regional historical architect, then chief of park cultural resources, then associate regional director for planning and resource preservation.

In 1995, Keith became superintendent of the Philadelphia Support Office until the Northeast Regional Office realigned in 2003. From then until his retirement, he served as NER associate regional director for resource stewardship and science.

E&AA Life Member **Ronald E. Everhart**, special assistant to park superintendent, Grand Canyon NP, Jan. 2 after over 38 years.

Ron started with the NPS as a seasonal park ranger archeologist in 1968 at Gila Cliff Dwellings NM. After obtaining his master's degree in archeology in 1971, he served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army, and continued on part time with the National Guard, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1991. Since joining the NPS full time in 1973, Ron served at Point Reyes NS, Golden Gate NRA, Grand Canyon NP, Glen Canyon NRA and Wind Cave NP. He was a generalist ranger and had assignments in law enforcement, interpretation, concessions management and park management.

Ron was active on interagency wildland fire overhead teams. He moved to the Rocky Mountain (now Intermountain) Regional Office in 1988 as chief of concessions management, followed by associate regional director of park operations, and in 1993, deputy regional director. Beginning in 2002, he became Colorado State coordinator and finally special assistant to Grand Canyon NP Supt. Joe Alston.

Ron is the author of *Glen Canyon - Lake Powell: The Story Behind the Scenery*. He and his wife, Diana, reside in Littleton, Colo.

Angela W. Fitzgerald, administrative officer, Guilford Courthouse NMP, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Donald Fleming, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Prince William Forest Park, Jan. 2 after over 26 years.

Dale Foltz, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Shenandoah NP, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Janice Smith Franer, administrative officer, Rock Creek Park, Jan. 3 after over 27 years.

Margaret Fresquez, human resources specialist, Intermountain Region, Jan. 3 after 27 years.

E&AA Life Member **Lawrence D. Gall**, acting executive director, John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, Jan. 4 after 37 years of federal service.

Larry's years of federal service include three years in the military. His NPS posi-

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tions include superintendent of Minute Man NHP, deputy superintendent of Lowell NHP and deputy associate regional director for planning and partnerships, Northeast Region. He also chaired a national NPS task force to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution and served as a director of the National Council for Public History.

Judy Geniac, environmental protection specialist, Geologic Resources Division, NPS Natural Resource Program Center, Feb. 2 after over 17 years.

During her time with the Geologic Resources Division, Judy provided comments on resource management plans, regulations and policies; helped address external minerals issues; helped develop and then managed the Geoscientists-In-the-Parks Program; created partnerships; and facilitated geoscience research. She served on a Servicewide sustainability subcommittee, a National Science Foundation grant panel and the National Leadership Council's recruitment futures team. She has joined the USDA Forest Service and can be reached at jgeniac@fs.fed.us.

Claude Giles, engineering equipment operator, Prince William Forest Park, Jan. 3 after over 33 years.

Robert Gochenour, surveying technician, Shenandoah NP, Feb. 3 after over 23 years.

Luis Gonzales, supervisory facility operation specialist, Padre Island NS, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Luis began his career at Big Bend NP in 1973, moved to Hawaii Volcanoes NP in 1988, then to Grand Canyon NP in 1991. He joined Padre Island in 2000.

Oridessa Green-Baerga, guidance counselor, Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, Dec. 31, 2006 after 16 years.

Billy E. Greenway, welder, Cowpens NB, Dec. 31, 2006 after 22 years.

John Griffis, maintenance worker, Chickasaw NRA, Jan. 2 after 12 years.

William D. Haynes, supervisory training instructor, Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, Jan. 3 after 31 years.

Paul Head, fire management officer, Northeast Region, Jan. 3 after 30 years of federal service.

Paul started his career in 1976 with the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska. In 1991, he ran the Alaska Fire Suppression Specialist Program and became initial attack manager at the Fire Coordination Center in Fairbanks in 1992.

In 1994, Paul became fire management officer for the [then] NPS North Atlantic Region. He served on national task groups on wildland fire and worked in incident management. In 2000, he detailed to the Washington Office as a wildland fire specialist during the Cerro Grande fire. In 2004, Paul was planning section chief on the NPS incident management team for the Democratic National Convention in Boston. Paul, his wife, Ann, and their daughter, Darcy, will stay in Massachusetts and enjoy their cabin in upstate New York.

Cal Hite, superintendent, New River Gorge NR, Gauley River NRA and Bluestone NSR, Feb. 3 after 33 years.

Cal began his NPS career in 1973 as a seasonal park aid at Harpers Ferry NHP

and later became seasonal park technician at Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine. He moved on to Longfellow NHS and John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS, and in 1975, became a permanent park technician at Independence NHP. This was followed by assignments as historian at Delaware Water Gap NRA in 1976, and chief of visitor services at Sagamore Hill NHS in 1978.

In 1981, Cal became chief of interpretation at Upper Delaware SRR, and in 1988, moved to Steamtown NHS as chief of visitor services and resource management. Cal was assistant superintendent at Steamtown (1992 to 1995), then served as superintendent at Upper Delaware SRR (1995 to 2001), before becoming superintendent of New River Gorge NR. Cal and his wife, Sarah, will move to central New York.

Ron C. Kerbo, NPS national cave management coordinator, WASO - Denver, March 1 after over 30 years.

Ron started his NPS career in 1976 at Carlsbad Caverns NP and Guadalupe Mountains NP as cave resource specialist. He spent five years in the Southwest Regional Office in cave and karst resources before assuming nationwide responsibilities through the Geologic Resources Division. He was instrumental in establishing the National Cave and Karst Research Institute.

James Keyes, tractor operator, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 32 years.

