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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Springtime in Washington, D.C. has come to mean the cherry blossoms and tourists visiting the Mall. It also means that it is time to take the Administration's budget proposal to Congress and the American people.



First, I believe Congress and the President deserve our thanks for their commitment to the NPS and for their recognition of the hard work of all of you in the field. The fiscal year 2006 proposed budget builds on the success of last year's budget under which each and every park will receive an increase, we received the largest operations increase in our 88-year history, and fees will be made permanent so you can better plan for operations.

The 2006 budget, proposed by the President and Secretary Norton in February, includes \$1.7 billion in funding for operations of the 388 units of the National Park System. This is a net operations increase of \$50.5 million over last year, and clearly demonstrates our strong commitment to fulfilling stewardship responsibilities for our natural and cultural treasures, providing outstanding visitor services, and enhancing appropriate recreational opportunities.

The innovative management tools highlighted in this budget proposal also exemplify how you, the employees of the NPS, continue to be outstanding stewards of the nation's heritage and responsible stewards of the public's tax dollars. We will continue to pursue our core analysis, civic engagement, partnership review and park scorecard tools to ensure that we manage in the most efficient and effective way possible.

I am especially pleased that this budget fully covers benefits, salaries and fixed costs, so you won't have to absorb those out of your budgets.

The FY 2006 budget proposal also meets the President's goal of investing \$4.9 billion over five years to improve National Park Service facilities and roads. In addition, the proposed budget includes a net \$1 million increase for the Natural Resource Challenge (NRC), which allows for the monitoring of park vital signs and water quality in all 32 multi-park networks—for the first time.

The National Park Service must ensure that the day-to-day operational needs of our parks are met. However, even with record funding and responsible stewardship, challenges always remain. I applaud all of the employees of the NPS for demonstrating innovation, initiative, creativity and hard work, to work smarter and meet these challenges head on!

—Fran Mainella

Natchez NHP Celebrates William Johnson House Grand Opening

The William Johnson House unit of Natchez NHP held a formal opening dedication on Feb. 26 as the crowning event for the 2005 Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, which highlighted the theme of "Between Two Worlds: Free Blacks in the Antebellum South." The William Johnson House, the historic 1840's home of a free black barber and diarist, had been under restoration for over 10 years, and is now fully completed to its historic appearance, plus furnished rooms and interactive exhibits.

Several local, state and federal officials attended the dedication ceremony at the Natchez Convention Center, including Natchez Mayor Philip West, former Mississippi Governor William Winter, NPS Southeast Regional Director Patricia Hooks and NPS Director Fran Mainella. Descendents of the William Johnson family attended as well. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, over 800 visitors toured the

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Jessica Coffman, Natchez NHP

FAMILY DESCENDENTS OF WILLIAM JOHNSON and officials at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the William Johnson House. Pictured left to right: Ronald Miller, executive director, Historic Natchez Foundation; Joyce Arceneaux, Natchez City alderwoman; Margaret Moss, former president, Natchez Garden Club; Fran Mainella, NPS director; Mary Louise Miller, Johnson family descendent; Lois Hawthorne, Johnson family descendent; Patricia Hooks, NPS southeast regional director; William Winter, former governor of Mississippi; and Keith Whisenant, superintendent, Natchez NHP.

E&AA Celebrates 50-Year Anniversary

By Chesley Moroz, E&AA President

The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) was organized at a superintendent's conference in 1955 and incorporated in 1957. Since then, the association and its members have worked to create and nurture a bond between current and past NPS employees. E&AA is a membership organization dedicated to promoting the values and ideals of the NPS family.

Former NPS Director and current E&AA Advisory Group Chair Gary Everhardt said, "I believe E&AA represents the ideals and values of the Service, and offers personal benefits and fellowship

that extend to the employees, their families and retirees."

E&AA, as a not-for-profit organization, helps to maintain and improve the morale of the NPS employees and to foster continuing close ties between the Service and its alumni. The association keeps members informed of the significant activities and accomplishments of the NPS and the activities of employees, alumni and friends of the Service through the publication of the *Arrowhead* and annual membership directory. The directory encourages NPS friends to stay in touch and encourages building traditions by helping new employees in

their orientation to the Service. Former NPS employee Joe Rumburg once said, "This need to keep in touch goes far beyond the job—it involves the personal aspects which are important to friends."

The association also sponsors a biennial reunion event and Founders' Day events across the country to recognize the establishment of the NPS.

Through The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, E&AA provides interest-free loans to members and their dependent children and grandchildren, allowing them to gain a higher level of education. In addition, E&AA encour-

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"Power of Context: NPS Museums at 100 Years" Exhibit Part of NPS Museums Centennial

In June 1861, 2nd Lt. David Potts, Company I, 26th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, posed for a photograph in uniform holding his sword and scabbard. Just over a year later, he was killed at the Second Battle of Manassas. The photo of Potts and his sword and scabbard are part of a new exhibit at the Department of the Interior Museum entitled "Power of Context: NPS Museums at 100 Years."

The exhibit, which runs through December 2005, is part of this year's celebration marking the centennial of NPS museums. The exhibit title reflects the unique nature of national park museums—that they preserve objects and archives in the actual places where people and events shaped our history and environment. This context, this direct relationship to place, distinguishes

national park museums from other museums that are repositories of objects far removed from the places that make them important.

"Where most of our nation's great museums house the 'real thing' in 'unreal settings'—national park museums hold the 'real thing' in the 'real place,'" noted Pat Tiller, deputy associate director, Cultural Resources, at the exhibit opening. "To see Booth's derringer at Ford's Theatre, to see Carl Sandburg's guitar at his home in Flat Rock, North Carolina, to look at Civil War swords and guns at Manassas National Battlefield Park knowing they were used nearly 140 years ago right outside the door—makes tangible and real the power of history...."

The first national park museum, an arboretum, was established in Yosemite

NP in 1904. Today, the NPS manages the world's largest system of museums—more than 350 national parks preserve more than 105 million objects, specimens, documents and images.

The "Power of Context" exhibit features nine cases with treasures from parks. An additional case shows typical items from the earliest museums at Yosemite, Casa Grande Ruins and Mesa Verde. Another features some of the tools of the museum profession. Parks that have contributed items to the exhibit and the curators who prepared them include: **Agate Fossil Beds NM** - Chief Red Cloud's shirt - Mark Hertig, museum curator. **Carl Sandburg Home NHS** - Guitar and *American Songbag* (first edition) - Lynn Savage, museum curator. **Casa Grande Ruins NM** - Jar; bone awl; shell

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Focus on the Parks

- The \$30 million renovation of **Denali NP's** entrance area will be completed in May 2005, with the opening of the park's new visitor center. The complex includes a theater, interpretive exhibits, food court and bookstore. Earlier improvements to the frontcountry have included a science and learning center (which also serves as a winter visitor center), a camper convenience store, campground renovations, additional parking, better traffic flow and an expanded railroad depot. Also, two dozen new buses will be on the road in 2005 providing cleaner, quieter rides into the park.

- **New Orleans Jazz NHP's** annual March tribute to the role of women in jazz got off to a lively start with a traditional jazz performance. Drawing from a pool of local talent, six women were assembled to perform a traditional jazz repertoire and highlight their roles in the continued involvement of women in New Orleans music. Accompanying the performance was an exhibit showcasing historical women musicians who performed in popular jazz bands of the 1920's, the advent of traditional jazz. This exhibit was the first project to use the park's newest resource—a study on

women in New Orleans music, completed this year by Historian Sherrie Tucker.

- **Grand Canyon NP's** El Tovar, one of the original lodges of the National Park System and a key influence in opening the Southwest to tourism, turns 100 this year. El Tovar's centennial was commemorated when the lodge reopened on April 13, following a \$4.5 million renovation by Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Described as a cross between a Swiss Chalet and Norway Villa, El Tovar cost \$250,000 to build in 1905. The front door to El Tovar is a mere 30 yards from the edge of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The lodge's opening preceded Arizona's statehood by seven years, and the Grand Canyon's designation as a national monument in 1908 and a national park in 1919. The hotel's presence is credited with helping to increase visitation and international awareness of the remote Grand Canyon region.

- March was Florida Archeology Month, and **Biscayne NP** kicked off its celebration with an event entitled "Digging Into the Past," as part of the park's Monthly Family Fun Fest series. The free event took a look at Florida's native peoples and how archeologists use science to discover answers to some of the mysteries they left behind. All activities took place at the park's Dante Fascell Visitor Center and stations located around the visitor center provided a variety of interactive and hands-on activities.

- **Cabrillo NM** celebrated the grand opening of a new permanent 900-square-foot interactive exhibit, "Lighthouses of Point Loma," on March 26. The opening of this exhibit completes the restoration of the grounds to resemble their historic appearance in the 1880's when the Old Point Loma Lighthouse guided mariners into and out of San Diego Harbor. This new exhibit will help visitors understand what life was like at the Old Point Loma, the new Point Loma and Ballast Point Lighthouses. The exhibit honors the memories of the men and women who served as keepers and assistant keepers and the role that the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, a San Diego icon and one of the first eight lighthouses built on the West Coast, played in the development of California's fledgling maritime commerce.

- The Dayton, Ohio region's efforts to promote itself more aggressively as the Home of the Wright Brothers and Birthplace of Aviation received a boost in December 2004 with the passage of legislation designating the region as the **National Aviation Heritage Area**. President Bush signed the law establishing the Heritage Area on Dec. 8, 2004. The Heritage Area designation also serves to enhance the stature of the **Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP**, created in 1992, which memorializes the Wright brothers, who lived and worked on the west side of Dayton in the 1890's, through to their invention of the airplane in the back of their bicycle shop in 1903, and beyond.

Another important milestone for the Wright brothers and Dayton in 2005 is the centennial of their introduction of the world's first practical airplane, the



Eddie Coons

MEMBERS OF OGLETHORPE'S REGIMENT OF FOOT recruit their latest "soldier" at Fort Frederica NM.

On Feb. 12, **Fort Frederica NM** hosted the annual Fort Frederica Festival. The event commemorates James E. Oglethorpe's founding of Frederica Towne in 1736. Over 1,100 visitors attended this successful event, which included a sneak preview of the new park film *History Uncovered*. The new film will replace the 1969 film *This is Frederica*, starring John Ireland.

Over 40 living historians from all over the Southeast volunteered to take part in the festival. The festival was planned with children in mind

and over 300 kids who attended made a journal of their activities as part of the day's events. To complete the journal, kids had to participate in at least five different activities, including tabby making, candle making, weaving and historic cabinet making. Once they completed their journal, they were "recruited" into Oglethorpe's Regiment of Foot and received a shilling (a chocolate coin) and a script for a drink at the tavern (cider, root "beer" or ginger "ale").

Wright III Flyer, or '05 Flyer. It was developed at Huffman Prairie Flying Field about eight miles east of Dayton, which is one of the four sites that make up the national park in Dayton. The other sites are at Carillon Park, where the original '05 Flyer is housed; the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Wright Cycle Shop on the west side; and Dunbar House, the former home of Paul Laurence Dunbar, the famous African-American poet. Dunbar was a contemporary of the Wrights and his life and work are also memorialized in the national park.

