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For many years, the NPS has used our *Arrowhead* newsletter to disseminate information to its approximately 20,000 employees. Operational realities now require the NPS to make further use of their online Internet resources that most employees currently access to get information.

In keeping up with the times, the NPS will be upgrading and further utilizing the "Inside NPS" online information pages to provide employees with current information on a timely basis. In addition, the DOI prepares a weekly video, "This Week at Interior," on YouTube focusing on current activities that are of interest to the public, which is available to all. Consequently, this reduces the NPS' need for the *Arrowhead* newsletter as a means of communication to its employees.

We encourage our E&AA members to take advantage of the Internet to keep abreast of the information that the NPS is providing on www.nps.gov and "This Week at Interior." Since relevant NPS information will now be available on a daily and weekly basis on the Internet, future editions of the *Arrowhead* newsletter will primarily focus on

"people" news regarding our E&AA members. This would include information on retirements, obituaries and job changes. We will continue to accept submissions for the types of news stories that keep readers informed about our National Park Service family members.

We have been pleased over the years to make our *Arrowhead* newsletter available to NPS personnel in a cooperative effort with the NPS leadership to keep their employees informed. We recognize that times change, and like the NPS, we must adapt and conform with change as well. As you know, we have already started this process in our efforts to "go green," and almost 90 percent of our members now access the content of the *Arrowhead* newsletter via the Internet rather than receive a hard-copy printed version in the mail. We still accommodate a small group of our membership who prefer a printed hard copy. As most organizations are now doing, we will continue to emphasize electronic distribution of information and will eventually eliminate the hard-copy printed version of the *Arrowhead* newsletter as more members become comfortable with the Internet.

Albright Training Center Marks Its Fiftieth Year

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Horace M. Albright Training Center, located at Grand Canyon NP. Ten members of the first ranger class to attend the center in 1963 and their partners gathered with staff for a first-ever class reunion at the Albright campus last May. The 50th anniversary of the class and the training center inspired the event, which resulted in goodwill shared across NPS generations from the generalist elders to the more specialized "youngsters" (current employees) of Grand Canyon NP and Albright Training Center.

"It is so good in times of budget cuts, to be reminded of earlier times of tougher hardships that were surmounted by these men's stellar careers," said Laura Rotegard, current center superintendent. "They could have held their reunion anywhere, but the interaction with today's NPS staff at the original location which was for most, their earliest NPS training, primed the pump that led to stories revealing amazing lessons to be learned."

Capturing these stories was accom-

plished by the class voluntarily participating with park and center staff through individual oral histories. The center plans to use both video and audio clips for future training curricula. The class toured the park, met independently with park leadership, attended an NPS issues forum they developed with park and former staff and just celebrated the accomplishments that time and reflection allowed them to recognize.

Not to be missed, eight 'women behind the men' attended with stories of their own—like Jan Johnson, wife of retired superintendent Einar Johnson, who left a recipe for biscuits with the staff and an accompanying story from Lava Beds. It seems the biscuits came in handy (along with a generous amount of hospitality) smoothing over the ire of an investigative team. Jan told us that breaking (home-made) bread with strangers put many issues into better perspective. That's a leadership strategy to be considered.

Both groups of attendees remarked on the obvious differences between then and

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Fellowship Program Benefits World Heritage Sites in Developing Countries

By Roxanne Dey, Detailee, Office of International Affairs

The NPS Office of International Affairs developed the World Heritage Fellowship to provide technical assistance in the management and conservation of World Heritage Sites in developing countries. Stephen Morris, NPS chief of the Office of International Affairs said, "The special areas that achieve this prestigious designation are not always able to manage, preserve and protect these areas. Ideally, the entire international community plays a role in the protection of every World Heritage Site. This fellowship program is a way for the NPS to help the United States fulfill that responsibility."

The fellowship provides World Heritage Site managers from other countries real-world training and experiences in U.S. national parks that also have World Heritage Site designation. Fellows typically spend five to eight weeks learning NPS management practices and working alongside NPS professionals in a variety of disciplines; and conversely, NPS employees also gain new ideas and perspectives that can be applied in the U.S. National Park System.

Since the fall of 2009, the NPS has hosted 13 World Heritage Fellows who were recruited for their leadership potential. The NPS evaluated which candidates could best utilize the training in the U.S. to have the greatest impact back at sites in their home countries. The Office of International Affairs has been following up with Fellows to determine what new programs, training or initiatives may have been implemented at their World Heritage Sites as a direct result of the fellowship program.

Gavin Shaw, a 2011 Fellow at Olympic

NP and now current manager of the Great Fish River Nature Reserve, reported on the changes he implemented upon returning to South Africa. Shaw created the infrastructure to support a dispatch center for the reserve, which is home to the third largest black rhino population in the world. The new repeater sites and radios have dramatically improved communication and assisted rangers who have arrested 18 people for illegal activities in the last 12 months. Shaw also realized his rangers needed better law enforcement training and refresher courses. He created new training for the reserve rangers based on the NPS model he learned at Olympic NP. "Ten rangers have been through the new training, along with two rangers who have achieved dog handler training certification," said Shaw.

"What makes Olympic National Park special cannot be written in a report or shown on a documentary. It is in the snow in your boot and the cool air past your ears. It is in the fresh mountain mornings and the wide wooded backcountry. I can only hope that other managers from Africa get the honor, as there is much for us to learn from the U.S. National Park Service," said Shaw.

Colin Smith, chief ranger at Olympic NP, reported Gavin Shaw's visit to Olympic was a valuable experience for Shaw and all the park employees he worked with. There were many long discussions about managing people and operations. "It was amazing to hear Gavin describe how little infrastructure and support he had for his park operations. He was very adept at making do with small amounts of funding and limited

supplies. He did it mostly by thinking outside the box and looking for innovative strategies to make things happen. Learning some of these strategies from Gavin has helped me be more prepared for the present era of shrinking budgets," said Smith.

Godson Kimaro, from Tanzania's Serengeti National Park, served as a 2013 Fellow at Yellowstone NP. Kimaro reported taking back many ideas from Yellowstone NP and recommending them for adoption in African parks, including law enforcement techniques and training, better equipment for rangers, trails, boardwalks and an amphitheater for interpretive talks. He recently reported to the Office of International Affairs that Serengeti was developing an amphitheater, but, unlike Yellowstone, his park would be adding a shade structure.

Yellowstone NP Chief Ranger Tim Reid commented, "Hosting Godson Kimaro was an excellent experience. Perhaps the main thing we learned is a reaffirmation that the NPS mission is noble and that the NPS organization, despite the familial complexion and associated squabbles, is high functioning and built upon mission-dedicated staff. Based on my experience in the Serengeti, and with hosting Godson, I think the overarching take home for us is that public vesting in the value of national parks, particularly in gateway communities, is critical for the success of protected-area conservation and administration. Without value to the public and contiguous communities, parks will struggle. While the NPS is more advanced in this regard than Tanzanian National Parks,

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President Kennedy Remembered at Park Event

On the weekend of Nov. 22 through 24, 2013, over a thousand visitors joined rangers and volunteers at John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Day of Mourning. Events included a new ranger program using the principles of facilitated dialog to ask questions about loss and belonging, a special exhibit and a memorial ceremony.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS has served over the years as a memorial focal point for the town of Brookline, Mass. Three days after the assassination, locals gathered together at the slain president's birthplace at 83 Beals Street. Some of the crowd came from a memorial service at nearby Temple Kehillath Israel; others had heard about the event planned in part by Brookline High School students. The assembled heard words from local religious leaders, laid a wreath at the home, sang "America" and witnessed a 21-gun salute to the president. From that moment forward, the home took on special significance as a place to mourn the Kennedy family and remains so today.

The Kennedy's first home became part of the National Park Service in 1967, following significant work by the president's mother, Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, to return the home to its 1917 appearance, the year of the president's birth. While Mrs. Kennedy stated her intention was to share her family's early years and show how people lived in 1917, the memorial aspect has always been important. This

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• On July 10, the Furnace Creek Visitor Center auditorium at **Death Valley NP** was filled with weather enthusiasts from across the nation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the hottest day ever recorded—July 10, 1913. The 134-degree day was recorded by Oscar Denton, who took the reading amidst birds falling dead from the sky because of the heat.

