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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the end of summer draws another peak visitor season to a close, I thank each and every one of the National Park Service team for your service to our visitors and the resources entrusted to us. It is not always easy—fires, storms and other challenges keep us all busy—but we are truly privileged to work in such special places!



This summer was not all joyful as I spent a weekend in Texas attending the memorial service and funeral of Lady Bird Johnson. With her passing, we lost a great champion who loved the parks and the Park Service.

I was so proud of the park staff, partners and volunteers. With quiet efficiency and professionalism, they created a meaningful tribute to Mrs. Johnson and a comfort to her family and friends. And despite the solemnity, it was great to see many old friends from my early days in Texas.

Her loss came soon after the Department of the Interior's annual Length of Service recognitions that are now traditionally part of our Independence Day celebrations. I salute Secretary Kempthorne for officiating in this special ceremony—he truly cares about our employees and his sincerity shows.

This year, we honored nine people who had achieved 40 years of service and 43 more who passed the 30-year mark. Some have names widely recognized across the National Park Service. Others are not so well known. Yet, for their entire working lives, each made lasting contributions to support the parks, the visitors and their colleagues. I am in awe of them.

We continue in the tradition of our alumni, who helped instill in us the love of nature, a commitment to preservation and dedication to visitor service. These are traditions I know will continue as we prepare the next generation of leaders for our parks.

I often receive letters and emails from citizens who praise a particular park or a particular park worker. Each one renews my pride in what we do, because we have touched visitors' hearts. Your personal pride and professionalism make that possible.

Thank you—every one of you, for all you have done, and all you do each day!

Finally, my thanks to Chesley Moroz, the Eastern National board and staff for support of the *Arrowhead*, and for being great partners—we couldn't do it without you!

As always, stay tuned. I look forward to seeing you in our parks....

—Mary Bomar

Secretary Kempthorne Presents a Vision for the Future of Our National Parks



NPS photo by Rick Lewis

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE unveils details of "The Future of America's National Parks," a report to President Bush, at a rooftop press conference at the Interior building on May 31, while NPS Director Mary Bomar looks on.

In a report delivered May 31 to President Bush, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne wrote, "Inspired by the passions of thousands of citizens and mindful that boldness matches our history, today I bring you our vision to ensure that the American love affair with national parks endures."

Kempthorne and NPS Director Mary Bomar unveiled report details during

a rooftop press conference at the Interior Department. In the report, "The Future of America's National Parks," Kempthorne wrote, "Parks teach and inspire. Parks are America the beautiful...the cultural...the historical." He explained the 100th anniversary should be a time to celebrate accomplishments achieved through goals with boldness and vision.

The National Park Service will:

- lead America in preserving and restoring treasured resources;
- demonstrate environmental leadership;
- offer superior recreational experiences;
- foster exceptional learning opportunities that connect people to parks; and
- be managed with excellence.

Performance goals will guide our achievement. By 2016, the National Park Service plans to:

- improve priority facilities to acceptable condition;
- restore native habitats by controlling invasive species, and reintroducing key plant and animal species;
- improve natural resources in parks as measured by scientific vital signs monitoring;
- reduce environmental impacts of park operations;
- double the amount of volunteer hours;
- enroll two million new Junior Rangers;
- encourage greater partnership and philanthropy; and
- reshape the workforce to meet the needs of America.

Bomar said, "The men and women of the National Park Service will transform these goals into reality. We will be accountable to the American people for our

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NPS Mourns Lady Bird Johnson—Strong Advocate for National Parks, Conservation

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, widow of the country's 36th president, passed away July 11, 2007. She was 94 years old. Known as "Lady Bird" to her friends, she was a strong supporter of national parks and conservation. "The National Park Service family extends its deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson," said NPS Director Mary Bomar. "Mrs. Johnson's strength and graciousness, and her contribution to conservation in this country will be missed by all. Our hearts go out to her family, but we thank them for sharing her with us for so long."

Mrs. Johnson traveled extensively to promote conservation issues and national parks. The greatest expansion of the NPS in 30 years took place during the Johnson administration; she is credited with providing steady support by calling attention to the beauty and the importance of natural areas.

Mrs. Johnson was responsible for the initial "beautification" of Washington, D.C. In 1965, she and the First Lady's Committee for a More Beautiful Capital planted hundreds of dogwood trees and thousands of flowers on Columbia Island in the Potomac; renamed Lady Bird Johnson Park in 1968.

The LBJ Ranch house and property were given by President and Mrs. Johnson to the American people in December 1972, with the NPS designated as caretaker. Mrs. Johnson retained a life



Robert M. Utley

CUTTING THE CAKE AT THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY of Lyndon B. Johnson NHP in April 1990 are, pictured left to right, former NPS Director George B. Hartzog, former LBJ NHP Supt. Melody Webb (past E&AA board chair), Lady Bird Johnson and former Southwest Regional Director John Cook (current E&AA board chair).

estate in the ranch home and, after Lyndon Johnson's death in 1973, she continued to donate additional acres to the park that bears his name.

It was her abiding commitment to Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park over the past 30 years that will be remembered fondly by park staff. Her attendance at park events, from "Cowboy Songs and Poetry" to the annual

Christmas Tree Lighting, held in conjunction with Lyndon B. Johnson State Park, was an indication of her devotion to her husband's legacy and to the success of Lyndon B. Johnson NHP.

Former NPS Director George Hartzog once said of Lady Bird: "The legacy of her influence far outlived her presence [in Washington] because the spirit of her

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• There are hundreds of thousands of asteroids circling our sun. Astronomers refer to these bodies as minor planets. In May, the International Astronomical Union approved the naming of minor planet 49272 to become "Bryce Canyon." Minor planet 49272 was discovered by astronomer Roy Tucker in 1998. This year, at the urging of Utah amateur astronomer and NASA Solar System Ambassador Patrick Wiggins, Tucker agreed to name the asteroid "Bryce Canyon" in honor of the park and to recognize its public stargazing programs.

Wiggins has been sharing the night sky with the public over three decades, and is especially fond of **Bryce Canyon NP**. He, the Salt Lake Astronomical Society and the NPS have been partners in promoting the scenery of the night sky. Wiggins is a regular guest speaker at the park, where astronomy programs are offered throughout the summer. "Bryce Canyon" becomes the second minor planet named after a national park, the

first being "Sequoia" after the national park in California. "Bryce Canyon" orbits our sun between Mars and Jupiter, or nearly 200 million miles farther out than Earth's orbit. Visit www.nps.gov/brca for more information.

• In March, **Everglades NP**, **Biscayne NP** and **Big Cypress N PRES** announced the release of a trilingual Junior Ranger program. Previously offered only in English, the program is now available in both Spanish and Haitian Creole, and encourages children to explore, learn about and protect our national treasures, while working to earn the title of "Junior Ranger." The program was produced in three languages to encourage participation by families from the local community. Funding for the program was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the support of Unilever, a Proud Partner of America's National Parks and a National Corporate Partner of the Junior Ranger Program. Matching funds for the project were raised by the South Florida National Parks Trust and the Friends of Big Cypress.

• Younger visitors to **Fort Necessity NB** can now explore a newly dedicated interpretive playground next to the park's interpretive and education center. The multiple climbing structures on the playground are evocative of the circular fort, the storehouse inside the fort and a Conestoga wagon. Kid-friendly exhibits, including "take your photo with historic characters," introduce the people from the history of Fort Necessity and the National Road. The ribbon cutting for the new playground was held on May 16. "It is awesome to be able to provide this facility for the children," said Supt. Joanne Hanley. "It is the first interpretive playground in the National Park Service." The playground exhibits were made possible through a donation from the Grable Foundation, Pittsburgh.

• **Glen Canyon NRA** held a grand opening for its new floating marina village at Antelope Point in early June. The floating village is the world's largest floating marina structure of its kind and features a full restaurant and marina store. The facility uses a unique air conditioning system. Lake water from 75 feet below the surface provides the cooling for the entire facility and even cools the restaurant's walk-in refrigerator and ice cream machine. The facility also incorporates architectural elements from the surrounding red rock landscape, making it visually harmonize with its surroundings.

The Antelope Point Marina area is being developed cooperatively with the Navajo Nation, as the area lies partly on Navajo Nation lands and partly on NPS lands. For more information, visit www.antelopepointlakepowell.com.

• On June 14, Flag Day, **Jefferson National Expansion Memorial** hosted a naturalization ceremony for 66 new American citizens. Supt. Peggy O'Dell presented copies of a new brochure entitled "National Park Owner's Manual for New Citizens of the United States of America" to each of the participants. These 66 people were the first new citizens in the U.S. to receive the brochure.

Participants were surprised to learn that Director Mary Bomar, like themselves, was a naturalized citizen. Mary Grace Ford, an employee from nearby Ulysses S. Grant NHS, a naturalized cit-

400th Anniversary of Jamestown Commemorated



Mike Arndt, NPS Eastern Incident Management Team

NPS DIRECTOR MARY BOMAR cuts the ribbon at the Historic Jamestowne Visitor Center with a variety of NPS and partner organization officials. Pictured left to right, at the ribbon: Carlton Abbott, architect of the Historic Jamestowne Visitor Center; Elizabeth Kostelny, executive director, APVA Preservation Virginia; Sandy Walter, acting regional director, Northeast Region; Mary Bomar; Sandy Rives, Jamestown 400th project director; and Dan Smith, superintendent, Colonial NHP.

The 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, America's first permanent English settlement, was commemorated with a three-day festival of ceremonies (May 11 to 13); visits by the president and other dignitaries; and dedications of new NPS facilities. America's Anniversary Weekend spanned three event venues, including the Historic Jamestowne unit of **Colonial NHP**.

The festivities began May 11, with Director Bomar dedicating the new Historic Jamestowne Visitor Center. During her remarks, the director highlighted the public/private partnership between the NPS and APVA Preservation Virginia as a model for the proposed NPS Centennial Initiative. She then formally opened the visitor center by cutting the ribbon along with acting Northeast Regional Director Sandy Walter, Jamestown 400th Project Director Sandy Rives, Colonial

NHP Supt. Dan Smith, APVA Preservation Virginia Executive Director Elizabeth Kostelny and Carlton Abbott, architect of the visitor center. Also that day, the "Welcome America I" event took place. Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, members of the Virginia General Assembly and other dignitaries joined Virginia Governor Tim Kaine, who delivered a dynamic keynote address.

