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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dan Wenk, Acting Director

On behalf of the entire National Park Service, I offer my thanks to Mary Bomar, who, in her two-plus years as director, led us toward a stronger, brighter future—notably through the Centennial Initiative and her efforts to strengthen our learning and development programs.



This is a time of sweeping change and dramatic opportunities. It is a time to look back on the good things we have inherited and use them as a foundation for the future.

With the largest inaugural in our nation's history, we were represented by the hardworking personnel of the United States Park Police, the National Capital Region, the National Mall and Memorial Parks and many who traveled to be part of the special event team. Their work was as monumental as the places they serve. They showcased some of America's most famed landmarks with grace, dignity and unwavering commitment while hosting an estimated 1.8 million people from every corner of America in a single day—and hundreds of thousands daily on the days leading up to President Obama's inauguration.

The work accomplished was a stunning achievement. It showed the world that America—and her National Park Service—takes deep pride in the peaceful, festive change of power that is a hallmark of the world's foremost democracy.

The National Park Service has a unique and positive role to play in the work that lies ahead. Our commitment to sustainable design has already earned us Platinum-level certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for visitor centers in Grand Teton National Park and Denali National Park and Preserve, as well as Gold ratings at several other park facilities. With many more projects underway or planned using designs to meet or exceed LEED standards, we are showing our commitment to energy efficiency and environmental integrity.

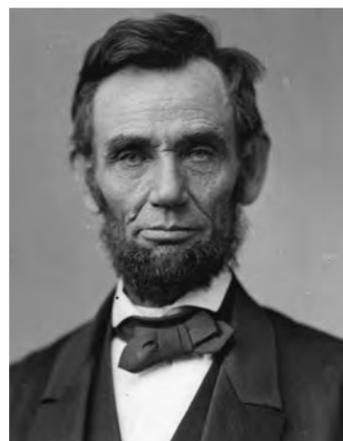
Good science drives thoughtful decisions. Parks are leading laboratories for the study of global climate change. Studies conducted in our parks document the changes in species' habitat and distribution, show how changing water resources alter forest cover and fire vulnerability and demonstrate how our buildings and statuary reflect the effects of climate change on our built environment. A Service-wide Climate Change Response Steering Committee has recently been formed to develop a long-range climate change strategy and short-term actions.

We are building on a strong foundation, and working together, we can meet the challenges facing our national parks.

NPS Celebrates Bicentennial of President Abraham Lincoln's Birth

This year marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Born on Feb. 12, 1809 in central Kentucky, Lincoln is arguably the most important president in the history of this nation by virtue of the crisis of disunion that faced him when he took office as the 16th president of the United States on March 4, 1861.

The NPS has the honor of preserving and managing several areas that are both directly and indirectly related to the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln, such as Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, Lincoln Home NHS,



Ford's Theatre NHS and Mount Rushmore NM.

"During this bicentennial year of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, I invite everyone to visit one of the national park sites that preserves and commemorates the life and achievements of this great president," said Dan Wenk, acting director of the National Park Service. "As a nation we celebrate the birth and achievements of this great American because of what he means to the nation, to the world and to the many individuals that his life has inspired."

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National Park Service Helps Welcome 44th U.S. President, Barack Obama

The inauguration for President Obama was a major undertaking for the NPS because of its management of so much of downtown Washington, D.C. and due to the extensive security and enforcement responsibilities of the United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.). The NPS began planning for the inauguration right after the November election. Staff from the National Capital Region and its National Mall and Memorial Parks, President's Park and the George Washington Memorial Parkway, together with the U.S.P.P., worked tirelessly thereafter in support of the Presidential Inaugural Committee. The NPS assigned over 450 personnel from all professions to the inaugural events. The U.S.P.P. had a full commitment of personnel, totaling nearly 400 sworn officers, which included officers from the New York Field Office, the San Francisco Field Office, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the regional offices.

This inauguration marked the first time that the entire length of the National Mall was used for such an event. As a result, the staging area for most inaugural parade elements were, for the first time, moved to the Ellipse, immediately south of the White House, before joining the parade. Activities also occurred at parks

throughout the region. Interpretive rangers in these parks developed an overall interpretive plan designed to help visitors see themselves as part of history in these historic places—the national parks in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

The National Capital Region's Com-

munications Office answered between 1,700 and 2,000 news media/reporter calls regarding all aspects of what the NPS contributed to the inaugural preparations, and over 500 news media calls regarding logistical placement of

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Tammi A. Heilmann, DOI

THEN PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA greets National Capital Regional Director Peggy O'Dell and Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk following pre-inaugural events at the Lincoln Memorial on Jan. 18.

National Parks and the 110th Congress

By Don Hellmann, Acting Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs

The congressional agenda for the 110th Congress did not follow the usual course of action for legislation affecting our national parks. Usually during a two-year Congress, 65 to 75 bills are approved by the House and Senate on a regular basis and signed into law. For the 110th Congress, only three were signed that concerned national

park matters, while another dozen bills that primarily addressed other agencies included some park issues.

While the House of Representatives conducted its business according to a regular schedule, this was not the case in the Senate. Senator Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) continued to hold up all bills approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee throughout the 110th Congress, due to his concerns about national priorities in a time of economic uncertainty as well as the potential impact of

the bills on energy development. Thus, the Senate Energy Committee packaged approximately 60 bills into one omnibus bill and pressed for its consideration in the Senate last April.

The Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA) passed the Senate on April 10, 2008 and the House on April 29 and was signed by the president on May 8. This act included an important boundary addition for Carl Sandburg Home NHS, as well as the

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Focus on the Parks

• On the weekend of Oct. 17 through 19, **Biscayne NP** celebrated its 40th anniversary. A gala fundraising dinner, sponsored by the South Florida National Parks Trust and attended by nearly 200 people, was held at the Deering Estate, a bayside mansion. A program was held honoring the “park pioneers” who, in the 1960s, fought to stop the creation of an oil refinery, deepwater port and petrochemical plant, as well as a series of causeways linking the park’s islands into the city of Islandia. A silent auction was held and proceeds from the evening are earmarked by the Trust for education programs in the park. On Saturday, the National Parks Conservation Association sponsored a “State of the Park” symposium that highlighted current efforts to protect park resources in advance of the NPS Centennial in 2016. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Katy Sorenson and U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen gave speeches. Sunday was a day of family fun, with a bayside concert featuring singer/songwriter Grant Livingston, kids activities, a documentary film screening honoring the park’s founders and a book signing by Lloyd Miller, author of *Biscayne National Park: It Almost Wasn’t*.

• Oct. 19 was the last day to view *It Saved My Life, the CCC at Grand Canyon, 1933-1942*, a highly successful,

temporary exhibit developed for **Grand Canyon NP’s** Kolb Studio to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). A collaborative effort between the NPS and the Grand Canyon Association, the exhibit was open for just 143 days. Yet in that time, almost 45,000 people from 49 states and 38 countries experienced it, many of them writing comments in the logbooks provided. It was apparent that, while the exhibit was developed to commemorate the CCC’s history at the Grand Canyon, for visitors it celebrated the organization’s nationwide accomplishments in conservation and infrastructure development and the program’s monumental achievement of providing hope to a nation in despair. Many drew parallels between the past and the present and expressed a sense of hope and inspiration after learning about the CCC legacy.

In its short nine-year existence, the CCC employed approximately 3.5 million men whose paychecks are estimated to have benefitted 12 to 15 million people. Four government departments—Labor, War, Interior and Agriculture—worked together to administer the program, which built 125,000 miles of road, raised 80,000 miles of phone lines, developed 800 state parks, restored almost 4,000 historic structures, planted over two billion trees and laid over 13,000 miles of trail. In addition, the program provided marketable skills such as masonry, and over 40,000 illiterate men learned to read.

The exhibit has been packed for transport as a traveling exhibit. To learn more about where it might be available in the future, or for information about showing the exhibit, contact Park Ranger James Schenck at James_Schenck@nps.gov.

• **New River Gorge NR** announced the completion of a report on a phase one archeological survey of Dowdy Creek, Fayette County, W.Va. The survey was done by The Ottery Group (Bodor and Torp 2008) and is part of a long-term effort to inventory and analyze spatial patterns of the park’s upland prehistoric sites. The survey located 16 sites and confirmed the association of upland sites with specific landform, slope, stream and rock exposure attributes. The discovery of several small ridgetop sites suggests that the area’s ancient hunter-gatherers relied upon nut-bearing trees to feed their families. A similar archeological study is being conducted by the University of Kentucky in an upland area in the southern part of the park.

The knowledge gained from these two studies will assist research and planning efforts of the park and the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and may help other parks in the Northeast Region predict the locations of upland archeological sites. For further information, contact David Fuerst at (304) 465-6530 or David_Fuerst@nps.gov.

• On Nov. 24, the NPS, the Ellis Island Restoration Commission and New York Congressman Eliot Engel dedicated the newly renamed Bob Hope Memorial Library at **Ellis Island NM** with the help of Hope’s daughter, Linda. The U.S. Postal Service was also on hand to unveil a commemorative postage stamp to be issued in May featuring the beloved comedian’s image.

Hope’s family emigrated from England in 1908 when he was four. He rose to fame in vaudeville and then made the leap



Ricky McCraw, Director of Public Relations, Ridgeland, Mississippi

ON NOV. 8, NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY ASSOCIATION President-elect Mrs. Erwin “Dot” Ward presented a check for \$7,500 to Natchez Trace Parkway to Chief Ranger Allen Etheridge. The donation will assist the parkway in the renovation of the Ridgeland Contact Station. Opened in 1951, the contact station was the first interpretive establishment on the parkway. Once refurbished, the parkway would like to provide visitor information, orientations, special events and sale of educational materials at the site.

to film and international stardom. His work entertaining American troops for five decades established him as an American legend. In 1997, he became the first person recognized by Congress as an “honorary veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.” The legislation to rename the research library at Ellis Island the Bob Hope Memorial Library was sponsored by Congressman Engel, who said, “The library will serve as a daily reminder to visitors to Ellis Island of all of Bob Hope’s contributions. It is a fitting tribute.”

• Nov. 25 dawned on a sight no one had seen in more than two centuries—the British flag flying above 26 Wall Street (Federal Hall) in New York City. The “Union Jack” was being flown as part of a commemoration of the 225th anniversary of Evacuation Day, the day the British military withdrew from New York City in 1783, marking the cessation of hostilities between Great Britain and its former colonies.

Evacuation Day was once the largest annual celebration in the city, with military parades, patriotic oratories, fireworks and banquets. The 1883 centennial marking the evacuation is one of the greatest events ever held in the city. Statues were unveiled in honor of the 100th anniversary, including the George Washington statue that now graces the steps of **Federal Hall N MEM**—the site of the first capital of the United States and the swearing in of George Washington as the country’s first president.