In conjunction with the National Weather Service from Las Vegas, park staff presented topics explaining what makes Death Valley the hottest place on Earth, how employees who live in the park survive the summer and what happened on July 10, 1913 to create such hot conditions. The NPS in Death Valley has partnered with the National Weather Service in support of the cooperative observer program since 1961. This program provides long-term climate data that is used to perform scientific studies and for weather and climate models. The Death Valley station is particularly important due to the extreme weather conditions and remote location. Weather

measurements have been taken here since 1911, initially by the Pacific Coast Borax Company and then by the NPS.

• Low snow levels on Denali's glaciers this summer presented a rare opportunity to clean up trash and equipment left on the Muldrow Glacier by mountaineering expeditions. The Muldrow is the largest glacier (34 miles long) on the north side of Denali. It was the route utilized by the four pioneer climbers who were the first to stand on the mountain's summit on June 6, 1913. High temperatures caused a high level of glacial melting, and rangers saw ice that had not been previously exposed on the glacier. Other cleanups of the Muldrow took place in 1982 and 1990.

On July 14, a dozen **Denali NP & PRES** employees were flown to Gunsight Pass on the Muldrow Glacier. They were to remove obvious trash but leave in place items that appeared to be 30 years old or more, which they would document with GPS and photographs. Over the course of two days, the teams moved down the glacier, putting trash in piles and documenting several historical gear caches, including one from Bradford and Barbara Washburn's 1947 expedition (Barbara became the first woman to summit Denali during that expedition). Items deemed to be historically significant by the archeologist, including the Washburn cache, were left in place on the surface of the glacier.

The teams retrieved an estimated 200 to 300 pounds of debris from the glacier, mostly modern, culturally insignificant material. Items included burlap sacks, plastics and Spam cans in addition to abandoned gear such as skis. Approximately 60 to 80 pounds of trash were removed by helicopter during the cleanup operation. The remaining debris was piled at two locations, where it will be picked up by the park's sled dog teams this winter.

• **Thomas Edison NHP** received a major collection of antique phonograph records from a donor who is considered to be the foremost expert on Edison disc records. The donation includes 580 Edison Diamond Discs, 66 Edison Amberol cylinders, 16 Edison Amberol cylinders, eight Edison Gold Moulded cylinders and six Edison Needle Type discs. The recordings, which date from 1905 to 1929, were made by Thomas Edison's National Phonograph Company and Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated. Performances include rare takes by artists such as Italian operatic soprano Claudia Muzio, country music pioneer Ernest Stoneman, the Original Memphis Five jazz quintet, 1920s radio star Vaughn De Leath and popular banjoist Vess Ossman. This extraordinary collection was donated to the NPS by Edison researcher Raymond Wile, who also donated 18 color photographs of a reunion of Edison recording artists that he hosted at the park on Oct. 18, 1974.

A meticulous record sleuth, Wile collects Edison discs with an acute eye for detail, searching out especially rare takes and pressings. Comparing Wile's holdings to the park's own catalog, Jerry Fabris, the park's museum curator, selected only those recordings that would fill missing gaps in the sound archive. Thomas Edison NHP preserves the world's most complete collection of Edison disc records. It is significantly more complete now due to this donation.

• On Aug. 20, **Nicodemus NHS** co-hosted a community learning experience, "The Journey from Ellis to Nicodemus." Nicodemus, Kans., is the only remaining western town established by African

"Park Over the Highway" Project Begins at JEFF

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill, and state and city officials and other partners broke ground on Aug. 2, 2013 on the "Park Over the Highway" project, the first component of the CityArchRiver 2015 initiative to revitalize and improve access to the **Jefferson National Expansion Memorial**, home of the Gateway Arch.

The "Park Over the Highway" project will feature a landscaped structure over Interstate 70, which currently forms a "moat" separating the Gateway Arch from the Old Courthouse, and reroute surface traffic. The "Park Over the Highway" and other components of the project will be funded with a mix of public and private funding. A TIGER grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded in 2011 provided \$20 million and the Missouri Department of Transportation matched it with \$25 million in state funding while the CityArchRiver 2015 Foundation contributed \$10 million in private funding. Gathered officials trumpeted the economic benefits of the project to the city of St. Louis. In 2011, more than 2.2 million people visited the memorial, contributing \$97 million to the local economy and supporting 1,252 jobs. The \$380 million CityArchRiver

2015 plan includes other major components on the Gateway Arch grounds, such as an expansion of the underground museum, new exhibits and a new west entrance; landscaping



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Midwest Regional Director Mike Reynolds, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JEFF) Media Services Supervisor Al Bilger (kneeling), Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, JEFF Chief Ranger Jim Jackson, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, JEFF Buildings and Utilities Supervisor Steve Amancio, JEFF Park Guard Jeremiah Schultz, NPS Deputy Director Peggy O'Dell, JEFF Deputy Supt. Frank Mares, JEFF Chief of Interpretation Ann Honious and JEFF Supt. Tom Bradley.

improvements and programming space at the north gateway; a revitalized riverfront; accessibility improvements; development of accessible walkways to the riverfront and expanded programming and amenities on the grounds. Projects at the Old Courthouse include accessibility improvements and new exhibits. Visit www.cityarchriver.org for more information on the entire project. ■

Americans during the Reconstruction Period following the Civil War. The town, established in 1877, is symbolic of the pioneer spirit of African Americans.

NPS staff, Nicodemus Historical Society representatives and community members followed the intrepid route from the train depot in Ellis, Kans., to Nicodemus, Kans., that the founders of Nicodemus walked. The bus trip included stops at the Ellis train depot and the landmarks at "happy hallow" and "the mound" mentioned in historical documents. Angela Bates and Thomas Wellington, of the Nicodemus Historical Society, provided insight into the journey and its challenges as well as the assistance provided by the Osage tribe to early Nicodemus settlers.

The tour also stopped at the Walz farm, where participants learned about the original trail crossing their property as noted in

family history, as well as wagon ruts, paleontological sites and a WWII bombing range. Tallgrass Prairie N PRES provided the bus and driver for the expedition.

• **City of Rocks National Reserve** celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sept. 14 with a full day of activities. The day's events began with a ceremony and speeches by Chip Jenkins, NPS deputy regional director; Nancy Merrill, director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; Scott Bedke, representative and speaker of the House (Idaho); Kent Durfee, native of Almo (gateway community); and Wallace Keck, City of Rocks superintendent. Following the ceremony, visitors enjoyed a Dutch-oven lunch, live music, wagon rides, horse rides, opening of the time capsule, historic trail tours, geology walks, children's pioneer games and

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much more. The day's festivities concluded with free cake and a concert.

The 14,407-acre City of Rocks National Reserve was established by Congress in 1988 to protect the California Trail, grand scenery, geological features and to provide recreational opportunities. The reserve and adjacent Castle Rocks State Park receive over 200,000 visitors annually.

- During every full moon night in the summer and fall, ranger staff at **John Muir NHS** gather park visitors—mostly local urban dwellers—at the busy intersection of California Highway 4, Alhambra Avenue and Franklin Canyon Drive. From there they hike a mile to the 640-foot summit of Mt. Wanda to view the full moon rise and contemplate the beauty and serenity. The 326-acre mountain in the city of Martinez was named by Muir for his eldest daughter. It's where he took his children sauntering to imbue them with a love of nature.

Mt. Wanda provides today's digitally connected urban population with a similar, and rare, immersion experience in nature. On one walk, Ranger Ron Good described the Apollo astronauts who walked on the moon. They went in search of lunar knowledge but really gained perspective about themselves and our planet Earth from the powerful experience. By the time visitors reached Mt. Wanda's peak, they too felt transformed. The clouds finally broke, an intensely crimson sunset cast alpenglow on Mt. Diablo and the full moon shown through.

Clouds are not the only obstacle to

urban astronomy programming. Ranger Kathryn Daskal led a group on a non-full-moon night, specifically to get a close look at the stars. They saw a fraction of the number Muir observed 100 years ago, let alone Galileo 300 years before that. Half a dozen Harleys on Franklin Canyon Drive drowned out speech, and group members' red-tinted flashlights couldn't begin to shield their night vision from the brightly lit neighborhood oil refinery.

From a dark sky perspective, Mt. Wanda is not the Australian outback. It is not a Sierra, Colorado Plateau or Mojave Desert park. And yet for an urban audience who ventured from their homes and comfort zones on a remarkably still, warm and fogless evening, the dividends were palpable. With a view of eight constellations, a faint streak of the Milky Way and an exhilarating shooting star, one could almost feel the immensity of space and the urgency to care for our one, small, blue planet.

