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FROM THE DIRECTOR

This fall, I entered my 35th year with the National Park Service and completed my first year as your director. It has been a wild ride! We had our share of the limelight, from Ken Burns' epic series last September, to Oprah's recent camping adventure in Yosemite.



Starting in April, more than 600 of us responded to the crisis in the Gulf in order to protect critical resources from the BP oil spill and to assist in the cleanup. We released our climate change response strategy, and energy audits across the Service are making sure that we reduce our own carbon footprint. We are making it clear that historic preservation is core mission. We had a historic meeting with Education Secretary Arne Duncan and laid the groundwork for a lasting partnership devoted to helping America's kids learn.

We obligated more than \$900 million of ARRA funds in record time, bringing projects in on time and on budget. We returned to the world community of parks and protected areas and embraced an active role in forums where protocols are hammered out, plans are made and relationships are forged.

We were part of the President's America's Great Outdoors Initiative, a series of 28 listening sessions around the country which informed a blueprint to reengage the American people in understanding the importance of public and private lands to feed our citizens and to nurture their souls.

We also worked with the office of First Lady Michelle Obama to extend her *Let's Move!* initiative—aimed at ending childhood obesity—to national parks. In June, we launched *Let's Move Outside*, and now more than 50 national parks from Fire Island to Fort DuPont offer a special Junior Ranger component to help kids get active and healthy.

To ensure that the National Park Service has the stellar senior leadership it needs and deserves, we added exceptional talent to the National Leadership Council.

As we bring the year to a close and look forward to the next, I want to leave you with this observation from Meg Wheatley, one of the best organizational consultants in the nation, who has come to know us very well from her work on the Second Century Commission and now the National Park System Advisory Board: the innovation and leadership we need for our second century already exists within the National Park Service. We just need to illuminate, nourish and celebrate it, and it will spread organically across the Service.

My job in the years ahead is to do just that. Thank you for your dedication to the mission of the National Park Service.

—Jonathan B. Jarvis

River Raisin NBP is 393rd Park in National Park System

River Raisin National Battlefield Park in Monroe, Mich., has been officially announced as the 393rd park in the National Park System. The War of 1812 battlefield was set aside by Congress with legislation (P.L. 111-11) signed by President Obama on March 30, 2009.

NPS Director Jon Jarvis called the new park "an important addition to the National Park System. The War of 1812 is often forgotten, remembered only for the birth of our national anthem, but it was as significant as any war in our history," said Director Jarvis. "At the Battle of the River Raisin in January 1813, American

forces suffered one of the worst defeats of the War of 1812. When the battle was over, Indian allies of the British killed wounded American prisoners, so enraging Americans that the phrase "Remember the Raisin" became a rallying cry for future engagements in the war. We should all know about this engagement for its significance and now as the newest park in the National Park System."

Fought along the north bank of the River Raisin in Monroe, Mich., from Jan. 18 to 23, 1813, the battle pitted American and British troops against each other in a contest for control of all

of Michigan and the Lower Great Lakes. At stake were America's independence and the futures of Frenchtown (known today as Monroe, Mich.), Canada and Tecumseh's alliance of Native American tribes.

The British and their Indian allies destroyed an entire American army at the River Raisin and in the process raised Native Americans' hopes that their alliance with the British would result in the preservation of their land. Frenchtown was laid waste, and the Ohio frontier was exposed to invasion and raids by

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Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM Dedicated; 700 Gather in Remembrance

By Kathryn Daskal, Acting Supervisory Park Ranger, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM, John Muir NHS and Eugene O'Neill NHS

On July 17, the NPS, in partnership with the U.S. Army and Friends of Port Chicago, dedicated the 392nd national park unit and honored all who served at Port Chicago Naval Base when two munitions ships and several boxcars exploded on July 17, 1944. The disaster caused the greatest loss of life on the home front during World War II. Three hundred twenty men died, and nearly 400 others were injured. Of the 320 killed, 202 were African American.

At this year's 66th anniversary of the explosion and park dedication, survivors, friends, family and hundreds of others gathered to reflect together on the courage and sacrifices of those who gave their lives in service and to recognize the critical role African American servicemen played in the military during



NPS photo by Ellen L. Galling

FAMILY AND FRIENDS of those who lost their lives at Port Chicago on July 17, 1944 joined the ceremony from as far away as Georgia and Florida.

the war. Eloquent speeches emphasized the importance of remembering the past. Keynote speaker Shelton Johnson (the Yosemite NP ranger, writer and historian who was recently featured in the Ken Burns series *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*) spoke of

his own father's military experience and the importance of saying thank you to those who served. "This newest national park unit will ensure we will never forget the critical events of Port Chicago," he said.

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Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar Celebrates Land Exchange Completion

On Sept. 10, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar joined Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter and American Revolution Center Chair H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest to commemorate the successful completion of a land exchange that will strengthen two iconic national parks and allow for the creation of the nation's first museum to commemorate the entire story of the American Revolution.

The NPS and the American Revolution Center (ARC) formally completed the land exchange of 78 acres owned by ARC within the boundary of Valley Forge NHP for 0.87 acres owned by

the United States within the boundary of Independence NHP.

"With this land exchange, we are fulfilling the mission of the National Park Service to conserve places of historical significance to the people of the United States," said Secretary Salazar. "This agreement enhances the Valley Forge National Historical Park experience and adds an important element—the story of our nation's struggle for freedom—to Independence National Historical Park."

Under the terms of the agreement, ARC conveyed to the United States title to land located within Valley Forge NHP north of the Schuylkill River. The

parcel will be managed and preserved for its cultural and natural values. In exchange, the United States conveyed to ARC title to the former visitor center and surrounding land. The parcel will now be a private inholding within the boundary of Independence NHP. Following terms agreed upon in the June 2009 agreement, which required an independent appraisal of the two properties, the exchange resulted in ARC receiving \$3.21 million along with property at Third and Chestnut streets.

"Through this exchange, we will preserve the location of the Continental

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Focus on the Parks

• On July 3, the anniversary of the Battle of Great Meadows, 18 members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands (LTBB) of the Odawa Indians traveled to Fort Necessity NB to help the NPS open a yearlong exhibit entitled *Zhimaagnishak Miikaanhs: The Odawa Warriors' Journey to Fort Necessity* to commemorate the tribe's participation in the Fort Necessity story. The band sided with the French forces that defeated George Washington's troops in 1754.

Over 500 people attended the opening, which included samples of traditional foods of the LTBB Odawa people and demonstrations of ancestral skills by tribal members. The exhibit was done in cooperation with the LTBB Odawa and Fort Michilimackinac. The goal of this ongoing partnership with the LTBB Odawa, and other nations as well, is to give visitors the opportunity to better understand the causes and effects of the French and Indian War. It will also focus on the untold stories of the Odawa and the part they played in the conflict as well as give visitors the chance to learn more about their modern culture.

• In July, Bryce Canyon NP held its first-ever Geology Festival, an event that focused on the geology and paleontology of the park and surrounding region. A thousand people attended special programs, including ranger-led hikes among

the hoodoos, geology talks, geology bus tours, children's activities on geology, special exhibits and illustrated programs.

A popular exhibit, which was on loan from the Bureau of Land Management, was a dinosaur skull and fossilized skin imprint of a hadrosaur or duck-billed dinosaur that had been recovered nearby from Grand Staircase-Escalante NM. Although Bryce Canyon is known for its colorful and oddly shaped rock spires called hoodoos, a number of fossils have been found within the park and surrounding area. Paleontologists continue to make discoveries that reveal the rich and varied earth history that has shaped this landscape. The Bryce Canyon Natural History Association provided funding for the program.

• Grand Teton NP Supt. Mary Gibson Scott and the Grand Teton National Park Foundation (GTNPF) celebrated the fifth successful season of the Youth Conservation Program (YCP) during a gathering on Aug. 3 at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center. NPS personnel provided the YCP crew with several educational and team-building experiences that introduced the teens to park operations, fire and rescue activities, history and science programs and safety procedures.

This year, a record number of YCP teens participated in the program. Thanks to generous donations from donors through the GTNPF, Grand Teton NP was able to expand the program to offer youth employment to 21 YCP crew members for the 2010 season—an increase of seven participants over last year's crew of 14. The foundation provided \$173,000 in support of the 2010 program and has given over \$500,000 during the last five years.

Since its inception, dozens of teens on YCP crews have worked with park staff to improve trails and structures throughout Grand Teton NP. Their efforts this summer included re-routing trails and restoring vegetation, constructing buck-and-rail fences and removing noxious weeds. Additionally, students helped prepare and launch the historic Menor's Ferry and assisted wildland fire crews with a hazard fuel reduction project. The YCP program runs for 10 weeks, from mid-June through mid-August.

• Almost 1,000 visitors celebrated some of the darkest skies in the country by attending Great Basin NP's first annual Astronomy Festival, Aug. 6 - 8. Visitors participated in events that covered the topics of astronomy and night sky protection, including telescope viewing, astronomy presentations, solar viewing and kids programs. The festival was co-sponsored by the National Parks Conservation Association.

The Las Vegas Astronomical Society, as well as astronomers from local and far-away communities, provided over 40 telescopes for park visitors to gaze at planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies. Keynote speaker William Fox spoke of the similarities that exist between the scientific astronomical community and the humanities and how humanities can preserve the legacy of scientific discovery and understanding. Paul Bogard, author and editor of *Let There Be Night: Testimonies on Behalf of the Dark*, contributed with a talk and workshop and spoke of the importance of night sky protection. Great Basin NP has placed a new emphasis on expanding its night sky viewing and night sky protection programs.

Blue Ridge Parkway Celebrates 75 Years



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Southeast Regional Director David Vela, North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue and Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell at the Sept. 10 ceremony for the 75th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

With the Virginia and North Carolina Piedmont providing a stunning backdrop for the day, both state governors and a variety of federal officials paid tribute to the Blue Ridge Parkway's 75-year legacy on Sept. 10. Although acknowledging the parkway as the most-visited unit of the National Park System and its \$2 billion impact to the economy of the two states, the celebration focused on the people and the communities along the scenic route that was built to connect Shenandoah NP and Great Smoky Mountains NP.

Governors Bob McDonnell (R-Va.) and Bev Perdue (D-N.C.) recalled their personal memories of family visits to the parkway and the mountain region and how they, like millions of visitors each year, have found comfort and renewal in this special part of the world. It was at Cumberland Knob near the state line that the first shovel of dirt was turned in 1935 by the steam shovels and work crews of Nello Teer Construction Company from Durham, N.C. Former parkway workers and a few enrollees from the Civilian Conservation Corps gathered at the location to share memories and reflect on this

remarkable roadway, which was referred to simply as "the Scenic" in the early days. The parkway today serves as a window that opens up and preserves the Blue Ridge region to people from around the world. Members of the parkway congressional delegation, former superintendents and historians paid tribute to the parkway legacy and the scores of adjacent communities that have partnered over the decades to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of the Blue Ridge region.