Visitors to Federal Hall were greeted by more than 60 reenactors portraying officers and their wives, civilians, a free black soldier, troops (British, Continental and German), medical personnel, an engineer/surveyor and a postmaster, as well as George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and Benjamin Franklin. The day also included 18th-century music, a wreath-laying ceremony at nearby Trinity Church at the graves of important Revolutionary War figures and a ceremonial transfer of authority from British to American forces on the steps of Federal Hall.

• On Nov. 29, thousands braved the cold as Lowell’s annual City of Lights Parade and Holiday Art Stroll concluded in front of City Hall for the lighting of over 100,000 lights. **Lowell NHP** participated

in the daylong series of events starting with “The Trolley Express,” a special program for families. Families gathered on the park’s trolley for a reading of the Chris Van Allsburg holiday classic, *The Polar Express*, and a ride through the city. Each participant received a bell as featured in the story, and hot chocolate warmed everyone at the program’s conclusion.

As the afternoon turned to dusk, the City of Lights Parade began. Over 15 different floats representing numerous city and regional agencies were present, as were marching bands from around the region. Lowell NHP’s float, a salute to the park’s 30th anniversary, took the prestigious “Mayor’s Award” for best float. Planned, designed and fabricated by park employees, the float was the feature of the park’s marching contingent of over 30 strong. Employees and volunteers representing all aspects of the park’s operations, along with their families, marched the downtown parade route waving to the enthusiastic audience along the way.

• Americans use about 50 billion plastic water bottles yearly and about 38 billion end up in landfills. If laid end to end, those bottles would circle the equator 217 times! To help reduce plastic waste, **Zion NP’s** Green Team spearheaded an effort to encourage visitors to use refillable bottles. In coordination with its partners, the Zion Natural History Association and Xanterra Concessions, Zion created a program to sell affordable, reusable bottles while providing “Zion Spring Water” filling stations that visitors can use free of charge at three main stopping points—Zion Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum and Zion Lodge. All three filling stations also serve as exhibits, providing visitors information about the impact of disposable bottles, as well as the safety and purity of Zion’s water and the importance of staying hydrated, especially in a desert.

Developing a program to reduce disposable plastic water bottle use helps the environment and serves as an example for others. Through this effort, Zion hopes to further sound stewardship practices and inspire visitors to follow its environmental commitment by reducing plastic waste as one step to reduce litter, landfill and our dependence on foreign oil. ■

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Donate Your Uniform Items

By Colleen Curry, Supervisory Museum Curator, Yellowstone NP

You are now retired or have left the NPS to pursue another career...what do you do with all of those uniform items? There are several choices.

Uniform items may be donated to disaster areas as well as local good-will warehouses, provided that names, NPS patches and logos are removed beforehand. Many parks also have some type of uniform cache that consists of excess items (uniform pants, shirts, sweaters, ties, hats, etc.); these caches provide these items at no cost to employees who need to supplement their uniform stipend in order to obtain all the necessary items. Many uniform orders also do not arrive until after an employee has begun work, so these caches are particularly used by both new and seasonal employees. Donating your unneeded uniforms to a park's uniform cache is a great way to insure they are recycled and reused! To donate your uniform items to a uniform

cache, contact the uniform coordinator at the park of your choice and inquire whether they have a cache and if they would be interested in your items.

If, however, you have historic uniform items (i.e. your grandmother's or grandfather's NPS uniform), there are two museum collections of NPS uniforms and accoutrements: Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) and Yellowstone NP (YELL). You can contact either Sylvia Frye, curator of NPS History Collections at HFC, at (304) 535-6263 or Sylvia_Frye@nps.gov, or myself, curator of YELL, at (307) 344-2262 or Colleen_Curry@nps.gov to see if the collections have a gap that your historic uniform items might fill. Some parks also have NPS living history and are always looking for historic uniforms to use for this purpose. If both HFC and YELL decline your historic uniforms, you might want to contact other parks to see if they have a living history need for them. ■

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addition of small parcels in Lowell NHP to complete development of the linear park and walkway along the historic power canal system. The boundary was modified and the name changed for Minidoka NHS to include additional lands and to add the Japanese American Memorial on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

The CNRA created three new national heritage areas—the Journey Through Hallowed Ground NHA in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia; Niagara NHA in New York; and Abraham Lincoln NHA in Illinois. The bill also authorized \$5 million in additional funds for nine previously designated heritage areas and authorized two studies for a potential Columbia-Pacific heritage area in Oregon and Washington, as well as a study of sites related to Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky.

The Star-Spangled Banner NHT was designated in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., and the NPS was authorized to study sites related to the eastern legacy of Lewis and Clark. Additionally, the CNRA designated the Eight-mile WSR in Connecticut.

The NPS became the last of the federal land management agencies to be authorized to enter into cooperative agreements for natural resource protection both inside and outside of its boundaries. This authority will allow the Service to work with adjacent landowners to address issues of invasive species before they cross park boundaries.

The CNRA extended the authority for the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program; transferred authority for three NPS Job Corps Centers to the USDA Forest Service; increased Acadia NP's land acquisition ceiling and provided authority for the park to participate in an intermodal transportation center; authorized a land exchange between Denali NP and the Alaska Railroad Corporation; and extended NPS assistance to the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route.

Studies of seven potential additions to the Park System were also authorized in CNRA: Newtonia Civil War Battlefields in Newton County, Mo.; the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum in St. Louis, Mo.; the Wolf House in Norfolk, Ark.; Space Shuttle Columbia sites in Texas; Cesar E. Chavez sites in Arizona, California and other states; historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Mass.; and the Rim of the Valley Corridor consisting of mountainous areas surrounding the Greater Los Angeles Metropolitan Area of California.

In one of the few bills that was enacted separately, the boundary of Grand Teton NP was expanded, and the new visitor center was designated the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in honor of the late senator and former chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks. Congress also enacted separately a bill that authorizes circulation of quarter dollar coins emblematic of a national park or other national site in each state.

Some appropriations bills were enacted that included provisions affecting our parks. These included boundary revisions to Mesa Verde NP and the Corinth unit of Shiloh NMP; authority to move ahead with the one-mile bridge along the Tamiami Trail to implement the Modified Water Delivery project for Everglades NP; and the repeal of a provision from a previous law that would have interfered with the planned removal of non-native deer and elk from Santa Rosa Island at Channel Islands NP.

Along with these actions, the president issued a proclamation to designate the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, which includes the current USS *Arizona* Memorial and also additional sites on Ford Island in Hawaii, as well as sites in Alaska and the Tule Lake Segregation Center in California.

If you wish to obtain further information on any of these bills, please call the Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs at (202) 208-5656. ■

Reward Your Volunteers

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Kudos and Awards



NORtheast Regional Director DENNIS REIDENBACH (left), presents Edison NHS Facility Manager Charly Magale with the regional 2008 Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for the Northeast Region. Charly received the award for spearheading the restoration of the cultural landscape of Main Street around Thomas Edison's laboratory complex. Charly was one of two employees from the Northeast Region recognized by Regional Director Reidenbach for their outstanding efforts in cultural resource management. Petersburg NB Chief of Resource Management Dave Shockley also received the regional 2008 Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award. Dave was commended for the park's stabilization of the bluff at City Point.

- **Tom Cawley**, Yellowstone NP visual information specialist and web specialist, was awarded the 2008 National Freeman Tilden Award for excellence in interpretation. Tom was honored on Nov. 13 for his work to create, produce and manage a series of web-based interpretive and educational programs that encourage visitors to experience Yellowstone in new ways. The programs are on the park's website at www.nps.gov/yell and include the live-streaming web cam *Old Faithful Geyser Live!*, as well as the park's series of web videos and podcasts, *Online Rangers*.

The Freeman Tilden Award, sponsored in partnership by the NPS and the National Parks Conservation Association, annually recognizes outstanding contributions to the public through interpretation by a Park Service employee. Named for Freeman Tilden, the author of *The National Parks, What They Mean to You and Me* and *Interpreting Our Heritage*, the award was created in 1982 to stimulate and reward creative thinking and work that has positive effects on park visitors. Tom was chosen from among the 2008 Regional Freeman Tilden Award winners. Additional regional winners included **Don Pendergrast**, Alaska Region; **Bryan Culpepper**, Midwest Region; **Dwight Madison**, National Capital Region; **Curtis White**, Northeast Region; **Stephanie Sutton**, Pacific West Region; and **Kimberly S. Coons**, South-east Region.

- On Oct. 29, an unusual reunion occurred in Grand Canyon NP. NPS employees met with two people they hardly knew, although they couldn't have been closer.

On May 8, Evelyn Plummer called 911 for assistance when, after seeing her husband, Edward, gasping for air, she discovered he had no pulse. Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center dispatcher **Elissa Torres** coordinated emergency responses to significant incidents, simultaneously freeing up dispatcher **Sean Perchalski** to provide Evelyn with instructions over the phone on how to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). At the same time, NPS emergency medical personnel were dispatched to the scene. Rangers **Eric Keefer** and **Ben McKay** arrived two minutes later and began basic life support measures. A short time later, rangers **Jason Montoya**,

Brandon Torres and **Robert Walters** arrived and were able to employ advanced cardiac life support measures to defibrillate Edward and convert him to a life-sustaining cardiac rhythm. Edward was then stabilized and transported via helicopter to Flagstaff Medical Center. Ranger **Paul Austin**, who had been assisting Evelyn throughout the ordeal, drove her to join her husband at the hospital.

It was not until 45 days later that Edward was released from intensive care. Today, 76-year-old Edward "Albert" Plummer is happy and healthy. On Oct. 29, he and Evelyn came back to the Grand Canyon to reunite with their rescuers and to express their gratitude. All of the staff members mentioned above received letters of commendation from Supt. Steve Martin, which stated, "There is truly no greater accomplishment than the saving of a human life.... The professionalism and skill which you all employed is truly a credit to the National Park Service."

- On Dec. 11, **Richard H. "Dick" Martin**, retired career ranger and superintendent, received the Harry Yount Award for Lifetime Achievement in the art and science of "rangering." The award was presented at Ranger Rendezvous XXXI, a meeting of the Association of National Park Rangers.

Dick started his NPS career as a ranger at Olympic NP in 1962. Among his duty stations were Yosemite NP, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, Death Valley NP and two tours at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (first as a backcountry ranger and then, decades later, as superintendent). He retired from the NPS as superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon in 2005. He was known by his supervisors and peers for his willingness to tackle tough jobs with style, grace, appreciation and humor. He was a leader, mentor and skilled field ranger. Throughout his career, he was dedicated to maintaining the traditions and values of the NPS. During the award ceremony, Dick was also commended for his ongoing concern for the profession of rangering. Although retired, he continues to play a role in the Association of National Park Rangers. He helped found this organization and served as its president in 1983 and 1984.

Named after the 19th-century outdoorsman generally credited as the first

park ranger, the Harry Yount Award is the hallmark of recognition for rangers. The Lifetime Achievement Award is "bestowed rarely" on someone who has served as a role model throughout his or her entire career, providing consistent leadership to the Service and the ranger profession, and who, in the eyes of their peers, represents the quintessential ranger.