- Interpretive programs at **Booker T. Washington NM** empower visitors to experience a deeper connection with Booker's life through touring the landscape and historic structures and caring for the animals. Booker was born a slave at the James Burroughs plantation and labored there for nine years while his mother was the cook for the family. In 1856, the year of Booker's birth, the plantation was 207 acres. The park has been preserved to

reflect the landscape as it appeared during Booker's life there. This truly helps visitors experience the farm through Booker's eyes.

Although farm equipment is now used to maintain the farm, the animals are incorporated in many of the educational programs where visitors can compare their lives to slave life. They also learn how the animals were used back then.

Volunteers come every day to feed the animals. A veterinarian also comes to the park to conduct checkups. One of the beloved "family" members is a 31-year-old horse. Ranger Betsy Haynes says the

animals are her "surrogate pets" and that they all have such spirited personalities. "Nelly, a chicken here, doesn't ever want to go in the pen at night. She follows me around, and I have to literally pick her up and place her in the coop. The ducks have 'gang wars' with each other over territory and separated themselves into two 'families.' We have two pigs that are sisters, and one sister stands in the trough to block the other one from eating, so she can have first taste and eat as much as she wants. Needless to say, the animals provide a great laugh." ■

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it is something we need to continue to mature and grow agency-wide."

"The World Heritage Fellowship Program fosters this type of mutually beneficial training and allows the NPS to benefit from new ideas and perspectives that can be applied to the management of our own parks," said Office of International Affairs Chief Stephen Morris.

Initial funding for the NPS Office of International Affairs program was provided in 2010 by a \$30,000 grant from the United Nations Foundation to the NPS, through the National Park Foundation. The funding paid for transportation

costs, a small stipend and required insurance coverage for nine participants. Additional funding and support for four Fellows was provided by Tourism Cares, the George Wright Society and the Department of the Interior. The U.S. national park host sites also typically provide park housing for the Fellows.

The Office of International Affairs is currently pursuing additional funding sources to ensure this successful program can continue. For more information, please visit the NPS Office of International Affairs World Heritage Site Fellows Program page at www.nps.gov/oia/new/New_Page/WH_Fellowship.htm. ■

Kudos and Awards



ALLISON POWELL

- Park Ranger **Allison Powell**, volunteer program manager at James A. Garfield NHS, was recently named the Volunteer Administrator of the Year by the Forum for Volunteer Administrators (FVA). She received her award during the FVA's annual meeting on Nov. 7 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Under Allison's leadership, volunteers gave 3,356 hours of service last year, equaling over \$74,000 worth of work donated to James A. Garfield NHS. As the site's nomination of her for the award states, "Allison Powell recognizes, cultivates and appreciates the value of volunteers to our organization. There is no question that we could not accomplish our mission of commemorating and interpreting the life and legacy of President James A. Garfield without volunteer assistance. That we have that assistance at all

is thanks to her excellent leadership of and vision for our volunteer program."

The FVA exists to provide mutual support, continuing dialogue and professional development opportunities for those involved in the leadership and management of volunteers. In accepting the award, Allison said, "It is truly an honor and a privilege to fill James A. Garfield National Historic Site with so many dedicated, knowledgeable and welcoming people. Our volunteer program is one to brag about because of the outstanding volunteers that lend their time and talents to our visitors. I am so happy and proud to share this recognition with all of our wonderful volunteers and staff."

- **Cuyahoga Valley NP** is the first national park site in Ohio to achieve the status of "Climate Friendly Park." As a participant in the Climate Friendly Parks program (CFP), Cuyahoga Valley NP belongs to a network of 106 national parks nationwide that are committed to reducing resource consumption, cutting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and educating staff and the public about climate change and sustainability.

The CFP began as a partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency and the NPS to help parks understand the concepts of climate change and in turn communicate these concepts and success stories to park staff, visitors and partners. The park identified the following goals to reduce GHG emissions produced by park operations: reduce energy use consumption emissions to 30 percent below 2008 levels by 2020; reduce waste

emissions to 50 percent below 2008 levels by 2020; reduce transportation emissions to 20 percent below 2008 levels by 2020.

"In addition to reducing GHG emissions, we plan to increase climate change and sustainability education and outreach efforts," said Acting Supt. Paul Stoehr. "We will continue our restoration efforts in the park as well as complete a vulnerability study to protect park resources from the likely impacts of climate change."

The Climate Friendly Parks designation is the most recent effort in the park's desire to become more sustainable. To view the park's Climate Action Plan, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/parkmgmt/sustainability.htm. ■

The Arrowhead Store

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

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President Kennedy Remembered at Park Event

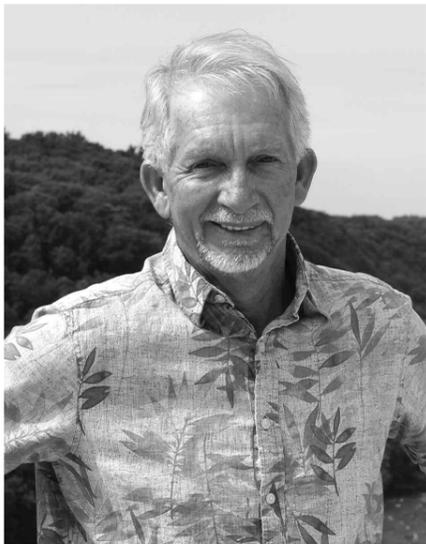
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year's event seemed like an ideal time to reflect further on memorial aspects of the home with new programming that encouraged visitors to ask questions about their own experiences with loss and remembrance.

Visitors toured the home Friday through Sunday. After exploring the home where Kennedy spent his first years, they had the opportunity to learn more about how the country reacted to his death. Since 1999, the site has been collecting visitors' memories about Kennedy's assassination. A small sampling of these stories were on display, along with books for visitors to add their story to the collection.

At 2 p.m. on a frigid Sunday afternoon, over 100 visitors gathered together just as they did in 1963 to remember President Kennedy. Rangers read proclamations from Lyndon Johnson and the Brookline Board of Selectmen declaring Nov. 25, 1963 a National Day of Mourning. A highlight was a letter from Representative Joe Kennedy, III, grandson of Robert Kennedy and U.S. Representative for this area. The program also included words from Father Clary of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church and Rabbi Hamilton of Temple Kehillath Israel. And, as in 1963, the event concluded with a singing of "America," this time by Lena Schorge, a student at Edward Devotion School, the same one John F. Kennedy attended. The event brought together community members just as it did in 1963, and the park was pleased to offer a place for reflection on John F. Kennedy's life 50 years later. ■

Class of 2013



HERNAN ABREU

Hernan Abreu, supply technician, Office of Facilities Management and Property, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), July 27 after over 27 years of federal service.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Hernan graduated from the University of Turabo, School of Business and Administration with a B.B.A. degree in accounting and a minor in biology. He started his federal career in 1983 with the Commerce Department and joined the Department of Natural Resources in Puerto Rico in 1984. He then became a biological technician for the Fish and Wildlife Service and worked 15 years with the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery Project in the Caribbean NF (now El Yunque NF). In 1991, he met Demica "Demi" Vigil, who was also working at the Caribbean NF. They married at El Yunque in 1994 and eventually moved to the U.S. after Demi got a job at Grand Canyon NP.

Hernan was an air quality technician at Grand Canyon NP (2000-2009). He also assisted in the eradication of exotic and invasive vegetation and worked on water quality projects. In 2009, a job change for Demi brought the family to Harpers Ferry, W.Va., and Hernan started work at HFC in 2011 as a supply technician. Hernan can be reached at Dnh2@msn.com.

Annette Abshire, media technical specialist, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Sept. 3 after 40 years of federal service.

Annette began her federal career in 1973 at the DOI's Natural Landmarks and Theme Studies Office in Washington, D.C. She transferred to HFC to work for the contracting officer as a clerk/stenographer. Later, she became a procurement technician/assistant. In 1982, through the Upward Mobility Program, she was selected for a contract specialist position, eventually reaching the full performance grade.

One of Annette's most meaningful experiences was working with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Though the museum is not an NPS site, HFC was brought in to assist with contracting. Because of her outstanding work, HFC received significant recognition for procurement work on construction of the museum's concourse and for media, including three movies in the permanent exhibits.

Annette's other career highlights include contracting work on new exhibits at Springfield Armory NHS and Federal Hall N MEM, a bulletproof case to display the Declaration of Independence for Independence NHP and one of HFC's most extensive media projects, Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP. Annette served as a contract specialist on a multiagency uniform program for the NPS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers; she assisted in drafting a much-improved contract, then negotiated and awarded the contract.