The parkway anniversary continued throughout the weekend at Cumberland Knob and at the nearby Blue Ridge Music Center with vendors, craft workshops, family activities and a community showcase all aimed at conveying stewardship, partnerships and sustainability of the parkway for succeeding generations. Included in the activities was a 9/11 remembrance with the minister of New York Trinity Church, Reverend Dan Matthews, recalling events of that day and subsequent days. A Saturday evening concert featured the youthful energy of mandolin virtuoso Sierra Hull followed by Virginia native and living legend Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. ■

• Old Faithful Geyser erupted as if on cue as the keynote speaker wrapped up remarks Aug. 25 at the dedication of the new Visitor Education Center at Old Faithful in Yellowstone NP. The Yellowstone National Park Mounted Color Guard presented the colors to begin the morning ceremony while the Wyoming National Guard's 67th Army Band performed "America the Beautiful."

Yellowstone NP Supt. Suzanne Lewis hosted the hour-long event and said, "Helping visitors enjoy Yellowstone—and helping them understand the role they play in protecting this place and others like it for this and future generations is one of the most important parts of the National Park Service mission. It was certainly in the forefront of our minds as work began on this new Visitor Education Center more than 10 years ago."

The Yellowstone Park Foundation, the official fundraising partner of Yellowstone NP, provided \$15 million of the \$27 million cost of design and construction of the new education center. Over

400 individuals, foundations and corporations made contributions to the foundation for the project.

NPS Director Jon Jarvis unveiled the plaque from the U.S. Green Building Council recognizing that the new Visitor Education Center has achieved Gold LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification in recognition of its sustainable construction and operational standards. The building was also designed to set new standards for accessibility and for the interpretation of complex scientific information to the public. The doors to the new facility opened to the public for the first time at the conclusion of the ceremony.

• Lyndon B. Johnson NHP celebrated the 102nd anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson's birth on Aug. 27 beginning with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Johnson Family Cemetery. Activities continued at the LBJ Ranch airplane hangar, where new exhibits and a new road were dedicated. LBJ's Presidential

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Lockheed JetStar, restored to its 1960s glory, was dedicated as a new permanent exhibit. This smaller version of Air Force One, dubbed "Air Force One-Half" by President Johnson, allowed him to fly directly to the LBJ Ranch from Washington, D.C. LBJ traveled on a Boeing 707 for most trips when he was president, but the larger plane could not land at the ranch because the 6,300-foot asphalt airstrip was not long enough. However, a JetStar could land and taxi to within 200 yards of LBJ's Texas White House along the Pedernales River. The 50-year-old JetStar was rescued from the Pentagon's "boneyard" at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., where it had been sitting in the desert sun for 23 years since being retired.

Brigadier General James Cross (Ret.), LBJ's Air Force One pilot, was on hand to dedicate the historic aircraft. Cross was the first Air Force pilot qualified to fly a JetStar. In 1961, he flew the first one off the production line in Georgia to its new home at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, D.C. Following a 1962 trip to Florida, (then) Vice President Johnson informed Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara that he wanted Cross to be his pilot and the JetStar reserved for his use. When asked if Lyndon Johnson was a good man to fly for, General Cross replied with a smile and a laugh, "At times."

Another guest of honor was longtime LBJ Ranch employee James Davis, for whom the new Davis Road is named. This road allows the area around the Texas White House complex to be completely a pedestrian area, a great enhancement to visitor safety and the visitor experience. A new exhibit inside the airplane hangar was also unveiled. The *Circle of Life* exhibit communicates the significance of LBJ's Texas White House as the center of the first fully functional remote White House

operation in U.S. history, where LBJ spent one-third of his presidency. The presidential Lockheed JetStar and other exhibits are part of the ongoing efforts to return the LBJ Ranch to the 1960s cultural scene.

- On Aug. 28, **Women's Rights NHP** hosted a series of programs to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Acclaimed author Mary Walton discussed and signed copies of her new book *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot*. The Hutchinson Family Revival musical group performed inside the Wesleyan Chapel. The group recreates the music of the Hutchinson Family Singers, 19th-century social activists who used their music to campaign vigorously for such causes as abolition, women's rights and temperance. A ranger-led tour of the village of Seneca Falls was also offered.

The 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote by stating that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Although ratified on Aug. 18, 1920, the amendment became part of the Constitution when it was certified on Aug. 26 of that year. Since 1971, that date has been designated in the U.S. as Women's Equality Day.

- On Sept. 8, a Walt Disney film crew began transforming Castillo San Cristóbal's historic ramp entrance to set the stage for a scene of *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*, starring Johnny Depp and Penélope Cruz. The ramp was chosen by the production group for filming a 17th-century carriage, led by two horses, as it was entering the main plaza of the fortification. The ramp, one of two visitor entrances to the site and measuring approximately 100 feet long, is part of

the original design of the fortification when it was built on a hill called San Cristóbal, giving the fortification its name. It was then used for facilitating the transportation of equipment, ammunition and supplies to the soldiers.

The additional site entrance allowed visitation to continue during operating hours while the crew filmed. Castillo San Cristóbal, a component of **San Juan NHS**, was built between 1634 and 1783 as a defense against attack to the city of San Juan by land. It rises 150 feet above sea level and comprises 27 acres. It is the biggest European fortification in the Americas.

A few movie extras playing minor roles were seen at the fortification. Depp and Cruz were not at the San Cristóbal film shoot. They were both filming on the same day at another local site. *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* is expected to be in theaters May 2011.

- On Sept. 14, the new Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Visitor and Exhibit Center opened at **Antietam NB**. The exhibit center, located in the historic Newcomer House on Antietam Creek, was created through a partnership among Antietam NB, the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Heart of the Civil War State Heritage Area. Representatives from these organizations and a number of elected officials attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Exhibits at the center highlight the Civil War history of the three counties (Washington, Frederick and Carroll) and 29 towns and cities that make up the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area in Maryland. Exhibit themes include "On the Home Front," "The Heat of Battle" and "Beyond the Battlefield" and were supported by matching funds provided by the challenge cost share program and state heritage area grants. The center is operated by local volunteers. ■

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the British and Indians. The Battle of the River Raisin was not a decisive turning point of the war, but it did have significant effects on the campaign for the Great Lakes. Following the defeat at River Raisin, American forces would struggle for nine months before they could regain their momentum.

The park visitor center is open from June through October on Friday through Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. While the visitor center is closed November through May, the park grounds are open to visitors year-round. NPS personnel are already on site and will continue to work closely with the Monroe County Historical Society to make the battlefield more available to the public. ■

Park Unit Dedicated

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U.S. Congressman George Miller (D-Calif.) was presented with the Friends of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Commemorative Heroes Award for spearheading legislation to create the new park, signed into law on Oct. 28, 2009 by President Obama. Congressman Miller shared his conviction that Port Chicago is not just about the explosion, and the park is not just a place. Like the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Lincoln Memorial, it's about the history of our people, their courage and their dignity.

The events of Port Chicago in 1944 were a catalyst in the desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces by 1948. This marked a milestone in the struggle for civil rights for all Americans. "Port Chicago is a story about courage, conflict, racial discrimination and the struggle to overturn it," said Congressman Miller. "It is the story of African American contributions to the home-front effort during World War II. Through the establishment of this new national park, we preserve that history and make it more accessible for people to appreciate—today and for generations to come."

Additional speakers, including U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Chris Hart, (then) General Supt. Martha Lee, NPS Deputy Director Mickey Fearn, Friends of Port Chicago President Reverend Diana McDaniel, City of Concord Mayor Guy Bjerke and representatives from U.S. senators Dianne Feinstein's (D-Calif.) and Barbara Boxer's (D-Calif.) offices, paid tribute to all those connected to the tragedy at Port Chicago. Musical performances; the ringing of the bell from the USS *Pampanito* (a WWII naval submarine) and the playing of taps as a commemorative wreath was placed in the water closed out the ceremony.

The theme of the day was remembering and was perhaps most profoundly and succinctly summed up by an elderly African American gentleman who concluded, as he boarded the bus to go home, that his own brother, killed in the tragic explosion 66 years ago, did not die in vain. For more information about park history and programs, please visit www.nps.gov/poch. ■

History Comes Alive at Lincoln Home NHS

By Melissa Weissert, Assistant Director, Lincoln Heritage Museum

In summer 2010, Lincoln Home NHS was transformed by the presence of living history interpreters. Daily, interpreters offered tours, vignettes and demonstrations to educate visitors about the town of Springfield, Ill., life in the 1860s and the Lincoln family. Using third-person interpretation, the guides were able to connect with the visitors and transport them back in time to the Springfield that Abraham Lincoln knew and loved.

Visitors were thrilled with the added programs, with over 9,000 participating in the scheduled programs. They interacted with living history interpreters, and hands-on demonstrations, such as laundry, sewing and children's games, informed visitors of leisure activities, women's role in society and social customs of the time. Guided Lincoln Neighborhood tours offered the chance to learn about the diverse population of people living in Lincoln's 1860 neighborhood.

Daily vignettes enabled visitors to greet and interact with William Herndon, Lincoln's controversial law partner, and Elizabeth Edwards, Mary Lincoln's sister and surrogate mother. The Lincoln Troubadours, a group of high school and college students who sang Lincoln's favorite tunes, provided entertainment.



LIVING HISTORY INTERPRETER Ashleen Woods scrubs clothes with a washboard to demonstrate how clothes were washed in 1860. This demonstration was part of Lincoln Home NHS's multi-partner History Comes Alive summer program.

Living History Program Coordinator Tiffany Bowles sums up the living history program by saying, "The visitors went home with great memories of their time here at the Lincoln Home. They also left with a better understanding and knowledge of life in the 1860s."

The activities at the Lincoln Home were a part of Springfield, Illinois' History Comes Alive program, funded by a

tourism grant from the Office of Tourism at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The grant enabled staff from Springfield's Lincoln historic sites to collaboratively publicize, plan, package and implement a citywide living history program that appealed to visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Lincoln Home NHS planned its programs with other Springfield sites, such as the Old State Capitol, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area (Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition), Lincoln Tomb and others.

Lincoln Home NHS is a place where visitors can walk in the footsteps of Lincoln as a husband, father, politician and president-elect. Its restored 1860 Lincoln Home is the only house Lincoln ever owned, and it stands in the midst of a four-block historic neighborhood that the NPS has restored to appear similar to the way Lincoln would have remembered it. For more information about the park or its History Comes Alive programs, contact Laura Gundrum, Lincoln Home NHS chief of interpretation, education and visitor services, at Laura_Gundrum@nps.gov or (217) 391-3215. ■

Kudos and Awards



NPS photo by Tres Seymour

MAMMOTH CAVE NP Public Information Officer Vickie Carson poses with the Emmy® she won for her work on “Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder,” a one-hour documentary produced by WKYU-PBS.

• On July 31, Mammoth Cave NP went to the 46th annual Emmy® Awards ceremony of the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences—and won! An award-winning partnership between WKYU-PBS (Bowling Green, Ky.) and the park resulted in “Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder,” a one-hour documentary that received Emmys® in four of the five categories for which it was nominated. Mammoth Cave NP Public Information Officer **Vickie Carson** received one of the statues for coordinating park staff and locations for the project.

