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FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year has posed some serious challenges for us, but I remain hopeful and excited about the future—primarily because of what I know of the creativity and gumption of National Park Service people. Every year, Founders Day is an important milestone as are all the events and accomplishments that move us closer to achieving the goals of *A Call to Action*. We are working for the future and looking forward to our second century of stewardship.



Tapping the educational power of parks and programs has long been one of my priorities. But when it comes to NPS educational materials designed for preschool children and their teachers, resources are thin. That's why we asked for help from Elmo and Murray, Muppets from *Sesame Street*.

A series of six videos—*Sesame Street Explores National Parks*—developed by the NPS, in collaboration with Sesame Workshop and the National Park Foundation, features the Muppets and rangers Amala Posey-Hyman from Grand Canyon National Park and Shalini Gopie from Gateway National Recreation Area. In each one, the Muppets and rangers highlight scientific inquiry skills that are relevant not only to the national parks, but also to local parks and even backyards. The idea is to introduce children from the ages of three to five to nature and science and to help shape their attitudes about those subjects at an early age. The videos are accompanied by practical activities, all available on the parks' websites, to help parents and educators augment the learning experience.

As we approach our centennial, linking public lands to public health is increasingly important. *A Call to Action* item #8, *Eat Well and Prosper*, helps us achieve this goal. In early June, Secretary Jewell and I joined executives of major concessioners to announce that visitors will have more options to purchase healthy food at national parks. As part of the NPS *Healthy Parks, Healthy People* project, we have started the Healthy & Sustainable Food Program, which provides new standards for healthy food at more than 250 concession operations. We will include the standards in all new concessions contracts and apply them on a voluntary basis to existing contracts.

We've developed this initiative with the White House, the CDC, USDA and organizations like The American Heart Association, the National Park Hospitality Association and concessioners.

These efforts, and your work every day, bring us closer to a second-century National Park Service, and I appreciate your commitment to moving us forward no matter what comes our way. Above all, be safe this summer.

—Jonathan B. Jarvis

Three New Monuments Added to National Park System

On March 25, 2013, President Obama signed proclamations establishing five new national monuments, using his authority under the Antiquities Act. The monuments, located in Delaware, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio and Washington, help tell the story of significant people and extraordinary events in American history, as well as protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans. The National Park Service will manage three of the sites, and the Bureau of Land Management will manage the other two.

"These sites honor the pioneering heroes, spectacular landscapes and rich history that have shaped our extraordinary country," said President Obama. "By designating these national monuments today, we will ensure they will continue to inspire and be enjoyed by generations of Americans to come."

The National Park Service's annual peer-reviewed report found that the 279 million visitors to our national parks generated \$30.1 billion in economic activity

and supported 252,000 jobs nationwide in 2011. More than one third of that total spending, or \$13 billion, went directly into communities within 60 miles of a park, and the national parks return more than \$10 for every \$1 the American taxpayer invests in the NPS.

The monuments are:

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Maryland. This monument, the 399th unit of the National Park System, commemorates the life of the most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad who was responsible for helping enslaved people escape from bondage to freedom. The new national park, located on Maryland's Eastern Shore, includes large sections of landscapes that are significant to Tubman's early life in Dorchester County and evocative of her life as a slave and conductor of the Underground Railroad. These include Stewart's Canal, dug by hand by free and enslaved people, in-

cluding Tubman, between 1810 and the 1830s. Stewart's Canal is part of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and, although part of the new national monument, will continue to be managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument also includes the homesite of Jacob Jackson, a free black man who used coded letters to help Tubman communicate with family and others. The monument will also partner with the State of Maryland's Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park Visitor Center when it opens in 2015. The monument will be managed by the NPS, and more information is available at www.nps.gov/hatu.

First State National Monument in Delaware. This monument, the 400th national park site and the first unit of the National Park System in Delaware, will tell the story of the early Dutch, Swedish,

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National Park of American Samoa Celebrates New Visitor Center

On April 24, 2013, the National Park of American Samoa celebrated the grand opening of its new visitor center. The new visitor center replaces the previous one that was destroyed by the 2009 tsunami and culminates the national park's recovery efforts. In attendance were the American Samoa Governor, Lolo Moliga, and First Lady, Cynthia Moliga; local government directors and representatives; and park partners who were instrumental in the development of the visitor center exhibits.

The exhibits were designed and written in Samoan and English for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors from around the world. They showcase the significance of the islands' unique tropical rainforests, coral reefs, fruit bats and the Samoan culture.

"We hope that the visitor center exhibits accurately reflect American Samoa's

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THE RIBBON IS CUT for the new visitor center at National Park of American Samoa on April 24, 2013. Pictured from left to right: Supt. Jim Bacon, Chief of Interpretation and Education Michael Larson, First Lady of American Samoa Cynthia Moliga and Governor of American Samoa Lolo Moliga.

Top 10 Visited NPS Sites Revealed

More than 282 million people visited America's national parks in 2012, an increase of more than three million over 2011. It was the sixth highest annual visitation in the history of the National Park Service, despite nearly two million fewer visitors as a result of park closures caused by Hurricane Sandy.

"The National Park Service strives to represent all that America has to offer," said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. "People come to national parks for many reasons—for

recreation and to learn about American history by strolling through a battlefield. They come to listen to a park ranger at Independence National Historical Park and marvel at the Continental Congress. And people come to national parks for old-fashioned enjoyment of the great outdoors."

National parks capture the story of the U.S., from its earliest days to the modern era. Director Jarvis said, "The dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the opening of the César E. Chávez

National Monument in 2012 help us to continue to explore how our nation of many faces and many voices has developed."

The challenges left in the wake of Hurricane Sandy will become part of American history, too. The storm slammed into 70 national park sites from North Carolina to Maine. Some parks closed briefly, others for weeks while the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in New York remain closed for repairs.

"The Statue of Liberty will reopen by

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• **Natchez Trace Parkway** added a new bird species to its list on Jan. 19 when three adult whooping cranes, representing an endangered species that has never before been confirmed in the park, were spotted. They were seen again a week later but were expected to move on to more suitable habitats. "It was wonderful to have the majestic birds on parkway lands, even if it was only a temporary stop," said Lisa McInnis, chief of resource management. "Especially since the species was nearly extinct only 60 years ago."

One of the world's rarest bird species, there are approximately 400 wild whooping cranes in two North American flocks. The whooping cranes seen in the park were likely part of the Eastern Migratory Population, an experimental flock that is being taught to migrate from Wisconsin to Florida by following either ultralight aircraft or older wild whooping cranes.

• On Feb. 23, **Brown v. Board of Education NHS** hosted its first community sock hop. Approximately 100 visitors

enjoyed a night of fun and music. Students from the Kansas Ballet Academy and Accent Dance Academy demonstrated dances such as the stroll, the twist, the lindy and the locomotion. A local band called Spare Parts performed music from the 1950s and 1960s as kids and adults competed at hula hooping. The night was a great success according to park historian Thom Rosenblum. "We wanted to offer the public a lighter side of the history while still maintaining the park's thematic integrity."

In its infancy, rock and roll reflected a unique harmony of various African American music genres that caught the attention of young adults. The music industry labeled all African American music as race records. Therefore, early rock and roll was considered race music. However, the new sound transcended racial barriers as young adults from every ethnic group flocked to dance halls wanting to hear rock and roll. The success of rock and roll as an instrument for integrating young adults, and its label as race music, created a negative backlash from segregationists holding on to the idea of cultural traditions that separated whites and blacks in every aspect of society. Various groups organized boycotts of music stores and radio stations that played rock and roll. Despite their efforts, rock and roll survived.

• The Seattle Unit of **Klondike Gold Rush NHP** celebrated Black History Month with special guest Minnijean Brown Trickey, a member of the Little Rock Nine who desegregated Little Rock Central High School under the protection of federal troops in 1957. Minnijean shared her experiences and how she gained a strong passion for education and social justice after being involved in such a major historical event. The standing-room-only event provoked a powerful dialogue about our interconnected past and how we can work together to eradicate racism and other forms of discrimination for a brighter future. The Seattle Channel, a service of the City of Seattle, captured her speech and aired it during Black History Month.

In the fall of 1957, nine ordinary teenagers walked out of their homes and



U.S. Park Police, ID Unit

U.S. PARK POLICE OFFICERS attend the ceremony for the unveiling of a wayside exhibit honoring fallen U.S. Park Police officers.

By *Sergeant Paul Brooks, Public Information Officer, United States Park Police*

In a collaborative effort with the NPS, a wayside exhibit was constructed in front of the **United States Park Police** headquarters building in Washington, D.C. Originally, the U.S. Park Police executive staff wanted to establish a memorial for officers who died in the line of duty. However, the establishment of memorials is regulated by the Commemorative Works Act, which would have made this goal very difficult to achieve. As a result, Peter May, associate regional director of the National

Capital Region, suggested that we establish a wayside exhibit. This approach gave us the ability to tell the story of the U.S. Park Police and speak of the inherent dangers that accompany the job of a police officer.

An audio box is attached to the wayside exhibit so park visitors who are visually impaired can still learn about the U.S. Park Police. U.S. Park Police SWAT Officer Jerome Stoudamire was the narrator. On Dec. 14, 2012, Teresa Chambers, chief of the U.S. Park Police, and Steve Whitesell, regional director of the National Capital Region, unveiled the wayside honoring fallen U.S. Park Police officers. ■

into the pages of history by attempting to attend the previously all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. The Little Rock Nine, as they became known, were barred entrance into the school by Arkansas National Guardsmen called out by Governor Orval E. Faubus in violation of the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision. President Eisenhower interceded and issued an executive order mobilizing 1,200 federal troops of the 101st Airborne Division to escort and protect the students as they entered the school.

• Over 1,100 visitors joined **Fort Pulaski NM** staff in commemorating

Women's History Month on March 9. The day's programs focused on women during the Civil War era. While the men were away, women managed the home front—running farms and operating businesses. Some women supported the war as spies, while others joined the fight as soldiers. Because both the Union and Confederate armies forbade the enlistment of women, women soldiers assumed masculine names and disguised themselves as men. It is impossible to know how many women served in the Civil War.

To recognize the female veterans of the American Civil War, Fort Pulaski NM's cannon-firing demonstrations were performed by an all-female crew of park staff

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Wildfire at the Canyon: Visiting Our Past to Build Our Future

Current fire management staff at Grand Canyon NP (GRCA) invited past GRCA fire management officers, ecologists and prescribed fire specialists to the North Rim in the fall of 2012 for a field trip to develop a vision for the future of the wildland fire program in the forests on the rim of the Grand Canyon. In all, 16 past and present fire managers with a total of 152 years of GRCA fire experience attended the three-day field trip to discuss success stories, lessons learned, future climate changes and fire effects. While visiting the North Rim, the group toured past wildfire areas to assess post-fire recovery. They also discussed future projects in those post-fire areas to ensure the perpetuation of wildland fires for the future.