In 2005, Annette moved to HFC's Media Services, overseeing their exhibit closeout process. In 2011, she coordinated the inventory, packing and shipping of HFC's archival exhibit records to the NPS Technical Information Center (TIC) in Denver. Senior TIC staff called HFC's submittal "the best prepared shipment we have seen"—and this from an organization that receives a constant flow of documents from every park and NPS office. The document template she developed for this project is now recommended for all NPS records management submittals. The next year, she oversaw the inventory and shipping of 1,667 project records to TIC and over 50,000 records to the Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Branch of the National Archives in College Park, Md. As usual, her hard work and attention to detail made the project a success.

Kenneth C. Barnes, aviation management and safety specialist, Alaska Regional Office, Aug. 23 after 23 years.

Robert L. Barte, general maintenance operations supervisor, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Sept. 30 after 12 years.

Cindy Darr, associate manager for media services, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), July 27 after 40 years.

Cindy began her career in 1973 with a high school internship at HFC. After graduation, she joined HFC's Museum Production as a photographer. At the time, museum exhibits were planned, designed, fabricated and installed entirely by HFC staff. Cindy took every opportunity to learn: she set type on the Compugraphic, the latest and greatest technology of the time; developed film in the darkroom; and worked in the fabrication shop doing screen printing and building artifact mounts.

In the mid-1980s, Cindy worked under a three-week deadline on a visitor center opening at Hawai'i Volcanoes NP to honor the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Geologic Survey. Despite multiple challenges, she met the deadline and even managed to enjoy a day off at one of the world's most beautiful places. One of her career highlights was overseeing the development and installation of exhibits for Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS, where she worked closely with the King family and leading political figures. After the 1988 fires, Yellowstone NP asked HFC for a quick turnaround on new exhibits. Within months, HFC staff, with Cindy as producer, installed new Grant Village exhibits.

By the late 1980s, Cindy was the assistant to the exhibits production manager. Within a few years, she became HFC's deputy chief of exhibits, managing special projects for WASO and the NPS director. In 2001, she became one of HFC's first project managers, and between 2003 and 2005—with a couple of title changes—became HFC's workflow manager.

Cindy received the DOI Distinguished Service Award in 2010 for her outstanding leadership in the field of interpretive media development. In 2011, she was one of five core team members charged with the development and production of *A Call to Action* as well as its update a year later. In retirement, Cindy plans to travel and spend more time with family.

E&AA Life Member **Dale Ditmanson**, superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Jan. 3, 2014 after 36 years.

Dale graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1975 with a bachelor's

degree in history. He began his NPS career as a seasonal park ranger at Fort Sumter NM and went on to serve as a park ranger at Mount Rushmore N MEM, Canyon de Chelly NM and Fossil Butte NM. In the early 1990s, he was superintendent of Florissant Fossil Beds NM and then served for four years as assistant superintendent of Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM. He was also a training specialist at the Stephen T. Mather Training Center. Dale was associate regional director, Northeast Region - Philadelphia, before becoming superintendent at Great Smoky Mountains NP in 2004.

At the Smokies, Dale provided the vision and leadership that led to the construction of facilities including the Twin Creeks Science and Education Center and the Oconaluftee Visitor Center. Renovations were made to Sugarlands Visitor Center, Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center, park headquarters and Clingmans Dome Contact Station. He guided one of the largest infrastructure rehabilitation efforts in park history and worked with gateway communities, partner groups, congressional staff, NPS staff and park neighbors to secure approval of a Memorandum of Agreement for the future of the Elkmont Historic District. He also developed the Trails Forever partnership between Friends of the Smokies and the park and championed the protection of natural and cultural resources.

Dale was recognized for his exceptional leadership as the 2009 Southeast Region's Superintendent of the Year and the 2013 Association of Partners for Public Lands Agency Partner of the Year, which he shared with recently retired Deputy Supt. Kevin FitzGerald. He is also a recipient of the DOI Honor Award for Meritorious Service. He and his wife, Suzanne, plan to continue living in the region while exploring and discovering more NPS treasures.

Robert Graves, maintenance worker, Kenai Fjords NP, Sept. 21 after 15 years.



JIM HUMMEL

E&AA Life Member **James "Jim" Hummel**, chief ranger and pilot, Voyageurs NP, Dec. 8, 2012 after 35 years.

Jim's desire to become a national park ranger began at a young age when his parents would take monthlong family camping trips to national parks. His NPS career began in 1976 during college breaks as a seasonal park aid at Great Smoky Mountains NP. After attending law enforcement school, he became a seasonal protection ranger at Apostle Islands NL, where he worked for two summers. He briefly worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Clark Hill Lake to gain permanent status and after a few months,

received his first permanent job at Gulf Islands NS, Mississippi District.

Jim and his wife, Mary, enjoyed island life for five years on Ship Island, where they began their family. He obtained his private pilot license through the Aero Club at Keesler Air Force Base. He became an area ranger at Bryce Canyon NP in 1986, and in 1988, he accepted a district ranger job at Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES and began to see his dream of becoming a ranger pilot in Alaska fulfilled.

After three years in the Northern Nabesna District of Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, Jim was transferred to the Central Chitina District and sent to school to complete his commercial and instrument ratings as a ranger pilot. A call to Katmai NP & PRES in 1996 enabled him to become a chief ranger and continue his flying to support park missions. After three years, he joined Voyageurs NP, where he continued as chief ranger and pilot until he retired. During his time at Voyageurs NP, he taught NPS law enforcement courses and oversaw the practical skills testing of students at Vermilion Community College, flew wildlife surveys at Isle Royale NP and developed the Midwest Region's first Incident Management Team as incident commander and deployed on several all-hazard events. He also instructed classes in Ranger Operations and Concessions at Al-bright Training Center, conducted DOI Aircraft Water Ditching classes and served a detail as acting superintendent at Lincoln Home NHS.

Jim and Mary will remain in International Falls, Minn. His plans include enjoying Rainy Lake; traveling; teaching; flying; spending time with grandchildren, family and friends; completing home-improvement jobs; serving on part-time mission trips; fishing; and doing occasional contract work with the NPS. He will also vicariously continue life in the NPS as he watches his son, Bryce, pursue rangership.

E&AA Life Member **Chris B. Johnson**, Leelanau District ranger, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Sept. 30 after 31 years.

Chris began his NPS law enforcement career as a seasonal park ranger at Ozark NSR in 1982. In 1983, he accepted a permanent law enforcement position in the Upper Current District of the park.

In 1987, Chris joined Biscayne NP as a supervisory park ranger. He and his wife, Barb, lived on Adams Key and then Elliott Key. In 1990, he joined Bighorn Canyon NRA, where he worked as the area ranger in the north unit.

In 1994, Chris transferred to Sleeping Bear Dunes NL and was the Manitou Islands District ranger. He later managed the Platte River District, then took over as the Leelanau District ranger in 1999. Among his accomplishments as Leelanau District ranger at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Chris hired exceptional rangers, replaced aging patrol boats and vehicles, started a taser program, managed a professional dive team, improved the ranger stations on the mainland and two islands and reduced the number of law enforcement infractions in the North Bar Beach area.

Chris was a member of the Rocky Mountain Region Special Event and Tactical Team (SETT) before moving to Michigan and after arriving at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, was immediately added to the Midwest Region (MWR) SETT. He later became the MWR SETT leader, a position he held for seven years. In 2000, he received the regional Harry Yount Award and was named one of the "Best

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Cops” in Northern Lower Michigan by the *Northern Express* newspaper.

Chris plans to look for a part-time winter job in the area so he can travel to other national parks during the summer months. Barb will continue working as a nurse at the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

E&AA Life Member **Sandra “Sandi” Kavanaugh**, supervisory interpretive ranger, Natchez Trace Parkway, July 3 after 21 years of federal service, 14 of them with the NPS.

Sandi’s career with the NPS began as a volunteer with Harpers Ferry NHP in 1972. Her first paid position was at George Washington Memorial Parkway in 1973. In 1977, she took a position as a Young Adult Conservation Corps leader and then moved on to Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP in 1978. That same year, she was selected for the park ranger management intake program. Next, she worked at Saratoga NHP and then Fort Stanwix NM as a GS-9 supervisory park ranger.