On May 12, the official launch of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT took place. May 13, the actual anniversary date, began with a visit from President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. The presidential party was taken through the New Towne section of the park to a tour of the Jamestown Rediscovery archeological site. The president also toured the Jamestown Settlement before delivering a speech to nearly 10,000 people. ■

izen from Italy, was recognized at the ceremony. Supt. O'Dell expressed the hope that "some of you will not only take the opportunity to visit national park areas across the country ... but may also let the example of Mary Bomar and Mary Grace Ford inspire you to serve your country as a government employee or as a volunteer at one of the nearly 400 sites across our nation."

• The beauty of the night sky, the lack of light pollution and the NPS commitment to night skies as a natural resource, led the International Dark-Sky Association to designate **Natural Bridges NM** as the world's first International Dark Sky Park this past spring. The International Dark-Sky Association's Dark-Sky Park Program challenged the park to minimize its own nocturnal impact and share the magnificent starry sky with park visitors. This meant changing a lot of light bulbs. Over 80 percent of the light fixtures have been modified by shielding them so all the light points downward.

On a clear night, the park's night sky reveals the Milky Way galaxy and many stars and planets. The park provides astronomy ranger programs in the sum-

mer. Starry skies are recognized by the NPS as part of the scenery of the park, and management guidelines encourage parks to minimize light pollution whenever possible. The benefits go beyond stargazing. "Natural Bridges has reduced its operational costs and energy use by upgrading its outdoor lighting, creating a better habitat for nocturnal wildlife and improving visibility and safety at night," says Supt. Corky Hays. Visit www2.nature.nps.gov/air/lightscapes or www.nps.gov/nabr for more information. Information on the International Dark-Sky Association is available at www.darksky.org.

• The NPS has conducted the first systematic inventory of historic archeological resources in the **New River Gorge NR** and **Gauley River NRA** of southern West Virginia. The work was done by David Pollack and Lori Stahlgren through a cooperative agreement with the University of Kentucky William S. Webb Museum. The fieldwork phase was conducted in the fall of 2005 and spring of 2006 in Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas and Summers counties, and included archival research and reconnaissance of 50 coal mining, lumbering,

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railroad and early agricultural resources. The project's goals followed recommendations of two historic resource studies (Unrau 1996; Workman et al. 2005) and other planning reports. The final report is now available.

- The running of the Pony Express lasted a mere 19 months, yet it still runs in the hearts of many. On June 11, the annual re-ride started in St. Joseph, Mo., bound for Sacramento, Calif. On June 13, reenactment riders changed horses and riders in front of **Scotts Bluff NM's** visitor center. Seasonal Park Ranger Lynne Johns rode four legs of the re-run.

In 1860-61, pony riders averaged 100 miles each, and each horse averaged 20 miles between stations. Today's riders and horses are not trained for such distances, so each horse and rider traverses about a mile. Historically, riders were small in order to maximize speed, but today's riders come in all sizes.

This year's ride was scheduled to make an exchange at Scotts Bluff (not a historic transfer point) at noon, but riders rode through severe weather across much of central Nebraska, delaying their Scotts Bluff exchange by 90 minutes. Neither horse or rider had suffered any mishap by the time they reached Scotts Bluff. Lynne had to borrow a horse to participate in the event.

"It was like a dream for me," she said, "a very special day for me."

- For the second year, **Hot Springs NP** participated in the "National Parks America Tour" volunteer program on May 12. Over 130 individuals from the local community assisted the park in a landscape project along historic Bathhouse Row. Volunteers were divided into work teams and each team, under the direction of Grounds Foreman Mitch Hunter and his staff, began removing 10,000 tulip bulbs that were planted last fall as part of the 175th anniversary celebration of the establishment of Hot Springs Reservation. The bulbs were purchased by the Friends of the Fordyce and Hot Springs National Park, Inc., the park's friends group. Each volunteer participant received a free t-shirt and breakfast and lunch, as well as being allowed to keep all the tulip bulbs they uncovered.

The program at Hot Springs NP was made possible through the support of the National Park Foundation, Unilever and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and its associates in the state of Arkansas. This volunteer-driven program is designed to engage people of all ages in the national parks experience and to deploy volunteer manpower resources into national parks. In 2007, this program is being offered in 25 national parks across the country. ■

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Hawai'i Volcanoes NP Holds Sculpture Unveiling and Dedication

By Mardie Lane, Park Ranger, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP

Nearly 300 visitors gathered with park staff on March 7 for the dedication and unveiling of Hawai'i Volcanoes NP's new outdoor sculpture, Ulumau Pohaku Pele (forever growing, the rock of Pele). Pua Kanaka'ole-Kanahele recited an oli (chant) she created for the occasion and Pele Hanoa offered a pule (blessing). The unveiling also provided an opportunity to meet the artist, kupuna (Hawaiian elders) and park partners who supported the artwork's creation.

The sculpture features a seven-ton lava rock that reveals an impression of Pele. Four carved 'ohi'a panels at the rock's base depict Pele's past, present and future—her journey to Hawaii, her home at Kilauea and Mauna Loa and her new home at Kama'ehu, a submarine volcano.

"Through this sculpture, we hope to raise the visitors' awareness of the sacredness of our volcanoes and their living deity Pele," said Supt. Cindy Orlando. "This is a lasting legacy to the power, meaning and values of Hawaiian culture."

As part of its program to enhance its interpretation of Native Hawaiian culture, the park commissioned the sculpture to portray the concept of *wahi kapu* (sacred place). The artwork gives visitors a sense of why Hawaiians have long revered Mauna Loa and Kilauea, two of the world's most active volcanoes.

The late Emma Kauhi, a member of the park's Kupuna Consultation Committee, envisioned the sculpture in a dream and although she passed away before the piece was completed, her granddaughter shared her vision with the audience: "Lava is flowing from Mauna Loa like a river. The upper part of a woman's body is visible in the lava flow—it's Pele riding down the flow, her eyes staring in anticipation, looking in the direction she's going to go. The body of Pele is not the whole body or like we think of a body. It's the upper torso only. Her hair is filling in behind her, also riding the flow, and she's looking out at the ocean. The lava flow, the image of the woman, is the volcano goddess who has come to show us, the people, her power."

In 2004, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP issued



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Artist Kalewa Matsushita, Pele Hanoa, Pua Kanaka'ole-Kanahele and Hawai'i Volcanoes NP Supt. Cindy Orlando in front of the new outdoor sculpture at the park—Ulumau Pohaku Pele.

a call to artists for proposals to create the sculpture. The park selected artist Kalewa Matsushita of Kona to produce an appropriate and meaningful sculpture.

"I am honored to have had the opportunity to create a sculpture of such cultural significance to the people of

Hawaii," said Matsushita. The artwork was supported through a collaborative project of Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Hawai'i Natural History Association, The Mountain Institute, Volcano Art Center, Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the Ford Foundation. ■

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actions and develop benchmarks to measure our success. We will report back to the citizens to tell them how we are doing."

Kempthorne said the core of the report was written following a nationwide series of "listening sessions" that drew about 4,500 people. The goals, national strategies and the selected centennial projects and programs will be supported by centennial plans for each of the 391 national parks. Bomar said, "Superintendents are working with park friends, advocacy groups and community leaders to prepare the vision and outline specific actions for their own parks. They will also identify

and outline the specific projects and programs to be proposed for public/private funding between now and 2016."

While the report includes some potential on-the-ground actions and examples, they are just that, examples. The report is not meant to be a listing of the specific projects. Some of the actions are summarized by the Secretary in the report: "The 21st-century National Park Service will be energized to preserve parks and welcome visitors. Stewardship and science will guide decisions. An inventory of all wildlife in parks will be completed, a vital baseline to monitor change and adjust management. Strategic acquisitions will protect landscapes. Parks will be known as America's best classrooms. We will

work carefully to add new parks to tell America's stories. Facilities will be in better condition. Hallowed battlefields will be preserved. Majestic species that symbolize this nation, such as bison and bald eagles, will thrive in their native habitats. A new era of private-public partnerships will bring greater excellence to parks. More volunteers will add value to park experiences. The latest information technology will captivate young people with the national park story. Children will reconnect to the outdoors and lead healthier lives. A new generation of conservationists will convey parks unimpaired to the next generation."

Bomar will work with NPS employees and park advocacy groups to recommend

criteria for prioritizing and selecting centennial projects. On the 91st anniversary of the National Park Service—Aug. 25, 2007—Kempthorne will report on each park's centennial strategy, as well as projects and programs that should be funded in 2008. "This will set the tradition that the Secretary of the Interior will report annually on progress achieved and future actions to be taken," Kempthorne said.

Bomar said, "This is not only a report to the president, but a pledge to the American people, who are shareholders in the greatest system of parks and special places in the world ... a pledge that the men and women of the National Park Service will continue to preserve these wonderful places for generations yet to come." ■

Kudos and Awards

Mississippi River Partnership Wins Top Environmental Award



"BIG RIVER JOURNEY" PARTNERS shown upon receiving "Partnership of the Year" at the Minnesota Environmental Initiative Partnership Awards event held at Nicollet Island Pavilion in Minneapolis. Pictured left to right: Kevin Maijala, Minnesota Historical Society; Leonard Wabasha, Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota Community; Shelley and Jim Kosmo, Padelford Boat Co.; Lyndon Torstenson, NPS; Pat Hamilton, Science Museum of Minnesota; April Rust, Minnesota Project WET; Linda Radimecky, Fort Snelling State Park; Paul Nordell, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Nicole Rankin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Judy Thomson, Minnesota State Parks; Mary Maule, NPS; and Kathy Swenson, NPS. Partners not shown: Friends of the Mississippi River, Hamline University and Mississippi River Fund. All NPS staff in photo work at Mississippi NRRRA.

An educational partnership program of **Mississippi NRRRA**, entitled "**Big River Journey**," was recently named "2007 Partnership of the Year" by the Minnesota Environmental Initiative. Twelve organizations collaborate on "Big River Journey" to connect thousands of students annually to the Mississippi River's science and heritage, and foster watershed stewardship. To date, over 33,000 students have participated in the program, based in St. Paul, Minn.

The "Big River Journey" partnership engages elementary school students in standards-based, river curriculum over several months. Included are hands-on science explorations; computer learning; geography; reading; writing; music; art; a river field trip with boat and land-based learning stations; and community service projects that offer students the chance to learn and

practice river stewardship. An annual Big River Student Art Show displayed at the Science Museum of Minnesota is among the products of "Big River Journey."