- On Sept. 16, Gulf Islands NS staff recognized **Dick Zani** for 50 years of federal service. Dick has been the park's safety officer and volunteer coordinator for the past 18 years. "Dick has worked for the National Park Service for all of his civilian service and was in the U.S. Army for two years," stated Supt. Jerry Eubanks. This milestone is so rare that Dick is among a very small number of NPS employees possessing the 50-year service recognition pin, the highest minted.

Dick's NPS career launched in 1960 when he was hired as a park ranger at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS. There, he met Eleanor Roosevelt on several occasions, as she was still in residence at her nearby Val-Kill Cottage located on the Roosevelt estate (now Eleanor Roosevelt NHS). While stationed there, he lived in the Vanderbilt Mansion at the pricey rate of \$16 a month. He was promoted in 1962 to a park naturalist at Virgin Islands NP. In 1966, Dick moved to Great Smoky Mountains NP, where he was a naturalist and then a supervisory park naturalist. After 18 years there, he accepted a position in 1984 as a supervisory park ranger (interpretation) at Gulf Islands. Dick has no plans of slowing down. When asked about his future plans, he said, "The first 50 was so much fun, I think I'll go for another."

- On Oct. 14, 2008, an award ceremony was held in Port Angeles, Wash., in conjunction with the Wilderness Leadership Council meeting at Olympic NP, to present the 2006 and 2007 Wes Henry National Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Awards. These awards are presented by the NPS's Wilderness Stewardship and Recreation Management Program to reward both individuals and groups from within the bureau for significant contributions to wilderness preservation. The recipients are at the forefront of wilderness stewardship and have achieved remarkable results in enhancing understanding and appreciation of our nation's wilderness.

The award recipients are as follows. **Jan van Wagtenonk** received the 2006 Individual Award for his considerable and many achievements in wilderness stewardship through his study and modeling of ecological and social impacts of recreational use in determining visitor recreational capacities in wilderness areas. **Denali NP & PRES** received the 2006 Group Award for their extensive work with other agencies, organizations and the public in developing their Backcountry Management Plan, improving the future of wilderness management in Denali and the Alaska Region. **Judy Alderson** received the 2007 Individual Award for being a role model of national excellence in wilderness stewardship and for her unwavering spirit of service for wilderness over several decades ensuring that wilderness throughout the U.S. is valued and protected. **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks** received the 2007 Group Award for dealing with the challenge of reducing low-level military overflights of the parks' wilderness for over three decades and developing a long-term program of overflight management and edu-

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NPS photo by Debbie O'Leary

DELAWARE WATER GAP NRA SUPT. JOHN J. DONAHUE was recently honored by the Student Conservation Association (SCA) for his active conservation leadership. Pictured left to right are Mike Johnson, Delaware Water Gap Recovery Corps program manager, SCA; Richard Seaman, chief financial officer, SCA; John Donahue; and Doug Caum, interim director, Conservation Crews, SCA, during the plaque presentation at Camp Ken-Etiwa-Pec.

In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Student Conservation Association (SCA) and in the spirit of enduring partnership, Delaware Water Gap NRA Supt. **John J. Donahue** was honored by the SCA for his active conservation leadership. The plaque was presented to John by Richard Seaman, chief financial officer of the SCA, on July 31 during a dinner at the SCA base camp at Camp Ken-Etiwa-Pec in Delaware Water Gap NRA.

Richard's comments included, "John is a real star within SCA. We have worked with John for many years, starting in Big Cypress with

SCA's first Restoration Corps and now here in Delaware Water Gap. He has always had the ability to think of SCA in 'out of the box' ways, with a high level of creativity in helping SCA to be a solution provider. In that sense, we recognize his innovation in seeing how to come up with new program designs that make the best use of available resources and expertise. John also cares deeply about the experience of the SCA members. He ensures that they have the opportunity for meaningful conservation work. John has been an integral part of helping SCA create the next generation of conservation leaders." ■

Alumni News

The following poem was written by Katie Khan for her husband, E&AA Life Member **Mohammed A. "Mo" Khan**, on his reconnecting visit and oral history interview at Ellis Island with their son, Marcus; daughter-in-law, Sandy; and granddaughters, Chelsea and Taylor. Mo came to the United States from Pakistan in 1954 through Ellis Island and became a naturalized citizen in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army and the Peace Corps, then joined the NPS in 1967. In 1989, he retired from the NPS as community relations and urban affairs manager at Santa Monica Mountains NRA. The couple's oldest son, Mo, Jr., is a colonel with the U.S. Air Force, and Marcus is with the U.S. Embassy in the UAE. Katie says this poem is written "with special gratitude to Janet Levine, who conducted the interview and arranged the remembrance tour."

Ellis Island and the Longing

*In the Great Hall, there are echoes from the past.
Behind, and deeper than the voices here today;
we hear their voices. Those whose names are
inscribed on the wall of Honor, outside, under the open sky.*

*We feel their collective heartbeat. Waves of hope
and anguish, waiting to be called. Oh the joy to
hear their names in affirmation. And the deep
disappointment of those not included. Their sorrow
must have been palpable. Perhaps it still resonates
here today... Dreams Deferred.*

*And the pictures on the wall, worth more than a
thousand words. Look deep into their eyes, the
look behind the look; it's there, the spark of
hope and the dream to be re-created in this new
land. Amidst the confusion, of not knowing
which way it would go, we see the longing;
which cannot be hidden or submerged.*

*On another wall, a poem by Emma Lazarus,
wording a sentiment so deep and profound;
it must have reverberated all around the Earth.
A message of inclusiveness and open arms to
the tired, huddled masses, yearning to be free.
And those weakened and weary; struggling
under old wounded tyrannies, heard and
Felt the call: To Liberty.*

*A mystery still surrounds those with the
ability to step out into the unknown.*

*Just as in the great myths, the hero always
sets off; leaving the old world behind.
Perhaps that's why they built a wall;
honoring those unsuspecting heroes.*

*Today is June 9, 2008. A day for gratitude
and remembrance. One who passed this way
in 1954 stands beside his son and whispers
"I'm back." His humble elation touches his
family and the bliss of this day will never
be forgotten.*

Looking for Former Employees—Has your varied career taken you through Everglades NP or Dry Tortugas NP (Fort Jefferson N MEM)? If so, the parks' museum curator is compiling a list of all employees who worked at the parks, including their: name; position title; start date (month/year, if possible, but year only is fine); end date (month/year, if possible, but year only is fine); status (i.e. permanent, temporary, term, etc.); and district. This information will be used to document the parks' administrative history. Over 900 entries have been compiled so far for the two parks. Please email your information to Nancy_Russell@nps.gov.

Yosemite NP has launched a multi-year oral history project to capture the stories of people who have helped to shape, and whose lives have been shaped by, one of the nation's most iconic national parks. The goal of the project is to enhance and enrich the understanding of Yosemite's history with information that could not otherwise be found in the documentary record, and to create a high-quality audiovisual oral history collection for use by researchers and for future interpretive functions.

Candidates include former and current NPS employees, concession employees, families of employees and other longtime park residents. For more information, contact Paul Rogers or Brenna Lissoway at (209) 379-1283, or Paul_Rogers@nps.gov or Brenna_Lissoway@nps.gov. ■

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Lincoln Bicentennial

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The NPS has developed a website for the public that will help provide a better understanding and appreciation for Abraham Lincoln. To learn of the many special places managed by the NPS that commemorate the life of Abraham Lincoln, visit www.nps.gov/pub_aff/lincoln200/index.html. In addition to a list of national park sites, the website includes information and web links to books, photographs and documents related to Abraham Lincoln, as well as a link to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Also see Eastern National's website at www.eParks.com for a featured tab for the "Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Store."

Many events are planned throughout the nation in 2009 that will provide opportunities to celebrate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. A visit to one of the NPS sites offers an opportunity to learn and reflect about a man who served his country as president and gave his "last full measure of devotion" to preserve the United States. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Joan Bacharach, Lawrence Blake, Doug and Emily Buehler, L. Dean Clark, Sandra Corbett, Jacqueline Fine, John Grabowska, Denise Guerrero, Andrew Hutchison, Ernest Quintana, Marge Rothfuss, Pauline Seese, John Shireman, Claire Takemoto, Eileen Vroom, Rick Wagner and David Wood.

Kudos and Awards

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cation resulting in higher-quality wilderness character and experiences for the visitors to the parks' wilderness.

• WASO Chief of Interpretation and Education **Charles "Corky" Mayo** recently received the 2008 Sequoia Award, the highest recognition given by the NPS for interpretation and education. According to the write-up about the

award, Corky's work has had a positive Servicewide impact that will make a lasting contribution to the profession. He has helped strengthen the profession by supporting and developing multiple new applications and expanding the scope of others, and he has helped revitalize it by releasing others' creativity, funding new efforts, developing new systems and demonstrating his personal example. He has had a profound and lasting effect on



ON THE EVE OF THE NEW VISITOR CENTER DEDICATION and 85th birthday celebration at Carlsbad Caverns NP, Supt. John C. Benjamin (center) was presented his plaque for 40 years of federal service. NPS Deputy Director Lindi Harvey and Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder (both also shown above) were at the park to participate in the Oct. 25 celebration and presented John with the award at an "All Employees Meeting" preceding the event. John has worked in multiple park units, including Lake Meredith NRA, Everglades NP, Boston NHP and Grand Canyon NP. He began his career as a seasonal park ranger/naturalist in 1968 at Dinosaur NM.

the profession in ways that will long endure in the history of the NPS.

• On Dec. 11, NPS Director Mary Bomar presented **Gilbert M. Grosvenor** with an Honorary National Park Ranger Award. Gilbert is the past editor and president and current chairman of the National Geographic Society. "Gilbert Grosvenor has made a lifetime commitment—instilled in him by his family—to preserving and protecting resources for future generations," said Director Bomar. "Today, I proudly present this award to him with the congratulations and admiration of the 20,000 men and women of the National Park Service family." During Gilbert's 55-year tenure at National Geographic, approximately 80 books and over 100 *National Geographic Magazine* feature stories and map supplements were published on America's national parks. In 1985, he was asked by President Reagan to serve on the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors. Gilbert consistently advocated for increased funding to conserve greenways and buffer lands to expand the National Park System. More recently, he teamed with Pat Noonan and Will Baker to form the Friends of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

"Park Ranger" is a title normally earned by a career of patrolling the backcountry, conducting interpretive tours for visitors or maintaining the trails, campgrounds and historic buildings within national parks. The title of Honorary Ranger is bestowed on special friends and partners who demonstrate by virtue the same spirit of hard work and absolute dedication to the national parks. ■

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Great Smoky Mountains NP is celebrating its 75th anniversary with special events and activities throughout 2009. The Great Smoky Mountains Employee and Alumni Homecoming will be held April 30 through May 2. This is a special opportunity to applaud the men and women who have worked to develop, maintain and protect this national park through the decades.