Vikki Keys, superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Feb. 2 after 37 years.

Vikki began her career in 1970 at National Capital Parks-North (now Rock Creek Park). Later, she worked in the White House Liaison Office, the National Capital Regional Director's Office and Regional Budget Office. In 1986, Vikki became administrative officer for National Capital Parks-Central (now National Mall and Memorial Parks), later becoming deputy superintendent, then, in 2004, superintendent.

John Kocher, carpenter, Gettysburg NMP, Jan. 1 after 25 years.

John spent his entire NPS career at Gettysburg NMP, starting as a maintenance worker. Previously, he retired from the navy and worked in the early 1960's at the Charlestown Naval Shipyard and assisted with an aircraft overhaul on the USS *Wasp*, CVS 18 in 1963. He will reside in York Springs, Pa. with his wife, Linda.

E&AA Life Member **JoAnn M. Kyril**, superintendent, Mississippi NRRRA, Aug. 22, 2006 after over 38 years of service.

JoAnn began her federal career as a part-time student aid in the Midwest Regional Office. Serving as a bilingual assistant at the Second World Conference on National Parks in 1972 led to a position at Grand Teton NP. After completing the administrative intake program at Rocky Mountain NP, she was promoted to the administrative officer at Buffalo NR.

JoAnn became superintendent of Fort Smith NHS in 1979, and worked closely with the community to start a friends group. She transferred to Scotts Bluff NM and Agate Fossil Beds NM as superintendent in 1987, and initiated another friends group that raised significant funds for building the Agate Fos-

sil Beds Visitor Center. She became superintendent at Mississippi NRRRA in 1993. JoAnn and her husband, Joe Meyers, reside in Loveland, Colo.

John T. Lissimore, program manager, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 3 after 40 years.

Robert Littleton, motor vehicle operator, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Dec. 31, 2006 after over 32 years.

Larry Matson, exhibits specialist, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Dec. 31, 2006 after over 22 years.

Larry worked in the advertising business prior to joining the NPS, where he worked in HFC's Division of Publications prior to switching to developing wayside exhibits. Larry specialized in bases, the structures in which wayside exhibits are mounted. His wife, Karen, also works at HFC as a museum specialist. They are building a retirement home along Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, Md.

Dave McLean, visual information specialist, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Jan. 3 after over 41 years.

Dave, a decorated veteran of the Korean War, came to work as a freelance designer for the NPS Eastern Museum Laboratory on the Mall in Washington, D.C. in 1964. The following year, he joined the NPS as a full-time permanent employee. In 1969, the office moved to Harpers Ferry, W.Va., and became known as Harpers Ferry Center. Dave has been at HFC since its inception, designing interpretive exhibits at many NPS sites.

Several memorable projects for Dave include Cape Cod NS, North Cascades NP, Statue of Liberty, Mesa Verde NP and USS *Arizona* Memorial. He spent 10 years as supervisor of the exhibit design staff and his concept plans for three state



DAVE MCLEAN

park visitor centers along the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route marked the first-ever collaborative project between the NPS and the State of New Jersey.

Dave is especially proud of the work he's done with national park organizations around the world, which include being design consultant for a new visitor center in Parque Nacional Iguazu in Argentina; developing concept and final designs for the Dragalevski Museum of Culture and Natural History in Bulgaria; and helping design a new museum for Kampinoski Park Narodowy in Poland, among other projects.

Henry Miles, mason, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 33 years.

Michael Mulcare, supervisory information technology specialist, Division of Administration, National Capital Region, Jan. 3 after over 23 years.

Dominic Nessi, NPS chief information officer (CIO), WASO, Jan. 3 after 33 years of federal service, six of them with the NPS.

Dom began his NPS career in 2001. He was the first NPS CIO. He established a system for managing IT assets, increased the NPS's perimeter security and was also instrumental in the improvement of the NPS.gov website. Dom was a Certified Information Systems Security Professional and was also certified as a Project Management Professional. He leaves government service to work in the private sector.



Mike Booher, NPS Volunteer

PHIL NOBLITT

Phil Noblitt, park ranger (management assistant), Blue Ridge PKWY, Jan. 3 after 34 years of service.

Phil began his career as a park ranger (historian) and was converted to permanent as a park technician at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP in 1973. He became an intake ranger assigned to Cape Hatteras NS (1977 to 1981), followed by supervisory park ranger at Fort Frederica NM, then to Ocmulgee NM in 1986. One year later, he joined the Blue Ridge PKWY, where he served in a variety of assignments until his retirement. He finished his career serving as the parkway's public information officer.

Phil authored the book, *A Mansion in the Mountains*, which discusses Flat Top Manor built by Moses and Bertha Cone, early textile industrialists. He and his wife, Susan, live in Black Mountain, N.C.

Lory Noyes, maintenance mechanic, Colorado NM, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Lory began his NPS career in 1973 at Glen Canyon NRA, starting as a seasonal auto mechanic and transferring to a permanent position in 1974. He became maintenance mechanic at Colorado NM in 1986. He drove the snow plow on the monument for the last 20 years. During his career, Lory also worked seasonally as a firefighter and ground support/equipment manager.

Lory and his wife, Sandy, will remain in Fruita, Colo. He hopes to travel, work on house renovations and spoil their two grandchildren.

William O'Farrell, visitor use assistant, Lake Mead NRA, Jan. 31 after 10 years.

Ed Pacheco, facility manager, Chamizal N MEM, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Dale Petrucci, safety and occupational health specialist, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 3 after over 17 years.

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E&AA Life Member **Barb Pfahning**, secretary to the superintendent, Redwood National and State Parks, Feb. 2 after over 31 years.