The Environmental Partnership Awards were presented May 17 in Minneapolis. The "Partnership of the Year" is the top honor, with the winner selected from among 60 nominations. "Big River Journey" partner organizations include: Mississippi NRRRA, Padelford Boat Co., Science Museum of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Adopt-A-River, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Snelling State Park, Project WET, Hamline University Center for Global Environmental Education, Friends of the Mississippi River, Minnesota Historical Society, Shakopee Mdewakanton Dakota Community and Mississippi River Fund. ■

• On May 3, the NPS presented the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The awards are named for former NPS Director George Hartzog, who created the Volunteers-In-Parks Program in 1970. The Individual Volunteer Award was presented to **Don Harrison**, president, Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. Don coordinated a private fundraising effort that netted more than \$500,000 to design, construct and deliver a new canal boat for living history programs. The 75-passenger, mule-drawn boat will provide 18,000 people annually with the chance to experience 19th-century canal travel.

The Group Volunteer Award was given to the **ARCH Yellowstone Volunteers (AYV)** led by Clint Bybee. The group made significant backcountry improvements in Yellowstone NP. AYV also started Project SOAR (Search, Observe and Report) with the assistance of the Yellowstone Park Foundation. SOAR supports law enforcement efforts through fixed-wing aircraft patrols to

detect illegal hunting and snowmobile use in the remote backcountry.

The Park Volunteer Program Award went to **Mesa Verde NP**. The exceptional work of 175 volunteers last year allowed the park to increase the scope of its Centennial Celebration. The year-long commemoration featured six new interpretive tours and several special events in addition to normal park operations. Volunteers contributed more than 15,000 hours assisting park staff, and the park volunteer coordinator did an exceptional job.

• On May 10, **Independence NHP** and Ball State University were awarded a Gold Medal for Private Sector Involvement from the Federal Executive Board 2007 Excellence in Government Awards program. With help from Ball State University and the National Park Foundation, about 20 million students from all around the world were able to visit the park from their homes and schools. On Oct. 17, 2006, students from all 50 states and several foreign countries participated in the

Electronic Field Trip *Freedom in America: Some Assembly Required*. This award from the Philadelphia-area Federal Executive Board highlights the significant programming that is possible through public-private partnerships.

• **Ray Murray**, chief, partnerships program, Pacific West Region - Oakland, was awarded the Dewitt Award for Partnership as part of the 2006 California State Parks Director's Recognition Awards. The award was presented on June 4 and recognizes a group or individual who makes an outstanding contribution or sustains a series of long-term contributions to the mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Ray has worked closely with both national and state parks for nearly 15 years to develop and implement a series of cooperative agreements that have resulted in improved communications, resource sharing and enhanced recreational opportunities that cut across jurisdictional lines. He has also served as primary contact for the California Outdoor Recreation Plan.

• The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) awarded **The Restoration of Giant Forest project at Sequoia NP** with the General Design Honor Award as part of its 2007 Professional Awards program. The award will be presented Oct. 8 at the ASLA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The Denver Service Center was responsible for the planning and design of this project in conjunction with the park, the Pacific West Regional Office and Harpers Ferry Center. This 20-year project is an unprecedented restoration effort, and has set the standard within the National Park System for removing facilities from environmentally sensitive areas. Two-hundred-and-eighty-two buildings and more than one million square feet of asphalt were removed from the Giant Forest.

• **Casey Osback**, park ranger, Mount Rushmore N MEM, was recently selected as a member of the NPS's nationwide Honor Guard Program. The NPS Honor Guard, a highly trained precision team, is comprised of 10 park rangers from national park sites around the country. The Honor Guard represents the agency and its employees and families at employee funerals when the death was suffered in the line of duty. The Honor Guard is also deployed to ceremonies, parades and special events of national sig-



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nificance, or to any event at the request of the NPS director. Casey also performs protection, emergency services, resource management and resource education duties at the memorial.

• In April, **Dr. George S. Smith**, associate director, NPS Southeast Archeological Center, received the Society for American Archaeology's (SAA) award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management for his contributions as an NPS employee in the administration of 67 NPS units in the Southeast Region. He has been a leader in cultural resource management and managing the archeological record for the past 25 years through teaching, research, program administration and archeological resource protection. His many achievements have included teaching public archeology courses for 10 years as adjunct faculty at Florida State University, actively serving on SAA committees and working with Indiana University to provide cultural resource management training for Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

• On May 3, Badlands NP employees **Roger Myers** (maintenance mechanic) and **Ken Thompson** (painter) received Carnegie Medals for heroism from the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The medal is given to those who risk their lives while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. Roger and Ken received the medals for their rescue of an elderly couple trapped in a car that rolled during a dust storm in March 2005. Roger and Ken also received the DOI Valor Award in 2006. ■



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR JOE LAWLER (far left) awards Manassas NBP the regional George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award for Outstanding Park Volunteer Program. From left: volunteers Sue Becker and Bob Laine and Law Enforcement Officer Lynn Stokes accept the award on the park's behalf. The National Capital Region's fourth annual George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards ceremony was held on March 30. In addition, Donald Harrison (Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP) received the regional Outstanding Individual Park Volunteer Award and Rileys Lockhouse docents (Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP) received the regional Outstanding Park Volunteer Group Award. Don Harrison was also awarded the national Hartzog award (see story this page).

Employees and Alumni Association News

E&AA Trust Fund Achieves Eligibility for the Combined Federal Campaign

In April 2007, The National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund received notice from the United States Office of Personnel Management that it was found eligible for inclusion on the National Part of the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign Charity List. By achieving eligibility, The National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund will appear on the listing of "National/International Independent Organizations" that is made available to all federal employees, giving them the opportunity to make contributions through payroll deduction to a charitable organization of their choice.

The mission of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace giving campaign. Each year, more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally help raise millions of dollars for various charitable causes. Pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during campaign season (Sept. 1 to Dec. 15) support eligible nonprofit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

The National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund provides resources to fund the George B. Hartzog, Jr. interest-free loans that help make higher education a reality for E&AA members' dependent children. The Trust currently has limited resources and eligibility for inclusion in the CFC will make the possibility for higher education available to a greater number of people. **All CFC contributors wishing to donate to The**

National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund should use the contribution designation code 12465. Achieving eligibility for the CFC is one of many initiatives taken by the Board of Directors of the Employees and Alumni Association Trust Fund to increase resources to meet the ever-growing requests for interest-free education loans.

History of Trust Fund - Endowment Campaign Established

The NPS Employees and Alumni Association Trust Fund was established in January 1974 with a donation of \$27,201.84. Since that time, it has provided over \$1.2 million in interest-free student loans to NPS families, and has provided over \$138,000 to NPS employees affected by disasters.

The Trust is funded solely through your generous support. Currently the Trust has \$652,000 in outstanding loans to NPS families. Loans are traditionally repaid over five years following graduation.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund are concerned about the ability to keep up with the increased demand for the program. In addition to changing the criteria for interest-free loans, the Trustees and Board of E&AA have launched an endowment campaign to raise \$5 million to support the Trust Fund. In the coming months, we will be sharing details on this endowment campaign, and hope you will support it through your tax-exempt gifts and estate planning.

New Policy for Trust Fund Loan Applicants

Because of the decline in resources to meet all of the requests for dependent educational loans, the Trustees have made the following changes to the Trust Fund application process and time line:

- A temporary limit will be placed on

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New Laboratory Opens at Big Cypress N PRES

By Robert Sobczak, Hydrologist, Big Cypress N PRES

On May 4, Big Cypress N PRES celebrated the opening of its new Resource Management Lab and officially thanked the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for its long-standing partnership with the NPS to monitor the vital wetland water bodies of the preserve. A multi-agency audience from all corners of South Florida, including nearby Everglades NP, was on hand to celebrate.

The dedication ceremony commenced with Supt. Karen Gustin highlighting how vital the partnership with SFWMD has been and how far the water monitor-

ing program has come. It is now 20 continuous stage stations strong, equipped with telemetric data transmission, 10 rain gage buckets, 16 water quality stations and four pesticide sampling stations.

Many Floridians remember a day when the vast stretches of unending Everglades and Big Cypress ecosystems were seemingly impenetrable, similarly mysterious and weirdly more clearly seen in photographs taken from space than from plain sight on the ground. Today, not only has the water data helped decode the preserve's historic ebbs and flows, but through the magic of telemetry, it now brings the pulse of the watersheds right to our fingertips. Clarence Tears, on behalf

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Superintendent Completes "Life List of Parks" (For Now!)

By Ashley Ball, Park Ranger, Shiloh NMP

Shiloh NMP Supt. Woody Harrell, [an E&AA life member], recently completed a half-century quest, traveling to the tiny South Pacific island of Ofu on March 12, to make the National Park of American Samoa the 390th unit of the National Park System he had visited. [He has also been to Sand Creek Massacre NHS, so he is still current, with visits to all 391 NPS units.]

Over the years, Woody has ridden, driven, hiked, flown, floated and boated into parks from Alaska to the Caribbean. He toyed with the idea of using a different form of transportation to reach [National Park of American Samoa]: "conditions were perfect to snorkel from Ofu's nearby tiny airstrip into the park boundary, but in the end, I simply walked down the road until I reached the Arrowhead on the entrance sign." By coincidence, Supt. Roger Moder was on the island to congratulate Woody.

When asked to name a favorite park,

Woody quotes the philosophy of the early 1900s Swiss "Nature Guiding" Movement: "what one knows best, one loves best." "Four parks where I have had the good fortune to work, and therefore spend a good bit of time—Shiloh, Grand Canyon, Wright Brothers and Chickamauga—are right up there at the top. There are at least 200 other parks I could easily put into a "top ten" list, going alphabetically from Aniakchak to Zion...."

For several years, Woody had visited more parks than he had seen. "On my first trip to Chamizal, I was driving in from Big Bend, got caught in traffic backed up at the Mexican border, and didn't arrive at the park until after dark. There were no lights on, and I barely could see a sign, but a gate was unlocked, so I pulled in, and stepped out to record a visit. It wasn't until several years later I got back to actually see Chamizal in the light of day!"

"My closest call came at Eugene

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ABOVE: NATIONAL PARK OF AMERICAN SOMOA Supt. Roger Moder (left) congratulates Shiloh NMP Supt. Woody Harrell on reaching his 390th unit. Inset right: Early (circa 1955) in his quest to visit all of the nation's parks, Woody poses at Fort Raleigh NHS.

Harrell Family Photo

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Eunice Allen, budget analyst, Mammoth Cave NP, April 28 after 20 years.

Eunice spent her entire NPS career at Mammoth Cave, progressing from clerical positions to budget analyst. She has also served on fire and incident teams.