“Our partnership with WKYU-PBS presented a rare opportunity that I have not witnessed at any other time in my 40 years with the National Park Service,” said Mammoth Cave NP Supt.

Patrick Reed. “We saw from the project’s inception its potential to bring Mammoth Cave to nationwide and even global audiences and, through its words and images, to inspire viewers to experience the world’s longest cave firsthand. We are very grateful to WKYU-PBS and our financial supporters who made this happen.”

“Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder” was nominated in five categories including Informational/Instructional Program, Photographer, Editor, Lighting and Cultural/Topical Documentary, taking winning nods from the Academy in the first four categories. Those named in the Emmy® nominations include: WKYU-PBS Editor/Producer Cheryl Beckley; WKYU-PBS Senior Producer/Director David Brinkley; WKYU-PBS Associate Producer Jessica Gibbs; Western Kentucky University broadcasting student Brent Boyens; and Vickie. The station produced the program in partnership with the park, the Friends of Mammoth Cave National Park, Bluegrass Cellular and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.

The program focuses on history, science, the arts and human stories of the land that has become a national park. WKYU-PBS’s crew conducted 12 interviews and traveled to the park 40 times over 13 months to shoot above and below ground, shooting 60 hours of high-definition footage. The program first aired in October 2009 as a complementary piece to the six-episode Ken Burns film *The National Parks: America’s Best Idea*. The park has access to all the footage; some scenes will be used in the exhibits of the new visitor center. “Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder” is available as a sales item benefiting the

Friends of Mammoth Cave National Park and the station.

• U.S. Park Police Officer **Mariea Clowers** received the Public Service Recognition Award from the Women in Federal Law Enforcement Association. Mariea was recognized for her 23 years of service to the Washington, D.C., community, most of them as a member of the NPS’s Horse Mounted Patrol Unit in which she has been a leader. During her career, Mariea has worked to improve mounted policing worldwide by providing instruction and program evaluation to mounted units from outside the United States. She joined the U.S. Park Police in 1987 and transferred to the Horse Mounted Patrol in 1991. She became the first female Horse Mounted Patrol instructor for the U.S. Park Police in 1998.

“Mariea exemplifies a well-rounded police officer,” said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. “She protects people and hallowed places, and in her work with fellow police officers, she carries out the educational mission of the National Park Service. She is an inspiring leader for women in law enforcement and has more than earned this recognition.”

• **Cindy Whitten** has received the 2009 Barry Hance Memorial Award. Cindy, the workers compensation program manager at Yosemite NP, received the award at an all-employee meeting on June 16 in Yosemite Valley.

“I am tremendously honored to present Cindy with the Barry Hance Memorial Award,” said Supt. Don Neubacher. “This award illustrates someone who is exceptional in all that they do, someone who is always working with a smile on their face and someone who really makes a difference in other people’s lives.”

Cindy has worked for the NPS at Yosemite NP since 1987. For many employees, she is the first point of contact for those who have been injured on the job. Throughout her career, she helped hundreds of employees obtain medical care and manage life-changing events due to injury and helped maintain relationships between injured employees and supervisors.

The award, named in honor of Barry Hance, is given annually to employees who exemplify the qualities and attributes of Barry—a long-term facilities management employee who died in an avalanche while plowing the Tioga Road in 1995. These qualities include a positive attitude, a concern for fellow employees, getting the job done and a love for Yosemite NP.

• The outstanding leadership and work of eight individuals in the field of natural resources stewardship and science was recognized with Director’s Awards for Natural Resources at an awards ceremony on Sept. 8 in Denver, Colo. “These men and women have dedicated themselves to the restoration and maintenance of this nation’s natural heritage,” said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. “While the awards recognize individual achievement, it is the teamwork, professionalism and shared sense of purpose with their colleagues that matters most to the recipients. What they have accomplished through tireless dedication exemplifies the valuable service that is being done by all of the employees of the National Park Service.”

Dr. John C. “Jack” Schmidt and **S. Jeffress Williams** both received the Director’s Award for Natural Resource

Research. Dr. Schmidt is a professor at Utah State University, Department of Watershed Sciences, and director of the Intermountain Center for River Rehabilitation and Restoration. He has provided research on the geological processes to guide future stream restoration in parks and reserves. He has made recommendations to the Bureau of Reclamation on the timing and pattern of dam releases to enhance native fisheries in and beyond Grand Teton NP, Grand Canyon NP and other national parks.

Jeffress is a research geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Woods Hole Science Center, Mass., and program coordinator, USGS Coastal and Marine Geology Program. He has developed a coastal vulnerability index for U.S. coasts to improve understanding of potential future impacts of sea-level rise on coastal systems and provided GIS maps and information needed to better manage coastal regions for the future. In addition, he has assessed the vulnerability of coastal national parks to sea-level rise.

Margaret Z. Beer and **Molly N. Ross** both received the Director’s Award for Professional Excellence in Natural Resources. Margaret is Inventory and Monitoring Network data manager for the NPS. She was the motivating force behind the Integrated Resource Management Applications project to link natural resource information systems and improve the capacity to share data with multiple agencies and partners. Her vision has grown a respected data management program that serves as a model for others.

Molly is a former associate solicitor for national parks, DOI; senior advisor in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and deputy chief of the NPS Air Quality Division. She has been a stalwart advocate for protection of park natural resources and has developed and defended effective solutions to issues, including conflicts between visitor use and resource protection, adjudication of water rights and policies for dealing with external threats. She provided key legal counsel regarding the designation of new national monuments in Alaska and the development of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which added nearly 50 million acres to the National Park System.

Michael Edwards, gardener at Herbert Hoover NHS, received the Director’s Excellence in Natural Resource Stewardship through Maintenance Award. Michael seamlessly integrated natural resource management with facility management. He creatively used park-based funding; developed maintenance projects; and worked with Conservation Corps of Iowa volunteers, natural resource managers and interpreters to restore the park’s vegetation to that of the late 1800s and to educate visitors about the natural and historic resources in the park.

Denali NP & PRES Supt. **Paul R. Anderson** received the Director’s Award for Natural Resources Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship. Paul significantly advanced the use of science to promote natural resource stewardship in all aspects of park management. Under his leadership, Denali NP & PRES was the first resource-oriented park to create a Natural Resource Stewardship Strategy. He integrated the prototype Long-



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HARPERS FERRY NHP staff and others with the 2010 Take Pride in America® National Award received in the Federal Volunteer Program category. Pictured left to right, front row: Steve Lowe, Dale Nisbet, Scott Fritz, Dennis Frye and Mark Walker. Back row: Michelle Hammer, Amber Kraft, Bob Stanton (senior advisor to the secretary of the Interior), Jessica Liptak, Catherine Bragaw, Autumn Cook, Graham Humphrey and Lisa Young (Take Pride director).

On July 16, Harpers Ferry NHP received a 2010 Take Pride in America® National Award in the Federal Volunteer Program category at an awards ceremony on July 16 in Washington, D.C. The park received the award for exceptional accomplishment in logging over 38,000 volunteer hours in 2009.

Harpers Ferry NHP has a tremendous number and variety of volunteer opportunities. In 2009, opportunities included an intern program with intern positions for college students and an extensive living history volunteer program, among others. Retirees, individuals and couples are a valuable

part of the park’s volunteer team and work in various areas of park operations, such as visitor services. Local school students are involved in place-based, service-learning projects in which they can explore and discover history at their own pace, on their own terms. Graduate students have a chance to study, research and preserve national resources.

Harpers Ferry NHP has an existing list of volunteer opportunities and is discovering new ones all the time. Those interested in volunteer opportunities at the park can contact Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator Jessica Liptak at (304) 535-5017. ■

Kudos and Awards

term Ecological Monitoring Program into the park's Inventory and Monitoring Network.

Tom Olliff, chief of science and resource management at Yellowstone NP, received the Director's Award for Natural Resource Management. Tom was instrumental in the completion of a Servicewide Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzed the effects of benefits sharing from bio-prospecting in units of the NPS. The EIS explores the potential for the NPS to seek a share of benefits if scientists studying park resources develop a commercially valuable invention based on research in parks.

Jeremy Moss, chief of resource management at Tumacácori NHP, received the Trish Patterson Student Conservation Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park. Among his many accomplishments, Jeremy developed an innovative study project on the use of park structures by bats. The project included a species inventory, monitoring and conservation and education efforts in partnership with bat experts at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Jeremy also completed a comprehensive survey of the yellow-billed cuckoo—a species of concern. ■

Life Saved at Lady Liberty

By Bob McHugh, Park Ranger
(Interpretation), Statue of Liberty NM

Just before 4 o'clock on a hot afternoon, this past Labor Day at the Statue of Liberty, my portable radio barked with the message that another park ranger required assistance with a medical emergency outside the refreshment area. I moved quickly and found the scene already crowded. At the center, a woman lay on her back motionless. Her eyes were glassy, her lips were pale blue and efforts to find her pulse failed. She was dead.

As I pushed my way past onlookers, I knelt by EMT Steve Schecter and asked how I could help. Steve readied a defibrillator to shock the patient's wildly fluttering heart back to a normal beat. I didn't know it at the time, but the woman's son was kneeling at our side, watching us struggle to get his mother's life back.

More EMTs and NPS rangers

began to gather and do the jobs we had often trained for. First responder Dave Lawrence placed a breathing bag on her mouth and nose and began pumping her full of regular "breaths." I began chest compressions, until Steve shouted, "Clear."

The woman's body shook almost violently as the device pounded electricity into her chest. She did not respond. By then, EMT Jay Saymon and rangers Randall Rishe and Jamie Keller were also on the scene. Randall and Jay took over the tiring chest compressions, and Jamie searched for vital signs. U.S. Park Police Sergeant Robert Kramer radioed to request that a New Jersey State Police helicopter land at the foot of Lady Liberty for a medical evacuation. Sergeant Kramer and U.S. Park Police Officer Karl Larsen began to clear the way.

Ranger Mike Sheehan joined to help. The small cluster of NPS and U.S. Park Police personnel jogged

with the stretcher as other rangers gathered to help police clear the crowd. Just about 4:15 p.m., a hurrah went up from the cluster now standing directly beneath the world-famous statue. The patient's pulse returned. She began to breathe. She was alive again.

A few minutes later, the giant blue and white bird landed with a huge din. I helped five other men lift the woman into the helicopter's back cabin. We moved away, and after taking a few minutes to refire the engines, the state trooper pilots lifted their ship off the island and toward waiting doctors at a nearby hospital.

The rangers, EMTs and policemen began to return to their offices, parting a huge throng of people still gathered a safe distance from the helicopter landing. Dave Lawrence happened to be in the lead. "These guys just saved a woman's life," he told the crowd. They broke out in a cheer. ■

Alumni News



Photo courtesy of The Associated Press

E&AA LIFE MEMBER Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam receives the 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal from President Barack Obama.

On Aug. 4, E&AA Life Member **Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam**, who launched the American conservation service movement more than 50 years ago with the founding of the Student Conservation Association (SCA), received the 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal from President Obama for "performing exemplary deeds of service for her country and fellow citizens." Ms. Putnam is the first conservationist to receive the Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian award, since its creation in 1969. She was among 13 recipients honored at a White House ceremony.