"The goal of the field trip was to allow past fire staff an opportunity to see firsthand all the work they accomplished over the

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PAST AND PRESENT GRAND CANYON NP FIRE MANAGEMENT STAFF at Fire Point on the North Rim of Grand Canyon NP. Pictured from left to right, front row: Ken Kerr, Li Brannfors and Donald Forester. Middle row: Dan Oltrogge, Windy Bunn, Kim VanHemelryck, Eric Gdula, Sarah Russell, Linda Kerr, Tonja Opperman, Jay Lusher and Tamara Wall. Back row: Dan Pearson, Pete Fulé, Todd Chaudhry, Chris Marks, Craig Letz and Lisa Hanson.

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and volunteers. Women regularly participate in the park's historic weapons program, but these were the first demonstrations of the park's 30-pounder Parrott rifle to feature a cannon crew comprised of women only.

Two fashion shows of Civil War garments were also held: a presentation of "Victorian Secrets: Civil War Ladies Undergarments," which reviewed the dressing process with layer upon layer of undergarments for the 19th-century woman, and a "Civil War Ladies Fashion Show," exhibiting the wide range and variety of clothing worn by women based on social status, social customs and social events. The narrated display of ladies clothing of the Civil War period included day dresses, ball gowns and everything in between.

- **Salem Maritime NHS**, America's first national historic site, celebrated its 75th anniversary on March 17. Public speeches by park staff, visits from park alumni, Junior Ranger activities, costumed interpreters, commemorative U.S. postage cancellations and birthday cake were some of the day's highlights. Supt. Michael Quijano-West said, "It took considerable commitment by the citizens of Salem and this country to establish the site on March 17, 1938. The successful protection and preservation of this nine-acre park over the last 75 years established an important precedent for historic preservation across the country."

The establishment of Salem Maritime was greatly influenced by the passage of the Historic Sites Act of 1935, the first U.S. law to declare "...that it is a national policy to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings, and objects of national significance." The park is one of the earliest expressions of this new federal policy—and is the first national historic site established in the National Park System. Park staff, rangers and volunteers will be recognizing the 75th anniversary throughout the remainder of 2013 with special events and programs.

- On April 5, law enforcement rangers from **Castillo de San Marcos NM** and **Fort Matanzas NM** participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run in St. Johns County, Fla. This was the fourth consecutive year they participated. Approximately

50 participants ran over three miles from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office to the parking lot at Castillo de San Marcos NM. The run benefits Special Olympics Florida athletes and raised nearly \$2,000. Law enforcement officers from agencies across the state participate in the torch run each year before the beginning of the Special Olympics Florida State Summer Games.

- After years of work by agencies and individuals in both Mexico and the U.S., the Port of Boquillas in **Big Bend NP** opened on April 10. This project connecting the park and the Maderas del Carmen Protected Area in Coahuila, Mexico, brings the spirit of binational cooperation generated in the 1930s to fruition. Visitors from both sides of the border, with proper documentation, now have the ability to enter both countries during daylight hours. The official crossing provides access to the town of Boquillas, as well as the protected areas of Maderas del Carmen, Ocampo and Cañon de Santa Elena, filling a void in a long stretch of border between Presidio and Del Rio where there was no port of entry.

This binational cooperation and cultural exchange were ideas highlighted during the formation of Big Bend NP and were, in part, a reality prior to September 2001. Prior to that time, visitors to the park and local residents of Mexico availed themselves of the greater freedom along the border, rowing across the river for lunch, shopping, international education programs or Good Neighbor Day celebrations.

Crossing the river at Boquillas will remain a pedestrian affair, limited to walking or being ferried by boat. No vehicles will be allowed to cross and there will be no commercial importation of products. Travelers entering the U.S. will do so in an NPS interagency facility staffed by NPS personnel during the port's hours of operation. Valid border-crossing documents, such as a passport or border card, will be required. Travelers will then be interviewed by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer via a remote link. The decision to open the high-tech border crossing was based on extensive CBP analysis and consultation with Mexico and is part of an ongoing commitment to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security continues to take steps to enhance security along U.S. borders. ■

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New Monuments Added

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Finnish and English settlement of the colony of Delaware, as well as Delaware's role as the first state to ratify the Constitution. The park is comprised of three historic areas related to Delaware's rich history: the Dover Green, the New Castle Court House complex (including the courthouse, Green and Sheriff's House) and the Woodlawn property in the Brandywine Valley. The monument will be managed by the NPS, and more information is available at www.nps.gov/frst.

Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Ohio. This monument, the 401st unit of the National Park System, will preserve the home of Colonel Charles Young (1864-1922), a distinguished officer in the United States Army who was the third African American to graduate from West Point and the first to achieve the rank of colonel. Charles Young also served as one of the early army superintendents of Sequoia and General Grant National Parks before the establishment of the NPS in 1916. The national headquarters of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, of which Charles Young was a member, made the property available for acquisition by the federal government for the purpose of establishing the national monument commemorating Charles Young's life and accomplishments. The monument will be managed by the NPS, and more information is available at www.nps.gov/chyo.

The following two new monuments will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM):

Río Grande del Norte National Monu-

ment in New Mexico. Located northwest of Taos, the Río Grande del Norte contains stretches of the Río Grande Gorge and extinct volcanoes that rise from the Taos Plateau. The area is known for its spectacular landscapes and recreational opportunities—like rafting, fishing and hiking—and serves as important habitat for many birds and wildlife. The monument is also home to a dense collection of petroglyphs and extraordinary archeological and cultural resources dating from the Archaic Period to the more recent passage of Hispanic settlers.

San Juan Islands National Monument in Washington. Home to bald eagles, orca whales, harbor seals and other rare species, the San Juan Islands is a chain of 450 islands, rocks and pinnacles. Located in Washington State's Puget Sound, the archipelago provides an opportunity for visitors, campers, kayakers and bird-watchers to experience the natural beauty of the undeveloped, rugged landscape. A number of historic lighthouses are located on the islands, as well as cultural resources and fossils dating back 12,000 years.

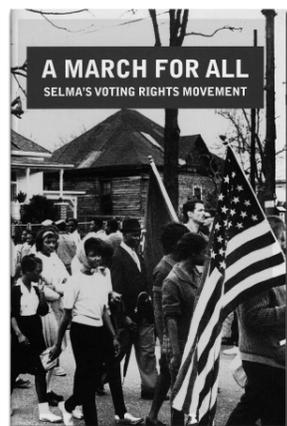
President Obama has previously designated four monuments using the Antiquities Act, including César E. Chávez NM (NPS); Fort Monroe NM (NPS); Fort Ord NM (BLM); and Chimney Rock NM (U.S. Forest Service). First exercised by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument, the authority of the Antiquities Act has been used by 16 presidents since 1906 to protect unique natural and historic features in America. ■

Off the Press

A March for All: Selma's Voting Rights Movement

By Theresa L. Hall
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A March for All: Selma's Voting Rights Movement chronicles the struggle for civil rights and takes the reader inside the marches from Selma, Ala., in 1965 that drew national attention to the issues of segregation and unimpeded voting rights for African Americans. Filled with historic photos, the book details the events leading up to the marches and profiles the individuals who organized, coordinated and participated in them: from Sam and Amelia Boynton, the earliest organizers from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Selma, to the "Courageous Eight," a dedicated



group who risked their lives to end segregation and achieve equality.

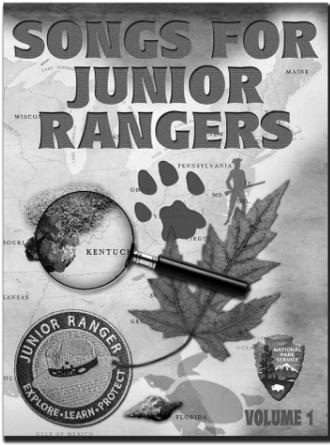
A March for All: Selma's Voting Rights Movement is available from Eastern National at www.eParks.com. ■

Kudos and Awards

• The Parents' Choice Foundation, the nation's oldest nonprofit guide to quality children's media and toys, recently awarded "Songs for Junior Rangers" one of its highest honors: a Gold Award Seal. "Songs for Junior Rangers," is an NPS-produced children's CD and was released October 2012. The album was a Servicewide project of the NPS, funded by the National Park Foundation and distributed by Eastern National.

The CD's 20 tracks contain catchy lyrics about national parks designed to both entertain and educate children. The songs cover a variety of subjects, including elk in "Wapiti Hoppity," caving in "Spelunca Funka," glaciers in "Frozen Bulldozin'" and Mount Rushmore in "Four Presidents." Musical elements include hip hop, reggae, blues, jazz, rock, zydeco, funk and even polka.

Florissant Fossil Beds NM Lead Interpreter Jeff Wolin, who received a 2012 Regional Freeman Tilden Award for his production of the album, composed and



performed many of the songs. In addition to Florissant Fossil Beds NM staff, park rangers from New Orleans Jazz NHP also appear on the album as well as many talented New Orleans musicians and youth such as Navajo singer/songwriter Krishel Augustine and the Youth Ambassador Program from New Bedford Whaling NHP. The album also features celebrity guests including the a cappella group Committed, the Grammy-nominated children's group Trout Fishing in America and PBS personality Aaron Nigel Smith.

Portions of the proceeds of the album will remain in a fund for Junior Ranger projects throughout the Service. The CD is available at www.eParks.com.

• Former NPS Deputy Director **Denis P. "Deny" Galvin** received the highest honor of the George Wright Society (GWS) at a March 14 awards ceremony capping the society's biennial Conference on Parks, Protected Areas, and Cultural Sites. Deny received the 2013 George Melendez Wright Award for Excellence for his outstanding lifetime achievements on behalf of America's national parks as a leader, innovator and mentor to countless NPS employees.

"If one looks at the history of America's national parks over the past 40 years," GWS noted, "Deny's fingerprints can be found on virtually every advance that has been realized over the period." These include seminal roles in creating the Natural Resource Challenge, designing professional development and recruitment programs and championing national heritage areas, among many other accomplishments. The award citation concludes: "Like George Melendez Wright himself, Deny realizes that our calling is not merely to be managers of parklands. We are stewards of a priceless heritage, and

our stewardship must be informed by the highest ethical and professional standards we can bring to bear. That is just what Deny did every day of his career."

At the same event, five others in the society's "Imagine Excellence" Awards Program received honors. **Vernon C. "Tom" Gilbert** received a GWS Special Achievement Award for his ongoing work to support and reinvigorate the system of biosphere reserves in the U.S. Tom had a long career in the NPS and with UNESCO before retiring, after which he became the founding president of both the GWS and the United States Biosphere Reserve Association. **Hugh C. Miller**, who retired from the NPS as chief historical architect, was recognized with the 2013 GWS Cultural Resource Achievement Award for his career-long achievements in preservation planning and design that have "helped shape the policies, practices and techniques that are at the core of modern-day preservation."