Wayne Amos, horticulturist, Office of the NPS Liaison to the White House, April 28 after over 27 years.

John Barnett, maintenance worker, Lake Meredith NRA, May 31 after 16 years.

Kathleen L. Batke, lead contracting specialist, Southeast Regional Office, April 30 after 22 years.

Terry Bell, facility manager, Shenandoah NP, March 31 after over 29 years.

Alan A. Bennett, ecologist, Alaska Regional Office, April 13 after 12 years.

Stephen J. "Steve" Botti, fire program planning leader, NPS Fire Management Program Center, May 4 after 36 years.

Steve began in a temporary appointment at Sequoia NP in 1971 as a member of the forestry crew. From there, he went to Yosemite NP and, for the next 15 years, worked for both the fire management program and the resource management program. He wrote a new botany field guide for the park entitled *An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite National Park*. Steve joined the National Interagency Fire Center in 1988.

Charles Butera, telecommunication technician, Harpers Ferry NHP, April 13 after over 13 years.

Charles Byrnes, maintenance worker, George Washington Memorial PKWY, March 31 after over 34 years.

Gary Chulla, realty specialist, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, March 31 after 20 years.

Mary M. Collier, superintendent, Cumberland Gap NHP, March 2 after 30 years.

Ries S. Collier, resource management specialist, Cumberland Gap NHP, March 2 after 37 years.

Richard A. Crovitz, maintenance worker, Canaveral NS, April 1 after 14 years.

Gregory Crummel, gardener, Office of the NPS Liaison to the White House, May 31 after over 34 years.

Shirley Culpepper, worker's compensation program manager, Lake Mead NRA, April 30 after 24 years.

Steve Davis, park ranger, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial NMP, May 26 after 31 years.

Steve began his NPS career in 1976 at the National Mall, first as a seasonal United States Park Police aide and then as a seasonal interpreter. In 1980, he became a permanent NPS interpreter at the Kennedy Center. In 1981, he transferred to Colonial NHP as a dispatcher and also attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. In 1984, Steve transferred to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP, where he has spent the last 23 years.

Henry Day, submerged cultural resources archives technician, Intermountain Region, April 30 after 12 years.

Terry DiMattio, superintendent, Cabrillo NM, June 3 after 33 years.

Terry began with the NPS as a volunteer at Cabrillo NM in 1972. Through-

out his NPS career, he has been chief ranger at Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine, chief of interpretation at Whiskeytown NRA and Cabrillo NM and superintendent of George Rogers Clark NHP. He became superintendent of Cabrillo NM in 1990.

Tom DuRant, photo archivist, Harpers Ferry Center, Feb. 2 after 35 years of federal service, 26 of them with the NPS.

Tom came to the NPS from the Navy Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard in 1980, joining the Branch of Graphics Research in Springfield, Va. In 1989, the office was moved to Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), becoming the Office of Graphics Research. Tom moved much of the photograph collection, some 500,000 to 700,000 images, to Harpers Ferry himself. In 1992, when HFC's new Willow Springs conservation facility was opened in Charles Town, W.Va., Tom helped move the entire collection again.

Tom conducted extensive graphics research for the interpretive media products developed at HFC—audiovisual programs, exhibits, publications and waysides. He was known for his comprehensive knowledge of the NPS photo collection, and for his ability to find just the right photos for use in HFC's media products. His trips to the National Archives, Library of Congress and other repositories uncovered rare and unique images of national parks that have been added to the NPS photo collection. More importantly, Tom was able to use his broad network of NPS contacts to identify places and people in hundreds of these photos.

E&AA Life Member **Randy K. Fehr**, park ranger, Chickasaw NRA, Dec. 18, 2006 after 33 years.

Randy joined the NPS in 1973 as a park ranger (interpretation) at Big Bend NP, followed by Mesa Verde NP in 1974, then Yellowstone NP as a park ranger (law enforcement) from 1974 to 1981. He became park ranger (interpretive specialist) at Chickasaw NRA in 1981.

Homer D. Fiskeaux, safety and occupational health specialist, Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, April 1 after 33 years.



MIKE FOX

John M. "Mike" Fox, contracting officer, Denver Service Center, May 1 after over 27 years.

Mike started his career in 1969 at Bighorn Canyon NRA, working for the Western Design and Construction Office. This office merged with others to become the Denver Service Center in 1972. He started as a contracting offi-

cer's representative, became a contract specialist in 1992 and a contracting officer in 1998.

Mike's early career was spent working for construction projects in more than 30 western parks, including Zion NP, Bryce Canyon NP, Denali NP, Death Valley NP and Yosemite NP. Later, his work shifted to projects in the eastern parks. Some of Mike's favorite projects included those at Canyonlands NP, Grand Canyon NP and Lake Chelan NRA. Project highlights include working on the construction of the FDR Memorial, preservation of the Washington Monument and the rehabilitation of Independence Hall. Upon retirement, Mike will live in Montana.

Sam Franco, park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP, March 31 after 18 years.

John Frye, interpretation and education supervisory ranger, George Washington Birthplace NM, March 23 after 32 years.

John began his NPS career in 1976 as a park aid at Prince William Forest Park and worked one summer at Glen Canyon NRA, then came back east for the rest of his career. He has also worked at Manassas NBP, the Lincoln Memorial and Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine.

Walter Garner, motor vehicle operator, George Washington Memorial PKWY, April 30 after 35 years.



BOB GEIS

Bob Geis, roads and trails facility manager, Delaware Water Gap NRA, June 30 after over 30 years.

After serving in the navy, Bob started as a seasonal at Delaware Water Gap NRA in 1976, then worked for the Veterans Administration and General Services Administration from 1976 to 1978. His first permanent NPS position was as a laborer at Delaware Water Gap in 1978, moving up through several motor vehicle operator positions and becoming facility manager in 1996. Following retirement, Bob, rated as a boat captain by the U.S. Coast Guard, will operate his own 32-foot charter fishing boat on Lake Ontario under his company name, Trophy Nuts Sport Fishing.

Ronald K. "Ronnie" Gibson, park ranger (law enforcement), Grand Canyon NP, June 9 after over 27 years.

After working for the USDA Forest service while in college, Ronnie began working for the NPS as a horse patrol ranger at Yellowstone NP in 1975, and then as a seasonal law enforcement ranger at Joshua Tree NP. In 1979, he was hired as a permanent interpretive

ranger at Golden Gate NRA. In 1980, Ronnie transferred to the Marin Headlands unit as a horse patrol ranger. He went to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1982. In 1984, he transferred to Glen Canyon NRA as a law enforcement ranger and was trained in the first NPS medic class at Wahweap. He then went to Grand Canyon NP in 1986, where he remained until retirement. Throughout his career, Ronnie has worked on dozens of major law enforcement incidents, search and rescue missions and inner canyon medical evacuations and had an impact upon thousands of lives as a law enforcement officer, medic and DARE instructor.

Luis A. Gonzalez, supervisory park ranger, Castillo de San Marcos NM, May 30 after 28 years.

Don Goodrich, Jr., supervisory park ranger, Manassas NBP, March 31 after over 26 years.

Jerome A. "Jerry" Greene, historian and historic furnishings curator, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC)—duty stationed at Denver Service Center (DSC), March 2 after 38 years.

Jerry began his NPS career in 1968 as a seasonal ranger-historian at Custer Battlefield NM. His first permanent position was with the DSC in 1973. During his career, he served as historian, senior historian, chief of the Eastern Team Cultural Resources Section and historic furnishings curator with HFC from 1998 to 2007.

Jerry authored NPS plans, studies and reports and is widely recognized for his research skills, writing and expertise in trans-Mississippi West history and the Indian War era. He is the author of historical articles and books with a special concentration on the Indian Wars of the trans-Mississippi West, 1860 to 1891. Two of his award-winning books are *Nez Perce Summer, 1877: The U.S. Army and the Nee-Me-Poo Crisis* and *Morning Star Dawn: The Powder River Expedition and the Northern Cheyennes, 1876*.

One highlight of Jerry's NPS career was his key role on an interdisciplinary team that determined the exact site of the Nov. 29, 1864 Sand Creek Massacre in Kiowa County, Colo. This effort led directly to the 2000 legislation signed by President Clinton that established Sand Creek Massacre NHS.

Jerry Gurule, historian, Spanish Colonial Research Center, May 12 after 15 years.

E&AA Member **Bill Halainen**, management assistant, Delaware Water Gap NRA and editor of the front page of *InsideNPS* and the NPS *Morning Report*, Aug. 3 after 33 years.

Bill began as a seasonal at Custer Battlefield NM in 1974. Over the next three summers, he was an interpretive ranger at Mesa Verde NP and, in 1978, obtained his first permanent position as a park tech dispatcher at Colonial NHP, eventually becoming a protection ranger. In 1980, Bill took a protection position at Minute Man NHP, then became staff park ranger in the WASO Ranger Activities Division in 1985, where he worked for the next nine years.

In 1982, Bill, a member of the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), applied his experience as a magazine editor to transform that organization's newsletter into *Ranger: The Journal of the Association of National Park Rangers*, a quarterly publication that he edited and produced through 1993. Also, as a staff

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ranger in the Ranger Activities Division, he was charged with improving communications with all rangers nationwide. Bill first created a monthly Servicewide newsletter called *The Ranger Activities Information Exchange*. In 1986, he created the *Morning Report* and, over the years, he has prepared and published over 5,000 editions.

In 1994, Bill became management assistant at Delaware Water Gap NRA. In addition to his park duties, he continued his publication of the *Morning Report* and, five years ago, was asked to serve as editor of *InsideNPS*.

Bill's awards include a distinguished service award from ANPR, sustained superior performance awards from two directors, the NPS's first-ever "Unsung Hero" award (received from Secretary Babbitt in 1999) and a DOI Meritorious Service Award in 2006. Although Bill has retired from the NPS, he will continue to work for an NPS contractor as an editor of *InsideNPS* and the *Morning Report*. Bill and his wife, Cathy, will continue to reside in Pennsylvania.



STEVE HARRISON

In 1980, Steve accepted a permanent park ranger position at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, becoming a museum specialist during his first year. In 1984, he became the fourth person on the staff of the newly created Harry S Truman NHS. He moved to the Cultural Resource Division of the Southeast Regional Office in 1989, followed by the Outer Banks Group in 1994, where he was promoted from museum curator to chief of resource management. In 2005, he transferred to Carl Sandburg Home. Steve and his wife, Donna, plan to stay in the Hendersonville, N.C. area.