"Serving nature is among the most important and rewarding callings humankind can ever know," Ms. Putnam states. "I am grateful to President Obama and humbled by this honor. I share it with all the young women and men of the Student Conservation Association, whose

hands-on service protects our public lands and lifts our people's hearts."

SCA pursues its mission of "building the next generation of conservation leaders" by engaging thousands of high school, college and graduate students in conservation service each year. The only national organization of its kind, SCA places interns and volunteers in all 50 states, from urban communities to national parks and forests, where they protect endangered species, restore habitats, build hiking trails and more.

Ms. Putnam was a student herself when she developed the idea for SCA. In her Vassar College senior thesis in 1955, she proposed adapting the Civilian Conservation Corps model to enlist student volunteers to assist with upkeep at national parks, where surging visitation rates were outpacing maintenance budgets. Aided by colleague Martha

Hayne Talbot, Ms. Putnam earned the support of officials in the NPS, and the first SCA volunteers arrived at Grand Teton NP and Olympic NP in 1957.

Today, more than half of SCA's 60,000 alumni remain active conservationists in their careers and communities; the NPS alone estimates up to 12 percent of its work force can trace their professional roots to SCA. In addition, SCA has served as the blueprint for numerous other eco-service initiatives, including the DOI's Youth Conservation Corps, dozens of Volunteers-In-Parks programs and myriad state and local conservation corps.

"Liz Putnam is both a giant and pioneer in the conservation field," states SCA Chair Jane Goedecke. "Her vision helped seed what we now call 'national service.' She recognized young people as a powerful solution to our country's growing ecological stresses. And today, with so many children disconnected from nature, Liz's SCA is more relevant than ever."

The Citizens Medal is second only to the Presidential Medal of Freedom among U.S. civilian prizes. Previously, Ms. Putnam received President Ronald Reagan's Volunteer Action Award, the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal for contributions to public parks and the Rachel Carson Leadership Award, among many other honors. With the formal title of founding president, she is an active ambassador for SCA and a constant source of inspiration to its members, staff and partners. She resides with her husband, Bruce, in Vermont.

E&AA Life Member **Walter D. "Walt" Dabney**, former NPS chief ranger and superintendent, retired from his second career as state parks director for Texas Parks and Wildlife on Aug. 31. Walt graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in recreation and park management. He began his NPS career in 1969 as a student trainee (ranger-naturalist) at the Old Faithful District in Yellowstone NP. In 1970, he took on a

special assignment for a year as assistant to Freeman Tilden, traveling around the country with him, evaluating interpretive programs and identifying appropriate roles for the agency to pursue in environmental education.

In 1971, Walt transferred to Yosemite NP, serving as a ranger. In 1975, he transferred to Mount Rainier NP, where he spent four years as the Paradise District ranger. He became the law enforcement specialist and South District ranger at Grand Teton NP in 1979. In 1983, Walt joined Everglades NP as the chief of resource management. His responsibilities included the management of the oldest prescribed fire program in the NPS.

From 1986 to 1991, Walt was chief ranger of the NPS and head of the Ranger Activities Division in Washington, D.C. He was responsible for national-level policy promulgation and oversight for all ranger-related programs, which included law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency medical services, fee collection, rules and regulations, campground management, wilderness management, uniforms, aviation programs and structural and wildland fire. Walt directly supervised the division's three branches—Branch of Fire and Aviation Management at the National Interagency Fire Center, Branch of Resource and Visitor Protection and Branch of Special Populations (accessibility program). He was also the NPS's chief law enforcement officer and representative to the National Drug Task Force.

In 1991, Walt became general superintendent for the Southeast Utah Group of parks (Canyonlands NP, Arches NP, Natural Bridges NM and Hovenweep NM). After 30 years with the NPS, he began his career with Texas Parks and Wildlife in 1999, serving as the director of the State Parks Division. As state parks director, he was responsible for 93 state parks and historic sites in eight regions and nearly 1,500 employees. ■

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Jerry Lee Baker, maintenance worker, Cabrillo NM, June 30 after 15 years.

Nancy Baker, project manager, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center, July 31 after over 31 years.

Nancy began her federal career in 1978 as a landscape architect with the Denver Service Center (DSC). In 1980-81, she moved to St. Louis to serve as a construction inspector at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and stayed as the park horticulturist until 1983, when she returned to the DSC as a landscape architect.

While with the DSC, Nancy was involved in projects ranging from planning through design, construction and post-construction. She was a quality leader (1995-1999) and has been a project manager since 1999. Nancy and her husband, Joe, plan to remain in the Denver area.

Craig Cellar, cultural resource specialist and project manager, Planning Division, Denver Service Center, July 2 after 37 years.

Gordon S. Chappell, regional historian, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, July 31 after 42 years.

Gordon joined the NPS in 1960 as a seasonal ranger at (then) Fort Laramie NM. Although he spent some time working as a seasonal ranger at National Capital Parks (1967-1971), he had a passion for the history of the American West and took a position as regional historian in the (then) Western Region in 1974.

For the next 36 years, Gordon helped document the histories of parks in the region (now called the Pacific West Region). He carried out surveys of parks for historic properties, writing National Register of Historic Places nominations and the history sections of historic structures reports, as well as guiding the work of other historians in the region, including such notable historians as Erwin Thompson, Jerry Greene, Linda Greene and Harlan Unrau. He also worked closely with historians across the Park Service and in the Washington Office, in particular Historian Harry Butowsky and former Chief Historian Ed Bearss.

Gordon was interested in a wide range of topics, but it was railroad history that mostly claimed his interest. Although he amassed a body of work on the historic resources of the western parks, his study of the Kelso Depot in Mojave N PRES was a project he treasured the most. In retirement, he plans to continue his work on several railroad histories and to live full time in Sacramento, Calif.

Ray M. Dashiell, facility manager, Lake Roosevelt NRA, Sept. 3 after over 38 years.

Ray was hired at Coulee Dam NRA in 1967. He served in a laborer position in the Maintenance Division—the beginning of an upward progression of jobs in maintenance throughout the recreation area. Ray also served as the maintenance subject-matter expert on operations evaluations around the Pacific Northwest in the 1980s. He was promoted to facility manager in 2003.

A few of the significant improvements in which Ray played a major role include the establishment of popular boat-in campgrounds at Penix, Sterling Point

and Goldsmith and the design and construction of launch ramps at Crescent Bay, Hanson Harbor, Jones Bay, Bradbury Beach and French Rocks. Ray was a key player in a partnership with Lincoln County to establish a new launch ramp at Lincoln. He has been a steadfast and convincing ambassador for the stewardship of Lake Roosevelt throughout his entire tenure with the NPS.

Ray has been recognized on numerous occasions for the quality of his work and his dedication to the Service, and in 2003, the Maintenance Division received DOI's Unit Award for Excellence of Service. Most recently, the division received a Special Recognition Award from the Pacific West Region for the best Facility Management Software System data in the region for completeness and accuracy.

John W. Dickey, motor vehicle operator, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, July 31 after 25 years.

E&AA Life Member **Hugh Dougher**, regional chief ranger, Midwest Region, Aug. 31 after 34 years of federal service.

The majority of Hugh's career was spent with the NPS. He began his career as a seasonal park technician at Delaware Water Gap NRA in the summer of 1976. Subsequent work assignments included serving as a ranger in Yosemite NP, district ranger at Voyageurs NP and Petrified Forest NP and Wilderness District ranger and Skagit District ranger at North Cascades NP. At North Cascades NP, he received the first annual outstanding NPS Wilderness Management Program Award.

Hugh then branched out into the special agent program in 2002, when he accepted a position as a special agent for the Midwest Region in the Black Hills. In 2004, he became a special agent for the Bureau of Land Management, where he worked under an interagency agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation in the Pacific Northwest. One of his projects was to develop enhanced security measures for Grand Coulee Dam in the post-9/11 environment.

Hugh returned to the NPS and the Midwest Region in 2005, when he accepted the position of chief of the Division of Law Enforcement and Public Safety—a.k.a. regional chief ranger. In May 2010, Hugh was detailed to Mount Rushmore N MEM to serve as the acting superintendent until his retirement.

During his career, Hugh was heavily involved in incident management and served as the incident commander and the plans section chief for the Pacific West Region Incident Management Team. Since 2008, he has traveled several times to the Kingdom of Jordan as part of an NPS team to assist land managers at Petra Archaeological Park with developing and training a ranger force to protect this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Befitting Hugh's character, he wants to slip off quietly into the sunset to his beloved Northwest, where he will continue his many professional pursuits and interests. Hugh will leave the tree-less plains of Nebraska behind him, but not before making significant, lasting contributions to the Midwest Region ranger program. In his rearview mirror, he will also see a staff that has greatly enjoyed working with him. Please join them in wishing Hugh a very happy retirement!



MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

Michael Feinstein, public affairs technician, Golden Gate NRA, May 1 after over 37 years of federal service, over 24 of them with the NPS.

Michael spent most of his career working in public affairs for the government. His love for public affairs was forged during his youth while he was working in radio and TV in Milwaukee, Wis. His understanding of the government was developed when he worked for several public relations firms in Washington, D.C. From there, he joined civil service and never looked back.

Michael started his long career as an editor in the Department of Agriculture. Before he came to the NPS, he worked for the Cost of Living Council, the Price Commission and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He spent his entire NPS career at Golden Gate NRA.

Michael is retiring to Palm Springs in the winter and may stay in the San Francisco Bay Area in the summers. Although traveling tops his list of retirement plans, he has also expressed interest in starting his own Internet-based radio station.

Olivia R. Gurulé, purchasing agent, Intermountain Region - Santa Fe (IMR), Oct. 2 after over 35 years of federal service, over 33 of them with the NPS.

Olivia began her government career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. She then moved to New Mexico and worked for the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1976, she joined the NPS and worked in various capacities and functions, which included secretarial, budget assistant and finally, purchasing agent for the IMR.

Olivia says she has enjoyed working for the NPS and the countless kind-hearted people and friends she met through the years. She is looking forward to retirement and to spending quality time with family—particularly her grandchildren.

Deputy Chief **Kevin C. Hay**, division commander, Homeland Security Division, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Sept. 3 after 33 years.

Kevin served as a division commander for the last two-and-a-half years. He commanded the Homeland Security Division and was responsible for 302 sworn personnel assigned to the New York Field Office, the Regional Law Enforcement Specialists and the Icon Protection Branch, which consists of the Central District and Special Forces in Washington, D.C. This new division was created two years ago to bring additional assets together to help protect the Statue of Liberty and the D.C. icons from acts of terrorism.

Kevin has served the U.S.P.P. for 26

years. Prior to that, he was an NPS seasonal employee for eight years, serving at Petersburg NB and Cape Hatteras NS. With the U.S.P.P., he held assignments at Golden Gate NRA, the NPS Southeast Regional Office and, for the last eight years, in Washington, D.C. His previous assignments have included commander of the Patrol Branch, where he supervised 180 uniformed officers who worked out of the five stations in and around the D.C. metro area (2005-2008). As a captain (1998-2005), he served as the regional law enforcement specialist for the Southeast Region, East District commander, commander of the Planning and Development Unit and commander of the Office of Professional Responsibility.