Barb began her NPS career at Redwood in 1976 as clerk typist for the Division of Natural Resources and moved on to personnel assistant for the Division of Administration. In 1987, she became secretary to the superintendent. Through her tenure in that position, she worked with five NPS superintendents and three California state park superintendents. Barb and her husband, Roger, plan to remain in Crescent City, Calif. and travel.

A. Elaine Poole, training manager for administration, business practices, concessions and specialty fields, National Capital Training Center, Jan. 3 after over 36 years of federal service.

Pat Quinn, chief of business management, Glen Canyon NRA, March 30 after 33 years.

E&AA Life Member **Ann Rasor**, superintendent, Tumacacori NHS, Dec. 1, 2006 after 33 years.

Brenda Ritchie, manager, Communication Center and Emergency Incident Coordination Center (EICC), Shenandoah NP, Jan. 2 after 33 years of service.

Brenda was instrumental in the creation of the EICC, which dispatches NPS and DOI all-hazard resources to hurricanes and other national disasters. She played a key role in emergency management by developing a system for deploying law enforcement staff and personnel with other specialized skills to homeland security operations and natural disasters. She worked closely with regional chief rangers, incident management teams and WASO/DOI emergency management officials to assure resources were readily available for emergencies, and was instrumental in coordinating emergency responses throughout the NPS. Brenda has received numerous awards, including a citation for excellence of service and stewardship from the director.

David Robertson, maintenance worker, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 39 years.

Thomas Rose, motor vehicle operator, National Capital Parks-East, Dec. 31, 2006 after 15 years.

Ella Ross, archivist, Shenandoah NP, Feb. 14 after over six years.

William Sharp, planner, Northeast Regional Office - Phila., Dec. 31, 2006 after 25 years.

William has served as project manager for national wild and scenic river and national historic trail studies, including Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT, Star-Spangled Banner NHT and Lower Delaware WSR. He also assisted the State of Connecticut in the acquisition of the Long Island Sound state parks through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

Lee Shenk, chief, Business Management Division, Golden Gate NRA, Dec. 29, 2006 after 34 years.

William D. "Bill" Spruill, NPS national aviation manager, WASO, Jan. 3 after 46 years of federal service.

Bill began his federal service in 1959 with the 101st Airborne Division, spent

six years in the military and joined the U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.) in 1967. He was later promoted to lieutenant and commander of the U.S.P.P. Aviation Unit.

In 1979, Bill attained the rank of captain and was assigned to the Midwest Region as law enforcement specialist. He retired as a major with the U.S.P.P. in 1991 to accept the first NPS national aviation manager position in the Washington Office of Ranger Activities. Bill assisted NPS units in developing aviation operations and aviation safety programs, including attaining aircraft for Big Bend NP and Death Valley NP. He was instrumental in developing the current NPS national aviation strategic plan and the National Aviation Advisory Group.

Dan Steed, assistant superintendent, San Antonio Missions NHP, Jan. 2 after 28 years.

Dan worked at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Chaco Culture NHP and the former Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe before moving to San Antonio Missions NHP in 1987. He has been in a variety of positions at the park including park ranger, district ranger, chief of ranger activities, chief of interpretation and chief of resource management and visitor protection.

In 2005, Dan received a DOI Superior Service Award for his work on environmental management issues. He and his wife, Karen, who also retired from the NPS earlier this year, will continue to live in San Antonio, Tex.

Brendan Sullivan, maintenance worker, Lowell NHP, Dec. 30, 2006 after 25 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Ronald R. Switzer**, superintendent, Buffalo NR, Jan. 3 after over 39 years.

Ron began with the NPS as a seasonal archeological interpreter at Mesa Verde NP. His first permanent assignment was in 1970 as museum specialist at the Midwest Archeological Center, becoming the center's chief in 1972. He returned to Mesa Verde later in 1972, to become the youngest superintendent in the NPS at age 28. From 1979 to 1987, he served at the Southwest Regional Office - Santa Fe, first as regional chief of operations evaluation, then associate regional director for state and local affairs, then executive assistant to the regional director.

In 1987, Ron transferred to Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES as assistant superintendent, then to Big Thicket N PRES as superintendent. He became superintendent at Mammoth Cave NP in 1995, moving to his final position at Buffalo NR in 2005.

Ron's awards include the DOI Meritorious Service and Superior Service awards, and awards for outstanding contributions to outdoor recreation and distinguished service in conservation, including the William Hornaday Gold Medal. Ron and his wife, Deborah, will make their home in Enid, Okla., during their retirement.

Nancy Taylor, telecommunication operator, Shenandoah NP, Jan. 2 after 33 years.

Nancy has been involved with the Communication Center at Shenandoah NP and the Emergency Incident Coordination Center for the majority of her career. Her positions over the years included ordering manager, dispatch

recorder, support dispatcher and initial attack dispatcher for fire and all emergency-type incidents. Nancy plans to spend more time enjoying her grandchildren, traveling and completing a few personal projects, and can be reached at nancy22835@earthlink.net.

Francis Tolson, engineering equipment operator supervisor, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 34 years.

E&AA Life Member **Marc Vagos**, park ranger, Northeast Regional Office, March 2 after 32 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **George Vasjuta**, park ranger, Operations and Education, National Capital Region, Jan. 3 after over 42 years.

Mary Vavra, outdoor recreation planner, Northeast Regional Office, Jan. 3 after over 37 years.

Mary was one of the initial planners working on the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program in 1979. In addition, she spent over 20 years as a project manager in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. In 1996, she became river manager for the Maurice and Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational Rivers. Mary wrote the Comprehensive Management Plans for both rivers with the help of local officials and nonprofit organizations dedicated to protecting these nationally recognized resources.