The park hopes many of you will come back to reunite with your Smokies family and enjoy the programs and social activities planned. For a complete listing of homecoming events and information about registration and lodging, visit www.GreatSmokies75th.org. You may also contact Nancy Gray at (865) 436-1208 or Nancy_Gray@nps.gov for information. Supt. Dale Ditmanson, Assistant Supt. Kevin Fitzgerald and park staff look forward to seeing you!

Annual Glacier NP Picnic—Aug. 16 at park headquarters in West Glacier, Mont. It's a great time to visit with old friends and meet some of the current employees. For more information, or to be added to the mailing list for this annual event, contact: Rae Marie Fauley, P.O. Box 396, Lakeside, MT 59922 or raeree@centurytel.net; Phil Iversen, 147 Palmer Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901 or fivepandk@yahoo.com; or Ed Rothfuss, 850 Lake Blaine Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 or MRothf9827@aol.com. ■

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Jacqueline Anderson-Parker, officer, Horse Mounted Unit, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Nov. 14 after over 33 years.

Jacqueline entered service with the U.S.P.P. in 1975. After attending basic police training, she was stationed in the New York Field Office until December 1977. Subsequently, she was assigned to the Central District, patrolling the National Mall and surrounding parks. In 1984, Jacqueline was transferred to the U.S.P.P. Horse Mounted Unit, where she worked until her retirement.

Jacqueline's awards include the U.S.P.P. Chief's Award, the DOI Valor Award and the National DARE Officer of the Year Award. She plans to remain in the Washington, D.C. area.

Maria Arriaga, program assistant, Boston NHP, Oct. 31 after 28 years.

Thomas J. Baker, maintenance worker, Antietam NB, Nov. 30 after over seven years.

Carl Bowden, electrician, Boston NHP, July 31 after 35 years.

Beverly "Bootsie" Breeden, maintenance worker, Shenandoah NP, Oct. 24 after 14 years.

E&AA Life Member **Neil Brewster**, contracting officer, Glacier NP, July 3 after 33 years of federal service, 27 of them at Glacier NP.

Neil continues as a part-time contract employee working for the Intermountain Region and is stationed at Glacier NP.

E&AA Life Member **Paul R. Broyles**, NPS national fire operations program leader, Fire Management Program Center, National Interagency Fire Center, Dec. 31 after 35 years.

Following work as a seasonal fire control aid with the USDA Forest Service during his college years, Paul began his NPS career in 1973 at Grand Canyon NP as a fire ecology researcher. In 1975, he became the first forestry technician/assistant fire management officer at Point Reyes NS. After attending the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, he joined Mesa Verde NP in 1977 and became the park's first fire management officer (FMO)/resource management specialist in 1979. That same year, he ini-



PAUL R. BROYLES

tiated the Interagency Helitack Program with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Subsequently, Paul was assistant chief ranger/FMO at Wind Cave NP from 1982 to 1986 and FMO at Big Cypress N PRES from 1986 to 1988. In 1988, he was selected to be the NPS national training specialist at the Boise Interagency Fire Center (now National Interagency Fire Center). He has been leader of the National Fire Operations Program for the past 11 years.

Paul will remain on his Great Basin Type I team as deputy incident commander. He and his wife, Gini, will stay in the Boise, Idaho area, and he may be contacted at 2broyles@cablone.net.

E&AA Member **Sandra E. Corbett**, deputy superintendent - operations, Boston NHP, June 1 after 27 years.

Margaret DeLaura, community planner, Planning Division, Denver Service Center, Sept. 30 after 20 years.

Kenneth Michael "Ken" Donovan, officer, Horse Mounted Unit, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Dec. 6 after over 40 years of government service, over 37 of them with the U.S.P.P.

After attending basic police school at U.S.P.P. headquarters, Ken was assigned to the downtown Washington, D.C. patrol area. He was assigned to the U.S.P.P. Horse Mounted Unit in 1975. He was the most senior member of the Force and participated in nine presidential inaugurations for seven

presidents; worked demonstrations, including anti-Vietnam War demonstrations; and participated in the NPS's festivities for the country's bicentennial anniversary in 1976.

In 1996, Ken joined a large contingent of U.S.P.P. mounted officers deployed to Atlanta, Ga. to provide crowd control service during the summer Olympic Games. The mounted unit was instrumental in the safe evacuation of thousands of visitors after an explosive device detonated during the event. Ken's greatest honor came in 2008, when he was invited to be the keynote speaker for a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center graduating class, making him the first officer of rank to speak at a formal graduation.

E&AA Member **Jackie Fine**, superintendent's secretary, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Jan. 2 after nearly 26 years of federal service, 21 of them at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL.

Jackie began her federal career at the Securities and Exchange Commission in



JACKIE FINE

Washington, D.C., where she worked from 1966 to 1970. Following a break from federal service, she joined Sleeping Bear Dunes NL as the chief ranger's secretary in 1988. She was promoted to superintendent's secretary in 1990 and has served under three of the park's superintendents. In retirement, Jackie will spend more time with her grandchildren and travel.

Bob Flanagan, property manager, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Oct. 31 after 35 years of federal service, 32 of them with the NPS.

After three years in the navy, Bob joined HFC in 1976 in the HFC Office of General Services as a courier to Washington, D.C. Subsequently, he worked in museum production, where he helped build and install exhibits for national park sites. He became a specialist in mounting photographs and murals. One of his favorite projects was a large mural for an exhibit at the USS *Arizona* Memorial. In 1984, Bob became HFC's receiving officer. His title evolved into property manager, a position he held for over 20 years. Bob plans to return to Richie County near Parkersburg, W.Va., where he grew up.

E&AA Life Member **Rita S. Hanamoto**, secretary, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, Oct. 3 after 33 years.

Jimmie Harris, chief of maintenance, Andersonville NHS, Oct. 3 after 40 years of federal service, 38 of them with the NPS.

Following service in the navy, Jimmie joined Andersonville NHS as a laborer. He became the chief of maintenance in 1990. He served in this same capacity at Jimmy Carter NHS for 17 years. During the 1990s, he played a pivotal role in the development of both parks. Jimmie and his wife of 39 years, Annie Marie, will retire to their home in Montezuma, Ga.

E&AA Member **Michael E. "Mike" Healy**, administrative officer, Acadia NP, Nov. 3 after over 47 years of federal service, over 38 of them with the United States Park Police and NPS.

Mike's government service began in 1961 with the CIA in Washington, D.C. This was followed by active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard. He accepted a position as a recruit trainee with the United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.) in 1970 and served with the U.S.P.P. for the next 20 years in a variety of assignments, including motorcycle officer, marine patrol supervisor, regional law enforcement specialist and the law enforcement specialist for the NPS in the Division of Ranger Activities, WASO.

Mike left the U.S.P.P. and became administrative officer at Acadia NP in

Mary A. Bomar, 17th Director of the National Park Service, Retires



National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar retired on Jan. 20, capping a 25-year federal career that included becoming the first naturalized citizen to lead the NPS.

"It has been my privilege to lead the 20,000 men and women of the National Park Service for the past 27 months," said Director Bomar. "But Inauguration Day marks the end of my tenure as director. It is time for me to hang up my

ranger hat, finish my Park Service career and retire with over 25 years of government service."

Bomar became the 17th director of the National Park Service on Oct. 17, 2006. She led a team of 20,000 employees and 172,000 volunteers in administering 391 national park units and related cultural and natural heritage programs. The parks welcomed more than 275 million visitors in 2007.

Director Bomar's tenure was highlighted by the

largest increase in operational funds for fiscal year 2008 and an ambitious plan preparing for the NPS Centennial in 2016. In 2008, the National Park Service Centennial Challenge leveraged a \$25 million appropriation with private sector matching money to fund 111 programs benefitting 76 parks in 38 states.

In a memo to NPS employees, Director Bomar wrote, "If parks are America's best idea, then certainly you are the best America has to offer ... there is a new hope and confidence in the future—that we will enter our second century prepared to meet any challenge we face." She added, "Directors will come and go, but the places are timeless—and the hearts of those who care for them are bigger than the 84 million acres in the System."

Director Bomar and her husband will relocate to Texas, where she spent the early days of her NPS career, which began at Amistad NRA, where she was chief of administration. During her four-year tenure at Amistad, the NPS took advantage of her management expertise, assigning her a portfolio as a management circuit rider assisting many national park sites in the Southwest.

In January 1994, Director Bomar accepted a management position at San Antonio Missions NHP and was promoted to the position of assistant superintend-

ent. She also completed a detail as the acting superintendent of Rocky Mountain NP.

Director Bomar served as superintendent of Independence NHP from 2003 to 2005. There, she presided over what was termed the "largest urban redevelopment project in America," a \$340 million reconstruction of Independence Mall. The project included the relocation of the Liberty Bell to its new home in the Liberty Bell Center.

Selected as regional director of the NPS Northeast Region in July 2005, Director Bomar led strategic planning, management and operation for more than 100 parks and areas of national significance, plus numerous technical assistance and partnership programs in the 13-state region. Prior to her NPS career, Director Bomar worked for the United States Air Force in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program at various bases in the United States and Europe and as a member of the Inspector General's team.

Deputy Director Dan Wenk is serving as acting director until a new NPS director is nominated and confirmed. "Dan has done a great job as deputy director," said Director Bomar, "and I know he will continue to take care of the people, programs and places in the National Park Service." ■

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1990. Concurrent with his civilian federal service, he remained in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and retired at the grade of chief warrant officer W-4 in 2003, after more than 38 years of active and inactive service. Mike and his wife, Donna, (who works at Acadia NP as an education technician) will continue to live on Mount Desert Island and travel.

Thurmond Hebb, natural resource management program specialist, Harpers Ferry NHP, Dec. 3 after over 36 years.

Kenneth A. Heidelberg, site superintendent, Boston African American NHS, July 31 after 28 years.



BILL HERD

Bill Herd, park ranger, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Jan. 2 after 35 years.

Bill began his NPS career as a seasonal interpreter in 1973, becoming permanent in 1979. Over the years, he served simultaneously as interpreter, historian, paraprofessional archeologist, museum technician and Lyle gun reenactor and took part in the park's planning activities.

Among his accomplishments, Bill helped to secure protection for historic structures and landscapes in the lakeshore; identified and evaluated historic resources; authored every edition of the park's cultural resource management plan; helped to create the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear—the park's partner groups; and cofounded the largest special event in the park—the Port Oneida Fair. His interpretive programs demonstrating historic beach patrols as a U.S. Life Saving Service surfer were perhaps the most popular in the park.

Bill plans to stay close to Lake Michigan with his family. He is excited about spending time with his grandson, Landon.

Bob Hickman, superintendent, Prince William Forest Park, Jan. 3 after 36 years.

Bob joined the NPS in 1973 working on the Lightship *Chesapeake*. Throughout his career, he worked at parks including Greenbelt Park, Catoclin Mountain Park, Vanderbilt Mansion NHS, Ozark NSR and at the Southeast Regional Office. He held positions including park ranger (protection) and resource management specialist.