Carolyn Hescok, secretary, Crater Lake NP, Aug. 17, 2006 after 20 years.

Throughout her NPS career at Crater Lake, Carolyn worked as a secretary to superintendents Bob Benton, Ben Ladd, David Morris, Al Hendricks and then Chuck Lundy. She earned several achievement awards including a certificate of excellence from the Denver Service Center and the Alda and Weldon Brown Award. She is one of four generations of Hescoks who worked at Crater Lake NP.

Michael Horrell, automotive equipment repairer, National Mall and Memorial Parks, March 2 after 22 years.

E&AA Member **Robert J. "Bob" Howard**, chief, Natural Resources Management Branch, Everglades NP and Dry Tortugas NP, June 8 after 35 years.

Bob began his NPS career as a seasonal wastewater treatment operator at Yosemite NP in 1972. During the winters, he worked on the Yosemite Badger Pass ski patrol and finished as ski patrol leader. In 1976, he transferred to the Visitor and Resources Protection Division as a patrol ranger in Yosemite Valley, followed by Grand Teton NP, where he supervised the seasonal climbing operation at Jenny Lake, then became the Colter Bay subdistrict ranger. Bob held supervisory ranger positions in Everglades NP and Rocky Mountain NP before moving back to Yosemite as search and rescue officer in 1987. During this time, Bob graduated first in his criminal investigator class at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He finished his second tour in Yosemite as the chief of planning, compliance and physical science.

In 1993, Bob transferred to the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe as a natural resources specialist and then moved to Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, where he was the chief of interpretation, natural and cultural resources and visitor protection. In 2000, he returned to Everglades, first as the management assistant for Dry

Tortugas NP and then as chief of the Natural Resources Branch in the South Florida Natural Resource Center. Bob, his wife, Cherry Payne, and daughter will continue to live in Florida.

Flo E. Johnson, secretary, Big Thicket N PRES, March 2 after 16 years.

Joseph Johnson, Jr., group living supervisor, Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, April 30 after 20 years.

Clara Jones, budget analyst, George Washington Memorial PKWY, May 3 after over 10 years.

George M. Keers, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Denali NP & PRES, May 31 after 16 years.

Gary Lucas, engineering equipment operator supervisor, Shenandoah NP, May 1 after over 29 years.

Mary G. Martin, superintendent, Lassen Volcanic NP, July 3 after 38 years of federal service, 26 of them with the NPS.

Mary began her NPS career as a personnel officer at Yosemite NP (1981 to 1987). This was followed by positions including employee relations and development officer, Alaska Regional Office (1987 to 1990); assistant chief personnel officer, WASO (1990 to 1995); and deputy superintendent, then superintendent, Mojave N PRES (1995 to 2005). She became superintendent of Lassen Volcanic NP in 2005. Mary and her husband, Dick, will reside in the area near Lassen Volcanic NP.

Annamarie Mikelski, park ranger (interpretation), Amistad NRA, March 16 after over 21 years.

After college, Annmarie began her seasonal NPS career as a lifeguard at Delaware Water Gap NRA in 1983 and 1984, and became a ranger at Cape Cod NS in the summer of 1985, where she worked in visitor protection and resource management until 1988. She then became a law enforcement ranger at Zion NP. Her seasonal career also included working as a commissioned ranger at Death Valley NP, Organ Pipe Cactus NM and Steamtown NHS.

Annamarie's first permanent NPS position was at Steamtown NHS as a police officer. She transferred into maintenance and then moved to a maintenance worker position at Salinas Pueblo Missions NM from 1991 to 1994, followed by Glen Canyon NRA/Rainbow Bridge NM, where she transferred into interpretation. In 1998, she went to Amistad NRA on a two-month detail as an interpretive ranger and ended up staying almost nine years. Annmarie worked the front desk, led on-site programs and was the park webmaster. In 2003, she produced the first newspaper for Amistad and was editor of *The High Bridge Tribune* ever since. Annmarie plans to stay in Del Rio, Tex. Friends can reach her at caverannie@yahoo.com.

Dale Miracle, fire equipment and facilities specialist, National Interagency Fire Center, April 2 after over 39 years of federal service, seven of them with the NPS.

Dale began his career in 1968 as a seasonal Bureau of Land Management Hotshot firefighter at the Boise Interagency Fire Center, which would later become the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC). Dale worked for the NPS at both Bandelier NM and NIFC

for seven years. For the last five years, he was the fire equipment and facilities specialist for the NPS.

E&AA Life Member **Harry C. Myers**, outdoor recreation planner, National Trails System - Santa Fe, April 1 after 29 years.

Harry's first NPS position was a temporary park technician at the Midwest Regional Office - Omaha (MWRO) in 1977. His first permanent assignment was in 1979 as a park ranger at Fort Scott NHS, followed by program analyst at MWRO. He has also served as superintendent of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial and Fort Union NM.

Joseph Offutt, maintenance worker supervisor, Rock Creek Park, May 1 after over 32 years.

Robert Pickett, maintenance worker supervisor, George Washington Memorial PKWY, March 2 after over two years.

Emma Méndez Quiñones, electrical engineer, Denver Service Center (DSC), May 1 after over 28 years of federal service, 17 of them with the NPS.

Emma joined the DSC in 1990, where she worked on various projects including some at the White House, Washington Monument and Statue of Liberty. She received 45 awards and letters of commendation throughout her career.

E&AA Life Member **Mike Reuber**, chief of resource management, Upper Delaware SRR, June 1 after 32 years.

Mike began his NPS career in 1974 as a seasonal park technician at Blue Ridge PKWY, followed by time as a seasonal employee at Lava Beds NM and Gateway NRA. He became a permanent park ranger at Fire Island NS in 1976. Two years later, while at Morristown NHP, Mike was accepted into the ranger intake program and moved to Natural Bridges NM.

In 1980, Mike joined Upper Delaware SRR, first as a district ranger then chief of resource management for the last six years. As the park's safety officer, he earned awards including the Regional Director's Safety Achievement Award, the Regional Director's Public Safety Award and the Andrew Clark Hecht Memorial Public Safety Achievement Award. For his contributions to the park and to his community, Mike received the Upper Delaware Council's Distinguished Service Award in 2007. He and his wife, Noreen, plan to stay in the Upper Delaware area.

Eric Reubin, park ranger and fee manager, Chickasaw NRA, March 2 after over 32 years of service.

Mary Romano, office automation clerk, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, April 27 after over 25 years.

Maria Christina Romero, information technology program and administrative support assistant, Intermountain Region - Santa Fe, March 2 after 30 years.

Major **Robert A. Rule**, commander of the United States Park Police Special Forces Branch, June 9 after 29 years.

Robert's career began as a recruit at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1978. He was assigned as an officer to the National Mall, Rock Creek Park and George Washington Memorial PKWY. In 1988, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was first assigned

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BUTCH HARRISON

James "Butch" Harrison, roads and trails foreman, Hot Springs NP, April 1 after over 34 years of service.

Butch started his federal career in 1972 as a summer employee with the USDA Forest Service at Ozark NF. He was hired in 1973 at Buffalo NR—the fifth employee at the new site. His duties included maintenance, serving on the search and rescue team and providing interpretive canoe trips.

In 1977, Butch transferred to Curecanti NRA as maintenance work leader. In 1978, he transferred to Craters of the Moon NM as maintenance worker foreman. A year later, he moved to White Sands NM as equipment operator foreman. He then accepted a promotion to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks as the Lodgepole District equipment operator foreman.

In 1988, Butch became equipment operator foreman at Hot Springs NP, where he has remained until his retirement. He plans to spend time with his children and four grandchildren, ride horses at his farm outside Jasper, Ark. and travel to parks he has not yet visited.

Steve Harrison, chief of maintenance and resources management, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, June 30 after 30 years.

Steve began his NPS career in 1974 as a seasonal interpreter at Yosemite NP, where he spent three seasons working at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. He continued seasonal work at Fort Bowie NHS and Death Valley NM.

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to the Special Weapons and Tactics Team, then later assigned as a detective sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Branch. In 1995, he attained the rank of lieutenant and held assignments in the Shift Commanders Office as the commander of



ROBERT RULE

major crimes in the Criminal Investigations Branch and the commander of the Intelligence/Counter-Terrorism Unit in the Special Forces Branch.

In 2000, Robert was promoted to the rank of captain and assigned as the regional law enforcement specialist in the National Capital Region. In 2002, he was assigned as the assistant commander of the Criminal Investigations Branch then, in 2005, promoted to the rank of major in command of the Special Forces Branch. Robert has taken a position as deputy chief of operational security at the National Gallery of Art.

Steve Ryan, district ranger, Cape Hatteras NS, May 31 after 30 years.

Steve began his career in 1978, spending two summers as a seasonal fee collector at Cape Hatteras NS and one summer at Shenandoah NP. He has spent the last 24 years working in law enforcement, emergency medical services and wildland fire suppression at Cape Hatteras NS, Fort Raleigh NHS and Wright Brothers N MEM, retiring as district ranger.

David Sandbakken, special agent, Intermountain Region, April 29 after 33 years.

David started with the NPS in 1974, and has worked in a variety of positions including district ranger at Death Valley NP, law enforcement specialist at Glen Canyon NRA and as a member of the Pacific West special events team. He has also been a longtime NPS law enforcement instructor and trainer.

E&AA Life Member **Herschel Schulz**, chief park ranger, El Malpais NM and El Morro NM, April 30 after 33 years of federal service, 29 of them with the NPS.

Randy Seese, protection ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA, April 30 after 28 years of federal service, 24 of them with the NPS.

Randy, a field training ranger, is well known for his technical rescue skills. He was a member and team leader of Delaware Water Gap NRA's high angle rescue team since its inception.

E&AA Member **Elaine Sevy**, public affairs specialist, Office of Communications and Public Affairs, WASO, April 13 after over 32 years of federal service. Friends may contact her at emsevy@gmail.com.

John Short, historical interpreter, Colonial NHP, June 30 after 41 years of federal service, 21 of them with the NPS.

During his NPS career, John worked at parks including Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, Fort Necessity NB, Mound City Group and, for the last 18 years, Colonial NHP at both Yorktown and Jamestown. He says that his most enjoyable duty at Yorktown was to present programs to high-ranking military officers and intelligence agencies who brought their classes from Washington, D.C. He participated in the park's two big events: Yorktown's 225th anniversary celebration last October and Jamestown's 400th anniversary celebration this May.