Robert D. Wallace, supervisory park ranger, Fort Donelson NB, Jan. 3 after 35 years.

Billy Warren, electrician, Chickasaw NRA, Jan. 2 after 41 years.

Rodger Waters, chief of administration, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Jan. 3 after over 36 years of federal service, 32 of them with the NPS.

Following several tours of Vietnam, Rodger began his NPS career in 1974 as a staffing assistant/clerk in the Rocky Mountain Regional Office - Denver. In 1978, he moved on to Ozark NSR as a personnel specialist/assistant. Rodger transferred to the Southwest Regional Office as the equal employment opportunity specialist in 1980. He has been the chief of administration at Carlsbad Caverns since 1989. Rodger and his wife, Arlene, plan on staying in the Carlsbad, N.Mex. area.

E&AA Life Member **Byron S. Weiss**, facility management specialist, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, Jan. 3 after 38 years.

Marshall G. Whitley, carpenter and exhibit specialist, Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS, Jan. 3 after 30 years.

Marshall began his NPS career in 1976 at Cumberland Island NS in the maintenance division. In 1988, he joined the Atlanta Southeast Regional Office's Preservation Group, heading the carpentry program. His projects included restoring the Melrose plantation in Natchez, Miss.; assisting with Hurricane Hugo recovery efforts at Fort Sumter NM; restoring the visitor center at Andrew Johnson NHS; completing a roof job on the Jefferson Monument; and building a replica of Gershaw House in Camden, S.C. Marshall transferred to Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS in 1995.

Larry Williams, supervisory information technology specialist, Intermountain Region, Jan. 3 after 16 years.

Norman H. Williams, chief of facilities management, Fort Caroline N MEM and Timucuan Ecological and Historic PRES, Jan. 3 after 30 years.

Norm began his service in 1977 as an automotive worker for Andersonville NHS. In 1985, he joined Fort Caroline N MEM as a maintenance worker supervising two other maintenance employees. In 1988, with the addition of Timucuan E & H PRES, the staff and facilities under his jurisdiction grew. By 1993, he was promoted to maintenance supervisor and formally became facilities chief in 1995.

During the 90's, Norm served on the regional maintenance advisory committee. He provided leadership in the implementation of the Facility Management Software System on park, region and Servicewide levels. Norm and Renee will continue to live in the Jacksonville, Fla. area. He plans to spend more time with his favorite hobby—drag racing.

James Wilson, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Rock Creek Park, Jan. 3 after 42 years.

Glenn Wilt, mason, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 1 after 27 years.

Russell Wingerd, equipment mechanic, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Dec. 30, 2006 after 25 years.



SHIRLEY WINTERHALDER

Shirley Winterhalder, administrative officer, Colorado NM, Jan. 3 after over 28 years of federal service, over 24 of them with the NPS.

Shirley began in 1978 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1982, she transferred to the NPS in the Intermountain Region Finance Office as a voucher examiner. In 1987, she transferred to the newly formed NPS Central Finance Office in Reston, Va. as lead accounting technician in the Cash and Debt Management Division. In 1992, she accepted the position of administrative officer at Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, and moved to Colorado NM in 1996. Shirley is planning to stay in Fruita, Colo., and is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with family.

Richard Wood, woodcrafter, Lowell NHP, Dec. 28, 2006 after 22 years.

Byron Zakos, electromotive equipment mechanic supervisor, Lowell NHP, Jan. 3 after 32 years of service.

Sarah M. Zimny, IT specialist, Southeast Regional Office, Dec. 30, 2006 after 30 years. ■

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Christina “Chris” Anderson, 39, Feb. 6, following a brief illness.

Chris was an NPS volunteer and wife of Lake Mead NRA Park Ranger and Law Enforcement Specialist Glen Anderson. She became a park volunteer in 1987 and over the next 20 years donated more than 10,000 hours of service to Lake Mead NRA and the NPS. She spent the majority of her volunteer time teaching and responding to EMS calls.

In 2004, Chris was recognized by the NPS for her outstanding achievement as a volunteer and was honored with the Take Pride in America Presidential Volunteer Award. Memorial donations may be made to: National Park Service - Chris Anderson EMS Training Account at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005.

Devina May Anderson, 37, Feb. 22, at home in Mankato, Minn., due to breast cancer.

Devina was a seasonal NPS employee. She grew up spending her summers in South Dakota, since her father was also a seasonal NPS employee. Devina

worked four seasons in Rocky Mountain NP and one in Grand Teton NP as a laborer. Following that, she worked four seasons in Glacier NP, one in Saguaro NP and one in Yellowstone NP as a law enforcement ranger before being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Byron Blair, 79, Feb. 14, unexpectedly, at home in Jonesboro, Ark.

Byron and his wife were NPS volunteers, serving as campground hosts at Lizard Creek Campground in Grand Teton NP for 16 years, and as campground concession employees for the past two summers. Byron labored many hours to keep “his” campground in good condition and set the standard for pride and stewardship in our parks. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Betty; his children; and his grandchildren.

Douglas “Doug” Braithwaite, 58, Dec. 14, 2006, following a two-year battle with cancer.

Doug retired from the Denver Service Center (DSC) in May 2004 after over 37 years with the federal government. He

worked for the NPS for 32 years, and retired as a technical writer-editor for specifications and contract documents in the DSC Contracting Services Division.

Doug is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Tyler and Corbin; daughter, Jodie; and three grandchildren. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family c/o: Tracey Eachus, Contracting Services, Denver Service Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228.

E&AA Life Member **Chester L. “Chet” Brooks, 89,** March 5, at Lakeshore Lutheran Home in Duluth, Minn., following a long fight with cancer.