In 1983, Sandi married Tim Kavanaugh and left the NPS in 1984 to raise their two daughters. Returning to government service several years later, she took various positions with the Department of Justice, Department of Energy, Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Sandi and Tim moved to Vicksburg, Miss., and Sandi was hired at Natchez Trace Parkway in May 2009. She became part of a revitalized interpretive operation, reopening the newly rehabilitated parkway information cabin in September 2009.

As the Southern District’s interpretive supervisor, Sandi oversaw all interpretive operations in the Natchez Trace Parkway’s



SANDI KAVANAUGH

Timothy Kavanaugh

southern 200 miles. Under her leadership and with management support, Sandi increased both the quality and quantity of interpretive services. She successfully increased visitor outreach with children and adults in the Jackson metropolitan area, worked to implement several National Park Foundation grants, streamlined operations at the Mount Locust Historic Site and trained and coached numerous STEP (Student Temporary Employment Program) and seasonal employees. In May 2013, new exhibits that Sandi had assisted with were installed at the information cabin. She managed two visitor centers through periods of rapid change.

Sandi continues to reside in Vicksburg, where Tim works as a supervisory park ranger (interpretation) at Vicksburg NHP. She will assist Natchez Trace Parkway as a volunteer and has already

booked several programs with area groups. She looks forward to traveling and spending more time with daughters, Claire and Laura, and can be reached at sandikavanaugh@cablelynx.com.



JOY MEDLEY LYONS

Bob Cotter

Joy Medley Lyons, chief of program services, Division of Interpretation, Mammoth Cave NP, July 27 after over 32 years.

In 1979, the summer before her senior year of college, Joy began working at Mammoth Cave NP as a seasonal park aide. She earned her B.A. degree in English and creative writing from Western Kentucky University and then obtained a permanent position in 1981 as a personnel clerk at Mammoth Cave NP, diversifying her experience with duties in the campground. In 1982, she became a park interpreter, guiding and later supervising the guides who led thousands of visitors into Mammoth Cave each year. Joy received a promotion to her most recent position as chief of program services for the park’s Division of Interpretation in 2004.

For most of her career, Joy supervised and mentored Mammoth Cave NP’s guide force. Also a writer and historian, she authored *Mammoth Cave: The Story Behind the Scenery*, a seminal work that has for years marked many visitors’ first in-depth exploration of the world’s longest known cave. First published in 1991, the book remains in high demand as a signature item for visitors in the park’s bookstore.

At the 2007 Kentucky History Awards, the Kentucky Historical Society presented Joy with its Award of Merit for Publication for her book, *Making Their Mark: The Signature of Slavery at Mammoth Cave*. This book also brought recognition to Joy as the Southeast Regional Interpreter of the Year (2007) from the National Association of Interpretation.

Deputy Chief **Jeanne O’Toole**, commander of the Homeland Division, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Jan. 5, 2014 after 29 years.

Jeanne began her NPS career in 1984 as a seasonal park ranger at Gateway NRA. She also served as an NPS ranger at the National Mall and Memorial Parks. In 1987, she entered service with the U.S.P.P., beginning as a uniformed officer at the Glen Echo Station.

Jeanne then served as a firearms and physical skills instructor and was promoted to patrol sergeant in 1992. She was promoted to lieutenant and served as a shift commander, Central District Station commander, Major Crimes Unit commander, Criminal Investigation Branch and George Washington Memorial Parkway Station commander. As captain, she commanded

the West District and was the assistant commander for criminal investigations. She was then promoted to major and commander of the Criminal Investigations Branch. She handled large-scale events, including annual July 4 celebrations and concert events at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, and oversaw numerous major investigations and police-involved shootings.

Jeanne then became commander of the Field Operations Division, which encompasses the Patrol Branch, including the Horse Mounted Unit and Support Services Group, the Criminal Investigations Branch and the San Francisco Field Office. She served as deputy chief and the commander of the Homeland Division overseeing the Icon Protection Branch, including the Central District Station, Intelligence, Special Events, SWAT, K-9, Aviation and Motorcycle units, until her retirement.

Jeanne received awards and recognition for individual acts as well as unit citations for collaborative efforts. She has a master’s degree from Columbia University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. She has accepted a position at the Smithsonian Institution as the director of the Office of Protection Services.

E&AA Member **Peter Pappas**, protection ranger, Herbert Hoover NHS, Aug. 31 after 30 years.

Peter began working with the NPS in 1983 as a volunteer interpreter at Cuyahoga Valley NP. While pursuing a degree in geology from Kent State University, he held summer seasonal park technician positions in interpretation, public safety and law enforcement at Mammoth Cave NP, Rocky Mountain NP, Cape Cod NS and Lake



PETER PAPPAS

NPS

Roosevelt NRA before accepting his first permanent assignment at Boston NHP. There, he served as a law enforcement ranger from 1989 to 1991. He worked in that same capacity at Steamtown NHS from 1991 to 1992.

Peter moved west in 1992 to assume supervisory law enforcement duties at Petrified Forest NP, where he also served as EMT and chief of the park fire brigade. He continued those duties at Guadalupe Mountains NP from 2000 to 2003 before assuming the chief ranger position at (then) Palo Alto Battlefield NHS. There, he oversaw visitor protection services as well as park facilities and natural resources management. He returned to his former role at Guadalupe Mountains NP in 2006 and joined Herbert Hoover NHS as law enforcement ranger in 2008.

Peter was committed to public service and safety throughout his career. As a wildland firefighter, faller, EMT, base camp manager, security manager and HAZMAT

specialist, he served in various ICS positions on over 300 operational periods including wildland fires, HAZMAT incidents and hurricanes Rita, Katrina and Sandy.

Of his future plans, Peter says, “I will be retiring to southern Missouri with my wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Joanna. I have a cabin with 22 acres, forest and meadows, with two cows, two pigs, two dogs and lots of chickens. I will be a gentleman farmer, teaching HAZMAT, CPR and first aid and go out on fires with incident management teams. I also have three grown children who are serving in the U.S. Army. Julia (25) is in California, Joshua (21) is in Alabama and Jacob (23) is currently deployed to Africa.”

E&AA Life Member **Richard C. Powell**, chief, NPS Office of Risk Management, Sept. 3 after 48 years.

Prior to his most recent position as chief of the Office of Risk Management, Richard served as a safety manager and law enforcement ranger for the NPS. In 2006, he was awarded the DOI Safety Professional Service Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership, professionalism and dedication to the Department’s Safety and Occupational Health Program.

E&AA Life Member **Eric J. Walkinshaw**, civil engineer and project manager, Mount Rainier NP, July 31 after over 37 years.

Prior to his NPS career, Eric was a member of the Peace Corps in the Fiji Islands, assisting with engineering and design projects in a 25-island district. He began his NPS career as a civil engineer at the Denver Service Center (DSC) in 1976, advancing through the civil engineer ranks in construction management and design. In 1985, he joined Glen Canyon NRA, where he served as a civil engineer and facility manager. In 1989, he joined Mount Rainier NP as a supervisory civil engineer (chief of maintenance and professional services) and became chief of planning and professional services in 1992, primarily working with the DSC on updating the park’s General Management Plan. He returned to the Maintenance Division as park civil engineer and project manager in 2001.

Eric has been highly involved in many projects during his career at Mount Rainier NP, most notably the rehabilitation of the historic Paradise Inn, construction of the new replacement Henry M. Jackson Memorial Visitor Center at Paradise, numerous Federal Lands Transportation Program road rehabilitation projects and recovery/reconstruction after the devastating floods and storms in 2006 that closed the park to public access for six months.

After his retirement, Eric and his wife, Catharine, are planning to “hit the road:” traveling, seeing friends and going wherever life takes them. They have moved to Colorado, and Eric can be reached at ej.walkinshaw65@gmail.com.

E&AA Life Member **Vicki Black Webster**, museum curator, Southeast Utah Group (Arches NP, Canyonlands NP, Hovenweep NM and Natural Bridges NM), Nov. 2 after over 30 years of service.

After earning a B.A. degree in botany from Pomona College and an M.S. degree in environmental communications from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Vicki began her NPS career as a seasonal communications counselor and interpreter. Seasonal work from 1976 to 1980 took her to places as varied as Glen Canyon NRA and Everglades NP. She at

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Webster Family Photo

VICKI WEBSTER

tained career status by taking a job in administration at Colorado NM, then moved to (then) Saguaro NM as a park interpreter. She also completed assignments as an interpreter at Apostle Islands NL and Whiskeytown NRA, where she received a Quality Step Increase Award for her work as the chief of interpretive services.