Kevin has earned three college degrees, including a master's in public



KEVIN C. HAY

administration from the University of San Francisco. He is a graduate of the 215th session of the F.B.I. National Academy. He has extensive Incident Command System training and experience dating back to 1988.

Kevin has earned over 100 commendations, awards and letters of appreciation. These include commendations for arrests for homicide, sexual assault and armed robbery. He is the recipient of the California Highway Patrol's "10851" award for recovering eight occupied stolen cars in a one-year period. Following 9/11/01, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton presented him with a Meritorious Achievement Commendation for volunteering to supervise a DOI team of officers from NPS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S.P.P. to protect the Main Interior Building.

Kevin and his wife, Erica, have been married for 19 years and have three children, ages 18, 16 and 14. He has been named as the new chief of police for the George Washington University. He began his new duties on Sept. 7, 2010.

Marc M. Hayman, management analyst, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Sept. 3 after 36 years.

E&AA Life Member **Pauline Jue**, regional chief of workforce management, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, July 3 after 38 years.

Pauline spent her entire NPS career working in the Pacific West Regional Office. She began there as a student aide in June 1972. She was hired permanently as a clerk-typist and worked in the Employee Relations Branch for human resources. In 1978, she was promoted to employee development specialist, serving

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Family Photo by George Toye

PAULINE JUE

in that role until 1995, when she became a personnel management specialist. In 1997, she became regional equal opportunity manager and later, regional human resources manager. Pauline was regional chief of workforce management, with responsibility over human resources, equal opportunity and employee development, upon retirement.

Highlights of Pauline's career include conducting training in many parks and participation on regional and national planning committees for superintendents' and women's conferences. She has especially enjoyed teaching TEL broadcasts. Pauline joins her husband, Rich Harned, in retirement. They plan to travel to see new sights and try out new restaurants.

Rod Keiscome, contracting officer, Denver Service Center (DSC), Aug. 3 after over 38 years of federal service, over 27 of them with NPS.

Before joining the NPS, Rod's earlier federal career included serving four years with the navy in photo intelligence, serving aboard aircraft carriers USS *Constellation* and USS *John F. Kennedy*, and seven years with the Bureau of Land Management as a purchasing agent/range conservationist. Rod earned his B.S. degree in environmental and natural resource science (wildlife management) from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1980.

Rod worked at DSC for almost 28 years as a contracting officer. He considers himself blessed to have worked with so many gifted and talented NPS co-workers throughout his career and extends his thanks to everyone, past and present, for making his NPS work experience such an integral and important part of his life. He plans to spend more quality time with his growing family.

Diane Kimsey, human resources officer, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Sept. 3 after over 36 years.

Diane began her career in July 1974, as a clerk-typist in the Maintenance Division at Delaware Water Gap NRA. In 1976, she became a personnel clerk and later, human resources officer. She and her husband, Paul (see next listing), met when they were both stationed at Delaware Water Gap NRA headquarters at the old Weygadt Boy Scout Camp in New Jersey. They were married in March 1979 and have two daughters: Erin and Meghan.

Paul Kimsey, electrician supervisor for the building and utilities branch, Maintenance Division, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Sept. 3 after over 36 years.

Paul started his NPS career at Delaware Water Gap NRA as a seasonal

laborer in June 1974. His first permanent job at the park was as a part-time maintenance worker in 1977, later becoming electrician supervisor for the building and utilities branch.

Marge Koehler, program analyst, WASO, July 3 after over 32 years.

E&AA Member **Larry Lapinski**, park guide, Ulysses S. Grant NHS, March 31 after over seven years.

Larry began his NPS career as a seasonal park guide at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in May 2002. In the fall of 2002, he became a seasonal park guide at Ulysses S. Grant NHS and went from seasonal to term to permanent park guide in one year. He was the first permanent park guide at the park. Larry says he had the good fortune to complete NPS Fundamentals Training and make many wonderful friends in the NPS at the Albright and Mather training centers.

E&AA Life Member **Eleanor C. "Ellie" Long**, administrative officer, Booker T. Washington NM, July 2 after over 33 years.

Ellie spent most of her NPS career at Booker T. Washington NM, beginning in October 1976 as a park technician (interpretation/resource management) and progressing to a park ranger (interpretation/resource management). From 1986 through 1987, she spent eight months at George Washington Birthplace NM as a park ranger (interpretation/resource management). She returned to Booker T. Washington NM in August 1987 as an administrative technician, a position which evolved into administrative officer.

"I wanted to be a park ranger from the sixth grade on after a week-long outdoor education school trip in Catoctin Mountain Park," Ellie said. "I've always loved the NPS ideal as exemplified in the 1916 Organic Act. All of the people who 'raised me' in interpretation have long since retired, as have many who 'raised me' in administration. My thanks to all the Northeast Region administrative staff and the Shenandoah National Park administrative staff, particularly HR and contracting, who've helped me over the years. Special thanks to three of my NPS heroes who made a difference in my career—Rebecca Harriett, Alexa Molnar and the park's longtime administrative support assistant, Connie Mays. For the park I love and to my current colleagues ... long may you run."

Ron Nelson, engineering equipment operator supervisor, Cuyahoga Valley NP, July 15 after over 27 years.

Ron started at Cuyahoga Valley NP as an equipment operator and became a supervisor in 2001. He plans to spend time woodworking, building two houses and visiting his son in Maui.

Marcos Paredes, supervisory park ranger, Big Bend NP, July 17 after over 20 years.

Beginning in 1978, Marcos worked as a river guide on the Rio Grande before becoming a park ranger at Big Bend NP in 1989. In 1998, he was promoted to supervisory park ranger and managed the Rio District ever since. There aren't many people who know the park better than Marcos, and he had the reputation for being able to handle anything you could throw at him that involved canoes, kayaks, search and rescue missions, live-stock management, investigations, cross-

border relations, resource management, drug interdiction, aircraft and EMS.

Marcos was a primary park medic for many years. Because of his vast array of skills, he served many details throughout his career, including assignments as the park pilot at Death Valley NP (2008) and, most recently, as the acting chief ranger at San Juan NHS (2010). He has received numerous awards, including an NPS Exemplary Act Award (1993) and the State of Texas Conservation Hero Award (2000). He retires to his ranch in Terlingua, Tex., just outside Big Bend NP.

Diane Piagneri, carpenter (marine), San Francisco Maritime NHP, July 31 after 31 years.

Roberta Pilcher, program assistant, Joshua Tree NP, July 31 after seven years.

Timothy Przygocki, safety technician, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Sept. 3 after 34 years.



Rametta Family Photo

FRAN RAMETTA

E&AA Life Member **Francis T. "Fran" Rametta**, ranger naturalist, Congaree NP, Sept. 1 after 35 years.

As a part of a military family, Fran lived in many places during his youth, including Oklahoma, Germany, Texas, Connecticut, Arkansas and Washington, D.C. He attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1969 and received a B.S. degree in fish and wildlife management from the University of Maryland in 1974. He completed postgraduate work at the University of South Carolina.

Fran started his NPS career as a seasonal interpretive park ranger on the Mall in Washington, D.C., in 1974. While he first worked at the Washington Monument, he was honored to also serve as a park ranger at the Jefferson Memorial during the 1976 bicentennial celebrations, providing front-line interpretation to visitors on the Mall. He then spent time as a park ranger-naturalist at Great Falls Park on the Potomac and as an education specialist at Fort DuPont in Washington, D.C., before accepting a ranger intake trainee position at Great Smoky Mountains NP in 1978.

In 1980, Fran became the first park ranger-naturalist for (then) Congaree Swamp NM. During his years there, he celebrated the monument's expansion, its designation change to Congaree NP in 2003 and its Wilderness designation.

Fran has been the recipient of recognition and awards, including NPS STAR and on-the-spot awards and being nominated for the Harry S. Yount Award and the Freeman Tilden Award numer-

ous times. He has devoted his life to sharing natural history with tens of thousands of visitors in national parks, monuments and education centers in the Eastern United States. He has presented lectures, teacher workshops and field trips and appeared on radio and television programs relating to natural history. In addition, his highly sought-after evening Owl Prowls ran weekly since 1983 and were at maximum capacity for the last few decades. Fran's distinctive "who cooks for y'all" rendition of the barred owl's call has led thousands of visitors to try their hand at owl calling in the South.

Fran will continue making himself heard outside of park boundaries as a trumpeter for the Columbia-based Heart and Soul blues band after retirement. He and his wife, Elizabeth (who retired from federal service with the IRS), will continue to be involved at Congaree NP through special events and their volunteerism. In addition, they plan to travel to other NPS sites across the country and spend time with family.

Don Roberts, special park use and fee program manager, Joshua Tree NP, July 31 after 29 years of federal service, over 16 of them with the NPS.

Theodore N. Rodrigues, Jr., park ranger, Haleakala NP, Aug. 28 after 33 years.

Curt Sauer, superintendent, Joshua Tree NP, Sept. 30 after 35 years of federal service.

During his NPS career, Curt served as chief ranger at Olympic NP, manager for Lake Chelan NRA and park ranger at Grand Canyon NP and Rocky Mountain NP. He also served in seasonal positions with the USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

In 1988, Curt received the Regional Director's Award for Excellence for his management of human resources. He served on the National Ranger Activities Council from 1997 to 2001—the last two years as chair. He coordinated the Rangers of the 21st Century project, assisted in the implementation of a national resource stewardship and protection curriculum and has served on task groups involved with law enforcement and wildland fire policy. In 2001, he was selected to participate in the Executive Potential Program, a one-year competency-based leadership development program providing participants with training and development experience in preparation for leadership positions in the federal government.

Curt came to Joshua Tree NP as the acting superintendent in 2002 and was appointed superintendent in 2003. He was hands-on with the park's gateway communities and would personally lead tours of the park to increase awareness of its benefits and challenges and to encourage stewardship. He oversaw the addition of more than 7,400 acres of privately held land through acquisition or donation to the park, and 36,700 acres of land were upgraded to Wilderness status.

Dutch Scholten, chief of maintenance, Denali NP & PRES, July 1 after over 35 years of federal service, over 26 of them with the NPS.

Dutch began his government career

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in 1974 as a seasonal Hotshot firefighter at the Sierra National Forest in California. During those early years, he worked in a number of seasonal positions at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) before becoming a permanent NPS employee in 1989 as a heavy equipment operator at Sequoia and Kings Canyon.

Dutch was the chief of maintenance at Glacier Bay NP & PRES and Timpanogos Cave NM before joining Denali NP & PRES in 2000 as the assistant chief of maintenance. He became chief of maintenance in 2006.

Dutch's accomplishments at Denali NP & PRES were many, and he will be remembered for his ability to manage and support the huge amount of construction and rehabilitation projects that took place over the past 10 years and for doing the best possible for his employees. During his tenure at the park, there was the construction of two major visitor centers and many other visitor facilities; the rehabilitation and remodeling of numerous structures, many of which are historic; the building and maintenance of a trail system in what had once been a "trail-less wilderness;" and countless repair/rehab and cyclical maintenance projects.