Chet received his bachelor’s degree in 1942. He then entered the military and served during WWII as a paratrooper in the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne, with jumps into Normandy and Holland and service in Bastogne. Chet became a sergeant and following his discharge in 1945, he earned a master’s degree in history in 1948. He was working on a doctorate when he got his first job in the NPS as a historian at Theodore Roosevelt NMP in 1951.

In 1957, Chet became superintendent at Booker T. Washington NM, followed by superintendent at Petersburg NMP in 1959. He went on to serve as interpretive specialist working with states in the Omaha office (1961 to 1962), project manager and superintendent at Bighorn Canyon NRA (1962 to 1965), park planner and planning team captain for WASO and the NPS Service Center’s Eastern Team (1965 to 1969) and superintendent at Independence NHP (1969 to 1971).

Chet then became regional director for the former Northeast Region, which was reorganized into the Mid-Atlantic Region (1971 to 1976), followed by his final NPS position as superintendent of Rocky Mountain NP (1976 to 1983). He received the DOI Distinguished Service Award in 1978 “in recognition of his achievements in the fields of administration, historical interpretation and public service” throughout his career.

Chet was active with the E&AA and served on the board for Eastern National after retiring. Survivors include Ebba, his

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NPS Volunteer Inaugurated as Governor of Maryland

By Vincent Vaise, Chief Ranger,
Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine

On Jan. 17, living history volunteers of the Fort McHenry Guard and NPS rangers from Antietam NB, Hampton NHS, Assateague Island NS and Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine proudly marched in the Governor’s Inaugural Parade in Annapolis, Md. As they passed the reviewing stand, they saluted one of their fellow volunteers, newly elected Governor Martin O’Malley. Martin joined the Volunteers-In-Parks program in 2003 as a member of the Fort McHenry Guard.

During the summer of 2003, Martin was honored as “Colonel of the Fort McHenry Guard” for his work as mayor of Baltimore. Two weeks after the ceremony, the park received a phone call from the mayor’s office wanting to know how to get a War of 1812 uniform and what had to be done to join the unit. Martin sensed the enthusiasm of the volunteers and their pride in what they do and wanted to be part of that. He joined the guard and ever since, has participated in the park’s flagship event, Defenders’ Day, commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore and the writing of “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Martin’s involvement in Defenders’ Day marked the beginning of a longstanding partnership with the City of Baltimore.

“As mayor, O’Malley was one of our best historical interpreters,” said Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine Supt. Gay Vietzke. “He always mentioned Fort McHenry and ‘The Star-Spangled Banner’ in his speeches and connected these historic events to the lives of Baltimore’s current citizens.” Martin even contacted the History Channel and was featured in their miniseries *First Invasion*. The program, focusing on the events surrounding the burning of Washington and defense of Baltimore, had over three million viewers during its first season.



MARYLAND GOVERNOR Martin O’Malley as an NPS volunteer.

The mayor’s office has been instrumental in restoring Defenders’ Day as a widespread city holiday through publicity efforts and in providing in-kind support and donated equipment. “We are especially grateful for his support in our Young Defenders program, during which 900 inner-city schoolchildren came to Fort McHenry the Friday before the big anniversary to learn about Francis Scott Key and the War of 1812,” said Gay.

Martin has a great rapport with the reenactors. Park staff was worried that, with his recent election to governor, his new responsibilities would preclude his participation in the VIP program. “No chance,” says Martin’s staff, “he loves the fort and will continue to be active as we approach the bicentennial of the War of 1812.” However, as governor, he will be taking an interest in other parks as well. Issues relating to restoring the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay, stopping poorly planned suburban sprawl and conservation figured prominently in his inaugural address. ■

A Ranger in the Making

By Norton Canfield, Park Guide,
Harry S Truman NHS

Each park visitor is unique, but no other visitor is unique in the way 11-year-old Chandler Johnson is. Chandler visited Harry S Truman NHS on Aug. 8, 2006. Meeting Chandler that day was an honor for all Truman site employees. The staff at Harry S Truman NHS feels that Chandler’s appreciation of the National Park Service mission needs to be recognized. She has completed over 100 NPS Junior Ranger programs, and proudly wears a vest covered with badges and select patches to each new park she visits.

Chandler first participated in a Junior Ranger program at Florissant Fossil Beds NM. She said her most challenging program, and the one of most sentimental value, was at Great Smoky Mountains NP. Harry S Truman NHS is trying to determine if records are kept on participants who have completed multiple programs in order to determine if the completed 100 programs are a record.

When visiting the national parks, Chandler is frequently asked by other visitors and kids about the badge awards and patches that she displays on her vest. As such, Chandler can be considered a walking billboard for the program and an NPS ambassador as well. She has a goal to complete all of the Junior Ranger programs offered.

Her favorite Junior Ranger activities involve hiking, reading information at wayside exhibits and taking in the spec-



Larry Villalva, Harry S Truman NHS

JUNIOR RANGER Chandler Johnson proudly wears a vest displaying award badges and park patches.

tacular scenery. During her visits, she strives to help our national parks by not littering, staying on marked trails and helping to promote the continued preservation and protection of our wildlife.

Chandler also shared the following, “I believe the country should know that national parks, historic sites and recreational areas are all very cool places that our nation has made for us, so get up and go visit some of the national parks and learn something new.” Attention all national park units—be on the lookout for Ms. Chandler Johnson, a future ranger in the making! ■

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS

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Lincoln National Bicentennial Commission, presented, “They Belong to the Ages: The Enduring Values of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Dr. Mackey reminded us that both Abraham Lincoln and Dr. King were men who helped bring about tremendous social and political change. Both men were criticized for being too cautious and too radical, constantly challenged to temper their ultimate goals with political real-

ities. Martyrs for a cause, the legacies of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr. are as relevant today as they were 40 or 140 years ago.