In 1986, Vicki moved with her family to Crater Lake NP and served as executive director of the Crater Lake Natural History Association from 1988 until their departure in 1990. Since 1992, she has served as the archivist and museum curator for the Southeast Utah Group of parks. During those years, she worked on a variety of detail assignments and planning teams that have taken her to New River Gorge NR, Zion NP, Little Bighorn Battlefield NM and many other areas. In total, she has served in one capacity or another for 26 NPS areas and

offices, including a VIP stint at the Museum of the National Park Ranger in Yellowstone NP just last year.

The whole Webster family has served in the NPS. Vicki's husband, Jim, retired in 2008 from his position as the chief ranger of Arches NP. Daughter Sally worked as a seasonal at Grand Canyon NP, and son Sam has just completed his second season at Sequoia NP as a trailhead ranger. Vicki and Jim plan to remain in Moab, Utah, where the welcome mat is always out for old NPS friends. They can be reached at jvwebs@gmail.com.

John Wessels, regional director, Intermountain Region, Aug. 23 after over 27 years of federal service, over 12 of them with the NPS.

John served in the Office of Management and Budget (1985-1989). In 1987, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He worked for U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder (1989-2000).

John joined the NPS in 2000 as the Intermountain Region's comptroller. During his NPS career, he also served as acting deputy superintendent at Golden Gate NRA, acting deputy regional director for the Intermountain Region, acting associate director for business services at WASO and acting superintendent of Grand Teton NP and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. Prior to assuming his position as regional director in 2010, he was the Intermountain Region's associate director for administration, business and technology.

John accepted a career senior executive service position as deputy secretary for overseas operations with the American Battle Monuments Commission headquartered in Paris, France. ■

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now—from a three-month-long Introduction to Park Operations class of 62 students per year that reached 0.4 percent of the 7,000 employees in 1963 to a two-week-long Fundamentals class that reaches approximately 750 employees/year comprising four percent of the agency's

20,000-plus staff. This comparison prompted one attendee to remark, "it still seems to be an elite opportunity."

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Junior Rangers: Beginnings and a Continuing Evolution

By Kevin Butler, Visitor Use Assistant, and Cheryl Bresee, Park Ranger, George Washington Memorial Parkway

Great Falls Park in McLean, Va., part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, has 450 Junior Ranger awards on display in the visitor center Children's Room. Visitor Use Assistant Kevin Butler spent many hours reaching out to all national park units to collect these awards, updating a smaller display from the 1990s. He and Park Ranger Cheryl Bresee became more and more intrigued with this program. These badges and patches hinted at a story to be told. Where did the Junior Ranger Program begin? How has it grown? Where is it going?

NPS Beginnings

The U.S. Forest Service first used the "Junior Ranger" in the title in 1952 with their Junior Forest Ranger Program. This program encouraged children to write to Smokey Bear about the importance of fire prevention, and they were awarded a badge for their participation.

The Junior Ranger Program traces its beginnings to Yosemite NP, where in 1930, Park Naturalist C.A. Harnell organized a Junior Naturalist School. A similar program at Yellowstone NP, Junior Nature Explorers, began in 1947.

Under the leadership of naturalists D.E. McHenry and W.W. Bryant, the Junior Ranger Program replaced the Junior Naturalist School at Yosemite NP in 1955. The first mention of badges and patches as awards is found in the October 1960 issue of *Yosemite Nature Notes*.

The program spread to other parks in the '60s and '70s and has continued to grow. In 2005, First Lady Laura Bush announced the private-public partnership of the National Park Foundation supporting the Junior Ranger Program. The NPS announced the first National Junior Ranger Day in 2007. Today, almost every national park site participates in the Junior Ranger Program.

A Capital Idea

One story relates how the Junior Ranger

Program transitioned from the big western parks to the inner city. This transition took place in the nation's capital at Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens (KEAQ), a 700-acre site adjacent to a low-income housing project in Washington, D.C.

In the 1970s, this park was plagued by crime, especially vandalism. Car break-ins and thefts were so common that Walter McDowney, the only park ranger assigned to the park, often returned from lunch to find police cars in the parking lot. The local Advisory Neighborhood Council suggested that he recruit some children from the neighborhood as "little rangers" to help to be his eyes and ears at the park.

In the summer of 1979, seven young men participated in a new program developed by McDowney designed to get them involved with the park and teach them about the natural world. Soon after these neighborhood youth started volunteering, crime all but disappeared at the park. The surrounding community took notice, and by 1981, these new Junior Rangers were receiving community service awards, and local residents were involved in writing an activity book for the children.

The National Capital Region took notice of the KEAQ Junior Ranger Program, and in 1984, the program began to receive funding from the NPS. In 1985, NPS Director William Mott visited KEAQ and was given a tour by the new Junior Rangers. Later that year, Walter McDowney received the National Freeman Tilden Award for his work developing this program.

A Continuing Evolution

As more parks and sites were added to the National Park System, more Junior Ranger programs were written and the program evolved. New specialized programs were developed such as the Junior Paleontologist, the Junior Archeologist, the Young Scientist, the Night Explorer and the Junior Lifeguard. Junior Ranger programs have addressed the changing demographics of this country. Senior Ranger programs and bilingual Junior Ranger books were developed.

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Performances Provide Awareness of Bird Protection and Conservation

On Aug. 24 and 25, 2013, Saint-Gaudens NHS and Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP hosted two centennial performances of *Sanctuary: A Bird Masque*, a play about bird protection and conservation. The free performances attracted more than 1,000 people to the parks and brought together a variety of partners for two successful days of events that celebrated the 97th birthday of the NPS.

The original performance of *Sanctuary* took place in 1913 at the Meriden Bird Sanctuary, just north of Saint-Gaudens NHS in Meriden, N.H. The dawning of the 20th century had seen some of the most significant human-caused mass extinctions in history. The passenger pigeon, once one of the most common birds in the world, and the Carolina parakeet were gone in the wild by 1913 and but for an influx of new individuals from private game reserves, the bison would have followed.

Many other bird species were on the brink of extinction, the victims of plume hunters who could make a tidy profit providing feathers for women's hats. From these tragedies, however, a conservation movement was forming.

In 1913, naturalist and conservationist Ernest Harold Baynes approached fellow Cornish Art Colony member, dramatist and poet Percy MacKaye about writing a play to promote the preservation and conservation of birds to be performed at the dedication of Baynes' Meriden Bird Sanctuary, the first private bird sanctuary in the country. Baynes and MacKaye sought to create a work that would empower citizens to preserve habitat for birds in their own neighborhoods. From this collaboration sprang *Sanctuary*.

President Woodrow Wilson had his sum-

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Amanda Anderson

THE PLUME HUNTER IS CONFRONTED by Alwyn after desecrating the sanctuary in the August 2013 centennial production of *Sanctuary: A Bird Masque* performed at Saint-Gaudens NHS in Cornish, N.H.

Requiescat in Pace

E&AA Life Member **Roy Allen**, 83, May 15, in Loveland, Colo.

Roy served in the U.S. Navy in active service from 1951 through 1955 during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1959. He married Jeanne Steele in 1951. In 1960, he graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., with a B.S. degree in forest recreation and wildland management and joined the NPS that same year as a park ranger at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Subsequently, Roy was a district ranger at Crater Lake NP (1963-1965). In 1965, Roy accepted a position at WASO, where, in part, he assisted with the commemoration of the NPS' 50th anniversary in 1966. He served as chief ranger at Big Bend NP (1967-1971), then transferred to the NPS Southern Arizona Group Office, from where he retired as park operations specialist in 1985.

Roy was predeceased by Jeanne in 2008. Neither one wanted any type of memorial service or gathering; Roy's only wish was to have his ashes scattered at Crater Lake NP. According to his daughter, Elizabeth, Roy, who suffered from vascular dementia and was in an assisted living facility, had several framed photos of Crater Lake in his room. His caretakers knew that the best way to get Roy to converse with them during his last months was to ask about his Crater Lake pictures. It always brought a big smile to Roy's face talking about Oregon. His daughter says he eventually forgot much of his Washington, D.C., and Big Bend years, but his Crater Lake memories always remained clear and detailed.

Late this summer, Crater Lake NP received a special use permit request to scatter the ashes of both Roy and Jeanne in the park. The permit application was similar to several received each year by the park with one exception: the applicant, his daughter Elizabeth, asked to mail the cremains to the park and have a ranger scatter the ashes for the family. The family did not foresee being able to make the trip any time in the near future, and they sincerely wanted to honor Roy's request in a timely manner.