The Heritage Area is packed with sites including the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the National Aviation Hall of Fame, Carillon Park and the '05 Flyer, the Wright B Flyer group, WACO Historical Society in Troy, Ohio and the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, to name a few. Aviation Trail, Inc., one of the partners in the national park, includes about 45 destinations in their trail guide, many of which highlight places and events related to the Wright brothers legacy in Dayton. The congressionally designated management entity for the Heritage Area is the Aviation Heritage Foundation. It plans to act mainly as a promotional arm for the area, and for the national park sites that make up its core.

- Work progresses on the new elevator/stair tower at **Edison NHS**. Part of a multi-year rehabilitation of the site, this feature will provide access to the second and third floors of the main laboratory building to visitors for the first time in the site's history. On those

floors, visitors will now be able to experience the precision machine shop, the drafting room, Mr. Edison's own chemistry lab and the music room along with the site's collection in an open curatorial storage space. Construction is scheduled to continue through November 2005. Progress can be tracked at www.nps.gov/edis.

- The Barataria Preserve of **Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES** celebrated spring with "Wild Iris Weekends" in March and April. Thousands of wildflowers, including giant blue irises and spider lilies, bloom in the preserve each spring. Wild Iris Weekend activities included ranger-guided canoe treks and birdwatching walks, as well as special activities for "junior rangers." Staff and volunteer experts were on the trails to answer questions about wildflowers, snakes, alligators, birds and local history. During full moons, rangers led night walks and moonlight canoe treks.

- "National Parks: America's Gift to the World," was the theme for this year's **National Park Week**, held April 18 through 24, 2005. Many national, state and local parks held clean-ups, special events or a "March for Parks" during National Park Week. This week-long celebration offers diverse opportunities for U.S. citizens and international visitors alike to explore and learn about this nation's unique natural, cultural and recreational heritage. National Park Week also salutes the many individuals, groups and associations who help make the National Park System one of this nation's greatest assets and a gift to the rest of the world.

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Young Leader Assists Sequoia/Kings Canyon NP's

By Alexandra Picavet, Public Affairs Specialist, and Peter Stephens, Wilderness Assistant, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

The National Park Service family is full of extraordinary people doing extraordinary jobs. There are many examples of tenured rangers who have spent 20 or 30 years building their careers working for the NPS mission, but there are fewer stories of people under the age of 18 wearing the badge and flat-hat working for that same mission. Soukarana Stephens is one example of an extraordinary young person in the NPS. He started working as a visitor use assistant (VUA) in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks when he turned 16 years old.

Soukarana was born in Dan Gaya, Niger. He was adopted by Peter Stephens in 1997, while Peter was a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa. Soukarana came to the United States at the age of 10. When Peter was hired by Sequoia and Kings Canyon in 1998 as wilderness assistant, they moved to Three Rivers, Calif. from New Hampshire.

Soukarana had never attended school until he came to Three Rivers. Barely able to speak English and unable to read and write, he was mainstreamed into the fourth grade, but because of his natural academic ability he was quickly moved up to the fifth grade.

Soukarana became a U.S. citizen in 2000. Because of his outgoing personality, leadership skills and work ethic, he

became well known at school and in the town of Three Rivers.

Supervisory VUA Susan Snell met Soukarana in 2003, while he was doing yard work for her sister. She recognized qualities in this young man that made him an ideal candidate for a VUA position she was recruiting for at the Ash Mountain Entrance Station. At the time, Soukarana was only 16 years old, but he was able to meet the qualifications for a seasonal VUA. Susan worked with Sequoia and Kings Canyon human resources staff to overcome the obstacles his age presented, and hired him to work for the NPS during the summer of 2003. He will be starting his third season at the entrance station this year. He continues to do an excellent job and enjoys greeting visitors as they enter the park.

The Three Rivers community also benefits from the enthusiasm and abilities this extraordinary young man possesses. Soukarana has received numerous academic and civic awards including a Tulare County Character Counts award, Lions Club Citizenship award and an award for his project in the California State Science Fair. He was instrumental with the formation of the Three Rivers Youth Development Council, and recently attended the Congressional Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Soukarana will be starting his senior year in high school in fall 2005 and plans to attend college after graduation. Although he does not know what he wants to be in the future, the NPS has benefited from this experience as much as Soukarana has. ■

Albright Training Center Issues Continuing Education Units for NPS Fundamentals

Albright Training Center Supt. Costa Dillon has announced that the Albright Training Center, in partnership with the Eppley Institute at Indiana University, has begun issuing Continuing Education Units (CEU's) to students who complete the NPS Fundamentals course and wish to have the CEU credit. The credits are available for both the on-line and classroom courses. A total of 11 CEU's are available for the five courses: Fundamentals I, II, III, IV and V. This is believed to be the first time an ongoing NPS training course has qualified for CEU's, and is part of the continuing improvement and professionalization of the Servicewide training program.

The CEU's are authorized in accordance with guidelines set by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), a nonprofit association dedicated to quality continuing education and training programs. The NPS Fundamentals courses were required to meet the standards of the IACET Authorized Providers Program.

The Continuing Education Unit was created by IACET to: provide a

standard unit of measure; quantify continuing adult education and training activities; and serve the diversity of providers, activities and purposes in adult education.

As part of this accreditation, all five NPS Fundamentals courses now include a written test. Students in the online Fundamentals I, III and IV courses take the test online. Students in Fundamentals II and V take written tests in the classroom. The tests were developed in coordination with Indiana University to assure compliance with recognized education measurement standards.

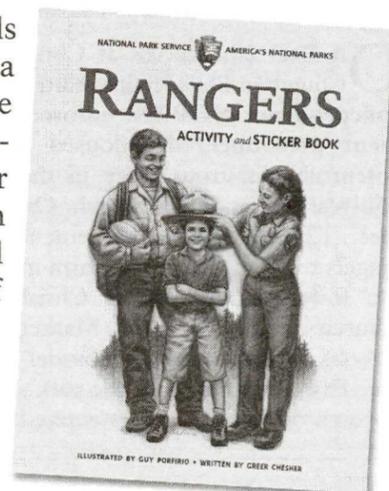
The certification and accreditation of the NPS Fundamentals curricula and program by Indiana University and IACET demonstrate the quality of the program and contribute to the demonstration of Return on Investment of the cost of this training. It also provides a value-added benefit to employees who wish to have CEU credit for their professional or personal development. Certificates are issued by Indiana University and are signed by the executive director of the Eppley Institute and the dean of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. ■

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Kudos and Awards



Phil Sheridan

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Independence NHP Dispatcher Renee Black; Independence NHP Supt. Mary Bomar; Independence NHP law enforcement rangers Brent Mahle, Brian Guiney and Anthony Salvemini; and Christ Church Rector Reverend Timothy Safford at the awards recognition ceremony for Independence NHP law enforcement personnel on Dec. 20, 2004.

On Dec. 20, officials at Christ Church in Philadelphia saluted Independence NHP law enforcement personnel who doused a potentially disastrous blaze in the 250-year-old landmark church. On Dec. 12, park law enforcement rangers responded to a fire alarm in the tower room area of Christ Church at Second near Market Streets. After notifying the Philadelphia Fire Department via the park's dispatch operation, rangers entered

the building and quenched the flames prior to the arrival of fire equipment.

Built between 1727 and 1754, Christ Church included George Washington and Benjamin Franklin among its congregation. Aging utility systems in the buildings resulted in the recent creation of a capital campaign to repair portions of the church and replace utilities, including electrical, fire detection and suppression systems. ■

• **Sandy Cowin**, fire program management assistant at Ozarks NSR, was honored with the first annual Jeanie Harris Award at the Midwest Region fire management conference in January. Nominated by her colleagues, Sandy's selection was based on her outstanding performance, impeccable work ethic, dedication to team and group work efforts and upbeat attitude. Sandy's contributions to the national fire program were also noted.

The award was established to honor Jeanie Harris' legacy of service. As the fire budget analyst in the Intermountain Region's Fire and Aviation Management Office, Jeanie exemplified professionalism, served as a mentor to many and was respected by all. This award was created to commemorate Jeanie, who passed away after a brief and sudden illness in 2004.

• A husband-wife team at Salem Maritime NHS received the 2004 Freedom Star Award. The award, presented by the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, went to Supervisory Ranger **Bruce Jones** and his wife, Education Specialist **Tina Cross** for the couple's program entitled "The Underground Railroad in Essex County." The award recognized both an outstanding individual program and an outstanding park program.

In September 2000, Bruce and Tina began researching Underground Railroad sites in the 34 communities of Essex County. They held monthly meetings in the Park Service's Salem Regional Visitor Center and people came forward with memories of their ancestors hiding escapees, or being escapees themselves. After four years of research, they produced a 12-page color brochure entitled "Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad in the Essex National Heritage Area," which is being distributed to historical societies, libraries and museums in Essex County so more people can learn about this almost-forgotten aspect of pre-Civil War history.

• The American Planning Association's (APA) Federal Planning Division has honored the **NPS Denver Service Center (DSC)** with its 2005 award for outstanding collaborative planning project or program for *The Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement*. The DSC, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and Big Bend NP were instrumental in this plan and development. The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program provided expertise in private lands river management and facilitation of the extensive public involvement process.

In 2000, the NPS began planning to develop a general management plan/environmental impact statement to guide management of resource conditions and visitor/resident experiences for the next 15 to 20 years. The plan also addresses the preservation of the aesthetic and free-flowing conditions of the river, as required by the Wild and Scenic River Act. The DSC planning team realized it was vital for people who lived on, worked on and cared for the land to be included in this planning process.

The public endorsed a partnership approach to river planning and management. This partnership team includes representatives from Terrell and Brewster Counties in Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, World Wildlife Fund, commercial outfitters, private boaters and landowner associations all working in collaboration with the NPS. Today, this team continues to work with the NPS.

• The U.S. Departments of Agriculture and the Interior and the National Association of State Foresters announced the winners of the third annual National Fire Plan awards in February. Three of the awards included NPS winners. The first was the Excellence in Collaboration award (for outstanding teamwork involving pub-

lic and private partners, and demonstrating innovation and commitment to the key points of the National Fire Plan). Among the winners for this award was the **Southeast Fire Ecology Partnership**, Fla., which included NPS representative Caroline Noble, southeast regional fire ecologist. A second winner in this category was the **Idaho State Fire Plan Working Group**.

Color Country Fuels and WUI Committee, Utah (NPS representative - Bruce Fields, assistant fire management officer, Bryce Canyon NP) was awarded the Excellence in Hazardous Fuels Reduction award. This award is given for implementing exemplary hazardous fuel treatment projects that have resulted in effective treatment, techniques or technology transfer to reduce the risk of wildland fire to communities, forests and rangelands.