John and Sandi plan to travel and then sell their home in the historic village of Yorktown. They will look for a new retirement place in Arizona or New Mexico.

Tim Simonds, chief ranger, Olympic NP, May 31 after 32 years.

Tim began his NPS career in 1975 as a seasonal interpreter at Wind Cave NP and then at Castillo de San Marcos NM. He gained permanent status in 1977, working with the Army Corps of Engineers for six months. Tim then worked at Mount Rushmore N MEM before moving to Haleakala NP. He also served at Grand Teton NP, Sequoia and



TIM SIMONDS

Kings Canyon National Parks, Santa Monica Mountains NRA and Lake Mead NRA. Tim moved to Olympic NP as assistant chief ranger in 2001 and was promoted to chief ranger in 2003. He has served as a member and squad leader of the Pacific West Region's special events team, responding to Servicewide needs throughout the country.

Tim was the 2005 winner of the Pacific West Region's Harry Yount Award. He and his wife, Kerry, will remain in the western Washington area, and he plans to return to school this fall in preparation for a second career in woodworking and boat building.

Eugene Taylor, motor vehicle operator, Rock Creek Park, May 1 after over 23 years.

Harlan D. Unrau, cultural resource specialist, Division of Planning, Denver Service Center, July 1 after over 34 years.

Harlan began his NPS career in 1972 as a historian with the Division of History in the Washington Office. He served as a historian on the Denver Service Center's (DSC) Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Restoration Team from 1974 to 1978. During those years, he prepared a series of historic structure reports and a historic

resource study for the canal. Since 1978, Harlan has worked as a historian and cultural resource specialist in the DSC's Historic Preservation Division; Mid-Atlantic-North Atlantic, Eastern and Western Teams; and Division of Planning. Harlan also worked as a historian/cultural resource specialist on an array of NPS interdisciplinary planning teams and on a variety of special resource, boundary adjustment, feasibility and reconnaissance survey studies.

George Valencia, maintenance worker, Pecos NHP, March 31 after 30 years.

William D. Vines, electrician, Haleakala NP, March 3 after 31 years.

Major **Daniel G. "Dan" Walters**, national law enforcement specialist, WASO, May 26 after 31 years of service.

Dan's career began as a recruit at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1976. He was then assigned as an officer to the National Mall and Rock Creek Park. In 1984, he became a horse mounted officer assigned to the National Mall stables. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1988 and had assignments to the Communications Section and the George Washington Memorial PKWY. In 1991, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, with assignments to the Shift Commanders Office and as commander of the Central District Station. In 1995, he was promoted to the rank of captain and assigned as the regional law enforcement specialist for the Pacific Northwest Region - Seattle.

Dan returned to Washington, D.C. in 1999 as the commander of the East District, which includes National Capital Region - East and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. During this time, he attended the 205th session of the FBI National Academy. As a captain, he also held assignments as watch commander, commander of human resources and assistant commander, Special Forces Branch. He attained the rank of major and became the national law enforcement specialist at WASO in 2006.

Leonard White, maintenance mechanic, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, April 1 after over six years.

Dale J. Wilking, chief, Park Facility Management Division, WASO, June 1 after 36 years of service.

Dale began as a seasonal laborer at Yellowstone NP in 1970. Throughout his career, his positions included maintenance mechanic at Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM, engineer equipment operator at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and Grand Canyon NP, solid waste foreman at Yosemite NP, facility manager at Carlsbad Caverns NP and chief of maintenance at Colonial NHP. In 1989, Dale became regional chief of maintenance and engineering and associate regional director for operations for the former Mid-Atlantic Region. Later, he was also the assistant field director for facility management, design and construction in the Northeast Region.

In 1996, Dale became chief of the WASO Park Facility Management Division. He received the DOI Honor Award for Superior Service in 2005. Dale and his wife, Maggie, will be living in the Philadelphia area.

E&AA Life Member **Alan Woodrow**, project manager/landscape architect, Transportation Division, Denver Service Center, May 12 after 36 years. ■

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the amount of loans that will be made in the future, which will be based on resources available at that time (the current estimate is that approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000 of loans could be made available in 2008, although that is subject to change). In 2007 alone, we gave away \$160,000 to NPS families.

- A student's Grade Point Average will be used as criteria to qualify for a loan, and all candidates must maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 2.5.
- Loan requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Deadline for requests for loans is now March 1.

These changes were made necessary in order to maintain the Trust Fund until further resources can be raised.

E&AA Approves \$160,000 in Education Loans

On June 1, the E&AA announced that The National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund has provided 60 interest-free loans totaling \$160,000 through The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program.

This education loan program was established to offer interest-free loans to dependent children and grandchildren of E&AA members. In June 2002, the loan program was named The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, in honor of the former NPS director and longtime E&AA member. The maximum loan amounts are \$2,500 per year for up to four years, \$10,000 maximum per child, \$20,000 maximum per family. E&AA currently has over \$650,000 in outstanding loans, which are assisting E&AA members and their dependent children in gaining a higher level of education.

E&AA Board Chair John Cook stated, "E&AA is delighted to assist the National Park Service family in this way. Our funds make a difference in the lives of National Park Service employees."

2008 E&AA Biennial Reunion - Mark Your Calendars!

The next E&AA Reunion will be held in Williamsburg, Va. Oct. 2 through 5, 2008. Hope you can join us. More details will appear in a future edition of the *Arrowhead* newsletter. ■

Requiescat in Pace

Penelope Hartshorne Batcheler, 78, March 22, at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., due to a stroke.

Penelope retired from the NPS in 1993 as chief architect. A few years after earning a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1953, she moved to the Philadelphia area and joined a team working on a five-year project on the restoration of Independence Hall, researching the details of the original buildings. She met architect George Batcheler while restoring homes in Elfreth's Alley in Old City, Philadelphia. They married in 1968.

During her NPS career, Penelope also supervised projects for buildings including Congress Hall, Old City Hall, Assembly Hall, Franklin Court, City Tavern, Old Swedes' Church and the Edgar Allan Poe House. Her awards include Preservationist of the Year Award (1991) from the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission and the James Biddle Award for Lifetime Achievement in Historic Preservation (2000) from the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. Penelope is survived by her husband, George.

Andrew "Andy" Beck, 56, March 28, following a long battle with leukemia.

Andy, an architect and project specialist within the Design and Construction

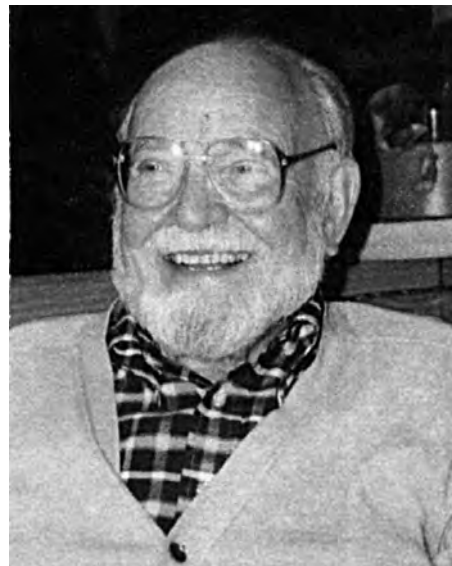
Division of the Denver Service Center (DSC), was a career employee with 29 years of service with the DSC. He served as the project architect and construction project supervisor for the Old Faithful Inn restoration at Yellowstone NP in the 1980s, a project that received the 1987 Presidential Design Award. He also served as the project architect for the Fossil Butte NM visitor center. Andy was always happy to share his love and enthusiasm for architecture, and he hosted well-attended sessions about Park Service architecture during "Take Your Kids to Work Day" over the past few years.

Andy is survived by his wife, Susan Marcus, and daughter, Cade Marcus Beck. The family asks that donations be given to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For information, visit www.leukemia.org.

George Belcher, 58, April 20, suddenly, at home.

George served his country as a chief petty officer in the U.S. Coast Guard for 20 years before joining the NPS at Blue Ridge PKWY. A maintenance mechanic at Peaks of Otter, Blue Ridge PKWY, George was an extremely hardworking employee with a much-admired "first in, last to leave" work ethic. George was known to do anything he could to help anyone who needed it. He referred to

the park as "his dream job." George is survived by his wife, Mary Lynn Rose.



Bullard Family Photo

BILL BULLARD

Bill Bullard, 86, April 27, due to complications following heart surgery.

Bill's 27-year NPS career as a park naturalist included time at Mesa Verde NP, Wupatki NM, Tumacacori NHP, Yosemite NP, Mount Rainier NP and five years as chief park naturalist in Death Valley NP. After retiring in 1976, he became a Peace Corps volunteer working on national park planning in Colombia,

which included mountain climbing on three expeditions to over 16,700-foot elevations. He also volunteered in a nature reserve in China, at the Wau Ecology Institute in New Guinea and for Habitat for Humanity in the U.S. He volunteered at Yellowstone NP for two summers.

Survivors include his wife, Jean (who retired from the NPS in 1981 as publications specialist from the Rocky Mountain Regional Office and is an E&AA life member); daughters, Wendy Jackson and Janne Endreo; son, Kent (who works at Channel Islands NP); eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Jean Bullard at 4611 35th Ave. SW, Apt. #410, Seattle, WA 98126. Contributions towards cleaner air may be made in Bill's name to: Southern California Biodiesel Users Group, P.O. Box 7817, Ventura, CA 93006 (www.socalbug.org).

Marina Giggelman, 46, April 3, due to an ATV accident, at Padre Island NS.

Marina, a biological technician at Padre Island's Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery, was beginning her second season with the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle recovery project. She was a vibrant and committed employee who loved the park, the ocean and the work that she performed. Marina patrolled North Padre

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Alumni News

E&AA Life Member **Bob Haraden** wrote to the *Arrowhead* newsletter to share the story of an experience he had while he was an NPS employee. He says "I, for one, would enjoy reading 'snippets' of 'off the record' experiences of other old timers—stories not found in the history books, stories we've heard around the campfire. Many old timers would have stories more captivating than mine, I'm sure, but I'll start it off and hope others will contribute." Here's Bob's story:

I'm glad to have known Horace Albright. I encountered him each of the eight years I spent at Grand Teton NP and Yellowstone NP. My first encounter was when I was newly appointed as assistant superintendent at Grand Teton. Chief Park Naturalist Bill Dilley and I [visited Horace] at Jackson Lake Lodge to get a couple of sentences of his voice on tape to be used in an audio exhibit at the Maud Noble Cabin about a discussion he had there in 1929 with a few locals concerning the establishment of Grand Teton NP. Two-and-a-half hours later, we had on tape an important piece of the oral history of early Grand Teton and the NPS.... The tape can be found at the University of Wyoming archives.