Robert Winfree, chief science advisor in the NPS' Alaska Region, received the 2013 GWS Natural Resource Achievement Award for making scenario planning the centerpiece of the NPS' plans to respond to climate change-related impacts in the region's parks and for boosting effective science communication among his peers inside the agency and elsewhere. **Peter Newman** received the 2013 GWS Social Science Achievement Award for his cutting-edge research on visitor-related impacts in parks and protected areas while at the same time mentoring future researchers and park managers as associate professor of protected area management at Colorado State University. **Charles Jacobi** was honored with the 2013 GWS Communication Award for his innovative work to promote Leave No Trace principles at Acadia NP, where he is a resource specialist. Thanks to Charles, over 4,000 visitors are contacted each year and educated about the benefit of low-impact outdoor recreation. Complete citations for all the awards can be found at www.georgewright.org/gws2013_awards.pdf.

• A maintenance supervisor with a passion for sustainable design, a superintendent who brings neighbors and stakeholders together and a scientist dedicated to protecting endangered sea turtles were among the professionals being honored with NPS Director's Natural Resource Awards.

"The American people have entrusted the National Park Service with care of amazing places we call national parks," said NPS Director Jon Jarvis. "There is a corps of skilled professionals dedicated to natural resources within our organization, and each year, we recognize employees who go above and beyond in performance of their duties. These awards are based not upon years of service, pay grade or position, but on scientific and stewardship merit."

The 2012 awards and recipients include Director's Award for Natural Resource Management: **John R. Spence**, Glen Canyon NRA research coordinator and terrestrial natural resources chief; Director's Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Research: **Donna J. Shaver**, Padre Island NS chief of the Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery; Trish Patterson Student Conservation Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park: **Troy W. Morris**, Stones River NB integrated resources program man-



NPS photo by Diane Banta

DURING THE 21ST AMERICAN TRAILS INTERNATIONAL TRAILS SYMPOSIUM at Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Ariz., on April 16, 2013, Candace Mitchell and Robert Searns of American Trails, Inc. present Steve Elkinton, program leader for the National Trails System, WASO, (right) with American Trails' 2013 Lifetime Service Award.

On April 16, 2013, during the 21st American Trails International Trails Symposium, the national organization American Trails, Inc. awarded **Steven "Steve" Elkinton** its 2013 Lifetime Service Award to honor his 24 years of service to the National Trails System. As program leader for the National Trails System program in WASO since 1989, Steve has provided leadership and worked tirelessly to further the intentions and spirit of the National Trails System Act within the context of public land management. At the start of his tenure, there were 16 national scenic and historic trails; today, there are 30. The NPS budget for trails was \$1.1 million; today, it is \$14.5 million. More than 500

national recreation trails have been designated in this period of time.

Steve's key contributions to trails include: helping to grow the national system of trails, building interagency collaboration and coordination, expanding and fostering partnerships and citizen stewardship, increasing communication and sharing of best practices, mentoring and sharing historic knowledge, promoting and advocating for trails and increasing public awareness and appreciation of trails. He has helped shape, expand and protect a national system of trails that has become a treasure and legacy for all Americans and future generations. Visit www.americantrails.org/awards/2013awards/lifetime13.html for more information. ■

ager; Director's Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Stewardship through Maintenance: **Philip Goetkin**, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts maintenance supervisor; Director's Award for Professional Excellence in Natural Resources: **Todd Knoedler**, Big South Fork NRR and Obed WSR geologist; and Director's Award for Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship: **Sheridan Steele**, Acadia NP superintendent. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/aboutus/nrawards.htm.

• During his four years as Secretary of the Interior, **Ken Salazar** has become well known for the trademark cowboy hat he frequently wears while conducting official business and on visits to national parks and other Interior sites. He now has another headwear option in his wardrobe—a park ranger's flat hat.

In recognition of Salazar's tenure as Secretary of the Interior, during which time he was a champion of national parks and the NPS, on April 3, NPS Director Jon Jarvis recognized him as an honorary park ranger. The Honorary National Park Ranger Award was established to recognize individuals who make significant contributions to the welfare of the National Park System and the principles of conservation and preservation that are consistent with the enabling act of the NPS. The presentation, which included a traditional ranger hat and honorary park ranger certificate and plaque, was made during a brief ceremony in Director Jarvis' office.

In making the presentation, Director

Jarvis recounted a lengthy list of accomplishments and support provided to the NPS by Salazar during his term, including overseeing the addition of 10 new parks to the National Park System; the removal of the Elwha Dam, allowing Pacific salmon to return to over 70 miles of habitat in Washington state including Olympic NP; and the completion of a one-mile bridge over the Tamiami Trail, restoring natural water flows vital to a renewed and healthy Everglades.

Director Jarvis then presented Salazar with the Honorary Park Ranger citation, which reads: "Secretary Salazar has deep roots to the land. As a fifth-generation farmer and rancher, America's Great Outdoors is home. He has dedicated his career to public service, to people—listening to those whose voices were unheard, forging relationships with the belief that conservation builds communities and helping people revive historic ties to the land and discover new places for recreation.

"With clear vision and a determined spirit, he has been a champion of America's national parks and the essential role they play in our nation's health and well-being. His appreciation for history and value of our country's diverse traditions has expanded perceptions of what it means to be inclusive ... and American.

"For his devotion to the employees of the National Park Service and their mission, for his historic achievements at the highest levels of public service and for an abiding commitment to its future, the National Park Service is proud to name Ken Salazar an Honorary Park Ranger." ■

Class of 2013

David A. "Dave" Aitken, chief of Eastern Division Design and Construction, Denver Service Center (DSC), Dec. 29, 2012 after over 36 years of federal service, 23 of them with the NPS.

Dave graduated with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado in 1976 and later earned a master of business administration and a master of science in management. He began his federal career in 1976 with the Bureau of Reclamation.

In 1989, Dave joined the NPS at DSC as chief, Branch of Surveys, Professional Support Division. He went on to positions at DSC as chief, Professional Support Division; chief, Eastern Team Design; project manager; branch chief, Project Management Division; and chief, Design and Construction Division, before serving in his final post at DSC. He also served as a member of the DSC reinvention team. He received numerous performance awards including two Superior Service Awards.

Dave looks forward to enjoying retirement with his wife, Carol—spending time in both the Seattle and Denver areas. He thanks his friends, co-workers, team members and customers who have made his career so exciting and rewarding.

Frank Barwinczak, detective sergeant, Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB), U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Dec. 28, 2012 after 25 years.

Frank joined the U.S.P.P. in 1987. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, he was assigned as a patrol officer in Washington, D.C. He became an investigator for the U.S.P.P. Criminal Investigation Branch in 1991, where he worked until being promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1994 and reassigned to patrol. Frank was a patrol sergeant for 15 years before returning to CIB in 2009.

Barbara Marie Blendy, patrol officer, Horse Mounted Unit, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Jan. 31 after over 25 years of federal service.

Barbara began her federal career as a sea-

sonal interpretive park ranger, stationed on the National Mall in 1987. In 1988, she assumed her first permanent position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and she joined the U.S.P.P. in 1990. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, she was assigned to the District One Station in Washington, D.C., where she served as a patrol officer and, later, desk officer. She had a temporary assignment as a patrol officer at the Kennedy Center (1995-1997). After completing extensive training, she was assigned as a horse mounted patrol officer at Rock Creek Park in 1997 and also served as a horse mounted patrol instructor (2000-2006) at the Edgewater Stables in Rock Creek Park.

For the last 10 years, Barbara assisted in creating educational opportunities through community outreach programs with schools, churches and other establishments. She organized seminars at U.S.P.P. facilities and the Rock Creek Horse Center and has received many notable awards and certificates.

Barbara's retirement plans include continuing to support programs assisting wounded warriors, such as the Ride Well Program. Also, she plans to assist with horse-related charities and will continue to be an advocate for horses. She can be reached at bblendy@aol.com.

Lieutenant Warren C. Boyer, commander of the Greenbelt Station, Patrol Branch, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Dec. 28, 2012 after 25 years.

Warren was hired by the U.S.P.P. in 1987. Upon completion of training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), he was assigned to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in 1988. In 1993, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the San Francisco Field Office. While here in 1996, he stopped a suicidal subject from driving off the edge of the Headlands Cliffside with his two-year-old daughter. For this action, he was awarded the U.S. Park Police Medal of Honor and the DOI Medal of Valor.

In August 1996, Warren was trans-

ferred to FLETC and became a training coordinator. In 1999, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and became a detail instructor for the Enforcement Operations Division at FLETC. In 2000, he became the acting U.S.P.P. training academy commander. He transferred back to Washington, D.C., in 2002 and served as a shift commander. In 2006, Warren became the commander of the Internal Affairs unit, and in 2009, he became the commander of the Greenbelt Station, Patrol Branch, which is responsible for law enforcement activities on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Toni Braxton, public affairs specialist, Office of Communications, National Capital Region (NCR), Dec. 29, 2012 after 43 years.

Toni began her NPS career at NCR in 1969 as a Photographic Lab technician and then worked in the NCR Office of Management Consulting administering grants and agreements (1985-1995). From 1995 to 2012, she worked for the NCR Office of Communications, serving for 15 years as the public affairs specialist for national events including the National Cherry Blossom Festival, White House Easter Egg Roll and the annual lighting of the National Christmas Tree. Toni is recognized for her press releases, Calendar of Events and working with the news media. She was part of a team that created publications, including *Greater Washington National Parks: Great Discoveries, Great Treasures*. She received many awards for outstanding service.

In retirement, Toni plans to travel and continue her passion of photography. She will spend more time with her husband, Mike, a retired U.S. Park Police officer, and their four grown children and five grandchildren.

Mark Brennan, division chief for interpretation and visitor services and public information officer, Steamtown NHS, Dec. 30, 2012 after over 24 years.

Gregg Bruff, chief of heritage education and cultural resources, Pictured Rocks NL, Feb. 22 after over 37 years of federal service, over 34 of them with the NPS.

Gregg served in the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard (1971-1978). After graduating from Southwest Missouri State University with a B.S. degree in wildlife biology in 1974, he began his NPS career as an interpretive ranger at Ozark NSR. He later worked at Mark Twain NF and Inyo NF before returning to the NPS in 1979 as a district naturalist at Saint Croix NSR.

Gregg joined Pictured Rocks NL as an interpretive specialist in 1988 and became chief of the Division of Heritage Education and Cultural Resources in 1993. Some of his accomplishments include initiating the national lakeshore's annual Fireside Chat series and the Science Café series, designing the Alger Energy Savers program and working with the Michigan Great Outdoor Culture Tour programming.

In 1991, Gregg received the Midwest Region's Freeman Tilden Award. In 2001, he was a member of the national lakeshore's team recognized by the DOI Environmental Achievement Award and the 2002 White House Closing the Circle Award. He plans to remain in the Upper Peninsula, where he will continue his landscape art, writing, graphics, sailing, motorcycling, teaching and volunteering for community projects.

E&AA Life Member **Brian Carey**, deputy superintendent, Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM, Jan. 3 after over 31 years.