Bob joined Prince William Forest Park in 1994 and worked with staff to improve and/or protect visitor facilities, recreation opportunities, historic buildings and the increasingly endangered natural resources. He was also an advocate for community partnerships, including working to build an emerging partnership with Prince William Public County Schools and the National Marine Corps Museum.

E&AA Life Member **Leigh Hinrichsen**, budget analyst, WASO Budget Office - Denver, Oct. 4 after 37 years.

Leigh began her NPS career as a seasonal ranger at Yosemite NP. In addition to her most recent position, over the years she has worked at Petrified Forest NP, Grand Canyon NP, Chiricahua NM, Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine, Montezuma Castle NM, Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, the Horace M. Albright Training Center and Bandelier NM.

Leigh will stay in the Lakewood/Denver area for the near future. Her plans include studying geology at the Colorado School of Mines and learning to drive a steam locomotive (she's a volunteer at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, Colo.). She also plans to visit old friends and favorite places and to travel to Alaska and Egypt.

Donna Huffer, printing specialist, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Oct. 31 after over 42 years of federal service, over 30 of them with the NPS.

Donna began her federal career as a secretary at the National Institutes of Health in 1966. In 1969, she took a similar position with the Department of Energy. She joined HFC in 1976 as a secretary in the library. Subsequently, she moved to the Division of Publications, where she served as administrative clerk from 1980 to 1987.

Donna left HFC in 1987 to work at Fort Detrick and returned in 1988, taking a swing position as both an administrative clerk and assistant to the printing clerk in the Division of Publications. In 1995, she was promoted to printing assistant and to printing specialist in 2001. One of her primary jobs has been to serve as liaison between parks, cooperating associations and the Government Printing Office, managing new publication projects, inventory and reprints. Donna was a regular attendee at the annual Association of Partners for Public Lands conferences, where she managed the NPS publications booth at the trade show.

E&AA Life Member **Larry Kangas**, chief ranger, Isle Royale NP, Jan. 2 after 29 years.

After graduating from Northern Michigan University in 1979, Larry became a seasonal ranger at Pictured Rocks NL. The next season, he returned to Pictured Rocks as a backcountry ranger. In winter 1981, he took a resource management assignment at Everglades NP. He returned to Pictured Rocks for the summer of 1981 and took a seasonal road patrol position at Rocky Mountain NP in 1982.

Larry's first permanent assignment was at Big South Fork NRR, where he held four positions in four years, from 1982 to 1986. He began the park's volunteer river search and rescue unit. He started leading crews on wildfires in 1984 and continued to do so throughout his career. Larry returned to Pictured Rocks in 1986. In 1990, he became the district ranger for the West District at Isle Royale NP. He became chief ranger at the park in 2004.

During retirement, Larry and his wife, Sue, plan to enjoy their grandchildren, and he will also spend time on photography and managing his 56 acres for wildlife. Their family will remain in the Houghton, Mich. area.

John Kilpatrick, chief of facility management, Glacier NP, Sept. 13 after 20 years.

Prior to working at Glacier, John worked at Rocky Mountain NP and

Golden Gate NRA. He has joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, Fla. as the supervisory natural resources manager/supervisory civil engineer at Lake Okeechobee.

Allen F. "Al" King, NPS wildland fire safety and prevention program manager, Fire Management Program Center, National Interagency Fire Center, Jan. 2 after 30 years.

During his college years, Al spent the summer of 1975 working at a dude ranch, where he conducted tours of Rocky Mountain NP. In 1976, he worked as an intern at Yosemite NP. Following college graduation, Al worked as an interpretive park ranger at Buffalo NR and as a seasonal ranger at Capitol Reef NP before transferring to a permanent position with the Bureau of Land Management as a natural resource specialist in 1980. He returned to the NPS in 1982 as



ALLEN F. KING

a park ranger at (then) Chaco Canyon NM. Subsequent assignments included supervisory park ranger at Olympic NP, chief ranger/fire management officer (FMO) at Chiricahua NM, assistant FMO/district ranger at El Malpais NM and FMO at Pueblo Parks Group. During his time with Pueblo Parks Group, Al was detailed to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. In 2000, he assisted with implementation of the National Fire Plan, and he became NPS wildland fire safety and prevention program manager in 2001.

Al will continue to serve as an alternate on his Great Basin Type II Incident Management Team and plans to ski, hunt and relearn fly-fishing. He may be contacted at xfiredawg@yahoo.com.

Bobby Lang, tractor operator, Shenandoah NP, Oct. 24 after 30 years.

Jimmy Lentz, engineering equipment operator leader, Shenandoah NP, Nov. 31 after 36 years.

Brian M. McGinnis, facility manager, Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine and Hampton NHS, Jan. 2 after over 36 years of federal service, over 32 of them with the NPS.

Brian served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1976. He began his NPS career in 1976 as a maintenance worker at Booker T. Washington NM. In 1987, he transferred to Herbert Hoover NHS as a maintenance mechanic. In 1990, he became Ridgeland District supervisor at Natchez Trace PKWY and joined Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine and Hampton NHS as facility operations



BRIAN M. MCGINNIS

supervisor in 1999. He has been facility manager at both sites since 2008.

Brian and his wife, Ursula, will live in the Roanoke, Va. area. She plans to become a travel emergency nurse, and Brian will follow her career moves and plans to do some fishing, bird hunting and visiting NPS sites along the way.

Alphonso McKelton, custodial worker leader, Boston NHP, July 31 after 22 years.

E&AA Life Member **Roger Moder**, superintendent, National Park of American Samoa, Feb. 3 after over 34 years.

Roger began his NPS career at Glacier NP in 1973 and, over the years, was a resource manager and park ranger (law enforcement and interpretation) at parks including Everglades NP, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Death Valley NP, Voyageurs NP, Glen Canyon NRA, Big Bend NP and Sleeping Bear Dunes NL. In 2003, he became superintendent at Navajo NM, then superintendent at National Park of American Samoa in 2006. His last assignment gave him an opportunity to highlight this park's unique cultural foundation and to connect it to the public.

Roger and his wife, Peg, improved the park's visitor center with exhibits that draw attention to the beauty of local wildlife and coral reef resources and created a living cultural exhibit with local traditional weavers who help instill a Samoan atmosphere to the park. The couple have returned home to Page, Ariz.

Vicente Morales, laborer, Boston NHP, Sept. 30 after 26 years.

Sandy Norris, program assistant, Boston NHP, July 31 after 21 years.

Thomas M. O'Neil, Jr., grounds supervisor, Boston NHP, July 31 after 32 years.

Willie Pringle, electrician, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Nov. 7 after over 19 years.

Andrew J. Revis, maintenance worker, Lake Mead NRA, Nov. 30 after 16 years.

James T. "JT" Reynolds, superintendent, Death Valley NP, Jan. 2 after over 39 years of federal service.

JT worked seasonally for the NPS as a law enforcement ranger at Everglades NP, and his first permanent NPS position was at Natchez Trace PKWY. Following a stint with the armed services, he returned to the NPS working as an environmental education specialist in Washington, D.C.

JT attended "Ranger School" at the

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Horace M. Albright Training Center in 1973, then joined Yosemite NP, becoming a supervisory ranger. He transferred to Everglades NP in 1978. In 1979, President Carter proclaimed many areas of Alaska as national monuments, and JT was sent to Alaska to help enforce interim regulations to protect resources and conduct public meetings.

In 1981, JT became a training manager at the Albright Training Center. During this time period, he also trained rangers at Lake Malawi National Park in Africa. In 1987, he transferred to the North Atlantic Regional Office as chief of ranger activities and natural resources. He joined the Rocky Mountain Regional Office (RMRO) in 1989 as chief of ranger activities and risk management. Before leaving RMRO, he became the Colorado Plateau Support Office superintendent. In 1997, JT became deputy superintendent at Grand Canyon NP and in 2001, superintendent at Death Valley NP. In 2005, he received the Stephen T. Mather Award for Outstanding Stewardship from the National Parks Conservation Association.

James H. Richardson, maintenance worker, Nez Perce NHP, Oct. 11 after 13 years.

James E. Scannell, gardener, Boston NHP, July 31 after 33 years.

Kim E. Sikoryak, branch chief, Office of Interpretation and Education, Intermountain Region, Jan. 3 after over 29 years.

Kim began his NPS career in 1978 as a seasonal park aid at John Day Fossil Beds NM. He became a permanent park ranger there in 1980, eventually becoming chief interpreter, with a brief hiatus as a program analyst for the Associate Director, Natural Resources, in WASO. He joined Haleakala NP in 1988, became interpretive specialist in the Southwest Regional Office - Santa Fe in 1991 and then chief of interpretation at Redwood National and State Parks in 1994. He transferred to Denver as interpretive specialist for the Intermountain Region in 1996 and became branch chief in 2007.

Kim was a member of the Interpretive Skills Teams and an early proponent and

developer of the Interpretive Development Program, as well as regional cooperating association coordinator for the Southwest and Intermountain regions. His awards include regional Freeman Tilden awards for his work at John Day Fossil Beds NM and Haleakala NP and the Sequoia Award.

Kim will be assuming house-husband duties while his wife, Jane, continues her career as a cultural resources specialist at the Denver Service Center. He can be reached at sikoryak@comcast.net.

Brian S. Smith, special agent in charge, Intermountain Region, Sept. 30, after over 27 years.

Brian became a seasonal law enforcement ranger at Golden Gate NRA in 1981. Following this, he had seasonal ranger assignments at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and Glen Canyon NRA. His permanent assignments included Chattahoochee River NRA, Glen Canyon NRA and Grand Canyon NP. Subsequent assignments included criminal investigator, then night shift supervisor at Yosemite NP, followed by a detailed NPS special agent and lead instructor in the Division of Behavioral Science at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

In 2001, Brian became supervisory special agent and chief of the Branch of Law Enforcement Services at Yellowstone NP. In 2005, he became special agent in charge for the Intermountain Region. Brian has taken a position as deputy chief of police with the Port Angeles Washington Police Department.

David Stover, deputy chief, Operations Division, United States Park Police, Sept. 27 after over 35 years.

After completing basic training in Washington, D.C., David served as a patrol officer in the Central District, patrolling the National Mall and surrounding parks. He also served in the Anacostia Station, patrolling National Capital Parks - East, and in the New York Field Office. He also served as an emergency medical technician for the Aviation Unit, as the Maryland court liaison and as a field training officer for new recruits.

In 1979, David was promoted to ser-

geant. He was later assigned to Criminal Investigations, where he was selected to create a narcotics task force. In 1985, he was promoted to lieutenant and held assignments to the Shift Commander's Office and as the commander of District Two, which patrols the George Washington Memorial Parkway. While at this rank, he also commanded the Traffic Safety Unit and was an equal employment opportunity investigator for the NPS.

In 1996, David was promoted to captain and held assignments to the New York Field Office, as the West District commander and the commander of the Office of Professional Responsibility. In 2004, he attained the rank of major, commanding the New York Field Office. In 2005, David reached the rank of deputy chief in charge of the Operations Division.