When [Horace] found [out] I was transferring to my first superintendency at Natchez Trace PKWY (with some apprehension), he and Grace invited Adelaide and me to have lunch with them at Jackson Lake Lodge. What an honor! I've never forgotten his words about the NPS being much more than the great national parks of the West.... His encouragement calmed our concerns. [Horace's] advice was confirmed a few days later by Interior

Secretary Stewart Udall, who just happened to be in the park and spoke at our going away sendoff.

On [Horace's] last visit to Yellowstone NP, Supt. John Townsley invited him to sit with some of the senior staff and reminisce about his early days [there]. Two hours later, we realized we had just listened to a valuable piece of oral history—and we failed to record it! These encounters were among my very best memories of over 30 years (1955 through 1986) in the NPS.

Volunteer Opportunity: Yellowstone Heritage & Research Center—The NPS is seeking current and retired librarians, archivists and museum professionals, or anyone interested in working with such collections, to complete project work at the Heritage & Research Center in Gardiner, Mont. during the fall and winter months. Housing is provided. For information, please contact Jackie Jerla and Jessica Gerdes at (307) 344-2264 or yell_research_library@nps.gov.

The *Arrowhead* newsletter received information from the Pacific West Region - Honolulu Office about E&AA Life Member **G. Bryan Harry**, who retired in March 2005 as the Pacific Area director for the Pacific West Region's Honolulu Office, after over 54 years with the NPS. These days, he can usually be found in the Honolulu Office, where he is a volunteer working on the development of new websites for the Hawaii and Pacific parks.

Bryan's NPS career was marked by noteworthy events including his key role during the Stoneman Meadow riots in Yosemite Valley in the 1960s and presiding over the largest expansion of the

National Park System with the addition of the Alaskan parks and preserves in 1980. He served as superintendent at Hawai'i Volcanoes NP and Glen Canyon NRA, as Alaska Area director and as Pacific Area director.



Tom Fiske

BRYAN HARRY

As superintendent at Hawai'i Volcanoes in the early 1970s, Bryan sought and received permanent funding for

what is now a very successful and highly regarded resource management program at Hawai'i Volcanoes and Haleakala NP. Techniques developed at these two national parks have since been adopted by the state of Hawaii in operating its Natural Area Reserve system and The Nature Conservancy in managing its Hawaii preserves.

As Pacific Area director, Bryan provided direction for the conduct of congressionally authorized new area studies for parks on Maui, Molokai, Kauai and Lanai, as well as for parks on the island of Peleliu in Palau, in Truk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia and in American Samoa. In 1988, based in large measure on Bryan's guidance, Congress established the National Park of American Samoa. Bryan's awards include the Hawaii Conservation Alliance Award (2004) for his major contributions toward the protection and management of Hawaii's native species and ecosystems, a DOI Distinguished Service Award (1999) and a Meritorious Service Award (1980). ■

Benefactors

The following donations were received this quarter. Thank you for your support.

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Ka Hana Laulima O'Kilauea
(Hawai'i Volcanoes NP
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Island each day searching for nesting Kemp's Ridley sea turtles and protecting them, their eggs and hatchlings from threats. She was patrolling along Big Shell Beach at the park when the all-terrain vehicle she was driving flipped.



MARINA GIGGLEMAN

Survivors include Marina's husband, Craig, and her 14-year-old son, Erik. An educational trust fund has been set up for Marina's son. Please make checks payable to College America f.b.o. Erik Martin Giggleman, and send them to Edward Jones, 260 N. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051.

Harry Hassinger, 83, April 26.

Harry was a longtime volunteer campground host at Denali NP & PRES. He and his wife, Phyllis, moved to Alaska in 1985 and first volunteered as campground hosts for the Bureau of Land Management. After a few years, they began volunteering at Denali, donating their time to the park for 17 summers. Their 21-foot motor home was a beacon for the campers who needed assistance, and an enjoyable respite for park employees who stopped by to visit. Each day, Harry and Phyllis would spend hours greeting arriving campers and dealing with issues that ranged from missing or broken camping equipment to life-threatening emergencies.

The couple received the President's

Call to Service Awards in 2005 for each giving over 6,000 hours of volunteer service to the NPS. They also received the Alaska Region's Volunteers of the Year Award in 2002. In addition to Phyllis, his wife of 64 years, Harry is survived by one daughter, one son, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lara-Karena Kellogg, 38, April 23, on Mount Wake in Denali NP & PRES, due to injuries sustained in a 1,000-foot fall.

Lara was a former seasonal climbing ranger and member of the search and rescue (SAR) team at Mount Rainier NP. A current USDA Forest Service employee living in the Seattle area, she would often help with SAR missions at Mount Rainier during the fall, winter and spring. She and her husband, Chad Kellogg, another former climbing ranger, last assisted the park with a search in the winter of 2005. Lara's fall, which was not directly witnessed by her climbing partner, occurred while she was rappelling the technical Northeast Ridge on Mount Wake.

Gary Kiramidjian, 57, May 29, near his home in Boise, Idaho, due to an apparent heart attack.

After working for the NPS for 25 years in a career dedicated to law enforcement, wildland fire, search and rescue and resource management at parks including Buffalo NR, Wind Cave NP, Big Bend NP, Fort Jefferson NM and Grand Teton NP, Gary retired as chief ranger at Theodore Roosevelt NP in 2005. Following retirement, he began a new career as a stay-at-home dad, caring for and spending time with his two young sons and his wife, Karen. He volunteered many hours at his sons' preschool and kindergarten, and was offered a job at the school where both sons are to attend in the coming school year. He was an avid, competitive athlete and loved to play volleyball and softball.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, and sons Kyle, 6, and Collin, 4. Condolences may be sent to Karen Kiramidjian at 4kiramid@cableone.net.

J.R. Lang, 82, May 6.

J.R. was an NPS volunteer for over 18 years at Lake Mead NRA. He and his wife, Helen, who preceded him in

death, did a variety of much-needed jobs for the park. For 16 years, the Langs were campground hosts. J.R. managed the campground at the Katherine Landing area of Lake Mohave year-round along with other volunteers. In addition to running the campground, he assisted protection rangers by bringing vehicles or equipment in for servicing and by picking up needed supplies in Las Vegas—140 miles round trip.

Darrell Martin, 41, April 26, unexpectedly, at home.

Darrell was assistant chief of interpretation at Mount Rushmore N MEM and American Indian liaison with the Lewis and Clark NHT and Corps of Discovery II. After beginning with the NPS in 2004 at Lewis and Clark NHT, he moved to Mount Rushmore N MEM approximately two years ago, where he remained active with Lewis and Clark and with the park's interpretation program. Prior to working for the NPS, Darrell served as the chairman for the Gros Ventre Tribe of Montana. Survivors include his wife, Zane, and children.

E&AA Life Member Jerome J. Pratt, 96, April 18, at home in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Jerome served in the U.S. Army with active duty from 1942 through 1957. During WWII, he served with the 3rd Army as commander of the 285th Signal Pigeon Company in Europe. Following the war, he was a military government officer and managed the Munich Zoo and Circus Krone in Germany during the military occupation. He also served in Korea. He entered active reserve duty from 1957 through 1965. From 1957 to 1964, he was also the first wildlife manager employed by the Department of Defense. In 1964, Jerome began his NPS career as a temporary ranger at Coronado N MEM, followed by a permanent appointment in 1966 at the memorial as an administrative assistant. In 1968, he moved on to Haleakala NP and served as administrative officer there until his retirement in 1972.

Jerome was always interested in wildlife conservation and, in the early 1950s, joined the effort to save the whooping crane from extinction. He served on the Whooping Crane Conser-

vation Association Board of Trustees for almost 40 years and edited the association's newsletter. During his NPS career, he was the recipient of several awards including a Superior Performance award in 1968 and a Special Achievement award and DOI Honor Award in 1972.

Jerome was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Evelyn, in 1984. Survivors include his niece, Carol Haas, and her husband, Bob; a stepchild; several step-grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Casa de la Paz Hospice, 300 El Camino Real, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

E&AA Life Member Tom Daniel Thomas, 82, May 16, at home in Oakton, Va., following a short illness.

Tom began his NPS career as a seasonal interpreter at National Capital Parks, followed by seasonal time at Shenandoah NP, becoming a permanent park naturalist there in 1962. During his career, he also served as superintendent of Stephen T. Mather Training Center, chief of NPS Training and Development and director of the NPS International Seminar Program at the University of Michigan. He also served as an instructor at the Horace M. Albright Training Center and worked as an interpreter and park naturalist in parks including Rocky Mountain NP and Yosemite NP.

Tom traveled the world during his time with the International Seminar Program, with visits to countries including India, Sri Lanka, West Germany, Canada, Mexico and Costa Rica. He was a never-ending advocate for national parks and equivalent preserves in all the countries he touched. He trained and mentored countless NPS interpreters and other park employees throughout his career. Tom retired in 1989 as international education specialist from WASO.

Tom is survived by his sons Larry and Gregory and two granddaughters. Memorial contributions may be made in Tom's name to VITAS Hospice, 1604 Spring Hill Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182. Messages of condolence may be sent to Greg Thomas at Thomas98@crosslink.net and Larry Thomas at LarryT7052@charter.net. ■

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision

By Bob Moore, *Historian, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial*

On April 6, 1846, two slaves, Dred and Harriet Scott, came to the Historic Old Courthouse in St. Louis, Mo. to sue for the one thing they could ask for under the law: their freedom. An exhausting 11 years and five court hearings later, the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its verdict in the Dred Scott Decision, by which: the Scotts were still enslaved, the Missouri Compromise was invalidated, citizenship was denied to persons of color and the right to own slaves could not be prohibited in the U.S. territories. The bombshell decision propelled the nation toward Civil War.

From March 3 through 6, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JNEM) hosted an event commemorating the

150th anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision. It doesn't seem like a bright or inspiring chapter in our nation's history, unless you examine the courage of the enslaved persons of color, like Dred and Harriet Scott, and examine the outcome of their efforts: Civil War, emancipation, voting rights, citizenship and a continuing quest for civil rights of all kinds in America.