Dutch was instrumental in the implementation of Facility Management Software Systems, not only at Denali NP & PRES, but throughout the NPS. He provided Servicewide training early in

the program's development, and due to his efforts, Denali NP & PRES has been a leader in the Alaska Region. In addition, he participated in the Maintenance Advisory Group on both a regional and national level, helping the park and region move forward with its priorities.

Dutch is looking forward to spending time with family and devoting energy to other interests, which include working on classic cars. It's hard to fully recognize a lengthy career and life's work in only a few paragraphs. Thank you Dutch for all you've given to the NPS, and best wishes for the next chapter in your life.

Chris Shaver, chief, NPS's Air Resources Division (ARD), Natural Resource Program Center, Fort Collins, Colo., Aug. 13 after over 20 years.

Chris devoted most of her 35-year professional career to improving air quality, with special emphasis on protecting national parks from air pollution. After receiving her law degree, she worked in EPA's headquarters Office of Transportation and Land Use Policy, then moved to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office of EPA in 1979 to serve as an assistant regional counsel. She joined the NPS in 1983.

From 1983 to 1992, Chris was in charge of the Policy, Planning and Permit Review Branch of the NPS's ARD. In 1991, she received the DOI's Honor Award and the National Parks Conservation Association's Stephen T. Mather Award for her initiative in helping secure pollution controls at a large, coal-fired power plant located near Grand Canyon NP and other NPS units

on the Colorado Plateau. This was the first time a major utility had been required to retrofit with modern pollution controls because of visibility impacts in a national park. As she ends her career, Chris takes great pride in the impact of that one action, which led to sweeping federal regulation requiring installation of the "best available retrofit technology" on all large pollution sources that contribute to visibility impairment in national parks.

Prior to serving as ARD chief, Chris was away from the NPS for five years (1992-1997) while she worked as the regional counsel for the Rocky Mountain office of the Environmental Defense Fund. During this time, her involvement in NPS air quality issues continued, as she played a key role in negotiating consensus among the diverse stakeholders who were advising the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission.

Chris has managed the NPS's ARD at the Natural Resource Program Center since August 1997. She oversaw a nationwide monitoring network; directed cutting-edge research on how air pollution affects natural resources and values; and collaborated with state agencies, EPA and numerous stakeholders to promote effective air pollution control programs.

Carol A. Wasalinko, procurement technician, Steamtown NHS, July 31 after over 27 years of federal service, over 20 of them with the NPS.

Carol began her federal career with the U.S. Army, where she obtained the rank of master sergeant. She joined the NPS at Steamtown NHS in 1989.

Nancy Woods, chief, Office of Park Partnerships, Northeast Region, July 31 after 25 years.

Nancy began her federal career with the Lowell National Historic Preservation Commission as a planner. She was on the team responsible for building the Lowell park trolley. She left the commission to obtain an M.B.A. Following this, she joined the (then) North Atlantic Regional Office and, several restructurings later, became the management assistant to the superintendent of the Boston Support Office in the newly created Northeast Region. A number of assignments, including one with the Design, Construction and Facility Management Directorate, led to her most recent position in 2004.

One of Nancy's most satisfying assignments has been as a mediator with the CORE PLUS program. "My colleagues in the CORE program and the people we have worked with in the field have made my life so much richer," she says. "I am pleased to say that this program has helped hundreds of people sort out conflicts in the workplace." ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Merry Beyeler; Steven Cinnamon; William Ferraro; Carl Fleming; Billy and Cynthia Garrett; David Joseph; Walter Kalista, III; Robert Kirby, Jr.; Don Striker; Bryan Swift; and Michael Whatley.

Delivering Programs to Visitors with Special Needs



STAFF MEMBERS FROM CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP, White Sands NM and Chamizal N MEM at a workshop held on Aug. 2 participate in hands-on activities that simulate challenges that visitors with physical and mental special needs encounter during interpretive and education programs.

On Aug. 2, more than a dozen interpreters and education staff from Carlsbad Caverns NP, White Sands NM and Chamizal N MEM attended a half-day training on delivering talks and programs to audiences with special needs. The workshop, held at Chamizal N MEM and led by Chamizal's 2010 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Richard Harrid, focused on providing staff with vocabulary and a toolbox of simple techniques to meet the needs of today's diverse audiences. Richard is a special education teacher at Charles Middle School in the El Paso Independent School District.

"Throughout my career as a special

education teacher, I have worked with students whose special needs aren't always visible to others," said Richard. "Oftentimes, people prejudge my students without a full awareness of the special needs that may impact their lives."

The staff participated in discussions and hands-on activities designed to give an idea of what visitors coping with physical, social and mental limitations face when visiting an NPS site. Park Ranger Dora Veracruz Martinez, a workshop attendee, said, "The best part of the workshop was obtaining information on how to modify programs and to accommodate visitors that have special needs." ■

Junior Ranger Discovers Saber Tooth Cat Fossil

On May 30, seven-year-old Kylie Ferguson discovered some fossils while participating in a Junior Ranger program at Badlands NP.

"She knows the characteristics of fossils because her dad is a geologist," said Kylie's mom. "She was really excited and now her dad will just be over the moon!"

Junior Ranger Kylie did the right thing. She reported her find to rangers. Initially, paleontologists identified the bones as belonging to the oreodont *Merycoidodon*, an

extinct sheep-like animal. Heavy rain throughout the month of June exposed more of the skull, and paleontologists soon realized that it was not from the sheep-like animal but was from the extinct saber tooth cat, *Dimictis*.

All fossils are scientifically important, but this fossil find is of high importance. Skulls from saber tooth cats are

rare and usually fragmented or partially eroded away. In this case, however, the fossils were found in limestone, which provided protection for millions

of years allowing the skull to remain in museum-display quality.

Paleontologists excavated the fossils and some of the surrounding rock the week of June 21. The fossils were added to the museum collection storage at Badlands NP.

The Ferguson family is from Sharpsburg, Ga., and this is the first

time Kylie visited the Badlands. Her dad had traveled through the Badlands on a previous trip to a geology field camp, and he wanted to share the sites with his family. They were attending the daily 10:30 a.m. Junior Ranger program at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center when Kylie found the fossils. ■



JUNIOR RANGER Kylie Ferguson found a saber tooth cat fossil while on a visit to Badlands NP.

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E&AA Life Member **Merrill D. "Dave" Beal**, 84, Sept. 21, at home in Eugene, Oreg., following an illness.

Dave retired from the NPS as superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains NP in 1983 with 34 years of service. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy (1944-1946) and in 1950, graduated from Idaho State University with a B.A. degree in zoology. He obtained a master's degree in zoology from Utah State University in 1952. Following seasonal work as a fire control aid starting in 1946, he began his NPS career as a seasonal ranger in Yellowstone NP in 1953.

In addition to Yellowstone NP, throughout his NPS career, Dave held positions at various parks including Everglades NP, Grand Canyon NP (as chief naturalist, 1960-1969) and Great Smoky Mountains NP (as assistant superintendent, 1969-1972). Subsequently, he was deputy regional director (1972-1975) and then regional director (1975-1978) of the Midwest Regional Office - Omaha before completing his NPS career as superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains NP (1978-1983).

Dave was recognized for interpretive accomplishments within the Naturalist Division at Yellowstone NP and Grand Canyon NP and received a Special Achievement Award (1974), a Meritorious Service Award (1975) and a Superior Performance Award (at Great Smoky Mountains NP, 1982). Early in his career, he was a frequent contributor to *Yellowstone Nature Notes*. His articles were published in *Naturalist* and *Four Corners Geological Society Guidebook*, and he was the author of *Grand Canyon: The Story behind the Scenery*.

Dave became assistant director of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, Ariz., following his NPS retirement. During his tenure, he presided over the expansion and construction of new animal habitats and interpretive exhibits and the improvement of concession services. In addition to his administrative duties, he and his wife, Jean, traveled to Africa, Australia and the Galapagos Islands, as well as to the mountains and seas of Northwest Mexico.

Dave served on numerous advisory boards, including Eastern National, Southwest Parks and Monuments Association and the Great Smoky Mountains Natural History Association. In 1991, Dave and Jean retired in the shadow of Great Smoky Mountains in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Eight years later, they relocated to Eugene, Oreg., to be closer to family.

In addition to Dave's wife, Jean, survivors include two sons: John and James, and four grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to the E&AA Trust Fund or a favorite charity.

E&AA Life Member **Doris Jackson "D.J." Bishop**, 83, Aug. 15, following a long battle with cancer.

D.J. served in the federal government in the U.S. Air Force (1951-1953), army, navy, Federal Highway Administration and Bureau of Land Management before joining the NPS in 1980 as the first equal opportunity manager for the combined Rocky Mountain Region and Denver Service Center offices. She served in this position until her retirement from the NPS in December 1985. In her retirement announcement, D.J. reflected on her career, noting, "The best people in the country work for the National Park Service, and it has been my privilege to have worked with them." In her retirement, D.J. began a new

career with a travel agency, traveling all over the world and leading tour groups. She was a lover of travel, history and reading, which was reflected throughout her federal career and in her retirement. Even up to a week prior to her passing, she remained very active. Her friends will remember her as a generous woman who will be greatly missed.

D.J. was predeceased by her husband, Frank. Contributions in her memory may be made to Collier Hospice Center and Home Hospice Care at Exempla Lutheran Hospital through the Lutheran Medical Center Foundation, 3800 West 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

Phil Brease, 60, May 12, while leading a field trip for a science class at Garner Point south of Healy, Alaska.

Phil had been Denali NP & PRES's geologist since 1986. When the students returned to the bus, he remained behind. A teacher walked back to where the class had been and found Phil unconscious on the trail and not breathing. The teacher called 911, and he immediately began CPR. An ambulance and medics arrived within 10 minutes. Continued attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful.

Phil was a Denali NP & PRES institution who was passionate about his work. He inspired countless numbers of park employees, visitors, teachers and students through his programs, seminars and field trips on the park's geology and its recently discovered dinosaur resources. Education and outreach provided Phil a venue where he could share his passion for geology with core values of civic engagement and information sharing. He was a well-known figure in the Denali area.

After graduating from Central Washington University, Phil worked for the Wenatchee National Forest in Washington and the Bureau of Land Management as a mineral patent examiner and lease evaluator. He spent time designing and building sections of the Pacific Crest Trail in Washington's Cascade Mountains.

In 1986, Phil came to Denali NP & PRES to work with the mining evaluation process in Kantishna and quickly became an integral member of the natural resource management team. During his Denali career, he evaluated mining plans and assessed claims, interpreted the history of mining to a variety of audiences, evaluated landslides and slumps, designed the park's first roadside trail, established a glacier monitoring program and worked in paleontology and tectonics. He facilitated research to better understand the geology of the Alaska Range with a wide network of geologists and paleontologists. Evidence of the great support he gave to geologic research was the naming of a species of extinct marine mollusk (found only in Denali) in Phil's honor—the *Myriospirifer breasei*.