E&AA Life Member **Michael "Mike" Tollefson**, superintendent, Yosemite NP, Jan. 3 after over 36 years.

Mike was superintendent at Yosemite NP since January 2003. During his NPS career, he has also been superintendent at Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and Great Smoky Mountains NP. In addition, he has been in policy leadership positions in the Pacific Northwest Regional Office. Under his leadership, Yosemite completed landmark projects such as the Lower Yosemite Fall project, the Tunnel View project, Olmsted Point and the procurement of an all-hybrid fleet of shuttle buses. Mike is now serving as president of the non-profit Yosemite Fund.

E&AA Life Member **Dr. Larry Van Horn**, cultural resource specialist, Planning Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), Sept. 30 after over 30 years.

Larry worked in the DSC Planning Division for most of his NPS career. Over the years, he held different, but related positions as an ethno-historian, cultural anthropologist and cultural resource specialist and was the first cultural anthropologist to be hired by the NPS.

Larry's NPS anthropological work includes ethnographic assessments involving such American Indian tribes as the Miwok, Ohlone and Pomo in relation to

the Presidio of San Francisco and the Shoshone and Paiute with regard to Manzanar NHS. He is co-author of the 1982 study, *An Ethno-history of Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida*. Larry conducted ethnographic field work among the Lakota people of the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Indian Reservations on their attitudes about designating the site of the Dec. 29, 1890 massacre as a unit of the NPS. For his work on this project, the *Wounded Knee, South Dakota, Special Resource Study*, Larry received an Award of Excellence in 1992. In 2007, he received the Omer C. Stewart Memorial Award of the High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology. ■

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satellite and microwave news trucks and where to place tripods at various memorials. The NPS Inauguration 2009 website, www.nps.gov/inauguration2009, was also developed. Visit the site to see photos from the event and behind-the-scenes videos.

Additionally, the NPS provided the following items and services (this is a partial list): NPS resource management staff built bleachers to surround the Pennsylvania Avenue trees with bleacher support systems that did not damage the trees. NPS contractors installed 17 miles of bike rack and chain-link fence for both major events on the National Mall to protect monuments and natural resources and provide for visitor safety. A "Guide by Cell" enabled visitors to listen to recorded messages regarding past inaugural addresses, with one message designed exclusively for children. Large posters called "dream boards" hung at various NPS facilities throughout the Washington, D.C. area, inviting visitors to leave their handwritten personal thoughts of the dreams they had for America or messages they wished the president could receive. From Jan. 16 through 20, park rangers presented over 250 interpretive talks, designed to connect visitors to presidential history, to over 8,500 visitors at parks throughout the region. The NPS printed and distributed 100,000 maps of the National Mall. A total of 740,000 "rack cards" with facts regarding five different presidents memorialized on or near the National Mall were distributed, urging visitors to learn more about their past by visiting one of the presidential monuments. Specially designed campaign buttons for the inauguration, featuring 44 stars, the NPS Arrowhead and the expression "Where History Happens," were handed out free. President's Park staff produced a Junior Ranger activity guide that educated children on facts regarding the president and White House and a special inaugural Junior Ranger badge. Through a five-part partnership among the NPS, the D.C. Department of Health, the American Red Cross, the Department of Health and Human Services and the D.C. Fire Department, 16 first aid tents were staffed on the National Mall. Altogether, they assisted 3,240 patients.

In addition, Eastern National offered commemorative items for sale through area NPS visitor centers. These items further connected visitors to their national park visit and commemorated the inauguration. ■

New Research Presented on St. Louis' African American Heritage

On Oct. 27, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial added a new feature to their website entitled "African-American Life in St. Louis, 1804-1865." The website includes information gathered by NPS historians and interns after over a decade of research into St. Louis court documents and newspapers. The comprehensive exhibit contains databases culled from original documents in the archives of the St. Louis Circuit Court, the city of St. Louis, the National Archives, the Missouri Historical Society and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. In addition to such well-known historical figures as Dred Scott, lists of the names of long-forgotten African Americans who purchased their freedom, obtained a license to remain in the state of Missouri as a free person of color or were auctioned on the steps of the Old Courthouse are included in the exhibit.

The surviving collections of court documents, combined with the ongoing work of preservation by the state of Missouri, and the time and talents of NPS, state of Missouri and other researchers made this project possible. A special program of

Cultural Diversity Internships, administered by the NPS and the Student Conservation Association, enabled two interns, Miel Wilson and Ebony Jenkins, to create crucial databases in this collection.

The information available will be of great interest to historians and genealogists nationwide and provides a unique insight into urban slavery. The information can be found at www.nps.gov/jeff. Choose "History and Culture," then "People," then "African-American Life in St. Louis, 1804-1865." The site is organized into "Freedom Suits," "Emancipations," "Slave Sales" and "Freedom Licenses." There is a section on "Running Away," which is linked to the NPS's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom project.

The freedom suits section of the site consists of a list of each of the over 300 court cases generated by slaves who sued for their freedom in St. Louis. The emancipations list enumerates the nearly 1,000 slaves who were freed prior to the Civil War in St. Louis, a city whose slave population never exceeded 2,600. The slave sales database is taken from the records of the St. Louis Probate Court and

enumerates the over 533 slaves that were sold on the steps of the St. Louis Courthouse between 1828 and 1865. The freedom licenses database is a tally of all the free persons of color in the city who applied for a license to remain in the state between 1835 and 1865. By the terms of an 1835 law, a "free man or woman of color" had to have a license with them at all times as proof that they were free. A total of 1,492 people were issued freedom licenses, 45 people were denied licenses and another 573 persons who could not produce licenses were rounded up by sheriffs or deputies. These statistics include personal information about each applicant, such as height, distinguishing characteristics and profession. A separate list of the professions of free persons of color in St. Louis is also included.

In addition, there are links to other related sites, particularly the one maintained by Washington University in St. Louis, which provides many scans of the original documents online. For more information, contact Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Historian Bob Moore at Bob_Moore@nps.gov. ■

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James H. "Jim" Charleton, 61, Aug. 26, at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, Va.

Jim retired from the NPS in 2003 after over 30 years. He had most recently served as World Heritage program officer with the WASO Office of International Affairs (OIA). As OIA's World Heritage program officer, he was a key member of many U.S. delegations to annual sessions of the World Heritage Committee held all over the world. After retirement, he continued as an advisor on World Heritage matters to the NPS in Washington.

During his NPS career, Jim edited publications, coordinated National Historic Landmark theme studies and developed many National Historic Landmark nominations as well as several World Heritage nominations. Under the guidance of Dr. Ernest Connally in 1981, he developed the first U.S. World Heritage Tentative List of Future Nominations and, during his retirement, worked with OIA to complete the second Tentative List issued in 2008.

Jim is survived by his father, Commander Basil Charleton, U.S. Navy (retired); special friend, Emily; two sisters: Faye and Elizabeth; and his foster son, Remy Kim. Memorials may be made to support the overseas clinics operated by Operation Smile—www.operationssmile.org.

E&AA Life Member **E. Eugene "Gene" Deao**, 95, Dec. 8.

Gene joined the NPS in 1957 as a personnel officer at Yellowstone NP. In 1958, he became assistant regional personnel officer at the Midwest Regional Office - Omaha, followed by regional personnel officer at the Southeast Regional Office (1960) and chief of the Branch of Recruitment and Employee Relations at WASO (1965). In 1968, he became assistant to the regional director, Management Services/Administration, at the Northeast Regional Office - Philadelphia and retired from that position in 1972. He received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1967.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo, and a granddaughter. Survivors include three sons: E. Larry, Jim and David; daughter, Carolyn Allen; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Kristine "Kris" Fairbanks, 51, Sept. 20, while on duty in Olympic National Forest, due to a fatal gunshot wound.

Kris, a USDA Forest Service law enforcement ranger, was shot and killed after making a routine traffic stop on the Olympic Peninsula. She had worked with the Forest Service for 22 years. Prior to that, she was a seasonal ranger at Olympic NP, Mount Rainier NP and Big Thicket N PRES. She worked closely with Olympic NP staff for many years, particularly the park's law enforcement rangers. Park staff backed Kris up on countless occasions, and she and her K-9s (three of them over the years) assisted park rangers many times. She assisted on law enforcement incidents, search and rescues and with local training. She was highly regarded for her law enforcement skills and well respected by all of the agencies with whom she worked.

Survivors include Kris's husband, Brian, and 15-year-old daughter, Whitney. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of U.S.F.S. Olympic National Forest, Pacific District - North, 437 Tillicum Lane, Forks, WA 98331.

Amy Garrett, 47, Oct. 6, due to a motor vehicle accident, east of Fort Smith, Ark.

Amy was a park ranger at Fort Smith NHS. In addition to being an interpreter and education specialist, she supported the Interpretive Development Program as a peer-review certifier. During her 10-year NPS career, she also worked at Central High School NHS, Homestead National Monument of America, Death Valley NP and Yellowstone NP. She received the National Freeman Tilden Award in 2003 for her work in bringing distance learning to the forefront of education.

Survivors include Amy's father, Robert; stepmother, Toni Timpy; three brothers: Paul, Gregg and Pat; and two sisters: Gretchen and Ruthada. Visit the memorial website at www.sympathytree.com/amygarrett1961 to share stories and photographs. Donations may be sent to the Amy Garrett Memorial Fund, Regions Bank, 5400 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903.



PETE M. HART

E&AA Life Member **Pete M. Hart**, 67, Jan. 30, at University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Pete earned a master's degree in geography from the University of Colorado, where he did research at Rocky Mountain NP. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 with the 66th Engineer Corps Topographic Company at Fort Bragg and later in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Pete started with the NPS in 1968 as an intake ranger at the Horace M. Albright Training Center at Grand Canyon NP. He later worked as a park ranger at Mount Rainier NP (1968-1972) and Grand Teton NP (1972-1977). Later assignments included district ranger at Yosemite NP (1977-1981) and chief ranger at both Cape Cod NS (1981-1986) and Great Smoky Mountains NP (1986-1990). From 1990 to 1995, he was superintendent at the North Dakota Group (Theodore Roosevelt NP, Fort Union Trading Post NHS and Knife River Indian Villages NHS). In 1995, he served an extended detail as acting chief ranger of the NPS, WASO, then was appointed superintendent of New River Gorge NR, Gauley River NRA and the Bluestone NSR, where he served from 1995 to 2001.

Pete retired from the NPS in 2001 after over 33 years of service, then completed a 2,168-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. He returned to the NPS as interim superintendent of Glacier NP in 2002. Then, he spent sev-

eral months filling in as interim superintendent at Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP and Curecanti NRA. The following year, he returned again to Glacier as acting deputy superintendent. In 2006, he filled in as interim superintendent of Big Thicket N PRES in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita, and he was tapped as the temporary, acting deputy superintendent at Grand Canyon NP later that year. His awards include the DOI Superior Service and Meritorious Service awards.