Dr. Mackey will also serve as master teacher at the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Teachers Workshop in June 2007. The Feb. 12, 2008 opening ceremony of the National Bicentennial Celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s Birth will take place at Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS. ■

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wife of 60 years; his children and their spouses: Roger (Carol) Brooks, Nancy Sailstad, Anne (Brian) Adams and Barrett (Janet) Brooks; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Ebba Brooks at 106 S. 30th Ave. East, Duluth, MN 55812, or via Anne and Brian at badams003@centurytel.net. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chet's name to the E&AA George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program—www.eandaa.org, or to an Animal Humane Society of your choice—www.animalhumanesociety.org.

E&AA Life Member **George H. Cardinet, Jr.**, 97, Jan. 19, in Mexico City.

George was often referred to as the "father of the California trails system." As a trail activist, he played an important role in the development of California's first long-distance hiking and equestrian trails. His trail development efforts began when he purchased a ranch in Concord, Calif. at the foot of Mount Diablo around 1934. There are over 200 miles of trails throughout the East Bay and in Mount Diablo State Park that he helped to build. George was instrumental in the passage of legislation in 1968 that established a federal trails system. He also helped to get the Anza Trail route designated as a national historic trail in 1990.

George is survived by his son, George III; two daughters, Maureen and Michele; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret, in 1992.

Kenneth A. Castro, 46, Feb. 14, due to cancer.

Ken started working seasonally for the NPS in 1980 as a fire control aid at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, later becoming foreman. He then worked for the Kaibab National Forest as a procurement assistant, and then became park ranger at Grand Canyon NP and Lassen Volcanic NP. He transitioned back into fire full-time, working as the fire management officer (FMO) at Lassen Volcanic, then returned to the USDA Forest Service as FMO for the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests. Ken was rehired by the NPS Intermountain Region in 2004 as a deputy FMO in Santa Fe.

Ken's career accomplishments included steering the revision of the Lassen-Caribou wilderness fire plan to a successful outcome and directing a set of large prescribed burns in Lassen Volcanic NP. For many years, he participated on incident management teams in both the operations and command functions.

Survivors include Ken's wife, Linda; and sons, Daniel and Ian. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Ken's honor to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, 2049 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 or at www.wffoundation.org.

E&AA Life Member **Larry Cosby**, 49, April 17, 2006, of heart failure, while working on a recreation project along the Wild and Scenic Illinois River.

Larry began his career as a public servant in 1978 and worked for land management agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Tahoe National Forest and the NPS at Statue of Liberty NM (1979), Lyndon B. Johnson NHP (1982 to 1983), Golden Gate NRA (1983 to 1987) and Oregon Caves NM (1987 to 1989). For the last 18 years, he worked on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southwest

Oregon. He was a supervisory recreation specialist for the Applegate, Ashland, Galice and Illinois Valley Ranger Districts, and was instrumental in the construction of many recreation sites across the forest. Larry was active with volunteer and community organizations.

Larry is survived by his wife, Linda Mullens; and two sons, Zachary and Joshua. Linda would appreciate receiving stories about Larry as a legacy for her sons c/o 4501 Azalea Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526.

E&AA Life Member **Lewis D. "Lew" Farr**, 87, Aug. 23, 2006.

Lew served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. His years of duty resulted in decorations including the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Navy Cross. He served in active reserve status from 1947 through 1969.

In 1956, Lew joined the NPS as personnel officer, Western Office of Design and Construction in San Francisco. He was assigned to WASO in 1965 as a Job Corps coordinator and personnel officer.

With the reorganization of the Eastern Service Center in 1968, Lew served first as a special assistant to the director in Washington, D.C., and in 1972, was promoted to the position of assistant director, Manpower and Organization, Denver Service Center. In 1973, he transferred to the Colorado State Director's Office as staff manager. When the Rocky Mountain Region was established in 1974, Lew moved to the Utah State Director's Office and retired from there in 1975 as assistant director.

Lew earned many commendations and awards, including the Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service awards. He and his wife, Bobbye, moved to Sun City, Ariz. in 1976. According to Bobbye, "he loved being an NPS man." In addition to Bobbye, survivors include one daughter, Medora; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Nancy Flanagan, 54, Feb. 14, due to cancer.

Nancy was a library technician with Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) for almost 29 years. Her husband, Bob, is a support services supervisor at HFC. Nancy was valued by her colleagues and in 2005, she received the HFC's "Employee's Choice Award." Donations in her memory may be designated for the First Baptist Church of Ranson Sunday School in Ranson, W.Va.

E&AA Life Member **Vincent J. Halvorson**, 62, Feb. 1, in Beatrice, Neb.

Vince received his bachelor of philosophy degree and began his NPS career in 1967 as a park historian at Grand Canyon NP. He then moved to Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP, followed by Fort Sumter NM. He was superintendent at Homestead NM of America and Pipestone NM, retiring from the NPS in 1994.

Following his retirement, Vince continued his service to the NPS as a volunteer at Homestead NM of America. Survivors include his wife, Judy; daughter, Erin; and two grandsons.

William J. "Bill" Holda, 59, Dec. 26, 2006, at home in Manns Harbor, N.C.

During his career, Bill served in park ranger positions at Crater Lake NP, Blue Ridge PKWY and Indiana Dunes NL. He moved to Grand Teton NP in 1987 as the Buffalo Valley subdistrict ranger. In 1990, Bill was selected as the John D. Rocke-

efeller, Jr. MEM PKWY subdistrict ranger. In 1999, he became the Grand Teton NP Colter Bay subdistrict ranger and a year later was selected as the park's law enforcement specialist. In 2002, Bill became acting chief ranger of Grand Teton NP and held that position until his retirement in July 2004.