In addition, the **fire management staff of Natchez Trace PKWY** received the Excellence in Community Assistance award (for programs that enhance the capabilities of rural fire departments; help the public better understand wildland fire; and reduce the risk and impacts of wildfire to communities). The National Fire Plan is a cooperative effort of the USDA Forest Service, DOI, the National Association of State Foresters and the Western Governors' Association for the federal government and state partners to manage impacts of wildland fire to our nation's communities. Visit www.fireplan.gov for more information.

• **Dan Burgette**, retired Grand Teton NP ranger (see page 6 for his retirement information), received a Wes Henry National Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Award on Jan. 21. NPS colleagues nominated Dan for this award to recognize his Park Service career dedicated to the ideals of wilderness preservation. Throughout his 30-year NPS career, Dan consistently shaped and promoted the standards and ethics for managing wilderness areas. He helped to develop and expand a wilderness management plan for Grand Teton NP and during the past 20 years, took a leadership role in the park's wilderness program.

The Wes Henry National Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Award is an

annual recognition given by the NPS to an outstanding wilderness champion. Its purpose is to reward persons and/or groups from within the agency who have made significant contributions towards the protection of wilderness resources within parks.

• Eight Grand Teton NP rangers from the Jenny Lake rescue team received a DOI Valor Award from DOI Secretary Gale Norton on Feb. 2. **Dan Burgette, Chris Harder, Craig Holm, Leo Larson, Jack McConnell, George Montopoli, Jim Springer and Marty Vidak** were recognized for their heroic actions, courage and professionalism in risking their personal safety to bring multiple injured climbers safely out of the Teton Range after lightning struck the mountaineers during an afternoon storm in July 2003.

Lives were saved and a safe evacuation of seriously injured climbers was executed through the collective efforts of these eight rangers and the exceptional skills and support of the entire Jenny Lake rescue team, numerous other Grand Teton rangers, interagency dispatchers, two contact helicopter pilots, Bridger-Teton National Forest helitack crews and Teton County and Idaho Air ambulance staff. This mass casualty incident is considered to be the most complex rescue ever conducted during the 53-year history of the park's Jenny Lake rescue team. (Note: For a complete list of all the NPS employees who were honored with awards during the 62nd DOI Honor Awards Convocation in February, visit www.eandaa.org.)

• The 19th Annual Stephen H. Hart Awards were recently presented at the Saving Places 2005: Bringing Conservation Home Conference held in Denver. This year's recipient was **Rocky Mountain NP** for their efforts in the restoration of the McGraw Ranch. In addition to the park, special credit was given to the individuals who championed this project to a successful conclusion, including Randy Jones, former Rocky Mountain NP superintendent. The ranch was acquired by the NPS in 1988. It was determined in 1993 that without significant financial investment, the buildings on McGraw Ranch couldn't be maintained and



Rick Wyatt

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: John Wilburn, supervisory civil engineer, Blue Ridge PKWY; John Gentry, chief of maintenance and engineering, Blue Ridge PKWY; Al Hollister, landscape architect, Denver Service Center Transportation Division; Larry Walling, chief of the DSC Transportation Division; Gary Johnson, chief of resource planning and professional services, Blue Ridge PKWY; and Dan Brown, superintendent, Blue Ridge PKWY.

In February, during a ceremony at Blue Ridge PKWY, **Al Hollister**, landscape architect, Denver Service Center Transportation Division, received his 40-year length of service award. Al began his career as a landscape architect with the Eastern Office of Design and Construction and over the decades has been involved in planning, design and contract

supervision for Eastern parks from Maine to the Virgin Islands.

In-park assignments have included stints at Great Smoky Mountains NP, Indiana Dunes NL and Blue Ridge PKWY. He has been duty stationed at Blue Ridge for 25 years. Al works closely with the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division at the parkway. ■

Kudos and Awards

should therefore be removed. This announcement met with opposition, and negotiations between the NPS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Rocky Mountain National Park Associates and other like-minded organizations soon began. The end result is a revolutionary research center, providing lodging and work space for scientists conducting research on critical resource issues for Rocky Mountain NP.

• NPS Deputy Director Donald Murphy presented the 2004 National Accessibility Achievement Awards at a ceremony in January. Seven awards were presented in five categories. **Cumberland Gap NHP** received the Director's Sustained Park Accessibility Achievement Award, an annual award recognizing a park that has made "sustained" efforts to provide and improve equal accessibility for persons with disabilities over a period of at least three years. **Devils Postpile NM** received a Merit Award in this category.

Salem Maritime NHS was the recipient of the Programmatic Accessibility Achievement Award for its project entitled "Universal Access to the *Friendship of Salem*." This award is given to an individual or group who has been responsible for the development, implementation or improvement of programs and services within the National Park System that exemplify the concept of universal accessibility.

The Accessibility Leadership Achievement Award, for an individual or team whose active leadership has resulted in improved accessibility within the NPS for persons with disabilities; has increased visibility for the issue of accessibility in the parks; or has provided policy development or implementation,

was given to **Richard Dretsch**, a dedicated advocate of universal access in parks throughout his 15-year career as an architect with the NPS. **Elena Crawford** was the recipient of the Accessibility Leadership Achievement Merit Award for her project entitled "Symbols Equal a Job Well Done."

The Design Project Architectural Accessibility Achievement Award, an award given to an individual or team responsible for the design, construction or renovation of a site, building or facility within the National Park System that creatively exemplifies the concept of universal accessibility and resource protection, went to **Voyageurs NP** for the design and construction of the Ash River Visitor Center Paddle Access Trail and Staging Area.

Wyndeth (Wendy) Davis, national web accessibility coordinator, was presented with the Accessible Website Achievement Award, an award given to an individual, team or park responsible for installing, updating or maintaining NPS-related websites.

• In October 2004, **Greg Goodell**, Gettysburg NMP's supervisor of museum services; **Giles Parker**, deputy director; **Liz Banks**, senior archivist and **Alicia Friedman**, museum specialist (all with the NPS Northeast Museum Service Center); and **Brigid Sullivan**, chief, Collections Conservation Branch, Northeast Cultural Resource Center were each honored by the NPS Northeast Region with the 2003 Curator of the Year award. The award recognizes their participation in the recovery effort to salvage historic artifacts and archival materials at the Jamestown NHS during flooding caused by Hurricane Isabel in 2003. ■

Sandstone Visitor Center Wins National Award



A VIEW OF THE EXHIBIT HALL AND FLOOR MAP of the Sandstone Visitor Center at New River Gorge NR during a watershed ceremony on Nov. 8, 2003—part of the 25th anniversary celebrations for New River Gorge NR.

The new **Sandstone Visitor Center** at New River Gorge NR was awarded first place in the Interior Exhibit category by the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) at a ceremony on November 18, 2004. The NAI convened in Grand Rapids, Mich. for its 2004 annual meeting. Its Interpretive Media Awards honor the best media developed for museums and visitor centers in over 30 countries worldwide.

The visitor center's award-winning exhibits were designed by Vincent Ciulla Design and the NPS with a watershed theme. "The quality of water in every community depends on how well it is cared for by people upstream," said Lynn Loetterle, Sandstone District interpreter. "We hope that our exhibits will challenge people to reconsider how they operate vehicles, landscape their homes, flush toilets, use pesticides and dispose of motor oil."

As visitors enter, they encounter a stunning floor map of the entire New River

watershed, created of beautifully colored tiles. Adult and child-sized footprints embedded in the floor encourage people to measure distances by walking heel-to-toe along the river and its tributaries. Towering exhibit structures imitate the steep topography found in the New River Gorge. Several interactive computer stations make learning fun. One program, "Where is Your Watershed?," enables visitors to find their own watershed "address" anywhere in the world.

The visitor center itself is a showcase for "green" design principles. By building on the already disturbed site of a former rock quarry, other park lands were left undisturbed. Landscaping with native plants requires less water, fertilizer and pesticides, and provides more suitable habitat for native wildlife. Educational signs feature explanations of water and energy-efficient technologies that are utilized throughout the site. For more information visit www.nps.gov/neri. ■

Johnson House

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Johnson site, including numerous scholars who presented lectures on free blacks during the celebration.

William T. Johnson (1809 to 1851) was one of over 200 "free people of color" in the town of Natchez, Mississippi during the antebellum era. Although born enslaved, he was manumitted when he was 11 years old. As an adult, he became a successful barbershop owner, and invested in land and slaves. Although Johnson achieved prosperity in the heart of the Cotton Kingdom, as an African-American he was subject to extremely restrictive laws and racial prejudice. Johnson was a prolific diarist, and kept journals covering 16 years of his life. These writings reveal an intimate glimpse at the author himself, as well as a vivid portrait of Natchez with its colorful citizens and raucous character.

Johnson's Greek revival townhouse at 210 State Street is today a unit of Natchez NHP. For more information, contact Jim Heaney at (601) 442-7049, ext. 14, or call the William Johnson House at (601) 445-5345. ■

E&AA

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ages public understanding of the national park concept and the responsibilities of the NPS in administering the National Park System.

E&AA membership is a diverse group of current employees, alumni of the Park Service and other interested people who see the NPS and their Park Service friends as important parts of their lives. Members say over and over again that their E&AA membership has enriched their careers and kept them in touch with colleagues and friends throughout their retirement. A membership in E&AA helps members to become a part of a large NPS constituency and helps to promote the stewardship of the NPS. As former NPS employee George Fry once said, "All employees and alumni are already members—some of them just haven't paid their dues."

As E&AA launches into developing a strategic plan for the organization, we hope you'll consider joining and becoming a supporter of the National Park Service family. ■



THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY INTERAGENCY WILDFIRE PREVENTION and Education Team, pictured left to right (front row): Cindy Frenzel, Virginia Dept. of Forestry (VDOF); Stephanie Bushong, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests (GWJ); Karen Beck-Herzog, Shenandoah NP; Don Drake (GWJ); and Barb Stewart, NPS Northeast Regional Office. Back row: Bob Matzek (GWJ); Nancy Matzek (GWJ); Don Sawyer (GWJ); Suzie Howard (VDOF); Fred X. Turck (VDOF); and Wade Bushong (GWJ). Not pictured: Boyd Ritchie (VDOF) and Samantha Johnson (VDOF). Behind the group is an interagency exhibit that team members created for homeowners in the mid-Atlantic states.

The Shenandoah Valley Interagency Wildfire Prevention and Education Team received a 2004 Bronze Smokey Bear Award. Team members are from the NPS Northeast Regional Office, Shenandoah NP, the Virginia Department of Forestry and the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

The team formed in response to extraordinary drought conditions in 2001 and remains active today. The team found common issues, developed

key messages and shared them effectively. True teamwork reduced the number of unwanted wildfires and gave homeowners tips they could use to help protect their homes.

The National Smokey Bear Awards are presented annually by the Ad Council, the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service for sustained excellence in wildland fire prevention. The Bronze Award recognizes performance of statewide significance. ■

Class of 2005

E&AA Life Member **Clay Alderson**, superintendent, Fairbanks Interagency Visitor Center, Jan. 3 after 35 years of service.