Pete is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sally; son, Chris; and daughter, Wendy Hart Ross, who is management assistant (Lands and External Issues) at Glacier NP. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests donations be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 530 Dexter Avenue N., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98109; the American Red Cross (blood donations); or the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service Trust Fund, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

John R. "Jack" Harthausen, Sr., 62, Oct. 31, following a long battle with cancer.

Jack worked for the NPS for 31 years before retiring in 2008. As a supervisory exhibit specialist, he played a significant role in the preservation of Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine and Hampton NHS with his expertise in historic brickwork and roofing. Jack also passed many of his skills on to the next generation of preservationists at the parks. Survivors include Jack's wife, Marty; son, Jack, Jr.; daughter, Martha; and six grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member **Wayne R. Howe**, 88, Nov. 7, in Roseburg, Oreg., following a long illness.

Wayne served during WWII in England, France and Germany. He began his NPS career at Crater Lake NP in 1946 as a seasonal park ranger, becoming permanent that same year. He worked at Crater Lake until 1950, then served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1952.

Upon his return from Korea, Wayne joined Olympic NP in 1952 as the first district ranger of the newly created Coastal Strip and Queets Corridor. He was stationed at the Kalaloch Ranger Station at the park until 1955, when he transferred to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks as district ranger. In 1956, he became chief ranger at Bryce Canyon NP, followed by assistant chief ranger at Sequoia and Kings Canyon (1958) and Yosemite NP (1960). In 1963, he became chief ranger at Yellowstone NP, then became chief of the Branch of Visitor Activities at WASO (1966) and superintendent at Coulee Dam NRA (1969). Finally, in 1972, he was promoted to associate regional director, Park System Management, at the Pacific Northwest Regional Office - Seattle, where he served until retirement in 1976. Wayne received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1976.

In 1978, Wayne and his wife, Jean, moved to Roseburg, Oreg., where they built a home on the banks of the South Umpqua River. They enjoyed frequent visits from NPS alumni and attended many reunions. They remained there until Jean's death in 2000. Wayne was interviewed for the Oral History Program of Crater Lake NP in 1988 and participated in the centennial celebration for the park

in 2002. He is survived by four sons: Gary, Gordon, Norman and Don.

E&AA Life Member **Bessie R. "Betty" Koubele**, 87, Sept. 7.

Betty began her career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1941 and transferred to the NPS in 1942 as a secretary in the Washington, D.C. office. She transferred to Chicago, Ill. after the start of WWII. In 1946, she joined the Pacific Northwest Regional Office - San Francisco. She became secretary to the superintendent at Yosemite NP in 1950 and transferred back to Washington, D.C. in 1957.

Betty became employee relations officer at WASO in 1965 and retired from there in 1972 after 31 years of federal service. She also served as a member of the board of directors and as vice chairman of the Employees and Alumni Association until September 1972. Betty's awards include a DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1967. Following her retirement from the NPS, she served as director of volunteer services at Georgetown University Hospital.

E&AA Life Member **Kenneth R. Krabbenhoft**, 96, July 9.

Ken was in the CCC program at Wapelo State Park in Southeastern, Ohio, then graduated from Iowa State University, receiving a B.S. degree in landscape architecture in 1942. He joined the NPS in 1956 at the Midwest Regional Office (MWRO) - Omaha, as a landscape architect. As a result of liaison work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state land and water agencies, the Bureau of Reclamation and other DOI agencies, he had a hand in numerous projects related to the development of the Missouri River Basin. Throughout his career, he continued working in MWRO as a park planner, then became regional chief of reservoir studies and in 1964, regional chief of federal agency assistance. Ken received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1967 and retired from the NPS as Midwest regional chief for federal, state and private assistance in 1977, following 21 years of service.

Ken is survived by his daughter, Karen Hooper. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, in 1996. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

Arnold "Arnie" Miller, 75, Sept. 4, in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Arnie, a former education specialist at Santa Monica Mountains NRA, worked for 31 years as a teacher and counselor with the Los Angeles Unified School District. He worked as a seasonal ranger at parks including Theodore Roosevelt NP and Olympic NP. Arnie became a permanent NPS employee at Santa Monica Mountains NRA in 1991 after his retirement from teaching. While serving as education specialist there, he built lasting partnerships with schools, teachers and community groups to bring children to the park. Arnie retired from the NPS in 2004 but continued to volunteer at Santa Monica Mountains NRA.

Survivors include Arnie's wife of 53 years, Judy; three children; and five grandchildren. Donations in Arnie's memory may be made to the Santa Monica Mountains Fund (www.samofund.org) or a charity of your choice.

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Robert James "Bob" Murphy, 90, Oct. 15.

Bob worked at Yellowstone NP while attending college and became a seasonal ranger in 1941. In 1942, he became a permanent NPS employee. From 1957 to 1960, he was district ranger at Glacier NP. Throughout his NPS career, he also held positions including chief ranger at Theodore Roosevelt NP, a management position at Rocky Mountain NP, chief ranger at Wind Cave NP and superintendent at Devils Tower NM. He was assigned to the NPS director's office, WASO in resource management and law enforcement in 1964 and became superintendent at Death Valley NP in 1968. In 1972, he became superintendent at Lassen Volcanic NP. He retired from the NPS in 1977. Bob's awards include the DOI Meritorious Service Award.

Bob is survived by his wife, Alice, who is also a former NPS employee. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, P.O. Box 646, Livingston, MT 59047.

Mark John Murray, 35, Oct. 17, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mark earned an Associate in Arts degree in fire technology at Shasta College in 1996. He had been a volunteer fireman with the Susanville Fire Department in California since 1991. He became an emergency medical technician with Lassen Ambulance, then worked for the Bureau of Land Management as a Diamond Mountain Hotshot, helicopter crew member, helicopter squad leader and fire engine operator. He was named Bureau of Land Management Firefighter of the Year.

Mark was also a fire engine captain with the USDA Forest Service before transferring to Grand Canyon NP in 2002 as the assistant helicopter program manager. In this position at Grand Canyon NP, he was involved with fire management and various types of rescue operations. In 2005, Mark left the NPS to become a missionary with Casas por Cristo, building homes for the homeless in Juarez, Mexico.

Mark is survived by his parents,

John and Nancy, and sister, Arin Edwards. Donations may be made in his name to Casas por Cristo, P.O. Box 971070, El Paso, TX 79997. Visit www.casasporcristo.org for more information. Grand Canyon Baptist Church (Attn: Pastor Rick Wiles), P.O. Box 429, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023, will also accept donations in Mark's name and will forward them to Casas por Cristo.

E&AA Life Member **Maurice Eugene "Gene" Phillips, Jr.**, 66, Dec. 31.

Gene served in the U.S. Army National Guard (1959-1965), and following college graduation, he started his NPS career as a seasonal park ranger at Big Bend NP in 1966. He became an intake ranger (resource management and visitor protection) at the Horace M. Albright Training Center in 1967. This was followed by positions at various parks throughout his career, including park ranger at Lake Mead NRA (1967), park ranger at Cumberland Island NS (1971), supervisory park ranger at Great Smoky Mountains NP (1973) and district

ranger at Natchez Trace Parkway (1982). He retired in 1997 as chief ranger at Gulf Islands NS.

Survivors include Gene's wife of 34 years, Bonnie; two daughters: Sara and Melinda; and two granddaughters. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity or the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

E&AA Life Member **Carl Ray Stoddard**, 85, Nov. 12.

Carl served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an officer in WWII. He then graduated from Utah State University and began his NPS career. Carl was the first superintendent of San Juan Island NHP, serving there from 1969 to 1974. Prior to this, he was a resource manager at the Western Regional Office. He retired from the NPS in 1985. Memorial donations may be made to the San Juan Preservation Trust or the Boy Scouts of America. ■

Monument and Partners Digitize Homestead Records

By Todd Arrington, Historian,
Homestead National Monument
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Homestead National Monument of America has assembled a team of partners to begin digitizing millions of paper records created under the Homestead Act of 1862. These records are treasure troves of information about those who claimed land under the Homestead Act, as well as the lasting changes the law initiated. The monument has sought copies of the homestead records for public research since 1999. In 2001, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln joined the monument in partnership.

An estimated 93 million homesteader descendants are alive today, and many park visitors express interest in learning more about their homesteading ancestors. Officials at the National Archives have stated that homestead records are one of the two most information-rich sets of records the agency maintains. Officials at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have publicly stated that widespread access to these records by scholars may completely change the way historians, economists, geographers and demographers think and write about the settlement of the American West.

On Sept. 18, the monument and its partners announced two major developments on this project. First, a new online index to approximately 65,000 homestead records from the Broken Bow, Nebraska land office, which operated from 1890 to 1908, was released through the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities (CDRH) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The index is at <http://cdrh.unl.edu/homestead>.

The second development announced was the addition of several new partners to the project and the conversion of the effort from a microfilm project to a digital one. The National Archives has agreed

to the digitization of the homestead documents from the Nebraska City/Lincoln, Nebraska land office, which operated from 1868 to 1925. FamilySearch, Inc. volunteers will work in the National Archives to make the digital copies. Footnote.com will host the images on its website, www.footnote.com. CDRH will provide corrections and enhancements to the general index that Footnote.com creates. Funding was provided by the Federation of Genealogical Societies to purchase digital capture equipment. Visitors to Homestead National Monument of America, National Archives locations, FamilySearch research centers and University of Nebraska-Lincoln libraries will be able to access the records free of charge. Those searching from home or other locations will be subject to Footnote.com's regular subscription rate.

Filming of the Lincoln land office documents began in November 2008 and will take 18 to 24 months to complete. Subject to the approval of the National Archives, Homestead National Monument of America hopes to continue until the homestead records of all four million claims in all 30 public lands states have been digitized.

"Our vision has always been to have every single homesteading document ever produced available to the public for historical and genealogical research," said Supt. Mark Engler. "This will reduce the stress of use on the originals in the National Archives and also make Homestead National Monument of America a major research facility. Just as Ellis Island has become a destination for those doing immigration research, Homestead will become a place that anyone doing work on land records, western settlement and homesteading will have to visit."

Officials at the National Archives have called this project agreement the most innovative, boldest initiative with which they have ever been involved. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/home. ■

Off the Press

Norman Clyde:
Legendary Mountaineer of
California's Sierra Nevada

By Robert C. Pavlik
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This account of one of the most notable personalities of the mountain-climbing world reconstructs the life of Norman Clyde (1885 to 1972). Biographer Robert Pavlik (an E&AA life member) uses Clyde's own words, along with recollections of his family, friends, fellow climbers and acquaintances, to capture the experience of a remarkable man and a bygone time "between the pioneers and the rock climbers." Clyde made his mark on history with more than 135 first ascents throughout western North America, and many believe he knew the High Sierra better than anyone else, including John Muir.

Norman Clyde is available at bookstores, or from Heyday Books by calling (510) 549-3564, ext. 304 or emailing at orders@heydaybooks.com or visit www.heydaybooks.com.