Survivors include Phil's wife, Barbara, and three children: Anastasia, Emily and Michael. The family has requested that donations be made to: The Brease Family College Fund at First National Bank of Alaska, Healy Branch, P.O. Box 460, Healy, AK 99743; Alaska Wildlife Alliance; or the Fairbanks Animal Shelter.

E&AA Life Member **William L. "Bill" Brown, III**, 71, June 15, at Carroll Hospice's Dove House in Westminster, Md.

Bill retired from the NPS as curator/historian at Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) in 2004 after 31 years of service. After graduating from high school, he served in Cold War Germany with the



Brown Family Photo

WILLIAM L. BROWN, III

U.S. Army Signal Corps. After returning home, he married his high school sweetheart and earned degrees from Montgomery Junior College and the University of Maryland, where he also pursued history graduate studies. He worked as an executive producer at Maryland Public Television, and he produced a national prize-winning drama about colonial Maryland called "The Inventory."

Bill joined the NPS in 1973 and became a major interpretive voice throughout the history sites in the National Park System. He worked with almost every historic area within the NPS. He was most proud of his work on the 200th anniversary of the British surrender at Yorktown; the creation of the bicentennial traveling living history program *The People of 76* exhibit, which toured the country during the summers of 1975 and 1976; and the planning for the Lewis and Clark exhibits during the bicentennial of their expedition. When Bill retired in 2004, Gary Cummins, then HFC's manager, described Bill as "one of HFC's classiest, most competent, knowledgeable and admired veteran staff members."

Survivors include Bill's wife of 48 years, Barbara; two sons: William L. Brown, IV (wife, Michele) and Robert Burton Brown (wife, Mary); and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to: Carroll Hospice's Dove House, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157. Condolences may be offered online at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.

Douglas "Doug" Burkhard, 58, Aug. 8, at home.

Doug, a former exhibit specialist at Harpers Ferry Center, graduated from the University of Colorado before joining the NPS, where he worked for 20 years. Survivors include Doug's wife, Carol, and one daughter, Whitney Jenkins (husband, Stephen). Both Carol and Stephen work for the NPS at the Historic Preservation Training Center in Frederick, Md.

The family asks that memorial donations be sent to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1100 New York Ave., N.W., Suite 660, Washington, DC 20005. Online condolences may be offered at www.brownfuneralhomeswv.com.

E&AA Life Member **Martin B. Christenson**, 97, Nov. 8, 2009.

Martin began his NPS career in 1941 as chief clerk at Isle Royale NP, where he received a Superior Performance Award. Subsequently, he was budget officer in the (then) Region Two Office in Omaha (1955) and moved to Philadelphia as pro-

gram officer in the (then) Region Five Office (1959), followed by assistant to regional director - program coordination in the (then) Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (1967-1970). He retired in 1973 as chief, Office of Budget and Programs, Northeast Region - Philadelphia.

Catherine "Cathey" Grey Carrington Clawson, 48, June 17, at home in Manteo, N.C., six months after the discovery of a brain tumor.

Cathey earned a B.A. degree in clarinet performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1983 and received her master's degree in clarinet performance from the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati in 1985. She lived a life filled with music, including performances with numerous groups in Cincinnati, with the Community Symphony Orchestra in Charlotte, at weddings on the Outer Banks and with the Roanoke Island Trio (her favorite). She maintained a music studio and taught clarinet, saxophone and piano. Her most recent employment was in human resources for the Outer Banks Group, which she called her "NPS family."

Survivors include Cathey's husband, David; three sons: Zachary, Grey and Gage; mother, Mary Blanche Harwell; stepfather, Boyce Harwell; two sisters: Margaret and Elizabeth; brother, Macon; and stepmother, Ginny Mattox. Condolences may be expressed at www.twifordfh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Catherine Carrington Clawson Scholarship Fund (for music and arts) at the Outer Banks Community Foundation (www.obcf.org), 13 Skyline Road, Southern Shores, NC 27949.

E&AA Member **Irene Rose (McNamara) DeLay**, 87, July 11, at Sky Ridge Medical Center in Colorado.

Irene was a registered nurse and had served as a U.S. Navy Cadet nurse in World War II. She was the widow of NPS retiree John F. DeLay, who passed away in 1997. John retired from the NPS in 1980 as chief of the Major Roads Branch at the Denver Service Center, following 30 years of service.

Since 1980, Irene had been a resident of Douglas County, Colo. She was a charter board member of Castle Care Assisted Living and a member of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church and Theresians. She also served as a local AARP board member.

Irene's survivors include nine children: Kathi Keys, Peggy DeLay, Rita (Tim) Snider, John (Janie) DeLay, Jim (Patti) DeLay, Mary Anne (Rob) Clagett, Terry DeLay, Frank (Kristie) DeLay and Maureen (Chris) Joseph; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and five sisters. Maureen Joseph works for the NPS as the regional historical landscape architect for the National Capital Region. Donations in memory of Irene may be made to the St. Francis of Assisi Building Fund, 2746 Fifth St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

E&AA Life Member **William M. "Bill" Lukens**, 77, April 10, at home near Sandpoint, Idaho.

Bill retired from the NPS in 1987 as superintendent of Padre Island NS after 29 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany (1951-1953), then, after graduating from the University of

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BILL LUKENS

California, Berkeley with a B.A. degree in geology in 1958, his NPS career began in October 1958 as a seasonal park naturalist at Death Valley NP. His first permanent NPS position was as a park ranger at Rocky Mountain NP in 1959. Bill went on to serve at Zion NP, Glacier NP and Canyon de Chelly NM and was superintendent of Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS, (then) Saguaro NM and finally, Padre Island NS, before retiring. He was awarded a Meritorious Service Award.

Bill and his wife, Faye, returned to Tucson, Ariz., for two years before settling permanently on their large, forested acreage in Idaho, where he received a national award for his outstanding stewardship of his land. He is survived by Faye; daughter, Shawn and family; and son, Brad and family.

E&AA Life Member **Bruce J. Miller**, 88, Sept. 28, at home, due to cancer.

Bruce enlisted and served as a sergeant in the Technical Training Command of the 3rd Air Force during World War II (Dec. 1942 to Feb. 1946). He obtained a B.S. degree in forestry in 1949 from the University of Michigan, and began his NPS career as a park ranger at Glacier NP. During that assignment, he met Leila Lee Frappia of Minneapolis, Minn., and they married in 1952. He was a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy's 60th session in 1957.

Over the subsequent years, Bruce served at Great Smoky Mountains NP (1957-1960), WASO (1960-1961), Yosemite NP (1961-1966), the San Francisco Regional Office (1966-1967), Isle Royale NP (as superintendent, 1967-1969), the Great Lakes Area Field Office (1969-1970) and the Northeast Regional Office - Philadelphia (1970-1972). He joined the Florida-Caribbean District Office in 1972 and retired in 1974 from the Southeast Regional Office (Florida Planning Office) as park manager after a government career of over 30 years.

Following his retirement from the NPS, Bruce worked the next five years for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and worked an additional four years with the Florida Department of Agriculture, heading up a pesticide enforcement program with offices in Tallahassee. The Millers moved to Ohio's Lake Mohawk, a favorite place of the entire family. Bruce served for five years as the director of the Carroll County Regional Planning Commission.

In April 1989, Bruce and Leila Lee moved to Pleasant Hill, Tenn., where they built a retirement home in the Uplands

Retirement Village. He served a four-year term as commissioner on the West Cumberland Utility District and supervised the construction of a new office building. The Millers remained in Tennessee for 16 years, and in 2005, they moved to Florida to live on their daughter and son-in-law's farm (Anita and Jim).

Bruce was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church; a member of the American Legion since 1946; and was active with memberships in NARFE, Kiwanis, Rotary, Toastmasters and the Society of Les Voyageurs at the University of Michigan. He was a charter member of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service and a life member of the National Rifle Association. Bruce's survivors include Leila Lee, his wife of 58 years; three sons: Calvin, Russell (who is a park ranger at Yellowstone NP) and Lawrence; two daughters: Anita (husband, Jim Lemmon) and Laura (husband, Dan Wheatcraft); 22 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. Leila Lee Miller resides at 5800 Leon Tyson Road, St. Cloud, FL 34771.

E&AA Life Member **Harry C. Myers**, 60, Aug. 31, in Santa Fe, N.Mex., after a massive heart attack.

Harry served in the U.S. Army's Security Agency as a communications specialist from 1969 to 1972, after which he attended Western Illinois University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1977. His 29-year NPS career began as a temporary park technician at the Midwest Regional Office - Omaha (MWRO) in 1977. His first permanent assignment was in May 1979 as a park ranger at Fort Scott NHS. He became a program analyst at MWRO in November 1979 and beginning in 1981, served a seven-year stint as the superintendent of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial.

Harry spent the following 13 years as superintendent of Fort Union NM. In 2001, he moved to Santa Fe, where he was outdoor recreation planner at the National Trails System Office until retiring from the NPS in 2007. Soon afterward, he became the association manager for the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), a position he held at the time of his death.

Harry was one of the leading authorities on the history of the Santa Fe Trail and the author of numerous articles on the trail. He published articles in *Kansas History* magazine, the *Prairie Scout* and SFTA's publication, *Wagon Tracks*. One of his article contributions was an update of Jack Rittenhouse's 1971 bibliography of the Santa Fe Trail—Harry added close to 500 titles to that compilation.

Harry was the recipient of several awards from SFTA, including the Jack D. Rittenhouse Memorial Stagecoach Award for lifetime achievement in research and writing about the history of the Santa Fe Trail. He served as coordinator for the trail's 175th anniversary celebration and took a leading role in the Corazon Chapter of SFTA. He was one of the co-founders of the chapter and served as secretary, and at the time of his death, he was serving as president of the chapter.

Frances Wilson Peetz, 82, Aug. 19, peacefully, at the Fairways at Brookline nursing home in State College, Pa.

Frances was married to E&AA Life Member Edward S. Peetz. Ed was associate regional director, Professional Services, National Capital Region, when he

retired from the NPS in 1981 after 30 years of service.

Frances graduated from Rochester High School in 1945 and Penn State University in 1949 with a degree in home economics. She was employed as a dietitian in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Richmond, Va., school districts prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom in February 1952. After her children had gone to college, she worked for the White House Historical Association for five years prior to retiring in State College.

In addition to Ed, Frances' husband of 61 years, survivors include two sons: Edward W. (wife, Louise) and David J. (wife, Karen); daughter, Laurine P. (husband, Michael Musto); sister, Marian W. (husband, Richard N. Rice); and six grandchildren: David, Katherine, Matthew, Chris, Lisa and Ted. Donations in memory of Frances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Messages of condolence may be sent to Ed at 1242 Haymaker Road, State College, PA 16801.

E&AA Life Member **Frank E. Sylvester**, 86, April 15, at home in Novato, Calif.

Frank served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a B-24 bomber pilot. He flew B-29s for the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War. He worked for the NPS and DOI for over 37 years.