Clay began working as a seasonal at Grand Teton NP in 1959. In 1986, he became the superintendent at Klondike Gold Rush NHP. He oversaw much of the restoration on historic gold rush buildings in Skagway. From 1999 to 2001, Clay represented the Park Service in Mongolia, where he worked with the government and local residents to help bring national park ideals and management ideas into practice in that country.

Clay and his wife, Claudia, will retire to their cabin in Tagish, Yukon Territory, Canada.

Delroy H. Allen, painting worker, Christiansted NHS, Jan. 11 after 12 years of service.

Marcia Arnold, administrative support assistant, Lake Clark NP & PRES, Feb. 28 after 17 years of service.

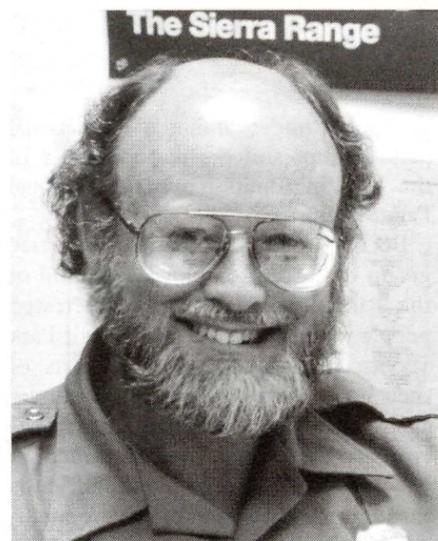
Harry E. Bain, mason, Antietam NB, Jan. 1 after more than 26 years.

E&AA Life Member **Gary F. Barbano**, outdoor recreational planner, PWRO, Honolulu, Jan. 3 after more than 39 years of federal service, nearly 27 of them with the NPS.

Gary's career with the DOI began in 1968 as an outdoor recreation planner with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. He progressed through a series of planning positions and transferred to the NPS Western Regional Office in 1978. In 1980, Gary transferred to the Pacific Area Office in Honolulu. As a park planner, his efforts led to establishing new park areas in the Pacific. In 2002, he was given the DOI's Meritorious Service Award. Gary will remain involved in park planning after retirement as a VIP for Kalaupapa NHP.

Kenneth W. Barnett, facility manager, George Washington Memorial PKWY, Jan. 3 after more than 26 years.

Larry D. Belles, fire management officer, Big Cypress N PRES, Dec. 30, 2004 after 28 years of service.



Santa Monica Mountains NRA

JIM BENEDICT

Jim Benedict, resource manager, Virgin Islands NP, Jan. 26 after 30 years of service.

Jim began his career with the NPS as a research assistant at Yosemite NP in 1973, and later as a research biologist at the park. He has also worked at Grand Teton NP, Voyageurs NP, Denali NP & PRES, Santa Monica Mountains NRA and Virgin Islands NP. During the

course of his career, he prepared dozens of major planning documents and co-authored publications on fire behavior and prescriptions, backcountry management and vegetation mapping. At Virgin Islands NP, he was instrumental in developing several NEPA documents that will reduce feral animal populations and help preserve the terrestrial environment of the park. While in the Midwest Region, he was the recipient of the Regional Director's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Environmental Resources Management.

Ronald W. Bishop, architect, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 3 after 35 years.

E&AA Life Member **James E. Boll**, supervisory park ranger, Salinas Pueblo Missions NM, Dec. 31, 2004 after 30 years of service.

Gloria Brown, safety and occupational health manager, National Capital Region, Risk Management Office, Dec. 31, 2004 after more than six years.

Richard H. Brown, park ranger, Antietam NB, Dec. 31, 2004 after more than 25 years of service.

Philip R. Brueck, assistant superintendent, Canyonlands NP and the Southeast Utah Group of parks, Jan. 3 after more than 33 years of service.

Dan Burgette, park ranger, Grand Teton NP, Sept. 29, 2004 after 31 years, 23 of them at Grand Teton.

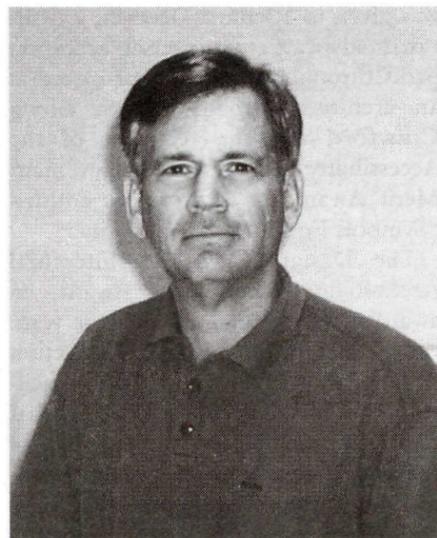
Dan started with the NPS as a seasonal employee at Devil's Tower NM in 1973, worked at Craters of the Moon NM in 1975 and 1976, then became a seasonal climbing ranger at Grand Teton in 1977. In 1978, he started his first permanent NPS position at George Rogers Clark NHP. In 1981, he transferred back to the Tetons as a full-time climbing ranger and stayed to tally 10 years as a climbing ranger, nine years as the Colter Bay Subdistrict ranger and the past four years as the Jenny Lake Subdistrict ranger. Dan worked on a variety of wilderness-related projects not only in Grand Teton, but also within the Intermountain Region and national forests of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

During his career, he participated in major rescue incidents and earned several awards, including an Exemplary Act Award in 1986 for the first short-haul rescue conducted in Grand Teton. He was recently awarded a DOI Valor Award to recognize contributions he made during a rescue operation on the Grand Teton in 2003. He was also awarded the 2004 Wes Henry National Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Award (see page 4, Kudos and Awards).

In retirement, Dan and his wife, Pat, will move near Driggs, Idaho, where he plans to carve birds, ski, climb and continue to be a voice for a balanced approach to wilderness management.

Martin Burke, associate manager for media assets, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Oct. 3, 2004 after more than 12 years of service.

Before joining the NPS, Martin worked in the Division of Conservation at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. He is especially proud of the science program he established while at HFC, which



David T. Gilbert

MARTIN BURKE

brings scientific analysis and decision-making to the preservation of cultural resources. Martin served on the board of the American Institute for Conservation (AIC) and received the Rutherford John Gettens Award for outstanding service to AIC.

Robert G. Carns, park ranger, George Washington Memorial PKWY, Feb. 3 after more than 21 years.

David A. Castle, maintenance worker supervisor, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 3 after 27 years.

John D. Clark, gardener supervisor (MVO), National Capital Parks - East, Jan. 1 after more than 28 years.

Bill Conrod, natural resource specialist, White Sands NM, April 1 after 33 years of service.

Bill began his NPS career in 1969 as a seasonal climbing ranger at Grand Teton NP, while attending the University of Utah, and then became a full-time ranger-technician at the park in 1974. In 1977, he moved to Glen Canyon NRA and in 1980, he was appointed resource management ranger at Glacier NP. This was followed by a natural resource specialist position at DSC preparing NEPA documents for major road reconstruction projects at Grand Teton and Yellowstone. Bill then went to a natural resource specialist position at Niobrara NSR and in 1996, came to White Sands NM.

Bill and his wife, Cheryl, will retire to the Oregon coast.

Paul J. Conzelmann, ecologist, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 8 after 16 years.

Don Darden, gardener supervisor (MVO), National Capital Parks - East, Jan. 1 after 35 years of service.

Gentry Davis, deputy regional director, National Capital Region, Dec. 31, 2004 after more than 37 years of service.

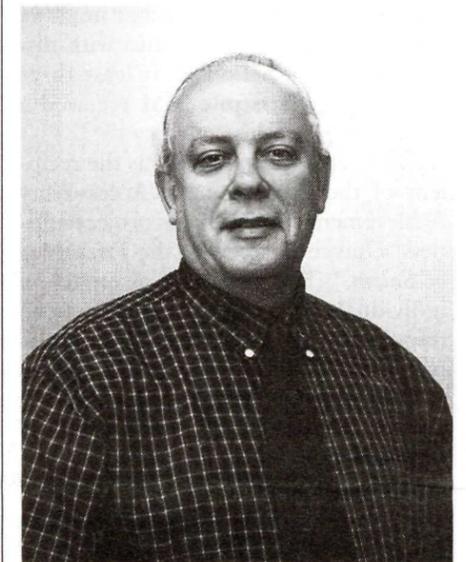
Helene R. Dunbar, staff curator, Pacific West Region - Oakland, Dec. 31, 2004 after 29 years of service.

Theresa B. Ewing, concessions management specialist, Pacific West Region - Oakland, Jan. 3 after 38 years.

E&AA Life Member **Bill Fink**, assistant regional director, Strategic Planning and Performance Management, Midwest Region, Dec. 25, 2004 after 34 years of service.

After Albright, Bill served as a ranger at Tuzigoot NM and Montezuma Cas-

tle NM before attending law enforcement training. He then transferred to Hawaii Volcanoes NP and then Homestead NM of America as a ranger, and then to the newly established Friendship Hill NHS as the site manager and first permanent employee. He became superintendent of Friendship Hill and Fort Necessity NB, and then transferred to Isle Royale NP as superintendent. Upon the creation of Keweenaw NHP, he became the first superintendent (and employee) there. He took on the management of the Midwest Region's GPRA program for the last eight years of his career. He was active in developing and presenting the Compass and Fundamentals courses for new employees.



BILL FINK

He and his wife, Barry, and oldest daughter, Sara, plan to remain in the Keweenaw Peninsula of upper Michigan. Bill is starting a management consulting and training practice. The web address is www.billfinkcommunications.com.

Larry E. Forrest, boiler plant equipment mechanic (MVO), National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after 29 years.

Helga Frazee, office automation assistant, Canaveral NS, Feb. 28 after 17 years of service.

Glenn R. Fuller, park manager, John Muir NHS, Dec. 30, 2004 after 32 years.

Sharon Ganci, environmental education specialist, Mammoth Cave NP, Dec. 31, 2004 after more than 30 years.

Sharon began her NPS career in 1970 as a seasonal guide, and shortly became one of the first women to guide the Wild Cave Tour. She led and shaped the environmental education program at Mammoth Cave since its inception in 1976, working with more than 300,000 students in her career. She was instrumental in the development of Kentucky's master plan for environmental education and served on a state task force to develop a certification program for environmental educators. Sharon also held every office in the Kentucky Association of Environmental Educators, including president.

William B. Gay, motor vehicle operator, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 3 after 34 years of service.

Paul A. Ghiotto, park ranger (protection), Fort Caroline N MEM, Jan. 22 after 35 years of service.

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Ollin R. Gloyd, maintenance worker (MVO), Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 2 after 27 years of service.

Gloria P. Gonzales, administrative officer, San Antonio Missions NHP, Jan. 3 after 38 years of service.

Ricardo R. Gonzales, property disposal officer, San Antonio Missions NHP, Dec. 31, 2004 after 36 years of service.

William "Billy" H. Good, horse mounted patrol officer, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Feb. 5 after more than 29 years of service.