Brian worked in a variety of positions in environmental education, interpretation, visitor/resource protection and resources management at Everglades NP, Biscayne NP, Canaveral NS and Lyndon B. Johnson NHP. Prior to transferring to Glen Canyon NRA, he was superintendent at Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie

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Historic Donation of Artifacts Made to Gettysburg NMP

On Dec. 28, 2012, Craig Bashein, a prominent attorney and Civil War collector in Cleveland, Ohio, made a historic donation of artifacts to Gettysburg NMP of rare one-of-a-kind objects and a trove of wartime notes and sketches that offers enormous new opportunities to examine the Battle of Gettysburg and other Civil War battles from 1862 to 1865. The donation included 64 unpublished sketchbooks, notebooks, other record books and documents created by Emmor Bradley Cope and other staff of the topographical engineers for the Army of the Potomac from 1862 through 1865.

The sketchbooks and notebooks provided the information necessary to help the generals understand the topography, obstacles and the nature of the towns and countryside where these battles were occurring. A number of the 1863 sketchbooks contain hand-drawn topographical sketches, created from horseback primarily by Cope, of the Gettysburg Battlefield ordered by General George Gordon Meade from August to October 1863. Cope later became the first superintendent of Gettysburg NMP.

The Bashein donation also included:

- A vast collection of personal items of



GETTYSBURG NMP SUPT. BOB KIRBY (left) with Craig Bashein, donor of rare artifacts to the park.

General Alexander S. Webb, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry and bravery at Gettysburg during Pickett's Charge. This includes an inscribed medal presented by General

George Gordon Meade for his meritorious service "on that ever memorable field of Gettysburg" and General Webb's pistol, Hardee hat and field binoculars.

- A Battlefield Map of Gettysburg by Captain J.D. Briscoe, an aide to General David Bell Birney—with hand-drawn annotations of troop positions, inscribed by General Birney, that was used to accompany his testimony on the Battle of Gettysburg to the Committee on the Conduct of the War held in the early spring of 1864. It is believed to be one of the first battlefield maps of Gettysburg ever prepared.

- The archive of David Kendlehart, chief burgess of Gettysburg during the battle, including a note written by Confederate General Jubal Early making demands of the town of Gettysburg prior to the battle.

- Civil War cavalry gauntlets of General Philip Sheridan, manufactured by Schuyler, Hartley and Graham, later given by General Sheridan to Captain Augustus Paul. The cavalry gauntlets are accompanied by an original letter of provenance dated Oct. 25, 1892.

- Engraved coin silver pocket watch of Union General-in-Chief Henry W. Halleck.

"Since Gettysburg's museum exhibits cover all the years of the Civil War, these artifacts will be invaluable in helping us tell the full story of the war, as well as provide unpublished resource materials that will benefit all those who study Gettysburg and the Civil War," said Supt. Bob Kirby.

Craig Bashein, in announcing the gift, stated, "Gettysburg National Military Park has done a tremendous job of safeguarding and preserving many of our nation's most treasured artifacts surrounding the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. These newly donated artifacts and materials will offer the American people further opportunity to study and appreciate this important event in our history. As we celebrate the Battle of Gettysburg's 150th anniversary, I am hopeful this gift will also encourage others to donate their historic and treasured pieces from the Civil War to the Gettysburg National Military Park for the benefit of future generations."

Several objects from General Webb's collection that were donated will be displayed in the *Treasures of the Civil War* exhibit. The exhibit, which opens June 16, 2013, is sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg NMP. ■

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NHS. He also served 21 years as a commissioned NPS law enforcement officer.

In 2003, Brian received the Director's Trish Patterson Student Conservation Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park. He chaired the Intermountain Region (IMR) Resource Stewardship Advisory team and the IMR Southwest Cluster Superintendents Council and served on the IMR Superintendent's Leadership Council. In 2007, he received the DOI Superior Service Award.

Brian and his wife, Kathy, will continue to reside in Page, Ariz., for the foreseeable future. He can be contacted at texcarey@cablone.net.

E&AA Life Member **Carol A. Clark**, superintendent, Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES and New Orleans Jazz NHP, Jan. 3 after 32 years.

Carol began her federal career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1979 as a temporary employee leading Youth Conservation Corps students in the repair of remote canoe trails throughout the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. In 1981, she joined the NPS as a seasonal park technician giving interpretive talks at the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and Thomas Jefferson Memorial on the National Mall.

Subsequently, Carol held assignments at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS, Wrangell St. Elias NP & PRES, Cumberland Gap NHP and Gulf Islands NS before assuming her first superintendent position at De Soto N MEM in 1997. She became deputy superintendent at Big Cypress N PRES in 2000 and served as acting superintendent there for 15 months before becoming the first female superintendent of Canaveral NS in 2005. She became superintendent of Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES and New Orleans Jazz NHP in 2009. During her career, she also served on incident command teams as a finance section chief.

Carol will continue her work in resource management in the private sector. She is looking forward to being able to actually live with her husband, U.S. Air Force Colonel Michael J. Cole, in their Michigan and Florida homes—a little snow and a little sand.

Lieutenant Stacey Collins, commander, Horse Mounted Unit, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Dec. 29, 2012 after over 28 years.

Stacey joined the U.S.P.P. in 1984. After graduation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, she was assigned as a patrol officer in Washington, D.C., and later became a horse mounted officer. She was promoted to the rank of sergeant and then lieutenant.

Calvin Covington, patrol officer, Horse Mounted Unit, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Jan. 12 after over 28 years.

Calvin joined the U.S.P.P. in 1984. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, he was assigned as a patrol officer in Washington, D.C. He was assigned to the U.S.P.P. Motorcycle Unit. Calvin went through horse mounted training and was selected to the U.S.P.P. Horse Mounted Unit in 1991.

Dan Dattilio, superintendent, Martin Van Buren NHS, April 3 after over 35 years.

Dan began his NPS career as a seasonal patrol and interpretive ranger at Castillo de San Marcos NM in 1976. He also worked

as a seasonal at Fort Clatsop N MEM before taking a permanent position at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in 1979. Dan returned to Fort Clatsop N MEM, where he worked in interpretation and protection for five years before transferring to Minute Man NHP in 1986. He became superintendent of Martin Van Buren NHS in 2003.

Dan is looking forward to having more time for his favorite hobbies like woodworking, hockey, hiking, photography and especially skiing. One of his favorite NPS memories is being chosen as a ski ranger for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Captain G. William "Bill" Davis, regional law enforcement specialist, Northeast Region, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Dec. 29, 2012 after 29 years.

Bill joined the U.S.P.P. in 1984, coming from the Denver Service Center, where he worked on restoration projects for the (then) Williamsport Preservation Training Center at Antietam NB and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. He was an honors graduate at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and received the Hawkins Award for Excellence in Police Training as the top-ranking member of his recruit class.

During his tenure with the U.S.P.P., Bill patrolled the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, provided motorcade escorts for the president and visiting dignitaries as a member of the elite Motorcycle Unit, managed large demonstrations and special events on the National Mall and supervised police operations in national parks throughout the Washington metropolitan area. He has also served as field commander, station commander, executive assistant for operations and commander of the Audits and Evaluations Unit.

Bill attended Ranger Skills training at the Albright Training Center in 1992, completed the NPS Fundamentals program and is a graduate of the 235th session of the FBI National Academy. He was promoted to the rank of captain in January 2011 and transferred to the Northeast Regional Office in Philadelphia, where he served as regional law enforcement specialist for the last two years of his career. Bill and his wife of 16 years, Vicky, have three children, Ryan, Bailey and Aaron.



WILLIAM DAVIS

William Davis, buildings work leader, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 29, 2012 after 25 years.

William started his federal career at Cuyahoga Valley NP in 1987 in a seasonal position. He advanced to carpenter in 1989 and work leader in 2001. His future plans include fishing, fishing and more fishing.

Leslie Dietrich, partnership development manager, Northeast Regional Office - Boston, Jan. 3 after 11 years.

Patty Dorris, superintendent's secretary, Ozark NSR, Nov. 9, 2012 after 26 years of federal service, 16 of them with the NPS.

Alan Eisenhauer, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Wilson's Creek NB, Jan. 3 after 38 years of federal service.



KEVIN FITZGERALD

Kevin FitzGerald, deputy superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Jan. 3 after 34 years.

Kevin started his NPS career as a seasonal fee collector at Blue Ridge Parkway. His first permanent job was as a park ranger in the Oconaluftee area of Great Smoky Mountains NP. He later served as a district ranger at Everglades NP, chief of visitor and resource protection at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, chief ranger at Cape Cod NS and chief ranger of the Intermountain Region before returning to Great Smoky Mountains NP. He served as acting chief ranger for the NPS in 2002.

In just over six-and-a-half years at Great Smoky Mountains NP, Kevin developed relationships with gateway communities and partner organizations and played a key role in guiding the largest infrastructure improvement program since the CCC days. He was instrumental in developing a relationship with the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office leading to the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement for the future of Elkmont, developing a partnership construction agreement leading to the completion of the new Oconaluftee Visitor Center and developing and implementing the concept and plans for the rehabilitation of the CCC-era comfort station at Clingmans Dome into a visitor contact station and bookstore. He received the DOI Superior Service Award and DOI Meritorious Service Award.

Kevin and Cyn Slaughter, his wife of 31 years, are eventually relocating to western North Carolina. They can be reached at kevincyn@comcast.net.

Sergeant Ken Fornhill, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Aug. 31, 2012 after over 25 years.

Ken joined the U.S.P.P. in 1987. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, he was assigned as a patrol officer in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2004.

Phil Francis, superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, April 1 after over 40 years.

Phil graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. degree in administrative management. He joined the NPS in 1972 at

Kings Mountain NMP. He has worked at Shenandoah NP, Yosemite NP and Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP. After three years as the associate regional director for administration in the Southwest Regional Office - Santa Fe, he joined Great Smoky Mountains NP in 1994 as deputy superintendent. Phil became superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway in 2005. He has also held acting assignments during his NPS career, including as superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains NP and the Outer Banks Group.

During his NPS career, Phil provided leadership in the creation of new nonprofit partners including Blue Ridge Parkway 75, Inc.; the Institute at Tremont; Experience Your Smokies; and Discover Life in America. He has been instrumental in the completion of planning efforts including the North Shore Road Environmental Impact Statement at the Smokies and completion of Blue Ridge Parkway's first-ever General Management Plan.

Phil is a 2003 graduate of DOI's Senior Executive Service candidate development placement program. In 2005, he was awarded the DOI Superior Service Award. Discover Life in America, which is conducting the first all-species inventory of a national park, named a new species to science after Phil in appreciation for his support of the project.

Phil's wife, Dr. Becky Nichols, is a scientist at Great Smoky Mountains NP. He plans to spend retirement enjoying the special places and people of eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina.

Larry Frederick, chief of interpretation and education, Rocky Mountain NP, Jan. 3 after over 37 years.

Cindy Smoot Hall, cost estimating specialist, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Dec. 29, 2012 after 37 years.