Following his retirement, Bill and his wife, Cyndy, moved to North Carolina. Cyndy is currently the executive assistant to the Superintendent's Office at the Outer Banks Group.



Grand Teton NP

BILL HOLDA

The Moran Volunteer Firefighters Association in Moran, Wyo., where Bill served for 17 years, received many donations from NPS family and friends and, in Bill's honor as an "old school" NPS ranger, has created the annual Bill Holda Memorial Scholarship Fund. Annual scholarships will be awarded to a graduating senior from Jackson Hole High School who resides in the northern end of Teton County benefiting the education of an NPS or neighboring park community child. Contributions may be made to the Moran Volunteer Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 331, Moran, WY 83013.

The family of Bill Holda would like to express their gratitude for the donations, cards and letters received to date, and say the response is a wonderful example of how the NPS family embraces its own kind in time of need. Bill's wife, Cyndy, and son, Mitchell, welcome friends to the Outer Banks of North Carolina—their address is: P.O. Box 172, Manns Harbor, NC 27953.

Thomas S. Kleppe, 87, March 2, at home in Bethesda, Md.

Thomas served as secretary of the Department of the Interior for 15 months under President Gerald R. Ford. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Glendora; and a son, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Becky Lyons, 60, Feb. 7, at Gettysburg Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Becky retired from Gettysburg NMP as a park ranger/interpreter in 2006 after 36 years with the NPS. She was considered one of the premier historians at Gettysburg NMP and was well respected in the historic community. She served as an instructor for Harrisburg Area Community College and a guest lecturer at Gettysburg College, Ford's Theater, George Washington University and numerous Civil War roundtables. She held degrees in history from Adrian College in Michigan and Fort Hays University in Kansas.

E&AA Life Member **Richard A. "Dick" Moeller**, 76, Feb. 14, due to cancer.

Dick received his bachelor's degree in 1953 before entering the U.S. Army for a two-year tour of duty. Upon his return home, Dick obtained a master's degree. His NPS career included working in Rocky Mountain NP, Wupatki NM, Bryce Canyon NP, Lake Mead NRA and finally chief ranger at Great Smoky Mountains NP, from where he retired in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; two sons; one daughter; and seven grandchildren. Memorials to Hospice of Larimer County may be sent in his name to Bohlender's Funeral Chapel in Fort Collins, Colo. Friends may send condolences to the family at www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Henry Lee Price, 85, Oct. 25, 2006, following a long illness.

A retired middle-school teacher, Lee served as an interpretive park ranger at Cowpens NB from 1967 to 1983. He grew up near the battlefield and often spoke of his father raising and lowering the flag daily at the small commemorative ground plot in the early days of the park. Like his father, Lee continued the part-time flag-raising duties throughout his teaching career. Lee's friendly, congenial manner delighted park visitors and co-workers alike. He will be remembered for his love for Cowpens, his many stories of the battlefield and his contagious sense of humor.

Lee was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie. Survivors include two children, Henry and Emily; and three grandchildren.

Norma C. Rodriguez, 76, Dec. 28, 2006, in Del Rio, Tex.

Norma was the wife of E&AA Life Member Edward C. Rodriguez, Jr., who retired in 1989 as superintendent of Amistad NRA. They were married for 54 years. Survivors include Edward; son, Ralph William Rodriguez; daughters, Pamela Ann Biernacki, Patricia Ann Eason and Priscilla Ann Hertzler; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Gerry P. Sterk, 62, Jan. 20, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich., following a brief illness.

Gerry sailed as an AB seaman with the Interlake Steamship Company and the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company and, for the last 20 years, as an AB seaman with the NPS on-board the *USNPS Ranger III* at Isle Royale NP. ■

Sand Creek Massacre NHS

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Trace, and other areas like national trails, recreation areas and preserves.

In addition to becoming the 391st unit of the NPS, Sand Creek Massacre NHS increases the number of national historic sites and historical parks to 122, and joins other recently added sites such as Flight 93 N MEM, Carter G. Woodson Home NHS and African Burial Ground NM. For a complete list of national park units by classification, visit www.nps.gov/pub_aff/refdesk/classlst.pdf. ■

New Places & Faces

Joan Anzelmo, from chief of public affairs, Grand Teton NP, to superintendent, Colorado NM.

Colleen Bathe, from chief of interpretation, education and partnerships, Bryce Canyon NP, to chief of interpretation and cultural resources, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Shawn Benge, from chief of professional services, planning and facility management, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to superintendent, Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP.

Coby Bishop, from park ranger (law enforcement), Channel Islands NP, to park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP.

Helen Brooks, from human resources specialist, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to human resources specialist, San Antonio Missions NHP.

Maria Burks, to superintendent, Manhattan Sites, which includes Federal Hall, Castle Clinton, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, Hamilton Grange, General Grant and Saint Paul's Church. She will also continue to serve as commissioner, National Parks of New York Harbor.

Amy Caldwell, from chief of administration, Redwood National and State Parks, to chief of administration, Grand Canyon NP.

Colin Campbell, from superintendent, Padre Island NS, to deputy superintendent, Yellowstone NP.

Lisa Carrico, from chief of the administrative services division, Big Bend NP, to superintendent, Tumacacori NHS.



DEBBIE CONWAY

Debbie Conway, from superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, to superintendent, Fort Stanwix NM.