Billy began serving his country in 1967, when he joined the U.S. Army. He joined the U.S.P.P. in 1975. During his years on the force, Billy worked in the San Francisco Field Office, New York Field Office and Washington D.C. He spent the majority of his career as a horse mounted officer, and was a horse mounted instructor for 20 years.

Billy attended numerous advanced training academies, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Riding Academy. He was the lead instructor for other horse mounted training academies, including numerous U.S.P.P. classes and combined agency classes that included the United States Secret Service Presidential Protection Division.

Judy S. Hart, superintendent, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, Feb. 3 after 31 years of service.

Judy was the founding superintendent of Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP. Prior to this, she worked for 12 years in headquarters in Washington, D.C. She was the first national program coordinator for the Service's national heritage areas. Judy's first NPS position was in land acquisition and relocation services and included the relocation of tenants from Eleanor Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park and implementation of the new payments in lieu of taxes program.

Additional career highlights include her development of the Conservation Study Institute, now implemented and operated in partnership with the University of Vermont and Marsh-Billings NHP (now Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP). She also served in the Office of Legislation in WASO, supporting the creation of Petroglyphs NM, Marsh-Billings NHP, Mary McLeod Bethune NHS and Manzanar NHS, and was the founding superintendent of Women's Rights NHP.

In addition, Judy worked on park legislation out of the regional office in Boston. While there, she suggested the now-authorized Boston African American NHS. She will move to Santa Fe, New Mexico and may be reached at Judy4000@aol.com.

Kim Hildebrand, exhibit designer/producer, Media Production, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Dec. 2, 2004 after 14 years at HFC and 16 years in the federal government.

She began her career at HFC as the operator of the CLC copier. She trained staff in how to operate the copier, and then she moved to producing exhibits. Because she was planted in both the worlds of design and production, she could use skills from one side to fulfill a need on the other. Her sense of professionalism and commit-



KIM HILDEBRAND

ment to doing a good job were hallmarks of her time at HFC.

Bob Hoff, historian, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Feb. 3 after more than 33 years.

Sondra S. Humphries, realty officer, Pacific West Region - Oakland, Dec. 31, 2004 after 28 years of service.

Donald W. Ingram, maintenance worker (MVO), Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 1 after 24 years of service.

Nello G. Jefferson, maintenance worker, Cabrillo NM, Dec. 31, 2004 after 26 years of service.

Joseph A. Johnson, park ranger (instruction), Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Feb. 17 after 33 years.

Joseph R. Johnson, carpenter, National Capital Parks - East, Jan. 1 after more than 24 years of service.

Consuella M. Joy, administrative officer, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after 19 years of service.

Meredith Kaplan, landscape architect superintendent, Pacific West Region - Oakland, Dec. 31, 2004 after seven years.

E&AA Life Member, **Robert Kapsch**, architect, National Capital Regional Office, Jan. 3 after more than 24 years of service.



MARSHA KARLE

Marsha Karle, chief of Public Affairs, Yellowstone NP, Sept. 1, 2004 after 23 years.

Marsha was superintendent's secretary at Denali NP from 1981 to 1983 and at Yellowstone NP from 1983 to 1985. She then became public affairs specialist in the Denver regional office. In 1989, she returned to Yellowstone as assistant chief of public affairs and

became chief in 1993. She was public affairs lead for five presidential events, including the 50th anniversaries of Mount Rushmore NM and Pearl Harbor, and spent two years (1992 to 1993) on an NPS all-risk management team, including details in WASO and Everglades NP.

Gloria L. Keller, secretary, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 2 after 17 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Deborah O. Liggett**, management analyst, Alaska Regional Office, Feb. 3 after 24 years.

A Denver native, Deb attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and received a bachelor of arts in environmental biology. Her park assignments include Great Sand Dunes NM, Grand Canyon NP, Big Bend NP, Fort Jefferson NP (now Dry Tortugas NP), Voyageurs NP and Everglades NP. She served as superintendent of Devils Tower NM from 1994 to 1997 and as superintendent of Lake Clark NP & PRES, Katmai NP & PRES, the Alagnak WR and Aniakchak NM & PRES from 1998 to 2003.

Betty J. Long, administrative support assistant, Kennesaw Mountain NHP, Feb. 3 after 32 years of service.

Manuel W. Mandel, library technician, Intermountain Region - Santa Fe, Jan. 31 after 11 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Abby Miller**, deputy associate director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, Feb. 25 after 32 years of service. During her DOI career, she spent time working in various offices and bureaus, the last 18 of which were spent in the NPS. She has relocated to Shelburne, Vt. with her husband.

Ben Miller, exhibit planner, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Sept. 30 after 32 years.

Ben began with the NPS as a seasonal historian at Castillo de San Marcos NM in 1968. In 1972, he was hired to do contract work in exhibit planning at HFC and also served as a summer seasonal historian at Antietam NB, while conducting research for an exhibit being designed for Antietam's visitor center. In 1973, he was hired as a full-time exhibit planner with the Branch of Exhibit Planning and Design.

Ben has done work for the Ford's Theatre NHS museum, the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, the Johnstown Flood N MEM museum, the San Jose Visitor Center and Mission Concepción exhibits at San Antonio Missions NHP, the Lyndon B. Johnson NHP Visitor Center and the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center exhibits at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP.

Leslie J. Newman, supervisory human resources specialist, National Capital Regional Office, Human Resources Division, March 3 after more than 34 years of service.

Dave Panebaker, chief ranger, Dinosaur NM, Jan. 1 after 34 years.

Dave started his NPS career as a seasonal ranger at Crater Lake NP in 1970. His career took him to North Cascades NP, Glacier NP, Wrangell St. Elias NP, Yosemite NP, Great Smoky Mountains NP and Dinosaur NM. He has been

chief ranger at Dinosaur NM for the last six years.

With active EMT service and participation in search and rescue efforts, Dave has become a well-known fixture in the Rangely, Colo., community. Dave was knowledgeable and experienced at wildland fire fighting, structural fire fighting, first aid and EMT services, search and rescue, resource management, law enforcement, criminal investigation, interpretation and the execution of administrative duties to supervise and manage a division of other park rangers.

Terry R. Penttila, chief, Revenue and Reserve Systems Management, Intermountain Region - Denver, Dec. 31, 2004 after 35 years of service.

Pat Phelan, associate regional director for administration, Northeast Region, April 2 after more than 28 years of service.

Pat's career began in 1977, following 10 years of oceanographic research work and graduate studies with a private university. Her park assignments included interpretation, Cape Cod NS; ecosystems research, Everglades NP; financial and property management, Grand Canyon NP and park management, Tumacacori NHP and Glacier Bay NP & PRES.

During her career, Pat also worked in several regional offices as a senior budget analyst (former North Atlantic Regional Office); regional comptroller, Alaska Region; team leader for administration (former Colorado Plateau Support Office, Intermountain Region); and, finally, as the Northeast's associate regional director for administration, a position she has held for the past six years. She was also an intermittent resource instructor at Albright and Mather Training Centers in topics ranging from budget formulation and execution to career planning from 1981 to 1992.

A recipient of the DOI's Honor Award for Superior Service, she has been a volunteer in parks, assisting with projects such as monitoring threatened and endangered wildlife populations, removal of exotic plant and animal species and preservation maintenance on historic adobe buildings. Pat will retire to Tumacacori, Ariz., where she plans to remain busy with efforts involving historic preservation and protected areas (and species) management.

E&AA Life Member **Laurant C. Pingree**, supervisory facility operations specialist, Lake Meredith NRA, Dec. 31 after 23 years of service.

Rebecca M. Post, historian technician, Intermountain Region - Santa Fe, Jan. 1 after 33 years.

J. Mel Reid, equal employment manager, National Capital Region, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Jan. 3 after 27 years of service.

Crawford P. Roberts, engineering equipment operator supervisor (MVO), National Capital Parks - East, Jan. 2 after more than 33 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Marie Rust**, regional director, Northeast Region, March 3 after 31 years of service.

Marie is credited with the stewardship of Independence Hall and the Liberty

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Robert Bodnar, 66, Feb. 16, of brain cancer, in North Carolina.

Bob was a retired mechanical engineering technician. During his career, he worked at the Denver Service Center and Gulf Islands NS. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Louise, and family at 707 Hanover Drive, NW, Concord, NC 28027.

E&AA Life Member **Robert James Branges**, 84, Nov. 14, 2004, at Dominican Hospital, in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Robert served in the U.S. Army in both WWII and the Korean War. He began his career with the NPS in 1947 in Sequoia NP as a park ranger. Throughout his NPS career he worked at a variety of parks, including as chief ranger at Mount McKinley NP (now Denali NP and N PRES), district ranger at Yosemite NP, chief ranger at Everglades NP and chief of interpretation and resource management at Fire Island NS. He retired in 1976 as chief ranger at Grand Canyon NP.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara, three sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Linda Brueck, 61, Jan. 17, in a motor vehicle accident, near her Utah home.

She was the wife of Philip Brueck, who recently retired after over 33 years of service in the NPS. In lieu of flowers, the family had requested donations in Linda's name to the tsunami victims. Over \$2,000 was raised for this cause, primarily from the NPS family, in her memory.

E&AA Life Member **Howard Henry Chapman, Jr.**, 79, March 21, in Mount Vernon, Wash., following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Howard spent three summers as a seasonal park ranger in Yellowstone NP before securing his first permanent NPS position at Saratoga NHP in 1950. This was the start of a 40-year career in the NPS, culminating in his final position as regional director of the Western Region in San Francisco from 1971 to 1987.

During his career, Howard served as a ranger at Shenandoah NP, Yellowstone NP and Blue Ridge PKWY. He was a planner in the 1950's of a survey of the Great Lakes for future park areas, as well as an instructor at the Horace M. Albright Training Center for rangers at Grand Canyon NP. He also served as superintendent of both Coulee Dam Recreation Area (now Lake Roosevelt NRA) in 1965 and then Grand Teton NP from 1965 to 1971. He was active on the board of the Southwest Parks and Monuments Association in his retirement, as well as serving as an interpretive volunteer at the Presidio in San Francisco.

His wife, Marion, preceded him in death in 2003, following 54 years of marriage. He is survived by two daughters: Susan Plummer of Blaine, Wash. and Cindy Weber of Mount Vernon, Wash.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials are suggested to the Western National Parks Association, 12880 N. Vistoso Village Drive, Tucson, AZ 85737.

Peggy J. Cherry, 46, Feb. 23, of cancer, at home.

Peggy was an administrative assistant at Fort Donelson NB. She began her career as a seasonal laborer at the park in 1981, later joining the Administrative Division. She is survived by four brothers, one of whom, Larry Tucker, is a tractor operator at Fort Donelson.

Paul Hyer Hill, 69, Dec. 26, 2004, of cancer.

Paul was the husband of E&AA Life Member Juanita G. Hill, an administrative technician who retired from the NPS in 1982 from Capulin Volcano/Fort Union National Monuments. The Hills had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23, 2004.

Donations in his memory may be made to Tamassee DAR School, P.O. Box 8, Tamassee, SC 29686. When making a donation, be sure to indicate the donation is "in memory of Paul Hyer Hill."