Cindy started her NPS career at HFC in 1975 as a GS-2 clerk, followed by a term employee in the Support Services group at HFC and the Mather Training Center. In 1980, she joined the HFC Audiovisual Division as a secretary, later becoming an audiovisual production assistant. Cindy next became responsible for cost estimating for audiovisual products for nearly two decades. In 2003, she was named cost estimating specialist for all HFC media. Her responsibilities also included being "keeper" of the HFC annual workplan, which tracks all projects. Next, she became the voice of HFC's 5050 line, which involved pursuing answers to questions from the public or NPS park, program and office staffs.

In summer 2012, Cindy worked on a massive records-management project to inventory, box and ship more than 40 years of film and audio materials—and over 45,000 valuable records regarding those materials—to the National Archives. She greatly contributed to the design of a system of multiple, redundant search routines ensuring that these records are readily available to the public in perpetuity. In retirement, she plans to work on "small projects" and to continue her active life in her church community.

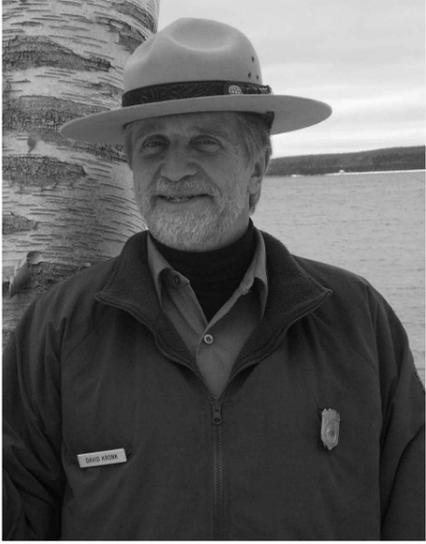
David "Dave" Kronk, outreach education ranger, Pictured Rocks NL, Jan. 1 after over 29 years.

Dave began working as a seasonal park ranger for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks (1971-1976). In 1977, he earned his master's degree for teachers in environmental science from Michigan State

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Janel Crooks

DAVE KRONK

University and taught high school for a year. He was a summer seasonal interpreter for Pictured Rocks NL (1977-1980). His first permanent federal job was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1982.

In 1984, Dave transferred to Everglades NP and managed the Hidden Lake Residential Learning Center. He produced the *Kids Explore the Everglades* DVD, which was distributed to all Florida schools. Other efforts included teacher workshops about teaching critical thinking skills to children and developing a training module for NPS educators. He received the national Freeman Tilden Award in 1992.

Since returning to Pictured Rocks NL in 1992, "Ranger Dave," as he is known by schoolchildren in Michigan's Alger County, has provided K-12th grade education outreach programs for the county's schools. He is also proud of the summer science day camp and after-school Junior Ranger programs he pioneered.

Dave served on the board of the Michigan Environmental and Outdoor Education Association for two years and is a standards trainer for the North American Association for Environmental Education. As a member of the National Association for Interpretation, he wrote and produced a DVD entitled *Voices for Nature and History*, which traces the history of the profession of educating people about the outdoors. Dave will be teaching part-time at Northern Michigan University.

Dr. Mark Lynott, supervisory archeologist, Midwest Archeological Center, Jan. 3 after 34 years.

Mike Malone, volunteer program manager, Santa Monica Mountains NRA, Jan. 12 after 33 years of federal service, 28 of them with the NPS.

Prior to his NPS career, Mike worked as a seasonal park ranger for the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation. His first full-time federal position was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a park ranger in Oklahoma in 1977.

Mike began working with the NPS in 1978 as a law enforcement ranger at Fire Island NS. In 1982, he transferred to Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS, where he worked in law enforcement and interpretation. He left the NPS in 1986, and during his break in service, he managed an Audubon Sanctuary and worked as a park ranger for the county park system in upstate New York. In 1992, he returned to the NPS, working once again at Fire Island NS as a subdistrict ranger. He

transferred to (then) Edison NHS in 1995 as an interpreter. In 1996, he headed to Santa Monica Mountains NRA, where he remained for the final 16 years of his career.

Mike will continue to live in Southern California. He plans to pursue his lifelong love of motion pictures by volunteering to lead film history hikes for the NPS and write a book or two on the same subject.



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JAMES MCELROY

James McElroy, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 29, 2012 after 34 years of federal service, 16 of them with the NPS.

James' career began as a water and sanitation specialist in the U.S. Air Force. He joined the NPS at Cuyahoga Valley NP in 1996. James is an accomplished and award-winning bird carver. He plans to eventually make his way to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to be close to his children and grandchildren.

Fred Moosman, supervisory protection specialist, El Morro NM, Jan. 31 after over 22 years.

Christine Murdock, human resources specialist, Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle, Jan. 3 after 35 years of federal service, 20 of them with the NPS.

Pat Norton, supervisory law enforcement ranger, Golden Gate NRA, Dec. 26, 2012 after 35 years.

E&AA Member **Jill A. Ortiz**, telecommunications specialist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI), Jan. 3 after over 30 years.

Jill started with the NPS in 1982 as a GS-2 data transcriber (keypunch operator) at the (then) Western Regional Office,



Sue Schwarz

JILL ORTIZ

Budget and Finance. Positions as a computer clerk and computer specialist followed. In 1990, she became a telecommunications specialist, branch chief of operations for the Western Region Information Technology Office and was instrumental in installing and supporting the first versions of email. During her tenure here, she worked for George Turnbull.

In 1994, Jill relocated to SEKI, where she served in the Pacific West Region Telecommunications Shop that is based at SEKI and services the entire region. She was a telecommunications specialist with regional responsibilities for the narrow-band radio conversions. In addition, she was involved in phone system installations.

In 2000, Jill joined the Pacific West Incident Management Team as the logistic chief and remained on that team until her retirement. She plans to remain in the Three Rivers, Calif., area.

Philip Pantoja, contracting officer, Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle, Jan. 3 after 35 years.

Jesse Reynolds, supervisory ranger, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Feb. 28 after over 17 years.

Jeffrey J. Richner, park archeology program manager, Midwest Archeological Center, April 3 after over 34 years.

Virginia Salazar-Halfmoon, Vanishing Treasures program manager, Intermountain and Pacific West Regions, Dec. 29, 2012 after 37 years.

Virginia began her NPS career in high school as a GS-2 interpretive aide in the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe. She continued to work for the NPS under the co-op program at Pecos NHP and White Sands NM while earning her B.A. degree in anthropology from New Mexico State University. She participated in the Native American master's program at the School of American Research in Santa Fe and completed the USDA Graduate School's Executive Potential Program.

Virginia's first permanent NPS job was as curator of collections at Bandelier NM. During her 12 years there, she oversaw curation of the Bandelier archeological survey. To prevent a backlog of collections and archives, it was her idea to start a field curation program. "Being at Bandelier was like being home," she said. "The park buildings and furnishings were very significant to me because my dad was on the Civilian Conservation Corps crew that built the historic structures in Frijoles Canyon at Bandelier."

In 1989, Virginia became regional curator for the (then) Southwest Region (later, Intermountain Region). In her 15 years in this post, she was involved in review of the drafting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and was the lead person in implementing NAGPRA throughout the region. She led development of guidelines for respectful tribal consultations on "very sensitive issues, from sacred objects to human remains," she said. She also led the development of the region's first strategy for museum collections facilities, which became a model for other regions. In 2005, Virginia became manager of the Vanishing Treasures (VT) program, an architectural preservation program at 46 parks in eight states and two regions. VT addresses many needs, including management of pests to curb their harmful effects on historic buildings.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Spude, regional historian, Intermountain Regional Office (IMRO), Dec. 28, 2012 after 35 years.

Bob is a graduate of Arizona State University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His NPS career began in 1977 when he joined a Historic American Engineering Record summer team recording the power canal and textile mills of Augusta, Ga. In 1978, he joined the preservation team at newly established Klondike Gold Rush NHP in Skagway, Alaska, and drafted history data sections for historic structures reports, wrote an architectural history of Skagway and compiled a book on the stampede on the Chilkoot Trail in 1898. The team was awarded a Presidential Design Award for their work.

Bob moved to the newly created Alaska Regional Office of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS) in 1980. Barely six months later, he was back with the NPS when the agency absorbed the HCRS programs. He worked in Alaska for 10 years, becoming regional historian, then moved to Denver to direct the external cultural resources program in 1988. In 1994, he joined the regional director's office as part of the Office of Ecosystem and Strategic Management. The reorganization of 1995 reoriented the staff to help plan strategies for the evolution of the new Intermountain Region.

In 1998, Bob was selected as chief of cultural resources and national register programs, Southwest Support Office - Santa Fe. With the abolishing of the support offices and the creation of functional leads, he became program lead for the IMRO history program. Over the past decade, he has been able to work with nearly every one of the 93 units within the Intermountain Region, especially assisting with history studies, National Register work and compliance.

Bob and his wife, Cathy, will do some research and writing, travel and enjoy living in the Southwest with a home base in Santa Fe. Friends can reach them at Spudes@msn.com.

Lieutenant David Stallman, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Nov. 30, 2012 after over 25 years.

David joined the U.S.P.P. in 1987. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, he was assigned as a patrol officer in Washington, D.C. He was assigned to the U.S.P.P. Motorcycle Unit and then to the U.S.P.P. Aviation Unit, where he served as a paramedic. David also completed helicopter pilot training.

In 2000, David was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was assigned back to patrol, followed by a transfer to the K-9 Unit. In 2007, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and reassigned to patrol.

Robert E. Stinson, district ranger, Saguaro NP, Dec. 31, 2012 after over 35 years.

Shirley T. Streeter, administrative officer/chief of administration, Tuskegee Institute NHS, Jan. 3 after over 34 years.

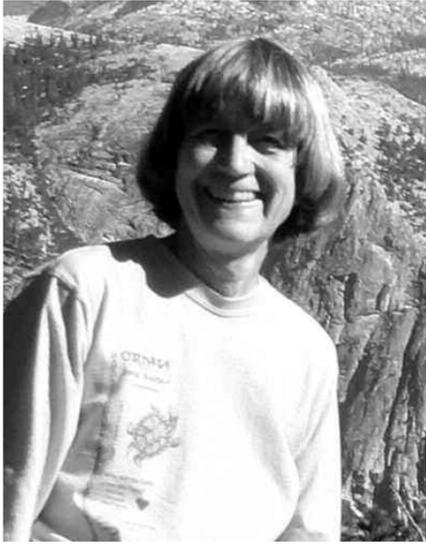
E&AA Member **Suzy Stutzman**, wilderness coordinator, Intermountain Region (IMR), Dec. 28, 2012 after 35 years.

Suzy began her NPS career in 1976 in Yellowstone NP. As a landscape architect, she worked in the Denver Service Center, Alaska Regional Office and the Intermountain Regional Office. Some of her favorite projects include leading the first General Management Plan for Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES, rehabilitation of Lake McDonald Lodge in Glacier NP and the

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SUZY STUTZMAN

restoration of Giant Forest in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

In the IMR, Suzy served as lead planner and prepared or oversaw the preparation of General Management Plans and other studies. As regional wilderness coordinator, she provided consultation to parks and collaborated with other regions and the national wilderness program. She developed and delivered wilderness training for employees and promoted wilderness awareness.