On a recent October evening, with a glowing sunset to the west and a full moon rising over the lake to the east, Chief Ranger Curt Dimmick honored the family's request and Roy's one final wish and scattered the ashes of Roy and Jeanne Allen along the rim of Crater Lake. The family felt Roy and Jeanne should remain together in the place where they were most happy, and so they shall.

Roy's survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth Crawford and Merry Allen; two grandsons: Matthew and Daniel; and his younger brother, Vernon.

E&AA Member **Kenneth R. "Ash" Ashley**, 92, Nov. 6, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Ash graduated from Colorado State A&M (now CSU) in 1943 with a B.S. degree in forestry. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps (1943-1945) and served in the Western Pacific, seeing action at Peleliu, Angaur and Okinawa. He and his wife, Ethel, were married in 1945.

Ash began his NPS career as a park ranger at Yosemite NP in 1947. He served as assistant chief ranger at Mount Rainier NP (1958) and Yellowstone NP (1962) and chief ranger and assistant superintendent at Blue Ridge Parkway (1967) before becoming chief of operations in the Midwest Region - Omaha (1972). He served as chief of operations

in the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver from 1974 until his retirement in 1980. He was awarded the DOI Meritorious Service Award.

Following retirement, he operated a tree nursery at his home in Fort Collins, Colo., and was recognized as "An Outstanding Forest Steward" by the State of Virginia for his management of a tree farm in Virginia the family established in 1969. In addition, he owned a cattle ranch near Steamboat Springs. During his retirement years, he was a member and chair of the Larimer County Parks Board and a board member of the Colorado Forestry Association. He was recognized by the City of Fort Collins for being part of a task force charged with defining a vision for the future of the Cache la Poudre River (now a National Heritage Area). He was an elder at the Timnath Presbyterian Church and played the accordion.

Ash's survivors include his wife of 68 years, Ethel; daughter, Jan Brunk (husband, Ron); son, Dave (wife, Sandi); two grandchildren: Laurie and Eric; and two great-grandchildren: Jacob and Zoe. Contributions in his memory may be made to Timnath Presbyterian Church or The Nature Conservancy.

Frank Elliott, 84, May 23, after a short illness, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Frank worked as an engineer in the NPS for 20 years. After graduating with a degree in industrial engineering in 1951, he worked as an aeronautical engineer for North American Aviation and later worked for the U.S. Air Force. He then joined the NPS in 1959 at Yellowstone NP, where he worked his way up to chief of maintenance. Subsequently, he worked at Shenandoah NP (1970-1971), Glacier NP (1972-1977) and Yosemite NP (1978-1980) before retiring to Bozeman, Mont.

In retirement, Frank built experimental aircraft and worked side-by-side with his children building their homes. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and the Pioneer Museum.

Frank was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Joann, in March 2013. Survivors include his son, Randy (Beth); daughter, Janis; grandson, Jamie (Alissa); great-grandson, Sam; sister, Sharon Lee; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley (230 Arden Drive, Belgrade, MT 59714) or The Fort Benton Museums (P.O. Box 262, Fort Benton, MT 59442).

E&AA Life Member **Wallace Bailey "Wally" Elms**, 86, Oct. 27, after an extended illness.

Wally graduated from Carlsbad High School in New Mexico in 1944 and after serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, graduated from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.Mex. He served with the NPS for over 36 years, beginning his career at Carlsbad Caverns NP in 1956. Subsequently, he served at Lake Mead NRA as a subdistrict ranger and Fort Jefferson NM as a district manager. Additional assignments included management assistant at Wind Cave NP and Jewel Cave NM; chief ranger at Mount Rushmore N MEM; chief of interpretation and resources management at Herbert Hoover NHS; and superintendent at Hopewell Furnace NHS, Petersburg NB, Valley Forge NHP and, finally, Carlsbad Caverns NP, from where he retired in 1992.

During retirement, Wally was active in Rotary, Elks, Lions Clubs International

and NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), the Presbyterian church and local boards and committees. He and his wife, Mary, loved to travel in their RV and visit all the national park areas located near to where they would travel.

Wally's survivors include his wife of 53 years, Mary; son, Clark (wife, Denise); three grandchildren: Brady, Connor and Ally; cousins; nieces; and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the E&AA George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program. Tax-deductible donations to this program should be made to the E&AA Trust Fund at 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034

Geraldine S. Farrelly, 91, July 14.

Geraldine began working for the federal government at the U.S. Geological Survey in Santa Fe, N.Mex., in 1950. She worked for the NPS Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe as a payroll supervisor from 1954 to 1968 and as an employee relations specialist from 1968 until her retirement from the NPS in 1980.

E&AA Life Member **Glenn Robert Fuller**, 67, Sept. 10, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

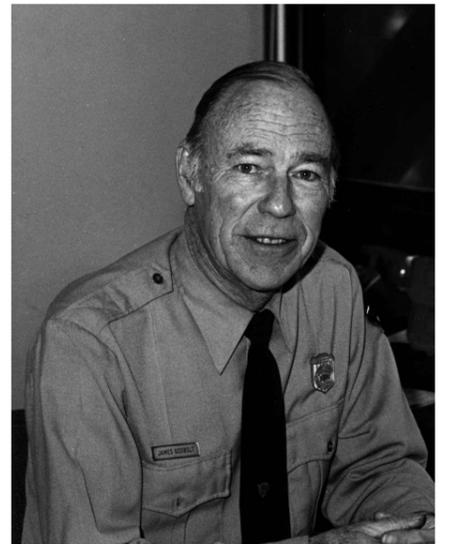
Glenn served in the U.S. Army as a medic stationed near Frankfurt, Germany, in 1967. He graduated from Sacramento State in 1971 with a business administration degree.

Glenn served as a park ranger at Grand Canyon NP, Rocky Mountain NP and Cape Cod NS in the 1970s and early 1980s. He also worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a patrol ranger during the 1970s construction of the New Melones Dam. It was while working on the Stanislaus River with the Corps that he first rafted, ultimately becoming one of the finest raftsmen around. For 40 years, he captained the oars of 14-foot rafts through most of the raftable rivers and nearly all of the "10 Big Drops" in the West, without accident.

Glenn was proud to wear the gray and green uniform of the NPS, last serving as superintendent of John Muir NHS, Eugene O'Neill NHS and Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM. His passion for John Muir's work began when he was a site manager at Muir Woods NM. While superintendent at Eugene O'Neill NHS, he encouraged a renewed interest in (and stage productions of) the works of the only U.S.-named Nobel Prize-winning and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. It is from Glenn's efforts at Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM that an annual commemoration continues for the loss of lives from the largest mainland WWII explosion.

After 32 years with the NPS, Glenn retired in 2004. In 2007, he moved to Nevada City, Calif., and served on the South Yuba River Park Association board. He brought to the board his long interest in the philosophy of America's conservationist, John Muir. He and his wife, Bev, managed an orchard at their Nevada City home patterned off those of the Muir home in Martinez, Calif., sharing its abundant fruit with friends and board members.

Glenn's survivors include his wife, Bev; brother, Don (Nancy); cousins; and many friends throughout the conservation world. Donations in his memory may be sent to the South Yuba River State Park Association, P.O. Box 1658, Penn Valley, CA 95946. Condolences to the family may also be sent to the association with the envelope marked "Attn: Director Fuller."



JIM GODBOLT

E&AA Life Member **James Whitney "Jim" Godbolt, Sr.**, 90, Oct. 17, in Loveland, Colo.

Jim was born in California and returned there after serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, spending most of his summers as a seasonal ranger at Lassen Volcanic NP. In 1948, he married Barbara Jane Staffebach. He met Barbara when he enrolled at Chico State College, from where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1949.

Jim and Barbara spent the next 37 years in various national parks, where Jim was a park ranger and later served in management positions. He had assignments at parks including Blue Ridge Parkway, (then) Badlands NM, Glacier NP, Yellowstone NP, Bandelier NM and Fire Island NS. He also worked in the Northeast Regional Office and, upon his retirement from the NPS in 1984, was assistant superintendent of Rocky Mountain NP. In 1979, Jim was awarded the DOI Meritorious Service Award.

Jim spent his retirement years in Estes Park, Colo. He was an avid outdoorsman and fly fisherman. Survivors include Jim's wife, Barbara; three sons; two daughters; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member **Dr. Alan K. Hogenauer**, 71, June 30, while hiking a protected preserve in California.