Denis Davis, from strategic planner and performance management coordinator and chief of park program review, Intermountain Regional Office, to superintendent, Timpanogos Cave NM.

Bobby Fleming, from district ranger, Shenandoah NP, to district ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP.

Jeffrey Foote, from visitor use assistant, Haleakala NP, to visitor use assistant, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Mike Hayden, to maintenance worker, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Beverly Haywood, from park ranger (law enforcement), Petersburg NB, to park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP.

Catherine Holden, from visitor use assistant, Mojave N PRES, to visitor use assistant, Shenandoah NP.

David Horne, from chief ranger, Pinnacles NM, to deputy chief ranger, Lake Mead NRA.

Audrey (Fortin) Huston, from park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP, to park ranger (law enforcement), Prince William Forest Park.



CHIP JENKINS

Palmer "Chip" Jenkins, Jr., from superintendent, Lewis and Clark NHP, to superintendent, North Cascades NP, Lake Chelan NRA and Ross Lake NRA.

Clayton Jordan, from deputy chief ranger, Shenandoah NP, to chief ranger, Gulf Islands NS.

Matthew Klozik, from park ranger (interpretation), Shenandoah NP, to park ranger (interpretation), Oregon Caves NM.

Jeff Koenig, to fire management officer, Shenandoah NP.

David Kruse, from landscape architect, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, to superintendent, Lava Beds NM.

Paul Labovitz, from program manager, Midwest Region Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, to superintendent, Mississippi NRR.

Christine Lehnertz, to deputy superintendent, Yellowstone NP.

Chris Lewis, to project manager, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Steve Martin, from NPS deputy director, WASO, to superintendent, Grand Canyon NP.

Kim Mayo-Correal, from park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP, to chief ranger, Castillo de San Marcos NM.

Michael Morelli, from transportation planner, WASO Transportation Management Program, to project manager, Eastern Team of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Cynthia Nelson, to project manager, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

Sara Newman, to public risk management specialist, Risk Management Division, WASO.

Tom Nichols, from deputy, NPS Fire Management Planning and Budget Group, to deputy chief, NPS Division of Fire and Aviation Management, National Interagency Fire Center.

Bruce Noble, from superintendent, Colorado NM and acting superintendent, Chickasaw NRA, to superintendent, Chickasaw NRA and Oklahoma State coordinator.

Dr. Richard J. O'Connor, from acting chief, to chief, NPS Heritage Documentation Programs Division.

Joni Piercy, from GIS specialist, to GIS regional coordinator, Alaska Region.

Brian Sanko, to contract specialist, Contracting Services Division, Denver Service Center.

Stacy Scully, from park ranger (law enforcement), Richmond NBP, to park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP.

Nancy Skinner, from associate research coordinator and NPS representative, Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit at Northern Arizona University, to superintendent, Navajo NM.

Robert Vogel, from superintendent, Cape Lookout NS, to deputy superintendent, Grand Teton NP.

Mike Wallace, from branch chief, NPS Wildland Fire Management Program, to chief, NPS Division of Fire and Aviation Management, National Interagency Fire Center.

Lila Walker, from administrative officer, New River Gorge NR, to administrative officer, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Daniel N. Wenk, from director, Denver Service Center, to NPS deputy director for operations, WASO. ■

Ronald Walker Joins the E&AA Board of Directors

Ronald H. Walker of Tucson, Ariz. and Jackson Hole, Wyo. has joined the E&AA Board of Directors. Ron has a long and distinguished career in business, government and the not-for-profit world.

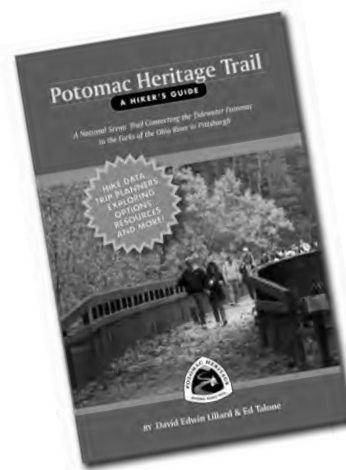
Ron's government service includes special assistant to the President of the United States and, later, director of the NPS under President Richard M. Nixon. He was a senior partner for over 20 years with Korn/Ferry International, the executive search firm.

Ron has served on the boards of the United States Olympic Committee, the National Collegiate Athletic Associa-

tion, the Kennedy Center, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and many other public and private organizations. He was elected to a six-year term on the E&AA board beginning Feb. 1, 2007.

"We are truly honored and excited to have Ron Walker, former director of the National Park Service, join the Board of Directors for E&AA," said John Cook, E&AA board chair. "His business skills, National Park Service background and international experience will prove most beneficial to E&AA as we face challenges in a changing business climate." ■

Off the Press



Potomac Heritage Trail: A Hiker's Guide

By David Edwin Lillard and Ed Talone
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152 pp; \$12.95

Potomac Heritage Trail: A Hiker's Guide is the first comprehensive exploration of the Potomac Heritage NST corridor and the first to clarify the relationships among more than 770 miles of trails, routes and extraordinary places in Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Specifically, the book describes over 50 hikes between the Tidewater Potomac and the Forks of the Ohio (in downtown Pittsburgh)—many can also be experienced on two wheels—providing directions, insights and local information.

The publication is a project of the Allegheny Trail Alliance, the American Hiking Society and the Potomac

Heritage NST Office of the NPS, and is available through Eastern National at www.eParks.com or the publisher at www.atatrail.org.

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Shadows of Chaco Canyon is available at www.shadowsofchacocanyon.com or www.amazon.com, by phone at (270) 307-0150 or by mail from Singing Rock Publishing, 112 South Walters Avenue, Suite 102, Hodgenville, KY 42748. ■

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