Suzy led the IMR executive committee, served on the National Wilderness Leadership Council and was co-chair of the NPS Wilderness Character Integration Team, which produced the *Wilderness Character User Guide* and *Wilderness Stewardship Plan Handbook*. She initiated and managed IMR's "Wilderness Fellows" in parks. She produced and distributed over 16,000 copies of *Wilderness Explorer: Jr. Ranger Activities and Adventures for All Ages*, an activity book for use at multiple parks which eventually became an interagency edition. Her awards include IMR's Wilderness Champion 2012 award, the DOI Superior Service Award and the 2012 NPS Director's Wes Henry National Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Individual Award.

E&AA Life Member **George J. Turnbull**, deputy regional director for business practices, Pacific West Region, Jan. 3 after over 34 years of federal service, over 32 of them with the NPS.

George received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at San Diego in 1976. After graduating from the University of California at Los Angeles with a master's degree in environmental planning and management in 1978, he began his federal career in Washington, D.C., as a member of the first class of presidential management interns (Fellows). He was assigned to the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service as an outdoor recreation planner, transferred to San Francisco in 1979 and joined the NPS in 1980.

In 1981, George became the former Western Region's first chief of information management. When the NPS reorganized in 1995, he worked with colleagues in the merger of the Pacific Northwest and Western Regions. He transitioned into a system support office superintendent for the Pacific Great Basin Support Office. During this time period, he also served as acting superintendent at San Francisco Maritime NHP in 2002, and at Golden Gate NRA, he was acting deputy superintendent in 2000 and acting superintendent in 2003.

George assumed his final position as deputy regional director for business

practices and during this time, had a series of special assignments including acting Pacific West regional director in 2010 and acting Midwest regional director in 2011. He was especially proud of his role in creating and managing four new national park units: Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP, Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM, World War II Valor in the Pacific NM/Tule Lake Segregation Center and César E. Chávez NM.

George hopes to continue visiting national parks (nationally and internationally). He plans to retire in the San Francisco Bay Area and may be contacted at gjt54s@gmail.com.

Randy Wester, superintendent, Fort Pulaski NM, Jan. 3 after over 37 years of federal service, over 33 of them with the NPS.

Randy served in the U.S. Navy (1964-1968) and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He graduated with a degree in business management from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) in 1974. He later completed graduate work in recreation and parks management at the University of Missouri.

Randy spent one season with the U.S. Forest Service before joining the NPS in 1979 as a seasonal park technician at the Old Courthouse in St. Louis. Ranger/interpretation positions followed at (then) Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS (where he obtained his law enforcement commission), Padre Island NS, Golden Spike NHS, USS *Arizona* Memorial and Theodore Roosevelt NP. He returned to the USS *Arizona* Memorial as chief ranger and then became superintendent of Ulysses S. Grant NHS. In 2001, he became superintendent of Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, where he oversaw the Lincoln bicentennial commemoration.

Randy was appointed superintendent of Fort Pulaski NM in 2009. He provided leadership and guidance for many significant projects, most recently the park's signature Civil War sesquicentennial event.

Randy says, "Among the many highlights of my career are working with the national incident management team on the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor at the USS *Arizona* Memorial and serving as a member of the dive team for the burial of USS *Arizona* shipmates in the hull of the ship. I was also honored to serve with the Eastern incident management team on various incidents including hurricanes Katrina, Irene and Sandy."

Randy is married to Mary Beth Wester, the superintendent of Fort Frederica NM. They will continue to live in Brunswick, Ga. His retirement plans include volunteer work and golfing. He may be contacted at western@bellsouth.net.

James D. "Dave" Wilkins, maintenance worker, Chattahoochee River NRA, Oct. 27, 2012 after 32 years.

Rusty Yerxa, museum specialist, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Dec. 29, 2012 after 20 years.

Prior to joining the NPS, Rusty had a brief turn as a journalist and nearly 20 years as a land surveyor—an occupation that took him throughout Alaska including two years on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. After settling in Gustavus in 1977, he also worked as a commercial fishing crew and sea kayak guide, both of which put him on the water in Glacier Bay.

Rusty went back to the University of Alaska Southeast at the age of 49 to study biology. He applied to Glacier Bay and landed his first NPS job in 1993, proving to himself that "it's never too late to follow your

heart." He began his career at Glacier Bay NP & PRES as a local-hire GS-5 biotech, working on a seabird monitoring project. After three seasons in the field, he moved on to other roles, including a stint as the park writer-editor, web author and keeper of the bibliographic database and then as a project manager. He was instrumental in helping to develop the park's bear management program and oversaw the first comprehensive assessment of backcountry impacts.

Rusty has been in charge of the park's museum and library collections since 2004, during which time the museum collection has nearly quadrupled. Besides accessioning and cataloging nearly 5,000 new natural history specimens, he began focusing on photographs and documents that were worthy of preservation as museum objects. His most recent endeavor saw the inclusion of nearly 58,000 pages of archives and photographs, compiled from over a century of research and resource management at Glacier Bay.

Rusty and his wife, park ranger-naturalist Janene Driscoll, will continue to live in Gustavus. He is looking forward to his "first summer off in about 100 years."

Mitch Zetlin, exhibit designer, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Nov. 2, 2012 after 37 years.

Mitch started his NPS career at HFC in 1975 in the Division of Publications as a graphic designer working on visitor information brochures. He was part of the group that received one of the first Presidential Design Awards for the Unigrid Brochure Program, which was launched in 1977 with consultant designer Massimo Vignelli of Vignelli Associates.

Mitch later worked at HFC in the Division of Exhibits and then moved to the Midwest Regional Team in the Media Development group, during which time he worked on a project at Brown v. Board of Education NHS. Midwest Region Chief of Interpretation Tom Richter said, "Not only did Mitch serve as a very able liaison between the park and the park partner, but he skillfully coordinated the efforts of the exhibit designer, audiovisual producer and exhibit fabricator to create an exhibit that continues to provide memorable experiences for visitors." Other projects that Mitch designed and/or managed through commercial design contracts include Devils Tower NM, San Juan NHS, George Washington Carver NM, Overmountain Victory NHT and Harry S Truman NHS.

Mitch plans to travel and spend time with his two grown sons. He is an avid fly fisherman, dances the Argentine tango and enjoys horseback riding on his ranch.

Major Martin L. Zweig, national law enforcement specialist, NPS Office of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO, U.S. Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Feb. 23 after over 34 years.

Martin received a B.A. degree in economics from Brooklyn College. He began his U.S.P.P. career in 1979, serving in the Central District, Washington, D.C., covering the National Mall. He then served at the National Visitor Center and also at the Rock Creek Station.

Martin transferred to the New York Field Office in 1984 and served as a patrol officer in the Staten Island Unit of Gateway NRA. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1986 and served in the Jamaica Bay and Staten Island units. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1990. He served as the commander of the specialized units, including the Criminal Investigations Branch, Horse Mounted Unit and Marine Patrol Unit and served as

the training lieutenant. In 1993, he was on the scene when a ship carrying 286 illegal immigrants from China ran aground. U.S.P.P. units assisted in rescuing individuals who attempted to swim to the shore of Fort Tilden in Rockaway. He received a New York Field Office Unit Commendation for his actions in this incident.

Promoted to the rank of captain in 1997, Martin was assigned as the regional law enforcement specialist for the Northeast Region in Philadelphia. In 2001, he transferred back to the New York Field Office and served as the district commander for the Gateway District. He was instrumental in coordinating the emergency response of U.S.P.P. and NPS personnel on 9/11.

In 2003, Martin was reassigned to Statue of Liberty NM/Ellis Island, where he served as the district commander. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of major and was assigned to his most recent position.

Martin has accepted a position at the National Museum of the American Indian—New York. He can be reached at MLZ55@aol.com. ■

Top 10

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the Fourth of July," Director Jarvis said. "It'll take longer at the Ellis Island Museum. As we rebuild, we keep sustainability front of mind. It is clear that our changing climate will bring more severe weather events, especially to coastal areas, and we must repair our iconic national parks to survive future storms."

There are familiar park names in our Top 10 lists. Gateway NRA lost nearly 1.2 million visitors from 2011 because of Hurricane Sandy yet still made the Top 10 list of most visited NPS sites.

Most Visited Places of the National Park System (2012):

1. Blue Ridge Parkway: 15,205,059
2. Golden Gate NRA: 14,540,338
3. Great Smoky Mountains NP: 9,685,829
4. George Washington Memorial Parkway: 7,425,577
5. Lake Mead NRA: 6,285,439
6. Lincoln Memorial: 6,191,361
7. Natchez Trace Parkway: 5,560,668
8. Gateway NRA: 5,043,863
9. Gulf Islands NS: 4,973,462
10. Delaware Water Gap NRA: 4,970,802

Most Visited National Parks (2012):

1. Great Smoky Mountains NP: 9,685,829
2. Grand Canyon NP: 4,421,352
3. Yosemite NP: 3,853,404
4. Yellowstone NP: 3,447,729
5. Rocky Mountain NP: 3,229,617
6. Zion NP: 2,973,607
7. Olympic NP: 2,824,908
8. Grand Teton NP: 2,705,256
9. Acadia NP: 2,431,052
10. Cuyahoga Valley NP: 2,299,722

National park visitation statistics are viewable at www.nps.gov/news/researchlinks.htm. Click on "Most Visited Parks." Since 1916, the National Park System has recorded more than 12 billion visits. ■

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E&AA Life Member **Mark J. Corey**, 62, April 19, at home in Greeneville, Tenn.

Mark was the superintendent of Andrew Johnson NHS when he retired on Jan. 3, 2007 after 33 years with the NPS and 15 years at the park. His many accomplishments at Andrew Johnson NHS include completing the Cultural Landscape Report for the Andrew Johnson National Cemetery and developing a long-range interpretive plan for educational programming. During his NPS career, he also served at Grand Teton NP, Grand Canyon NP, WASO, Everglades NP, Guilford Courthouse NMP and Cape Hatteras NS. He was a graduate of the University of Mississippi.

Survivors include Mark's wife of 37 years, Debbie, three children and four grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Robert W. "Bob" Flather, 88, Jan. 27, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Bob enrolled in the ROTC at Princeton University. He served with the Marines during WWII in the Pacific invasion of Okinawa. After his tour of duty, he enrolled in the electrical engineering master's program at Stanford University.

After graduation, Bob worked at Hughes Aircraft Company until begin-



NPS photo by Bridgette Guild

BOB FLATHER

ning his NPS career at Yellowstone NP in 1971 as a fire guard. Starting in 1972, he worked as a law enforcement ranger at Old Faithful and was on call and responded to the tragic death of Harry Walker due to a grizzly bear attack there in 1972. He then served nearly 10 years as a backcountry patrol ranger in the Upper Lamar area until 1982. His interest in backcountry management was legendary, and he was determined to curb the illegal elk antler trade and its associated poaching and trafficking of wildlife parts. Between seasons, he returned to California for the winter. He pioneered surfing in Southern California and, by his own account, was the first person to surf a 14-foot board there.