Barbara Lovelace Hooper, 62, Dec. 3, 2004, at home, in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Barbara worked as a volunteer coordinator on a temporary basis for the Outer Banks Group. She is survived by her husband, Timothy, three sons and three grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member **Robert J. Jonas**, 78, Dec. 26, 2004, of natural causes, at Good Samaritan Village Nursing Home, in Moscow, Idaho.

Robert served in the U.S. Navy in both WWII and the Korean War. He spent 30 years at Yellowstone NP as a ranger naturalist, where he worked while also teaching as a college professor during the school year. He retired in 1988. Survivors include wife, Arlene, two sons and two grandsons.

Ruth Dudgeon Joseph, 92, Jan. 16, of congestive heart failure, in Sonora, Calif.

Ruth's husband, Stanley C. Joseph, who retired from the NPS in 1972 as wilderness coordinator for the Southeast Region, preceded her in death in 1998. The Josephs lived all over the U.S. due to Stanley's work with the NPS, which included superintendencies at Big Bend NP, Everglades NP and Cape Cod NS. In addition, from 1968 to 1970, he was DOI deputy assistant director. Ruth's hobbies included writing music about the national parks where the family had lived. She also wrote, directed and acted in plays and was a puppeteer.

Ruth is survived by two daughters: Sandra Wilson of Estes Park, Colo., and Katherine Mize of Mountain View, Calif.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Donations in her memory may be sent to the Library/Museum in Groveland, Calif. at 18990 Highway 120, Groveland, CA 95321; or to the Hospice of the Sierra at 20100 Cedar Rd. N., Sonora, CA 95370.

Eleanor Faust Moffatt, 90, Jan. 26, of complications from a broken hip.

Eleanor was a secretary for the chief of maintenance for the National Capital Region. She retired in 1994. Eleanor began her federal career in 1938 as a typist for the DOI. After her retirement, she spent an additional 10 years as a volunteer with the NPS.

Dave Moorehouse, 70, Feb. 15, due to a stroke.

Dave was the retired chief of micrographics, Denver Service Center. Messages of condolence may be sent to his former wife, Judy (who many DSC employees knew when he was employed there), and daughter, Theresa, at: Judy and Theresa Moorehouse, 134 Captain's Cove Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903.

E&AA Member **George Olin**, 97, Jan. 19, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

George retired from the NPS as supervisory park naturalist at National Capital Parks. He was in charge of interpretation

and also led tours at Mammoth Cave NP and was a ranger and naturalist at Saguaro NM. He helped to found the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. George was the author of several publications on wildlife including his last book, *Up Close: A Lifetime Observing and Photographing Desert Animals*. In addition to his Park Service experience, he and his late wife, Irene, worked for a summer at Coronado National Forest.

Survivors include four siblings. Donations in his memory may be made to: Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014.



Andena Quintana

DIANE PAINTER

Diane M. Painter, 71, Dec. 12, 2004, at Baxter Regional Medical Center, Ark.

Diane began working as a secretary for the NPS in the (former) Western Regional Office in San Francisco in 1983. She spent two years in the Concessions and Maintenance Divisions and 10 years in the Information Management Division. In 1995, she retired from the NPS and moved to Mountain Home, Ark. with her husband.

Diane is survived by her husband, Howard, and her son, Eugene McAlister of San Mateo, Calif. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to Diane's family at: 54 Westchester Court, Mountain Home, AR 72653-5799.

Bob Powell, 72, Dec. 31, 2004, of cancer, at home, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Bob began his NPS career as a ranger at Joshua Tree NM, served as a district ranger at Badlands NM (now park), was later appointed as unit manager at Colorado NM and served 25 years as chief ranger at Theodore Roosevelt NP, beginning in 1972. Bob was an expert in prairie wildlife management and was considered an authority on black-footed ferret and bison management.

Elwood E. Rensch, 88, Feb. 16, of cancer, at home, in Richmond, Va.

Elwood was the father of E&AA Life Member Barbara Krick, who is administrative officer at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial NMP. A WWII army veteran, Elwood began his NPS career in 1950 as a landscape architect in the Southeast Regional Office in Richmond, then transferred to the National Capital Region and eventually to the Eastern Office of Design and Construction.

During his 29-year NPS career, Elwood worked on many projects in the eastern parks, including the Baltimore-Washington PKWY, the George Washington Memorial PKWY, the Natchez Trace PKWY, the Yorktown Colonial

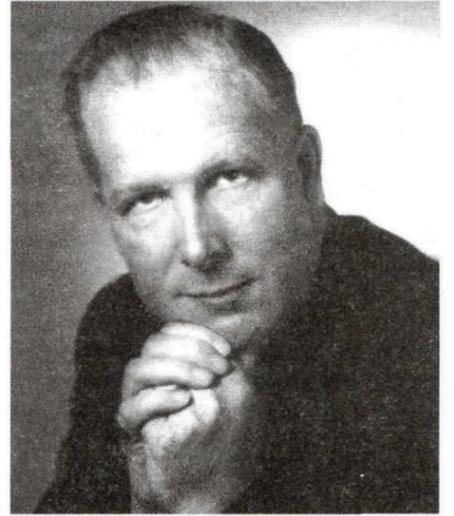


Photo courtesy of Barbara J. Krick

ELWOOD RENSCH

PKWY, the Statue of Liberty, the Jefferson Memorial, Constitution Gardens and the White House. Elwood retired in 1979 as chief of the National Capital team of the Denver Service Center, at which time he received the DOI's Meritorious Service Award.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia, three daughters, one son, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Patricia at Gayton Terrace, Apt. 327, 12401 Gayton Rd., Richmond, VA 23238.

E&AA Life Member **Donald Malcolm Robinson**, 85, Dec. 28, 2004, after a long illness.

Donald retired in 1974 as superintendent of Channel Islands NP after 30 years with the NPS. During his career he also worked at Cabrillo NM, where he was the first superintendent, and Crater Lake NP, where he served as assistant superintendent.

Survivors include his wife, Dagmar, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Doris Thuring, 89, Nov. 4, 2004, from pneumonia.

Doris was the wife of E&AA Life Member Melvin A. Thuring. Melvin was a former supervisory civil engineer at the Denver Service Center who retired in 1976. Messages of condolence may be sent to Melvin at 3455 S. Corona St., Meridian #235, Englewood, CO 80110.

Curt Vade Bon Coeur, 44, Jan. 24, of a heart attack, at home.

Curt worked at Redwood National and State Parks for almost 10 years and had many ties with the local community. He began with the NPS in 1983 as a seasonal ranger at Buffalo NR. He also worked at Shenandoah NP, Yosemite NP, Delaware Water Gap NRA and Saint Croix NSR during his NPS career.

E&AA Life Member **Arthur H. White**, 79, Jan. 29, in Tucson, Ariz.

Arthur began his NPS career in 1950 at Montezuma Castle NM. His career included such assignments as park ranger at Chaco Canyon NM (now Chaco Culture NHP), chief ranger at Bandelier NM and superintendent at Navajo NM. In 1968, he became assistant to the regional director for cooperative activities in the NPS Southwest Regional Office. He retired in 1983 as general superintendent of the Navajo Lands Group and was a board member of the Southwest Parks and Monuments Association from 1975 through 1985.

Survivors include wife, Mary, one son, one stepson and one grandson. Contributions in his memory may be sent to Girls and Boys Town Center, c/o Father Val J. Peter, Boys Town, NE 68010. ■

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Bell, Shenandoah NP, the Statue of Liberty, Boston's Freedom Trail and Acadia NP. She led the NPS during a time of unprecedented planning and development of national park facilities forged through creative partnerships with the private sector and state government.

In 1974, Marie began her NPS career in Boston as the director of personnel. Her charge was to form a new office and administrative organization—the North Atlantic Region. From 1974 to 1992, she held a variety of senior management posts, including deputy associate regional director for management and operations, associate regional direc-



MARIE RUST

tor for administration and then deputy regional director.

Before moving to Philadelphia as director of the former Mid-Atlantic Region, Marie served two years as regional director in Boston. Her career in Philadelphia began in 1995 when then NPS director Roger Kennedy tasked her with merging the former North Atlantic Region with the former Mid-Atlantic Region and creating one Northeast Region.

On the international front, Marie engineered a partnership with the Europarc Federation and the NPS to create a platform for sharing park information and expertise between U.S. parks and national parks in 37 European countries. As the steward of a number of historic sites that speak to social issues, she is also credited with being a founding member of the

International Coalition of Historic Sites of Conscience, an international group of historic sites committed to using the history of their sites to engage the public in dialogue on related contemporary issues.

Harvis Satcher, gardener supervisor (MVO), NCR, White House Liaison, Jan. 3 after more than 36 years.

Arnold W. Schofield, historian, Fort Scott NHS, March 3 after 42 years of federal service, including 25 years at Fort Scott.

Arnold's NPS assignments also included cultural historian at Blue Ridge PKWY and interpretive blacksmith at Harpers Ferry NHP. While he is retiring from the NPS, Arnold is not retiring from public service. He has accepted the position of site administrator at Mine Creek Battlefield State Historical Society.

Joel Schwartz, fee collection program manager, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Jan. 28 after 17 years of service.

Joel began his career as an intermittent dispatcher at Delaware Water Gap NRA's communications center, then became the fee collection supervisor and finally fee collection program manager. During his career at Delaware Water Gap NRA, he was also detailed to WASO as well as other parks. He was one of the NPS representatives to the Marconi 100th anniversary at Cape Cod NS, participating as a ham radio operator.

Joel has been an EO counselor for many years, a member of the park's high-angle rescue (HAR) team and a red-carded firefighter. He is also certified as a facilities unit leader and has managed fire camps all over the western and southern states. He will remain on the HAR team as a volunteer.

Carolyn R. Scott, park guide, San Antonio Missions NHP, Jan. 31 after six years.

Chuck Scott, fire management officer, Saguaro NP, Feb. 1 after 30 years.

Chuck began his career as a park ranger performing living history interpretation at Fort Clatsop N MEM in 1978. He went on to assignments at Joshua Tree NP, Independence NHP, back to Joshua Tree, Channel Islands NP and then Saguaro. Initially hired as a unit manager, Chuck transitioned to Rincon Mountain district ranger and

was also the park's collateral duty fire management officer.

In 1989, Chuck became the park's first full-time fire management officer. Under his leadership, the program grew into one of the finest fire management organizations in the NPS. Before switching to fire full time, Chuck was adept at presenting interpretive programs; was a commissioned ranger and EMT; and served on regional SET and dive teams, incident management teams on fires in the western U.S. and on all-risk incidents such as hurricanes. Chuck is beginning a new career as a high school guidance counselor.

Floyd Smith, maintenance worker supervisor (MVO), National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after 34 years.

William H. Sturgeon, park ranger, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 2 after 30 years.

Donna O. Tipton, administrative officer, Cape Lookout NS, Jan. 3 after 38 years of service.

E&AA Member **Marie E. Vernon**, secretary (office automation), Interpretation, Upper Delaware SRR, June 16, 2004 after five years of service.