The National Trails System:
A Grand Experiment

NPS/WASO Office of Conservation
and Outdoor Recreation, 2008

Oct. 2, 2008 marked the 40th anniversary of passage of the National Trails System Act of 1968. In those 40 years, the NPS has played a leading role in spreading this system of trails from coast to coast. Today, there are 18 national historic trails, eight national scenic trails, 1,058 national recreation trails and two connecting-and-side trails established under the authorities of this act. Originally passed primarily to protect the Appalachian Trail, the trails act has authorized over 46,000 miles of scenic and historic trails threading across all but two or three states.

This 50-page public history has been published to commemorate and document the origins and evolution of the National Trails System. Free copies are available from Steve Elkinton at Steve_Elkinton@nps.gov or (202) 354-6938. Please include a delivery address and the number of copies desired with your order. ■

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Virginia Woods

In memory of NPS leaders who have passed in 2008: Lorraine Mintzmyer Denning, Russell E. Dickenson, George B. Hartzog, Jr., Chesley A. Moroz and Joseph Ray Miller
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New Places & Faces

Jonathan Allen, to contracting officer, Glacier NP.

Lindy Allen, to administrative support assistant, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.



MICHAEL ARCHER

Michael Archer, from acting chief ranger, to chief ranger, Grand Canyon NP.

Lane Baker, from deputy chief, to chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO.

Dr. Judith Bischoff, to research coordinator, Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, Intermountain Region.

Debbie Caro, to information receptionist, Shenandoah NP.

Tina Cartwright, from facility manager, Monocacy NB, to facility manager, Catoctin Mountain Park.

Debora Cooper, to associate regional director for resources and subsistence, Alaska Region.

Steve Eckelberg, to contracting officer, Contracting Services Division, Denver Service Center.

Rebecca Harriett, from superintendent, Booker T. Washington NM, to superintendent, Harpers Ferry NHP.

David Hayes, from chief of resource stewardship, Prince William Forest Park, to regional planner and transportation liaison, National Capital Region.

James R. Heaney, from program manager, Selma to Montgomery NHT, to superintendent, George Washington Carver NM.

Dustin Hill, to printing services specialist, Micrographics, Denver Service Center.

Karen Hughes, from administrative support assistant to the chief of resources management and sciences, Yosemite NP, to administrative support assistant, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Les Inafuku, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Manzanar NHS.

Elizabeth "Beth" Johnson, from regional coordinator, Inventory and Monitoring Program, Northeast Region, to deputy associate director for natural resource stewardship and science, WASO.

Leon King, to electrician, Prince William Forest Park.

Salvatore R. "Sal" Lauro, from acting deputy chief, to chief, United States Park Police.

Monica Lopez, from administrative support assistant, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), to administrative support assistant, Information Management Division, DSC.

Dennis McGinnis, from chief of facility management, Valley Forge NHP, to chief of facility management, Outer Banks Group (Cape Hatteras NS, Wright Brothers N MEM and Fort Raleigh NHS).

Rick Obernesser, from chief ranger, Yellowstone NP, to chief of investigative services, WASO.

Peggy O'Dell, from superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks, to regional director, National Capital Region.

Wendy O'Sullivan, from a detail as program coordinator, NPS Centennial Office, to associate regional director for partnerships, National Capital Region.

Hal Pranger, to chief, Geoscience and Restoration Branch, Geologic Resources Division, NPS Natural Resource Program Center.

Mike Reynolds, from telecommunications specialist, Yellowstone NP, to superintendent, National Park of American Samoa.

Jesse Robles, from law enforcement ranger, Pinnacles NM, to law enforcement ranger, Lake Mead NRA.



PHILIP A. SELLECK

Philip A. "Phil" Selleck, from chief ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA, to chief, Division of Regulations and Special Park Uses, WASO.

Dana Sullivan, from protection operations supervisor, Pinnacles NM, to chief ranger, El Malpais NM and El Morro NM.

George Tait, from branch chief, Park Roads and Parkways Branch of the Transportation Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), to chief, Transportation Division, DSC.

Ray Todd, from branch chief, Pacific West Branch of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), to deputy director, DSC.



GEORGE F. WALLACE

George F. Wallace, from lieutenant, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), to park ranger (law enforcement/protection), Antietam NB. George retired from the U.S.P.P. on Jan. 3 with over 29 years of distinguished service. His final assignment was the operations commander at the Central District.

Gordon Wissinger, from chief ranger, Shenandoah NP, to associate regional director for operations, Southeast Region.

Stennis R. Young, from assistant superintendent, Natchez Trace PKWY, to superintendent, Big South Fork NRR. ■

Ken Salazar Confirmed as 50th Secretary of the Interior

Ken Salazar, a fifth-generation Coloradoan who served as the state's U.S. senator, attorney general and director of natural resources, was confirmed on Jan. 20 by a unanimous vote in the U.S. Senate to become the 50th Secretary of the Interior.

"I am honored to have been chosen for this position and look forward to working with President Obama on our nation's energy and natural resource challenges," said Salazar. "I will be a strong and forceful advocate for the wise stewardship of our nation's land and water resources, I will help us build a clean energy economy for the 21st century and I will work to restore the integrity of the nation-to-nation relationship with our Native American communities. My first priority at Interior is to lead the department with openness in decision-making, high ethical standards and respect for scientific integrity," he emphasized. "I will work for a more proactive and balanced stewardship to protect our national parks and open spaces, restore our nation's rivers, resolve our water supply challenges and address the challenges faced by our Native American communities." ■

Salazar, who has vigorously advocated the expanded use of clean, renewable energy technologies, will oversee 500 million acres of public lands managed by Interior that include some of the nation's largest sources of wind, solar and geothermal energy. He will lead a department with 67,000 employees and an annual budget of about \$18.6 billion, including annual and permanent funding. On Jan. 21, Dan Wenk, acting director of the NPS, joined hundreds of others in welcoming Salazar to the Main Interior Building in downtown Washington, D.C.

"I am humbled to be here, to be the Secretary of the Interior," Salazar said to employees assembled in the building's 18th Street lobby. Secretary Salazar had kind words for Interior employees and singled out the NPS. As a Colorado senator, he supported National Park Centennial projects in the 110th Congress and, over his last few days in the newly convened 111th Congress, supported legislation to include up to \$2 billion of NPS projects as part of President Obama's economic stimulus plan. A biography of Secretary Salazar is available at www.doi.gov. ■

World War II Valor in the Pacific NM Established

On Dec. 5, President Bush signed the President Proclamation designating the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. This action redesignates the USS *Arizona* Memorial and adds additional properties. However, the total number of NPS units remains 391.

"The national monument will include nine sites—five in Hawaii, three in Alaska and one in California at the Tule Lake Segregation Center, which was where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II," said President Bush. "The purpose of the monument is to remind generations of Americans of the sacrifices that Americans made to protect our country. But there's a broader purpose, as well, and that is to remind generations of Americans about the transformative effect of freedom."

"One of the great stories during World War II was that people fought bitterly to defend our country and way of life and then worked to help our enemies develop democracies according to their own cultures and their own history. And

today, I am so pleased to report that Japan is a strong ally of the United States of America—an ally in defending our liberties and an ally in spreading liberty as the great ideological alternative to an enemy that still wants to do us harm. And so this monument will help people realize the breadth and the history of World War II and its aftermath..." ■

NPS Family

On Dec. 1, Shenandoah NP employees **Catharine Beverly-Bishop**, north district fee supervisor, and **Coby Bishop**, law enforcement ranger, welcomed their new baby, Henry Walton Bishop. Henry weighed in at six lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. ■

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

New Kids' Passport To Your National Parks® Companion Now Available



Eastern National has released a new Kids' Passport To Your National Parks® Companion, a supplement book to the original Passport To Your National Parks® book. The companion book is to be used with the original Passport book to enrich a child's experience while visiting America's national parks. The book provides background information on the country's 391 NPS sites and encourages children to use all of their senses to explore parks. There is plenty of space to record observations, sketch plants and animals, list accomplishments, track visits and even collect park ranger autographs. Most importantly, the Kids' Passport To Your National Parks® Companion helps foster an interest in America's national parks as children explore the parks and learn about the history and the nature the parks contain.

The Kids' Passport To Your National Parks® Companion book is available at www.eParks.com and most national park sites nationwide for \$5.95. The book is for use by kids ages six to 12. Cooperating associations interested in obtaining review copies or placing an order for the Kids' Passport To Your National Parks® Companion can contact the eParks.com warehouse at (877) NAT-PARK or fax to (215) 591-0903. ■

Historic Photos Wanted!

Eastern National is looking for historic photos of NPS people, places and events for the 2010 National Parks Commemorative Calendar. The calendar will be sold at NPS bookstores. If you have photos you'd like to share, please send them to: Eastern National, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034, Attn: Eileen Cleary. Digital images may be sent to EileenC@easternnational.org. Please identify the photos with as much information as possible. Prints will be returned, include contact information. For more information, call (215) 283-6900, ext. 158.

E&AA Membership Application

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Years with NPS: _____ Year retired (if applicable): _____

I would like to become a(n): (check your choice)

Annual NPS Member:

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(an individual who has served at least 500 hours with the NPS)

Associate Individual Member:

Annual \$40 _____ Life \$400 _____

(individuals interested in advancing the mission of E&AA)

Associate Corporate Member: Annual \$500 _____

(not-for-profit and for-profit organizations)

Contribution to the E&AA Trust Fund

The E&AA Trust Fund is supported only by your generous contributions. Use this form to make a tax-deductible contribution to the E&AA Trust Fund. Donations may also be made to E&AA, a 501(c)(4) organization. These gifts are not tax deductible. Send completed form to Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

Name: _____

Enclosed is a check for: \$_____. I would like the donation to support: (circle one or indicate an amount for each).

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Contribute to the Arrowhead

Submit information, stories and photos to E&AA *Arrowhead*, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or emailed to jennifer.allen@eandaa.org. Photographs are welcomed. Please identify who is in the photo, who took the photo and a SASE if you would like the photo returned. Please include a summary of the event 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.

Visit www.eandaa.org for submission deadlines. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (215) 283-6900, ext. 136.

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ON FEB. 2, EASTERN NATIONAL ANNOUNCED the winners of the Passport To Your National Parks® Photo Contest. The winning images are featured on the collectible Passport commemorative stamp set for 2009. The 2009 Passport Photo Contest winners for each region are: North Atlantic Region: Gateway NRA, photo by John Harlan Warren; Mid-Atlantic Region: Richmond NBP, photo (pictured above) by John E. Donohue; National Capital Region: District of Columbia War Memorial, photo by John E. Donohue; Southeast Region: Congaree NP, photo by Becky Woldt; Midwest Region: Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, photo by Bob Daum; Southwest Region: Padre Island NS, photo by Tracy A. Parris; Rocky Mountain Region: Fort Laramie NHS, photo by Carol Stevenson; Western Region: Haleakala NP, photo by Rebecca A. Wiles; and Pacific Northwest and Alaska Region: Oregon Caves NM, photo by Richard Maxwell. The National Stamp features Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, photo by Bertha Schmalfeldt.

E&AA Members: Please notify the E&AA of address changes.