In 1982, Bob began his volunteer service in the Tower area of the park. He briefly worked in fee collection in the 1990s but soon returned to volunteering, this time in the Yellowstone Fire Cache. He began volunteering at Yellowstone's Heritage and Research Center (HRC) in 2003 and came back every summer through 2012. A notable project with the HRC staff was identifying people and places in the museum's photo collection, specifically a set of subject-specific albums begun as a CCC project and carried

through the 1950s. His steel-trap memory and accuracy with dates made him invaluable. He will be sorely missed.



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BONNIE FOIST

Bonnie Foist, 53, Feb. 20, following a battle with cancer.

Bonnie was chief ranger at Everglades NP. She was raised in Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University. She married Drew Foist in 1986.

Bonnie's NPS career spanned nearly 30 years. She began her career as a student volunteer at Shenandoah NP and subsequently served at San Juan Island NHP, the National Mall, Biscayne NP and Everglades NP. She also worked for five years in South Florida as a marine enforcement officer with the (then) U.S. Customs Service.

Bonnie's upbeat personality and dedication to the resources were an inspiration to many. She was particularly proud of her efforts to mentor young rangers, including work to establish a ranger training program with the community college in Miami. She will be remembered as a ranger who was passionately committed to the people and places she was sworn to protect. Her smile and enthusiasm for the NPS mission will be missed by all who had the opportunity to work with her. "Bonnie was truly an exceptional chief ranger and friend—her professionalism, leadership, thoughtfulness and caring touched us all, including our partners," said Supt. Dan Kimball.

Bonnie was most proud of her family and her daughter, Mary. She and Drew were active supporters of the Police Officer Assistance Trust. Memorial contributions may be made to this trust at POAT.org in honor of Bonnie Foist.

Vern E. Hurt, 73, Feb. 19, at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebr.

Vern was a retired career ranger and safety manager who served with the NPS for 40 years. He grew up in Trenton, Mo., where he graduated from Trenton High School in 1958 and attended Trenton Junior College (now North Central Missouri College) and the University of Missouri.

Vern married Linda Hoffman in 1964. The couple had three children: Anthony, Allison and Adam. The family lived in a variety of locations from California to Montana and New England before settling in Omaha.

Vern served for over two years in the U.S. Coast Guard before starting his NPS career in 1966. He served at Badlands NP, Lassen Volcanic NP, Point Reyes NS, Yellowstone NP and Cape Cod NS. He was the Midwest Region safety manager from 1991 until his retirement in 2006.

Vern was a member of Peace Presbyte-

rian Church in Elkhorn, Nebr. He enjoyed skiing, scuba diving, golfing, hunting, fishing, gardening and collecting coins. His work with the NPS was especially important to him, but he was most proud of his family and his two granddaughters.

Vern's survivors include his wife, Linda; sons: Adam and Anthony; daughter: Allison; granddaughters: Haley and Erin; brother, Gary (Linda); and sister, Joyce (Art) Miller. Memorials may be made to Peace Presbyterian Church (www.peacepresbyterian.com) or the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program; tax-deductible donations to the loan program should be made to the E&AA Trust Fund at 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

E&AA Life Member **Christopher K. "Chris" Jarvi**, 68, April 22, peacefully at home in Anaheim, Calif., following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Chris was the former NPS associate director for partnerships and visitor experience, WASO, from 2003 until his retirement from the NPS in 2010. In this capacity, he was given Servicewide responsibility for partnerships and philanthropy, interpretation and education, media development, volunteerism, tourism, youth programs, technical assistance, long distance trails, wild and scenic rivers and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. He subsequently served as an advisor to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar in helping to create a 21st Century Conservation Corps for youth.

Before joining the NPS, Chris served for 22 years as director of community services for the city of Anaheim. He earned a B.S. degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and his master of science degree from the University of California, Davis. His awards include an APRS Professional Award for Meritorious Service (1991), a National Recreation and Park Association Distinguished Fellow Award (1992) and the California Park and Recreation Society's highest recognition, the Fellowship Award (1995). He was named a fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and received the Academy's distinguished Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award in 2000.

Survivors include Chris' wife, Sylvia. Chris asked that a partnership scholarship program be created by the Foundation for Sustainable Parks and Recreation in his memory to help support parks and recreation professionals as they seek to grow their partnerships through attendance at conferences and events. Contributions to this program may be made to the Foundation for Sustainable Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 411371, Charlotte, NC 28241-1371, with a memo included specifying the donation is for the Christopher K. Jarvi Partnership Scholarship.

Thomas "Rodney" Marshall, 60, March 11, after a brief illness.

Rodney served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and then started working for the NPS in 1977. He began his career in maintenance as a WG-3 laborer and was a WG-7 tractor operator at the time of his death, with 36 years of continuous service on the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Rodney was posthumously awarded the Natchez Trace Parkway "Postrider" plaque in recognition of his long service, significant impacts and dedication to

maintaining "his" parkway to the highest standards. The Tupelo District, one of nine on the 444-mile parkway, receives over two million travelers each year. Rodney's contributions to one of the park's busiest districts resulted in thousands of positive comments from visitors on the beauty and the park's high standards of road maintenance. When times were hard and it was tough to keep everything in top shape, Rodney would point to his NPS patch and say, "We're doing it for the buffalo," summarizing the entire mission of the NPS in six succinct words.

Rodney's survivors include his wife of 39 years, Darlene; his children, TSgt Zachary Marshall (USAF) and Jennifer LaMontagne; and two grandchildren.

Martha D. "Marty" Owens, 63, April 25, at home, after an extended illness.

Marty was a career civil service employee for over 30 years, with 22 of those years at the Natchez Trace Parkway as administrative and executive assistant to the parkway superintendent. Early in her career, she was an avid swimmer and became an American Red Cross water safety instructor for the Pacific Region stationed at Clark Air Base, Philippines. She taught first aid and deep water rescue and taught hundreds of military personnel and their dependents how to swim and enjoy the water safely. Later, while stationed in England, she served as the secretary to the deputy commander for operations at R.A.F. Upper Heyford.

During her tenure at Natchez Trace Parkway, Marty worked with eight different permanent and acting superintendents, working tirelessly every single day to make sure that the core values of the NPS and the Natchez Trace always shone through. She loved the parkway and always took it as her personal responsibility to make sure that things were done and done right. Over the past two decades, a lot has happened on the Trace, including hundreds of events, the final construction and completion of the parkway, right up to planning for the 75th anniversary, which was celebrated on May 18; Marty Owens has been right in the middle of it all.

Marty's survivors include her husband of 44 years, Jamic; their two sons: Jamic and his wife, Sandie, and Michael; two grandsons: Tyler and Jack; one granddaughter, Madison; sister, Shelia; aunt, Loura; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Roger E. Reisch, 89, Feb. 12, peacefully in Edmond, Okla.

Roger was the first employee at Guadalupe Mountains NP. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a radar operator during WWII, reaching the rank of technical sergeant and did a stint as a temporary civilian clerk with the U.S. Army in 1946. He rejoined the Marine Corps in 1951 as a radar instructor, was honorably discharged and enlisted in the Marine Corps volunteer reserve in 1952 as a technical sergeant.

Roger graduated from the University of Dayton in 1950 with degrees in English and history. He began his NPS career as a seasonal park ranger (historian) at Fort Laramie NHS in 1959. He was a seasonal park ranger at Casa Grande Ruins NM from Nov. 15, 1959 until April 16, 1960 and on May 2, 1960, received a career-conditional appointment as a tour leader at Carlsbad Caverns NP. Subsequently, he worked at Padre Island NS (1968-1969) and then returned to Carlsbad Caverns NP in 1969.

Roger was a park ranger (resource man-

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agement specialist) at Carlsbad Caverns NP at the time that Guadalupe Mountains NP was established on Sept. 30, 1972. Don Dayton, who was superintendent of Carlsbad Caverns NP at the time Guadalupe Mountains NP was formally established, originally wanted to designate Roger as the area manager of the new park. However, Roger refused that



ROGER REISCH

assignment, preferring to remain a field ranger rather than an administrator “tied to a desk.” John Chapman would be brought in as the park’s first area manager and worked closely with Roger, who would become known as “Mr. Guadalupe Mountains.” For several years, Roger was the only employee at Guadalupe Mountains, which was administered by Carlsbad Caverns until October 1987. He served as the Dog Canyon District ranger beginning in 1981. He retired as a natural resource specialist in 1998.

At Guadalupe Mountains NP, Roger worked diligently to protect the land, learn more about it and help visitors appreciate its beauty and importance. He enjoyed the solitude of the new park and loved that it did not have any through roads and was a hiking and horseback riding park—a characteristic that remains to the present day. He pushed for the construction of a trail to the top of Guadalupe Peak to provide visitors a safe hiking experience and to prevent them from becoming lost, as there were tricky and dangerous places on the old routes up to the peak. Roger’s first priorities were resource management and care of the park. Although law enforcement was among his duties, he preferred to use education as his primary means of enforcing park regulations. Roger has been described as “a bridge between early and modern rangers” and is often described as a “ranger’s ranger.”

As she was leaving Guadalupe Mountains NP in 1990, Supt. Karen Wade wrote to Roger: “You have been an inspiration to so many employees over the years that your impact is felt well beyond the boundaries of this park. The example you have set has molded and shaped several generations of park rangers and some of those have moved into top-level leadership jobs in the organization.” One such employee is current NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis, who in the early 1980s was the Frijole District ranger at Guadalupe Mountains NP. Said Director Jarvis upon learning of Roger’s passing, “He was a classic old ranger, and we all loved him.”

Roger was instrumental in the wilder-

ness designation for Guadalupe Mountains NP in 1978 and in the development of the master plan for the park. In 1989, he was awarded the DOI Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his contributions to Guadalupe Mountains NP and for his legacy of stewardship to the NPS. Roger’s survivors include his brother, Jack; and sisters, Geraldine Reisch and Joann Liebermann.

Jane R. Ring, April 15.

Jane was a past chief of concessions management for the National Capital Region and spouse of retired superintendent and E&AA Life Member Richard G. “Dick” Ring. She was the daughter of Alton “Ike” Rabbitt, an agronomist with the NPS in Washington, D.C. Like her father, Jane went to work for the NPS in Washington, D.C., where she met and married Dick in 1975. She left her concessions management position in 1981 to travel with Dick to Fairbanks, Alaska, when he was named superintendent of Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES. Their daughter, Jennifer, was born in Fairbanks in 1983.

In 1986, Jane moved with her family to Stroudsburg, Pa., and Delaware Water Gap NRA. In 1992, the family moved to Miami, Fla., and Everglades NP. They returned to Washington, D.C., in 2001. A strong and supportive member of the NPS family throughout her life, Jane was also an incredibly loving mother and a natural teacher. She worked tirelessly in support of students and teachers in each school her daughter attended and touched many lives in the process.

Jane is survived by her husband, Dick, and daughter, Jennifer. Donations in her memory may be made to The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, c/o The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034; checks should be made payable to the E&AA Trust Fund.