Christopher VonFrieling, park ranger, National Capital Parks - East, Feb. 28 after 20 years of service.

Philip J. Walsh, supervisory park ranger, NCR, White House Liaison, Dec. 31, 2004 after more than 31 years.

E&AA Member **Kim Watson**, chief ranger, Flagstaff Area National Monuments, Dec. 31, 2004 after 25 years.

Kim began with the Student Conservation Association at Mount Rainier NP in 1972, then worked a variety of NPS seasonal jobs at the park from 1973 to 1979. He obtained his seasonal law enforcement commission in 1975. After a winter seasonal position at Everglades NP, Kim was hired as a permanent NPS protection ranger there in 1979. In 1981, he became a general ranger at Pictured Rocks NL. He then went to Carlsbad Caverns NP in 1986, eventually becoming a district ranger at Wupatki NM in 1989. He has been at Flagstaff Area National Monuments since 1992.

In addition to his park duties, Kim was an NPS special events team leader and a member of interagency wildland firefighting teams. He helped teach classes in

ranger training and helped with orientation/field sessions for Albright Training Center fundamentals classes. Kim will not be losing his ties with the NPS. He has accepted a position as the (Indiana University) Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands visiting lecturer at the Horace M. Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon NP.

Harold West, elevator mechanic, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Jan. 3 after more than 22 years of service.

Betty J. Wolfe, custodial worker, Harpers Ferry NHP, Feb. 8 after more than nine years.

E&AA Life Member **R. Gerald "Gerry" Wright**, research scientist, USGS Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Oct. 2, 2004 after over 32 years of service, 25 of them with the NPS, and the remainder with the Division of Biological Resources of the USGS.

Gerry started his NPS career in 1972 as part of a team of scientists in the Denver Service Center. In 1975, he transferred to Alaska as part of an interdisciplinary team established to plan the new parks proposed for the state. He was primarily responsible for defining the boundaries and management zones for Wrangell St. Elias NP & PRES.

In 1980, he transferred to Idaho to help establish the Cooperative Park Studies Unit at the University of Idaho. There he worked as an ecologist on regional park wildlife and natural resource issues. Over his career, he conducted research on animal species at Cape Hatteras, Craters of the Moon, Denali, Gettysburg, Glacier, Isle Royale, North Cascades, Olympic, Wrangell St. Elias and Yosemite.

Gerry and his wife, Harley, will continue to live in Moscow, Idaho where he will serve as professor emeritus in the Department of Fish and Wildlife at the University of Idaho and a science advisory for the NPS. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Rick Emenwein, Gerald Halpin, Joyce Heath, Rick Kirschner, Peter Lonsway, Jenifer Noss, Leslie Richardson, Ronald Speedy, Rick Thomas Jr., Marie Vernon and Douglas Wallner.

Land Near Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Protected by the State of North Carolina

By Jan Pender, Public Relations Director, Conservation Trust for North Carolina, and Carl Sandburg Home NHS Supt. Connie Hudson Backlund

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has acquired 22 acres adjacent to the Carl Sandburg Home NHS to assist in preserving the natural and historical integrity of the site. The state purchased the property from the Conservation Trust for North Carolina, a statewide nonprofit land trust. "The purchase of this property will enable us to preserve an important part of our nation's and state's cultural heritage," said the Honorable Lisbeth

Evans, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

The property provides a portion of the scenic backdrop to the Sandburg pastureland and contains forests, mountain ridges and globally rare granitic dome plant communities. The Conservation Trust for North Carolina bought the land in November 2001 to prevent the property, which was on the market at the time, from being sold for subdivision and development. "We are pleased to transfer this biologically and culturally important property to the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, and we are grateful for its

partnership in this endeavor," said Reid Wilson, Conservation Trust executive director. "We are confident the agency will ably manage the property to preserve this wonderful scenic backdrop to the Sandburg site."

The property transfer was completed Dec. 1, 2004. The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources purchased the property from the Conservation Trust for \$380,000, which was the original purchase price. Funding was provided by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund.

The State Department of Cultural Resources will hold the land in perpetu-

ity. The newly acquired property supports the site's General Management Plan (GMP), which was recently developed with extensive public input. The GMP proposes additional land to protect the top of Big Glassy Mountain and for adding more parking and building a visitor center.

The Friends of Carl Sandburg at Conemara, Historic Flat Rock, Inc. and the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy hosted a brunch at the Historic Woodfield Inn in Flat Rock celebrating the deed transfer from the Conservation Trust for North Carolina to the State Department of Cultural Resources. ■

New Places & Faces

Kenneth Ballance, from park ranger to Ocracoke District ranger, Cape Hatteras NS.

John C. Benjamin, from deputy superintendent, Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks, to superintendent, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Celeste Bernardo, from partnership training specialist, Stephen T. Mather Training Center, to superintendent, New Bedford Whaling NHP.

Chas Cartwright, from superintendent, Dinosaur NM, to superintendent, Shenandoah NP.

Vin Cipolla, to president and CEO, National Park Foundation.

Stephanie Dubois, from superintendent, Chaco Culture NHP, to deputy superintendent, Glacier NP.

Walter Duran, from U.S. Park Police, to park ranger, Lake Meredith NRA.

Paul Eubank, from oil and gas specialist to chief of resource management, Lake Meredith NRA.

Karen Gustin, from superintendent, Pictured Rocks NL, to superintendent, Big Cypress N PRES.

Rick Jones, from sub-district interpretive ranger, Glen Canyon NRA, to interpretive planner/park ranger, Harpers Ferry Center, stationed in Denver, Colo.

Nancy Kaufman, to deputy associate director for Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers and Outdoor Recreation, WASO.

Stephen P. Martin, from director, IMR, to NPS deputy director, WASO.

Arthur McDade, from park ranger, Obed WSR, to park ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP.

Cody Murphy, from park ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to Yakutat district ranger, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES.

Jim Northup, from chief ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to superintendent, Pictured Rocks NL.

Alex Romero, from deputy superintendent, Prince William Forest Park, to



ALEX ROMERO

deputy superintendent, NCP - East.

Ron Sams, from law enforcement ranger, Independence NHP, to law enforcement ranger, Big Bend NP.

Randy W. Turner, from superintendent, Weir Farm NHS, to superintendent, Morristown NHP.

“Power of Context” Exhibit

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pendant, beads and bracelet; sherds; flakes - Gloria Fenner, curator and Kim Beckwith, registrar, Western Archeological and Conservation Center. **Chaco Culture NHP** - Red Mesa black-on-white pottery (three items) - Wendy Bustard, museum curator. **Edison NHS** - Sketch and model of tinfoil phonograph - Leonard DeGraaf, archivist. **Everglades NP** - Miami blue and atala butterflies, tree snails, botanical specimens - Nancy Russell, museum curator. **Grand Canyon NP** - Split-twig figurines - Kim Besom, museum technician. **Harry S Truman NHS** - Panama hat, shoes and cane - Carol Dage, museum curator and Kristen Stalling, museum technician. **Manassas NBP** - Sword and scabbard - Jim Burgess, museum specialist. **Mesa Verde NP** - Awl, sandal, mug - Liz Bauer, curator. **Petrified Forest NP** - Phytosaur skull - Scott Williams, museum technician and Pete Reser, fossil preparator. **Yosemite NP** - Sign from 1904 arboretum, basket - Barbara Beroza, curator of collections

Tiller praised the work of curators, con-

servators, exhibit specialists and interpreters whose jobs are to “preserve and protect—make real—the American story for this and future generations. For a century now, our museum staffs have built an admirable legacy of leadership and high professional standards. It always comes down to the people doesn’t it? Every park museum thrives on the constant drive: to preserve better the entrusted objects; to enrich the way we tell the park story; to add clarity and insight to the reasons these places have been set aside; and to ignite a spark in a child’s first visit to the Grand Canyon or to Independence Hall.”

The NPS Museum Management Program and Chief Curator Ann Hitchcock, who is guest curator for the exhibit, have created a centennial website that offers a history of national park museums and features a different “Treasure of the Nation” and helpful hint in an “Ask the Conservator” column every month. The website is at www.cr.nps.gov/museum/centennial. The museum is located at Department of the Interior headquarters, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C.

NPS Family

Steve and Christie Anastasia, park rangers at Point Reyes NS, announce the birth of their son, Xavier Orion Anastasia, on Jan. 3, 2005. Xavier weighed in at nine lbs., three oz. and was the first baby born in West Marin for the New Year.

Jeffrey Sa, park ranger dispatcher, Boston NHP’s Charlestown Navy Yard, and his wife, Andrea Marie (Simone) Sa, announce the birth of their first child. Austin Jeffrey was born on April 28, 2004, weighed in at seven lbs., five oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Mardi Arce, director of Visitor Services at Jefferson National Expansion MEM, and husband, Michael, announce the Christmas arrival of their daughter, Erin Jeanne. Born in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, Erin was almost seven months old at the time of her adoption on Dec. 20, 2004.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial—October 28, 1965 was the day the Gateway Arch was completed. As part of the 40th anniversary celebration, the park is having a family reunion. Former employees from the NPS, Jefferson National Parks Association (formerly Jefferson National Expansion Historical Association), Metro (formerly Bi-State), St. Louis Usher Service, Stohner Services, volunteers and any other members of the Arch family are all invited to attend.

Although final plans are not yet set, the date of this reunion will be Oct. 29, 2005 in St. Louis, Mo. If you worked at the park and are interested in joining this event, call (314) 655-1600 or e-mail rose_hoots@nps.gov for more information.

Cane River Creole NHP will host the grand opening of Magnolia Plantation on May 21, 2005. The site is located on the Cane River of Louisiana and stretches over 18 acres. Magnolia is a treasure because of the unusual number of outbuildings that have survived over 200 years, which carry the historic legacy of the diverse families who lived there.

One of the major themes of Magnolia will be its dedication to telling the story of the African-American experience and its importance to the development and growth of Louisiana. The NPS acquired Magnolia in 1994, along with Oakland Plantation, and since then has been working hard to restore both sites. Magnolia has been restored to the 1960’s time frame, which was primarily the time that the plantation era ended.

The park is inviting all to the grand opening to help celebrate the history, culture and heritage of the Cane River region. This event is a family reunion that is open to the public with a special invitation to the descendants of the Cane River region. Some of the events of the day will include games such as sack racing, tug-o-war and baseball. Fan making and wall paper making will be some of the crafts, along with live music and many other activities similar to the ones that would have taken place from the 18th century through the mid-20th century. All the day’s activities are free. For more information call (318) 356-8441.

Museum Emergency Response Team to the Rescue

By Bob Grogg, Supervisory Writer/Editor, Harpers Ferry Center

On Sept. 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan roared out of the Gulf of Mexico with 130-mile-per-hour winds, headed almost directly at Santa Rosa Island and the historic Fort Pickens area of Gulf Islands NS. More than 300,000 artifacts were on display or in storage in different locations on the island. An eight-foot storm surge washed clear across the island, and a wave reported to be 50-feet high washed out the bridge to the mainland and all the docks. Emergency assistance was needed, and the only fortunate thing in an unfortunate situation was that a Museum Emergency Response Team (MERT), newly trained, was ready to be dispatched.