Frank was a seasonal fire control aid, then became a park ranger at Grand Canyon NP early in his career. Among his Park Service assignments, he served

as special assistant to the director at WASO and was superintendent at Lassen Volcanic NP (1961-1963) before joining the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation as the first regional director of the Pacific Southwest Region. He retired in 1979 and received the DOI Distinguished Service Award.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Georgia, in 2002. His survivors include two daughters: Linda and Leslie, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Harold William "Bill" White, 61, July 24, at home in East Stroudsburg, Pa., due to a heart attack.

Bill was a maintenance employee in roads and trails at Delaware Water Gap NRA. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Prior to working at Delaware Water Gap NRA, he worked for Edinger-Wyckoff and the Stroudsburg Engine Works.

Bill was a member of the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, where he served as head usher and was a deacon. He was also a member of the Marshalls Creek Fire Company.

Bill's survivors include his aunt, Doris LaBar (husband, Lester), and several cousins, including Donna LaBar Long, Delaware Water Gap NRA's IT specialist. Memorial remembrances may be made to the Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church, 5205 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, or to the Marshalls Creek Fire Company, P.O. Box 1, Marshalls Creek, PA 18335. ■

Benefactors

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

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Land Exchange

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Army's Valley Forge winter encampment of 1777-78, while the Museum of the American Revolution will help tell the story of the birth of our nation—just two blocks from Independence Hall," said Northeast Regional Director Dennis Reidenbach.

ARC intends to establish the Museum of the American Revolution on their site within Independence NHP, which itself covers almost 54 acres in Philadelphia's Old City and includes Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Franklin Court and other historic buildings associated with the founding of the United States. ARC, a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to engaging the public in the history and enduring legacy of the American Revolution, plans to display its distinguished collection of objects, artifacts and manuscripts related to that era.

"The story of the American Revolution is relevant to every American," said Independence NHP Supt. Cynthia MacLeod. "The Museum of the American Revolution can bring life to many chapters of that story and add a new dimension for visitors to Independence National Historical Park and Philadelphia."

"These 78 acres are a jewel," said Valley Forge NHP Supt. Mike Caldwell. "The permanent preservation of the land is a remarkable accomplishment that both commemorates the endurance of the Continental Army and allows this land to be enjoyed by generations of visitors to come." ■

New Places & Faces

Curtis Atwood, to maintenance worker, Shenandoah NP.

Scott J. Bentley, from superintendent, San Antonio Missions NHP, to superintendent, River Raisin NBP.

Bridget Bohnet, from law enforcement ranger, Shenandoah NP, to district ranger, Cape Hatteras NS.



ZACH BOLITHO

Zach Bolitho, from chief of resources, Lewis and Clark NHP, to chief of resource management, Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS.

Jeff Bradybaugh, from superintendent, Grand Canyon-Parashant NM, to superintendent, Bryce Canyon NP.

Daniel R. Brown, from superintendent, Chattahoochee River NRA, to superintendent, Gulf Islands NS.

Wendy Bundy, to telecommunications equipment operator, Shenandoah NP.

Stephanie Burkhardt, from deputy associate regional director for natural resources, Intermountain Region, to associate regional director for communications, Pacific West Region - Oakland.

Gary Cool, from visitor use assistant, Blue Ridge Parkway, to visitor use assistant, Shenandoah NP.



FRANK DEAN

Frank Dean, from acting superintendent, to general superintendent, Golden Gate NRA. Frank was appointed deputy superintendent at the park in September 2009 and has been serving as acting superintendent since the summer of 2009.

Thomas J. Ferranti, from deputy chief of learning and development, Learning and Development Division, WASO, to

deputy associate director for workforce management, WASO.

Mae Frantz, to outdoor recreation planning tech, Planning Division, Denver Service Center. Mae is duty stationed at Yosemite NP.

Cathy Gochenour, from Facility Management Software System support, Northeast Regional Office, to human resources assistant, Virginia Servicing Human Resources Office, Shenandoah NP.

Angela R. Hargrove, from chief, Human Resources Operations Division, to chief, NPS Office of Human Resources, WASO.

Jill A. Hawk, from chief ranger, Northeast Region, to superintendent, Morristown NHP.

Rick Kahn, to landscape ecologist, Biological Resource Management Division, Natural Resource Program Center, Fort Collins, Colo.

Dianne Kensler, from visitor use assistant, to senior visitor use assistant, Shenandoah NP.



MARTHA J. LEE

Martha J. Lee, from general superintendent, Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, John Muir NHS and Eugene O'Neill NHS, to deputy regional director for public use management, Pacific West Region.

Doug Lentz, from deputy chief of concessions, to chief of concessions, Grand Canyon NP.

Zach Long, from visitor use assistant, to senior visitor use assistant, Shenandoah NP.

Donna Losson, from administrative officer, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to associate regional director for administration, Southeast Region.

Suzanne McCarthy, from acting deputy superintendent, to deputy superintendent, Gateway NRA.

Billie Miller, from human resources specialist, Gateway NRA, to human resources specialist, Shenandoah NP.

Michael Nash, from chief ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to chief ranger, Grand Teton NP.

Maryanne O'Connor, from visitor use assistant (central remit), to program assistant, Shenandoah NP.

John Piltzecker, from superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks, to

associate regional director for construction and facilities management, Northeast Region.

Robert "Bob" Reekie, to mass acquisition buying office lead/supervisory contract specialist, Shenandoah NP.

Louis Rowe, to deputy associate director, Visitor and Resource Protection, WASO.

Michael Seibert, from exhibits specialist, to chief of maintenance, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP.

Philip A. "Phil" Selleck, from chief, Division of Regulations and Special Park Uses, WASO, to associate regional director for operations and education, National Capital Region.

Don Sharlow, from roads and trails supervisor, Zion NP, to chief of facility management, Flagstaff Area Monuments.

Dr. Tanya Shenk, to climate change landscape ecologist, Biological Resource Management Division, Natural Resource Program Center, Fort Collins, Colo.

Clifford "Cliff" Spencer, from superintendent, Petrified Forest NP, to superintendent, Mesa Verde NP.

Jose Suquinahua, to protection dispatcher, Statue of Liberty NM.

Susan Tillotson, to program manager for leadership development, Learning and Development Division, WASO.

Tina Touchstone, from utility systems operator, Yellowstone NP, to wastewater treatment plant operator, Shenandoah NP.

Allen D. Vaira, from seasonal park ranger (interpretation), Klondike Gold Rush NHP, to (term) park guide (interpretation), Grand Canyon NP.

Chanteil Walter, from (term) environmental protection specialist, Intermountain Regional Office, to (permanent) environmental protection specialist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Julia Washburn, to associate director for interpretation and education, WASO.

Sandra J. Washington, from chief of planning and compliance, to associate regional director for planning, communications and legislation, Midwest Region.

Jeff Wasserman, from lieutenant and commander of services and criminal investigations, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), San Francisco Field Office, to captain in the U.S.P.P. and regional law enforcement specialist for the NPS Pacific West Region.

Daniel N. Wenk, from NPS deputy

director of operations, WASO, to superintendent, Yellowstone NP.

Bill Wright, from chief of visitor and resource protection, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to chief ranger, Grand Canyon NP. ■

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Colorado National Monument Centennial—Colorado NM kicked off its centennial year with a fireworks extravaganza on New Year's Eve. A series of special centennial events follow each month. The major Centennial Celebration event will be held on May 21, 2011.

In recognition of this celebration, the park staff requests Colorado NM alumni to join them for the May 21 Centennial Ceremony and an alumni picnic to follow that evening. They look forward to having alumni join them for the centennial anniversary and sharing memories of the monument from years gone by. They ask that alumni RSVP as to whether they will attend the picnic. For further information, contact Michelle Wheatley at Michelle_Wheatley@nps.gov or (970) 858-3617, ext. 363.

Colorado NM Supt. Joan Anzelmo invites all Colorado NM former employees to join in the yearlong celebration. A full list of centennial events can be found on the park's website at www.nps.gov/colm. ■

The Arrowhead Store

The Arrowhead Store is administered by Eastern National at the NPS's request to nurture the pride and spirit that is the hallmark of those who have made the NPS a leader in the fields of conservation and preservation. Arrowhead products feature the official logo of the National Park Service and are not available for purchase by the general public but may be purchased by NPS employees and alumni and our partners, such as cooperating association employees and volunteers, who help us protect park resources and serve the public. Visit the Arrowhead Store today, and see what's new!

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NPS Staff Appointed as Adjunct Faculty Members

The Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station, Tex., has announced the appointment of three NPS staff, Louise Hose, Lavell Merritt and Jim Miculka as adjunct faculty members.

Louise Hose serves as NPS research coordinator for the Gulf Coast Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. Lavell

Merritt is the manager for the NPS ProRanger program. He is currently based at San Antonio College. Jim Miculka is the national coordinator for the Amtrak-National Park Service Trails & Rails partnership. He is also the coordinator for tourism, interpretation and education studies for the NPS at Texas A&M University. ■

E&AA Unveils Improved Website—www.EandAA.org

The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) recently unveiled a new and improved website to better serve the needs of its members by providing information about its programs in a clear, concise format. Website visitors can read past issues of the *Arrowhead* newsletter, learn about and apply for membership and explore the different programs available to E&AA members.

The E&AA is a 501(c)(4) membership organization dedicated to promoting the values and ideals of the National Park Service family. The E&AA was organized in 1955 and incorporated in 1957. Its members work to promote and nurture a bond between current and former NPS employees in their dedication to the NPS mission.

The E&AA, through the National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund (a 501(c)(3)), benefits its members through several important programs. One such program is the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, which provides interest-free loans to E&AA NPS members and their dependent children/grandchildren. Through the disaster relief fund, E&AA helps members of the NPS family who have been devastated by natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

Board Chair William Schenk said, "The revised E&AA website offers a refreshing and inviting glimpse into the role and function of the association and its relationship to the National Park Service. It offers members and non-members the opportunity to get current information on the activities E&AA sponsors and the support it provides to NPS employees and alumni. The association offers a location for NPS employees and alumni to share successes, get assistance with scholarships, obtain assistance when disaster strikes and stay in tune with their colleagues across the System."

E&AA has been administered by Eastern National since 1987 at the request of the National Park Service, which was maintaining the association through a handful of volunteers. This arrangement was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement between Eastern National and the E&AA. The Board of Directors of Eastern National serves in a voluntary capacity as the board of the E&AA. ■

E&AA Membership Application

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

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

Contribution to the E&AA Trust Fund

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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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COLORADO NM INTERPRETIVE PARK RANGER Annie Runde welcomes theatergoers as they arrive at the historic Avalon Theatre in Grand Junction, Colo., for the Nov. 18 premiere of the Rocky Mountain PBS original documentary, "The Colorado National Monument: Celebrating 100 Years of John Otto's Dream," by filmmaker Greg Mikolaj. The documentary, which was viewed by a packed house of 1,000 people at the premiere, subsequently aired on Rocky Mountain PBS. The DVD is for sale at Colorado NM's bookstore and through the Colorado National Monument Association's website (www.coloradonma.org). Colorado NM celebrates its centennial year in 2011. See page 11 for more information.

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