Inspired by the saga of the Scott family and the cause they fought for, JNEM opened an exhibit, inaugurated a film and presented a series of educational events to nearly 2,000 people. The commemoration began with ceremonies on March 3, hosted by Supt. Peggy O'Dell, at which Congressman William Lacy Clay (D-Mo.) was the keynote speaker. A special exhibit on the case and its impacts and

connections to the civil rights movement opened to the public. The exhibit will run for one year and includes original Dred Scott court papers from the St. Louis courts and the U.S. Supreme Court, courtesy of the National Archives. A new video, entitled *Slavery on Trial: The Dred Scott Decision*, was also created especially for JNEM by the History Channel.

In addition, as part of the event, area students created, performed and participated in park programs inspired by the Dred Scott story; over 150 entries for a student writing contest were received; and prizes for the St. Louis History Day competition were offered for the best entry about Dred Scott, slavery or the quest for civil rights. A new online educational website, produced as the result of a Parks As Classrooms Grant, is

now available to students worldwide at efieldtrips.org. Saturday and Sunday's programs culminated with performances by the Voices of Praise Choir from St. Alphonsus Rock Church and the Central Baptist Church Choir.

Informational programs on the preservation of African-American Heritage Records from the St. Louis Circuit Court were also given, along with other programs on the discovery and preservation of the Mary Meachum Crossing Site (part of the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program) and performances by Fred Morsell as Frederick Douglass. A series of programs are being given through September 2007 during the commemoration year. For further information and photographs of the weekend's events, visit dredscottanniversary.org. ■

New Places & Faces

Eric Andersen, from management assistant, Haleakala NP, to interpretive supervisor, Crater Lake NP.

Susie Roe Andersen, from park guide, Haleakala NP, to park volunteer, Crater Lake NP.



MIKE ANDERSON

Mike Anderson, from chief ranger, Assateague Island NS, to regional chief ranger, Southeast Regional Office.

Rodney Armentrout, from wastewater treatment plant operator, to maintenance worker leader, Shenandoah NP.

Elias "Lee" Baiza, from superintendent, Petrified Forest NP, to superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus NM.

Frankie Barlow, from woodcraftsman, to maintenance mechanic leader, Shenandoah NP.

Kathy Billings, from superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus NM, to superintendent, Pecos NHP.

David K. Blackburn, from chief of interpretation, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, John Muir NHS, Eugene O'Neill NHS and Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM, to chief of cultural programs, Lowell NHP.

Stanley Briscoe, from architect, Office of Maintenance and Design, National Capital Region (NCR), to chief, Design Services Division, NCR.

Kathy Brazelton Brown, from park ranger (interpretation), to East District naturalist, Rocky Mountain NP.

Brian Carlstrom, from Bevinetto Congressional Fellow, NPS, to chief, Division of Resources Management, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP.

Kevin G. Cheri, from superintendent,

Chattahoochee River NRA, to superintendent, Buffalo NR.

Chris Church, to natural resource specialist, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

James P. Corless, from superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, to superintendent, Keweenaw NHP.

Cecil "Deen" Davis, to park guide, Chamizal N MEM.

Mike Doherty, from regional facility management specialist, Office of Maintenance and Design, National Capital Region (NCR), to chief, Facility Management Division, NCR.

Norm Forder, from biological technician, to facility services assistant, Shenandoah NP.

Maryanne Gerbauckas, from acting associate regional director for park operations and conservation and recreation assistance, to associate regional director for resources, stewardship and science, Northeast Region (NER). Prior to her acting assignment at NER, Maryanne served as superintendent of Edison NHS.

Robin Gregory, from landscape architect, Yellowstone NP, to project specialist, Transportation Division, Denver Service Center.

Hugh Hawthorne, from park guide, to supervisory park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Roy Herrera, from human resources specialist, Bandelier NM, to human resources specialist, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

John Hnedak, from chief, Office of Strategic Planning, Gateway NRA, to deputy superintendent, Business Management, Planning and Development, Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island.

Darrin Knapp, to contract specialist, Contracting Services Division, Denver Service Center.

Neal Labrie, from backcountry supervisor, Acadia NP, to chief ranger, Katmai NP & PRES, Aniakchak NM & PRES and Alagnak Wild River.

Peter Lindstrom, from cartographic technician, Grand Teton NP, to GIS specialist, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Cathy Loshier, from administrative officer, Big South Fork NRRRA, to administrative officer, Gulf Islands NS.

Kathy McKay, from supervisory park ranger, Interpretation and Visitor Ser-

vices Division, Mesa Verde NP, to chief ranger, Cowpens NB.

Ginger Molitor, to natural resources specialist, Compliance Section of the Transportation Division, Denver Service Center.

Kari Mueller, to project specialist, Western Team of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Cody Murphy, from district ranger, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, to district ranger, Shenandoah NP.

Gordon Olson, from branch chief, Natural Resources, to division chief, Natural and Cultural Resources, Shenandoah NP.

Cindy Ott-Jones, from superintendent, Bent's Old Fort NHS, to superintendent, Lake Meredith NRA.

Mark Pritchett, to section chief, Park Roads and Parkways, Transportation Division, Denver Service Center.

Dave Schirokauer, from GIS biologist, Point Reyes NS, to natural resources program manager, Klondike Gold Rush NHP.



DON STRIKER

Don Striker, from special assistant to the comptroller, NPS and DOI, to superintendent, New River Gorge NR, Gauley River NRA and Bluestone NSR.

Eric Weisman, from park ranger (interpretation), Lewis and Clark NHT, to contract specialist, Contracting Services Division, Denver Service Center.

Skip Willoughby, from maintenance worker leader, to engineering equipment operator leader, Shenandoah NP.

Tom Workman, from superintendent, Kalaupapa NHP, to superintendent, Cabrillo NM.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Parks, Peace and Partnerships Conference 2007—Sept. 9 to 12, 2007, Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, Canada. This special international conference is being convened to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Waterton/Glacier International Peace Park, the first in the world. For more information, visit www.peaceparks2007.org.

Little Rock Central High School NHS Visitor Center Dedication—Sept. 24, 2007 at 10 a.m. The site will formally dedicate a new visitor center to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the desegregation crisis. The visitor center dedication ceremony is free and open to the public, however tickets are required. To reserve a ticket, call (501) 374-1957 or email chsc_visitor_center@nps.gov. Due to space constraints, there will be a two-ticket limit per request. Visit www.nps.gov/chsc for more details. ■

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support and her leadership survived the Johnson Administration. She's part of the legacy and the history of the National Park System and will always be. But it goes beyond the Park System. She's part of the living history of the United States and her handiwork is laid out on the face of America." *Editor's Note: We will feature a more extensive story about Lady Bird in our upcoming fall issue.* ■

Big Cypress N PRES

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of SFWMD's executive director, Carol Ann Wehle, was on hand to accept an honorary plaque. It was a great moment to celebrate an important example of how overlapping institutional missions among partners can unite us in our pursuit to better steward our vital water resources.

The dedication ceremony culminated with a ribbon cutting. Supt. Gustin complimented the team spirit that helped make the new lab a reality. She emphasized how locating the new lab at the preserve's Ochopee Headquarters puts the facility in close proximity to the staff members who will use it, and how it also represents another step down the path of progress in our partnership with SFWMD and for future partnerships now made possible by the new lab. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

John Bowdler, Linda Burke, John Cantwell, Damaris and Jesus Colon, John and Ruth Crowley, Vidal and Jody Davila, Jr., Judy Forte, Hugh Gurney, Roberto Hernandez, Blair and Robert Hoyle, Sue Jennings, Robert Kraft, David Look, Debra Northrop, Linda Osborne, Ellen Porter, Paula Power, Joel Purtle, Laura Rotegard, Elaine Sevy, Jerry Simpson, Orville Thomas, Ray Warren, Robert Wemple and Jean and Phil Zichterman.

Attention All E&AA Members!

Instead of this version on paper, would you rather have a quarterly electronic copy of the *Arrowhead* newsletter? We are offering this option for E&AA members who would prefer it. Please let us know by sending an email to Bonnie Stetson, E&AA membership coordinator, at bonnie.stetson@eandaa.org. Please send Bonnie an email only if you wish to receive the *Arrowhead* electronically. Otherwise, you will continue to receive the quarterly newsletter on paper.

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O'Neill, where I arrived not realizing I'd need a reservation to take the tour, or even to get on the van to the site. However, I ... lucked out when a large group showed up one person short; so I was able to slip in to fill the vacant spot."

Woody and his wife, Cynthia, visited his parks #388 and #389 (African Burial Ground and Governors Island) last July 4. "The 22 Alaska parks took us three separate two-week trips to complete, as each time we spent a good bit of time at one park, and then touched as many other parks as we could in a

second week. That pretty well tied up our summers, the only season Governors Island is open. However, things have a way of working out—by waiting, we didn't need to make an extra trip back after African Burial Ground was announced..."

As for what's next, Woody intends to remain one of the few (only?) current NPS employees who has "seen 'em all!" "I've tried to stay ahead of the game by visiting several potential new parks that might be in the pipeline. And there are several parks that deserve more time than I could give them.... I keep threatening to through-hike the Appalachian Trail right after I retire. Maybe that's a good reason to keep working..." ■

Passport To Your National Parks® Photo Contest Announced

Each year, Eastern National (EN) holds a contest for National Park Service employees and Volunteers In Parks to select 10 new images for the collectible Passport To Your National Parks® stamp series. The stamps (one national and nine regional) are on one perforated sheet and fit into the official Passport books. Image submissions of national parks with special events or anniversary celebrations during 2008 are encouraged, and a brief statement about the event should be enclosed with the photograph. **National parks previously featured on Passport stamps are not eligible for the contest.**

EN will pay the photographer \$500 for the winning photograph in each category. If the winning image is an NPS slide or transparency, or was taken on government time, EN will donate \$500 to the photographer's park to support that park's interpretive program. All submissions must be reproduction-quality color originals, as a 35mm slide, color print, 4" x 5" transparency or 300 dpi tiff file. Inkjet prints and low-resolution files are not acceptable. All submissions must be clearly labeled, stating: the park name and image location; the photographer's name; photographer's status as an NPS employee or VIP; current park assignment; category (which Passport region); and photographer's mailing address, telephone number and email address. EN will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos, slides or transparencies.

Submissions must be received by Eastern National by October 31, 2007. Send submissions to: Eastern National Passport Photography Contest, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Photography will be accepted for all 10 of the Passport regions. (Note: Passport regions are based on tourist/geographic regions, not NPS administrative regions). Contest winners will be announced in January 2008. For further information, contact Eastern National at (215) 283-6900, ext. 158. ■

E&AA Membership Application

Please print or type. Submit form to: Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Welcome!

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