In September 2003, Hurricane Isabel hit Cape Lookout NS and Jamestown Island in Colonial NHP. The damage to natural and cultural resources was so widespread that the Incident Command (IC) System was activated. It soon became apparent that despite the IC teams’ effectiveness, they were not equipped or trained to care for museum and artifact collections. Museum staff, curators and conservators from the National Capital Region (NCR), the Northeast Region (NER) and Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) were called in to manage the salvage operation. Everyone realized that forging an alliance and establishing links with the IC System could be fruitful and have long-range impacts on the recovery of cultural and natural collections in emergency situa-

tions. Upon her return to NCR, Regional Curator Pam West formed MERT, consisting of Trudy Kelley, her deputy, park curators and HFC staff members Sylvia Frye, Al Levitan, Karen Matson and Theresa Shockey.

They held monthly meetings to plan a training course for NCR museum staff. The idea was to prepare the team to work on a local level within the region, or under an IC team when recovery of cultural and natural artifacts was necessary. In August, the group was trained in the leadership aspects of Incident Command, since they already knew how to do the salvage work. Not quite a month later, their training was put to the test at Gulf Islands NS.

Theresa Shockey of HFC and Paul Rogers of the Southeast Region were

first to arrive at Gulf Islands. They made an initial assessment of conditions. On the mainland, the collections were in good shape. Unfortunately, very few of the artifacts were located there. They packed these up and sent them to the Southeast Archeological Center for safe storage. Then they turned their attention to the island.

Almost all the structures on the island are historic and had sustained damage. The bulk of the park’s artifacts were in an insulated, climate-controlled Bally building inside Building 17, located only a few feet away from the island’s bayside seawall. The team did not know what to expect. Would water spill out when the door was opened, washing out valuable and irreplaceable items?

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Off the Press

Ojibwe Tales:

Stories of the Ojibwe People

By Art Przybilla with the aid of Randy Councilor

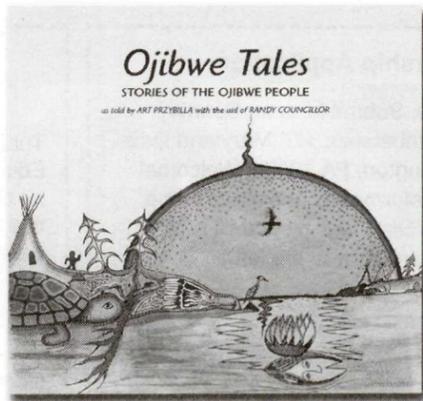
Lake States Interpretive Association, 2005

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Almost 20 years ago, Art Przybilla, retired Rainy River Community College professor, worked with Randy Councilor, then chief of the Northwest Bay First Nation, at Voyageurs NP. Randy asked Art to write the Ojibwe stories he helped Art refine in the form of a small book and to make an effort to have it published. Randy made this request as a means to build appreciation of the Ojibwe heritage. Randy's request is now fulfilled.

Ojibwe Tales consists of seven Ojibwe stories that are life lessons, along with



an introduction, preface and afterthought by Art Przybilla. Artwork created by area high school students graces the cover and pages of the book. This book was funded by a grant from the National Park Foundation and Lake States Interpretive Association.

Orders can be placed by phone at (218) 283-2103; fax (218) 285-7407 or mail at: Lake States Interpretive Association, 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649.

Fort Bowie, Arizona: Combat Post of the Southwest, 1858-1894

By Douglas C. McChristian
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336 pp; \$32.95

Fort Bowie, in present-day Arizona, was established in 1862 at the site of the famous Battle of Apache Pass, where U.S. troops clashed with Apache chief Cochise and his warriors. Douglas C. McChristian's *Fort Bowie, Arizona*, spans nearly four decades to provide a fascinating account of the many com-

plex events surrounding the small combat post.

McChristian presents Fort Bowie in fresh contexts of national expansion and regional development, weaving threads of early exploration, transcontinental railroad surveys, the overland mail, mining, ranching and the conflict with the Apaches. This is the definitive history of what was a genuine combat post.

Douglas C. McChristian is a retired research historian for the NPS in the Santa Fe regional office and a former NPS field historian at Fort Davis and Fort Laramie national historic sites and at Little Bighorn Battlefield NM.

Fort Bowie, Arizona is available at bookstores and from the University of Oklahoma Press, 2800 Venture Drive, Norman, OK 73069-8216, oupress.com, or call: (800) 627-7377 or (405) 325-2000. ■

Museum Emergency Response Team to the Rescue

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They carefully opened the door. The smell of mold filled the humid, tropical air, and they knew to expect the worst—for mold is the enemy of preservation. The Bally building had floated and bobbed inside Building 17, tossing records onto the floor, turning them into a sodden mass of paper. Mold was growing everywhere.

Sylvia Frye and Karen Matson of HFC; Pam West, Catherine Dewey and Bob Sonderman of NCR; and Gloria Swift from Monocacy NB were dispatched to help. Allen Bohnert of the Southeast Region and Al Levitan of HFC joined them later.

A barge was run up on the shore to serve as a dock. Finding the simplest supplies was a challenge, for hundreds of thousands of people needed everything. Two pallets of supplies sent from the Museum Resource Center arrived, but were not enough. Faced with these obstacles, the team had one objective: get the thousands of artifacts off the island and into safe and secure storage. That meant sorting the objects, performing on-site triage, keeping tags and identifying markings together, and packing the items.

Paper and photographic materials needed to be frozen to stop mold growth. Pam West found a freezer truck. Three freezers were purchased. Their limited size meant that conservators had to make choices, since not all items would fit.

The practices learned at Cape Lookout and Jamestown now came into play, and systems developed in 2003 were repeated on Santa Rosa Island. Gulf Islands NS staff joined the team. With the addition of Roxanne Sellers, Stanley Lawhead and Jeff Halsted, the pace of work picked up. As boxes were filled and closed, they were stored in tents and structures on the island and later were moved to the casemates of Fort Pickens. As work was ending, ominous news came of a new storm—Tropical Storm Matthew, brewing in the Gulf. The forecast had it heading for Santa Rosa Island.

The newly sorted and packaged artifacts had to be moved to protected shelter on the mainland. Everyone quickly mobilized, loading boxes on pallets with only

forklift headlights to illuminate the dark casemates. Jeff Halsted knew someone who had a World War II landing craft that could carry all the artifacts in one trip. Forklifts drove to the sea wall with pallets of shrink-wrapped boxes and loaded them directly into the landing craft.

Wet paper and photographic materials needed to go to a facility in Texas to be freeze-dried. Pam West found a refrigerator truck headed for Texas. They arranged with dispatchers to meet the truck and turn over the items.

Conservators, curators and administrators from HFC, NCR and the Southeast Region spent Sept. 23 to Oct. 14 saving more than 300,000 irreplaceable artifacts under extremely adverse circumstances. That was the dramatic story. But another story, one with equally important effects, occurred at the same time.

IC teams do not have a lot of experience saving cultural artifacts, but they do know how to organize and deal with emergencies. They know how to procure supplies and equipment on very short notice. They are innovative in their ability to meet unexpected needs or situations. The IC world and the world of cultural and natural resources professionals needed to be brought together. The curators and conservators knew that harnessing that energy and expertise was the key to grafting a curatorial arm onto the IC structure. Some awkward moments developed: "Why do you need distilled water? Just use what comes out of the tap." "Why are we using our valuable generators to run those freezers, and why are you freezing artifacts?"

These events became learning opportunities, and the theories and procedures that had been developed in the classroom were tested in the midst of actual work. From that experience, the cultural resources people and the IC personnel developed new respect and understanding for the procedures and practices each exercised. The Wyoming Hotshots and the Malheur Rapellers fire fighting crews worked alongside curators, sorting, washing and packaging. A new dimension has now been added to the work of IC teams, and curators and conservators have created a valuable new relationship to help preserve our cultural patrimony.



Allen Bohnert

AT THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF THE RECOVERY EFFORTS after Hurricane Ivan at Gulf Islands NS, the crew who worked on sorting, cleaning and packaging the site's museum and artifact collections stopped work for a group picture. They are, pictured left to right (back row): Bob Sonderman, NCR; Hugh Shockey, contractor; the four men and one woman of the Wyoming Hotshots; and Paul Rogers, SER. Front row: Stanley Lawhead, Gulf Islands NS; Theresa Shockey, HFC; Pam West, NCR; Gloria Swift, Monocacy NB; Sylvia Frye, HFC; Roxanne Sellers, Gulf Islands NS; Catherine Dewey, NCR; and Karen Matson, HFC.

The team members who went to Gulf Islands and those that supported them from home by sending supplies and information can all be proud that they were the first team of this type in the NPS. Pam West and HFC are working

closely with other regions to form similar teams. The plan is that every region will field such a team, or work together to share one. Out of natural disaster, a seed has been planted and is growing. Hurricane season returns as of June 1. ■

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

Marcia Blaszk, Nathan Golub, George and Helen Hartzog, Sam Heath, Cynthia Kryston, Leslie Richardson and Michael Watson.

In honor of Terry Carlstrom's retirement

NPS family, friends and many organizations, including the National Park Foundation; Philip Stewart; Maurice Nyquist; Lloyd Bruck

In memory of Doug Barnard

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at which the photo was taken, news release or other important information. We will use as many submissions as possible on a space-available basis. Time-sensitive materials and those received first will receive priority. We may hold submissions for use in a later issue

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Notice: The E&AA Board of Directors recently met and approved the establishment of a strategic planning group. The group will explore a variety of issues, and will address membership, dues, committee structures and funding for the organization. Gary Everhardt has been named chair of the group, which will include active NPS employees and recent NPS alumni. Feel free to share your thoughts on E&AA by e-mailing Chesley Moroz at ChesleyM@easternnational.org. We'd love to hear from you!

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Amy Allison, Leave No Trace

ON MARCH 11 AND 12, LEAVE NO TRACE TRAVELING TRAINERS Amy and Dusty Allison presented a frontcountry train-the-trainer class for 12 participants at Hot Springs NP. "We were pleased this course could come to Hot Springs NP," said Supt. Josie Fernandez. "Most of the park is frontcountry and we plan to share this information with park visitors." Leave No Trace is a cooperative educational program that helps foster stewardship of public lands through education and training. "Frontcountry" refers to outdoor areas close to home that are easily accessible. To learn more about Leave No Trace, visit www.LNT.org. Class participants included national park rangers, Arkansas state park interpreters and Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders. The class participants, pictured left to right, included (standing, back row): Jay Schneider, Joey Herron, Kevin Langston, Lawana Whaley, Harry Harnish and Jeff Heitzman. Seated: Amy and Dusty Allison, Lori Anderson, Flo Dietz, James Wilborn, Kelly Ferrell (front), Brandy Cornwell and Susan Tigert.