Matthew C. “Matt” Safford, 55, April 14, after a yearlong battle with brain cancer.

Matt served as a federal employee for 31 years, beginning his career at Carls-

bad Caverns NP as a park aide, GS-2. He was a seasonal park ranger at Wind Cave NP and Carlsbad Caverns NP, then served with the Bureau of Land Management in the Roswell Resource Area and Arizona Strip Field Office as an outdoor recreation planner for 15-plus years before returning to the NPS as a natural resource specialist at the Denver Service Center for the past 13 years.

Matt is survived by his wife, Sandy; son, Nathan; and daughter, Ashley. A memorial service in his honor was held on April 19, 2013 in Lakewood, Colo. Condolences may be sent to Sandy Safford at 5919 Newcombe Court, Arvada, CO 80004.

John Patrick Workman, 54, March 25, of natural causes on Hatteras Island, N.C.

John graduated from Elizabeth City State University with a teaching degree and taught school in Arizona starting in 2007. He spent his winters in Pearce, Ariz., and his summers on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He loved the NPS and held several positions at Fort Bowie NHS and Organ Pipe Cactus NM. However, his greatest contributions were made during his eight seasons with Cape Hatteras NS.

Originally an interpretive ranger, John joined resource management in 2009, becoming wholly invested in the delicate balance between the needs of the beachgoing public and sensitive wildlife. More than anyone, he exhibited an earnest zeal for the well-being of the animals with which he worked. John’s legacy at Cape Hatteras NS, however, goes beyond his ability to perform the job with aplomb; he had a true love for life that was contagious to all those around him. He was the master of the grill at cookouts, a storyteller par excellence and the chief comedian around the office.

John’s survivors include two children: Jesse and John; five grandchildren: Madison, Hailey, Garrett, Savannah and Brenden; his mother; three brothers: Todd (wife, Ann), Eric (wife, Melanie) and Dennis; two sisters: Susan and Robin; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; daughter, Nicole; and a sister-in-law, Billie. John’s friends and family, including his dog Hairy, will miss him very much. ■

Wildfire at the Canyon

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past 30 years, and show them that the current fire staff has and will continue to build off that work to maintain wildfires as a key ecological process component in our park forests,” said Deputy Fire Management Officer Chris Marks.

The group stopped at several areas with recent fire history, some areas experiencing two or more fires over the past 20 years. While at these areas, the group discussed the need to clearly define what success looks like through fire effects monitoring, understanding fire’s role in wilderness, improving relationships with our neighboring agencies and cultivating and celebrating successes. While walking through unburned mixed conifer forests, the group talked about risk management. Managing fire in the mixed conifer forests presents challenges to park staff as much of the forest is Mexican spotted owl critical habitat, lacks recent fire history and has potential to burn with large areas of high severity, stand-replacement fire ef-

fects. While every fire is different, the consensus among the group was that suppressing fires today increases future risk to firefighters, the public and the perpetuation of the mixed conifer forests.

“Suppressing today’s fires may lead to permanent forest type conversion when the next fire burns this area. Future fires on the North Rim may burn hotter, longer and spread faster than we’ve ever experienced in the past,” said Chris Marks.

Other discussions in the unburned areas of the North Rim included concerns about post-fire recovery today as compared to in the future with uncertain climate changes, protection of endangered species habitat and improved communication with our neighboring land managers to manage fires across a landscape instead of within agency boundaries. The field trip was a success. Current and future fire staff will now have opportunities to make informed decisions using successes and lessons learned from the participants’ 152 years of GRCA fire experience. ■

Upcoming Meetings & Events

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg—June 29 through July 7, 2013. Gettysburg NMP, the Gettysburg Foundation and other partners are commemorating the Battle of Gettysburg with an expansive list of special battle anniversary ranger programs and special events. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gett/planyourvisit/150th-anniversary-index.htm.

Annual Glacier NP Picnic—Aug. 18, 2013. Past and current NPS employees are invited to gather for the annual Glacier NP alumni picnic. This tradition continues this year on the third Sunday in August starting at noon. Bring a favorite picnic dish to share. The gabbing begins immediately, but eating starts at about 1 p.m. Utensils, plates, cups, coffee and lemonade are provided. If you wish, bring a lawn chair. Door prizes, a park update and a program of interest follow lunch. Reconnect with old friends, make new ones. For more information, contact Sue Buchel at retireinmt@yahoo.com or (406) 788-8923.

Vern Hurt Memorial 2013 Kowski Golf Tournament—Aug. 30, 2013 at the Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, Iowa. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$50 per golfer. Sponsor rate is \$20. The fee includes a \$10 donation to the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service in memory of Vern Hurt, who was the Midwest Region safety manager from 1991 to 2006. Register by Aug. 1, 2013. To register and for more information, contact Chris Holbeck at (402) 661-1864 or Steve Cinnamon at (402) 669-3441.

A Grand Canyon Celebration of Art—Sept. 14, 2013 to Jan. 20, 2014 at Grand Canyon NP. The Grand Canyon Association and Arizona Public Service announce the 5th Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art. This event features 26 artists from around the country who have created a studio piece for the exhibition and will paint plein air during the week before the exhibit opens. Visitors will have the opportunity to watch the artists as they paint (Sept. 14 to 21). Visit www.grandcanyon.org/arts-and-culture/celebration-art for more information and updates. ■

NPS Family

Laura Elze, Maintenance Division volunteer coordinator, and her husband, **David Raffo**, zone steward, both employed at Golden Gate NRA, welcomed their son, Christopher Elze Raffo, on Nov. 28, 2012. Christopher weighed in at eight lbs., two oz. ■

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

New Places & Faces

Hunter Bailey, from chief ranger, Glen Canyon NRA, to deputy chief of operations and policy, Division of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO.

Amy Bracewell, from historian and education coordinator, Mount Rushmore N MEM, to site manager, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP.

Kara Deutsch, from natural resource specialist, to chief of resource management and science, Delaware Water Gap NRA.

Frank W. Doughman, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, George Rogers Clark NHP. Prior to his acting assignment, Frank was chief of interpretation and resource management at the park.

Tammy Duchesne, from superintendent, Women's Rights NHP, to superintendent, Kaloko-Honokohau NHP and Pu'uhonua o Honaunau NHP.

Dan Foster, from superintendent, Niobrara NSR, to superintendent, Lake Roosevelt NRA and Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail.

Erick Garza, to park ranger (protection), Southeast Arizona Group (Chiricahua NM, Coronado N MEM and Fort Bowie NHS).

Natalie Gates, from chief of natural resource management, Point Reyes NS, to superintendent, Haleakala NP.

Dr. Ed Harvey, to chief of the Water Resources Division, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science Directorate - Fort Collins, Colo.

Jill Hawk, from superintendent, Morristown NHP and Thomas Edison NHP, to superintendent, NPS unit at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center - Glynco, Ga.

Wendy K. Janssen, from superintendent, Hagerman Fossil Beds NM and Minidoka NHS, to superintendent, Appalachian NST.

Lieutenant Simeon Klebaner, from shift commander, to commander of the Aviation Unit, U.S. Park Police.

Captain Michael Libby, from commander of the Aviation Unit, to commander of the Planning and Development Unit, U.S. Park Police.



ROBERT MAGUIRE

Robert J. Maguire, from chief ranger, Midwest Regional Office, to superintendent, Lake Meredith NRA and Alibates Flint Quarries NM.

Joni Mae Makuakane-Jarrell, from educational specialist, to chief of interpretation, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP.

Amberleigh Malone, from administrative support assistant, Aztec Ruins NM and Chaco Culture NHP, to administrative coordinator, Cultural Resources Directorate's Business Office, WASO.

Steve Mietz, from a detail as associate regional director for natural resources, Midwest Region, to superintendent, Great Basin NP. Prior to his detail assignment, Steve served as superintendent of Missouri NRR.

Jeannie Nguyen, from media and publications coordinator (interpretation and education), Cabrillo NM, to administrative coordinator, Cultural Resources Directorate's Business Office, WASO.

Scott Pardue, from superintendent, De Soto N MEM, to safety and wellness program manager, Pacific West Region.

Steve Prokop, from superintendent, Kalaupapa NHP, to superintendent, Redwood National and State Parks.

Lizette Richardson, from chief of maintenance and engineering, Lake Mead NRA, to manager, Construction Program Management Division, WASO.



CHARLES STRICKFADEN

Charles Strickfaden, from chief ranger, Flagstaff Area National Monuments (Wupatki NM, Sunset Crater Volcano NM and Walnut Canyon NM), to superintendent, Fort Union NM.

Jason J. Taylor, to chief of natural resource management, Cape Cod NS. ■

Secretary Sally Jewell Comes on Board

Assuming her responsibilities as the 51st Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell began her first full day in the office on April 15, 2013 meeting some of the Department's more than 70,000 employees. During brief remarks to employees who greeted her as she entered Main Interior, Secretary Jewell underscored her commitment to public service.

"There is no higher calling than public service, and I am honored and humbled to be serving as your Secretary of the Interior," Jewell said. "At Interior, we have vast responsibilities to the American people, from making smart decisions about the natural resources with which we have been blessed, to honoring our word to American Indians and Alaska Natives."

"Our public lands are huge economic engines for the nation," she added. "From energy development to tourism and outdoor recreation, our lands and waters power our economy and create jobs. I look forward to working with you all to ensure that we are managing our public lands wisely and sustainably so that their multiple uses are available for the generations to come."

Secretary Jewell was officially sworn in on April 12, 2013 at the Supreme Court of the United States. Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor administered the oath of office.

O'Connor and Jewell worked together on the National Parks Second Century Commission, an independent commission charged with developing a 21st-century vision for the National Park Service.

Prior to her confirmation, Jewell served in the private sector, most recently as president and chief executive officer of Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI). She joined REI as chief operating officer in 2000 and was named CEO in 2005. During her tenure, REI nearly tripled in business to \$2 billion and was consistently ranked one of the 100 best companies to work for by *Fortune Magazine*.

Before joining REI, Jewell spent 19 years as a commercial banker. Trained as a petroleum engineer, she started her career with Mobil Oil Corporation in the oil and gas fields of Oklahoma and in the exploration and production office in Denver, Colo.

Over her career, Jewell has worked to ensure that public lands are accessible and relevant to all people from all backgrounds. "We have a generation of children growing up without any connection to nature," she said. "From our urban parks to the vast lands of the BLM, the Department of the Interior is well positioned to build a deep and enduring connection between the great outdoors and a new generation of Americans and visitors." ■

National Park of American Samoa Visitor Center

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natural and cultural heritage in a way that fills you with a sense of pride," said Supt. Jim Bacon during the celebration. "As such, this visitor center is much more than a facility, it is a gateway into the heart of Samoan life as it existed long ago, as it still exists today and as it will exist long into the future—at peace and harmony with the land and waters surrounding us."

The visitor center is integral to people's understanding and enjoyment of the cultural and natural wonders the park seeks to protect. The exhibits were made

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