Alan was associate professor of marketing and business law at Loyola Marymount University's College of Business Administration in Los Angeles. He was a recognized expert on the National Park System and is the first person known to have visited every officially designated NPS unit (320 in 1980), which earned him an entry in the *Guinness Book of World Records* (p. 31, 1998 hardcover edition). His California license plate read "ALL OF EM."

Alan researched the history of both proposed NPS areas and delisted NPS units, which culminated in a 1983 study entitled "Gone, But Not Forgotten," published in the *George Wright Forum*. He was involved with national park marketing, including studies for Gateway NRA and Castle Clinton NM as a Statue of Liberty embarkation point. In 1987-1988, he was invited to address a number of NPS meetings, culminating with the national Superintendents' Conference at Grand Teton NP. In 1995, he was honored in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., on the occasion of re-completing the current NPS units at the time.

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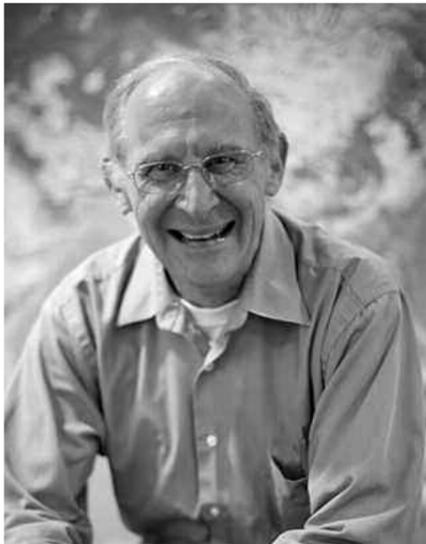


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ALAN HOGENAUER

401 sites, Alan was on the road. The website World's Most Traveled People ranked him 17th for his accumulated more than 2.2 million air miles, having visited all seven continents and 311 countries and territories. Alan's survivors include his wife, Srivara Watabutr, and four children.

E&AA Life Member **Elaine A. Hounsell**, 72, Sept. 26, in Albuquerque, N.Mex., after a battle with leukemia.

Elaine took early retirement in 1989 while serving as acting assistant superintendent at North Cascades NP during a reorganization. Always known as one for breaking barriers, Elaine was one of the first women to graduate (in 1965) from the Horace M. Albright Training Center intake program. During her career as a seasonal or permanent employee, she worked in 14 parks, including Everglades NP, North Cascades NP, Morristown NHP and Bandelier NM. Her early career was spent as a field interpreter, and, later, she served in management positions. She was the first superintendent of Klondike Gold Rush NHP, Seattle Unit.

In 1997, Elaine married fellow North Cascades NP retiree Jerry Lee after Jerry lost his first wife to cancer in 1994. They both sold their homes in Washington State and moved to New Mexico. Although they later divorced and lived separately thereafter, they remained best friends and traveling companions until her death.

Elaine especially enjoyed international

travel and had visited every continent at least once, including Antarctica. Many of the trips she took were hiking trips. She was an avid walker, taking daily walks up until a few days before her final short confinement. She loved birds, the pet cats she had over the years and all aspects of nature and was a member and supporter of many conservation and environmental groups.

E&AA Life Member **James "Howard" Parr**, 84, Oct. 10, after an illness.

Howard grew up on a ranch in Carlsbad, N.Mex. He served his country with honor in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a sergeant first class and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He served with his dear friend Dan Blocker, the actor who played "Hoss" on the *Bonanza* TV series, and he loved to share colorful stories about their military and personal experiences. He was best man at Blocker's wedding. Blocker nicknamed him "Colonel," a title that stuck with him for life with his army buddies.

In 1956, after returning to Carlsbad and attending college, Howard began working at Carlsbad Caverns NP as a tour leader in what became a 40-year career with the NPS. Later assignments took him to Death Valley NP, Glacier NP and Mammoth Cave NP, where he was commissioned a Kentucky colonel by Governor Breathitt in recognition of his noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to his community. He also worked at Great Smoky Mountains NP and Blue Ridge Parkway.

Howard was a great storyteller who loved to captivate and amuse his audience with stories about his Park Service career. He made friends wherever he went and was known for his quick sense of humor, his friendly outgoing personality and his love for people. He was a resident of the Asheville, N.C., area since 1972, when he moved there to become chief ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway, a position in which he served until his retirement in 1994.

Howard's survivors include his wife, Ina; daughter, Pam Jones (husband, Randy); daughters, Susan and Lisa; stepson, Berkley; brother, Walter (wife, Carol); step-grandsons, James and Matthew; a step-great-granddaughter; several nephews; and a niece. Memorial donations may be made to Montmorenci United Methodist Church, 89 Old Candler Town Road, Candler, NC 28715 or Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, 717

S. Marshall Street, Ste. 105B, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

E&AA Life Member **Charles A. "Al" Veitl**, 85, Aug. 30, at Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, Va.

Al, a career NPS ranger and park manager, was born in Deadwood, S.Dak. He joined the navy in 1951 and served for four years on the USS *Philippine Sea* (CVA-47) during the Korean War. In 1956, he married Gloria Fahrni, also of Deadwood. After graduating from Black Hills Teachers College in 1958, he taught at Custer High School and served for four summers in the U.S. Forest Service as a seasonal fire control aide.

Al joined the NPS in 1960 as a park ranger at Cumberland Gap NHP. Stints as a supervisory park ranger at Mammoth Cave NP (1962) and Colonial NHP (1964) followed. After completing a management training program in Washington, D.C., in 1966, he served as a staff park ranger in the Division of Resource Management and Visitor Protection, WASO. In 1968, he became North Rim district manager at Grand Canyon NP.

Al then went on to become superintendent of Petrified Forest NP (1971),



Veitl Family Photo

AL VEITL

superintendent of George Washington Memorial Parkway (1974), associate regional director for operations for the Midwest Region - Omaha (1978) and chief, Division of Ranger Activities and Visitor Protection, WASO (1980). In 1983, he became chief, Division of

Operations Evaluation, National Capital Region, and served in this position until his retirement in 1988.

After retiring, Al stayed in Northern Virginia. He worked part-time as a contractor for the CIA and volunteered at Travelers Aid at Dulles International Airport. He loved to travel and, over the years, visited virtually every state in the Union and traveled often to Europe. In 1998, he became a full-time grandpa. "Bapa" was a devoted babysitter, playmate, chauffeur and cheerleader for his two grandchildren; in 2007, he took them to the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota, where he grew up and where he and Gloria lived as a young married couple, including in an apartment over the Piggly Wiggly in Custer.

Al's survivors include Gloria, his wife of 57 years; daughter, Patti Veitl Dienna, and her partner, Bob Phillips; son, Todd, and his partner, Cheryl Porcelli; daughter, Martha Veitl Albers, her husband, Paul, and their two children, Grayson and Gretchen; and Clarence, the dog.

Donations may be made in Al's memory to the Association of National Park Rangers or the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation. Messages of condolence may be left at www.colonialfuneralhome.com or sent directly to Gloria Veitl at veitlcg@comcast.net.

E&AA Life Member **Charles A. "Chuck" Woessner**, DDS, 90, Sept. 27, in Carson City, Nev.

Chuck served as resident dentist in Yosemite NP from 1950 until his retirement in 1987. He loved the Sierra and was invited to take part in NPS Snow Surveys and Glacier Surveys over the years. He also managed to climb all the 14-ers in the range. His wife, Marian, and all four of their children—Chuck, Jr., Anne, Rob and Betsy—wore the National Park Service uniform in different capacities and seasons. It was, at heart, a Park Service family.

Upon retirement, Chuck and Marian moved into their Wawona home, still enjoying Yosemite for 11 more years, then moved to be near family in Carson City. The hiking, biking and skiing continued on for a few more years, the Sierra nearby. Chuck's survivors include Marian, his wife of 62 years; Chuck, Jr. (Missy); Anne Macquarie (Chas); Rob (Amy); Betsy Grande (Kerry); nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. ■

A Bike Ride to Honor the Fallen

In the spring of 2013, Voyageurs NP's ranger/pilot, Steve Mazur, teamed up with Law Enforcement United, Inc. members on a fundraising bike ride entitled "A Road to Hope" to honor his friend—Park Ranger Margaret Anderson, who died in the line of duty on Jan. 1, 2012 at Mount Rainier NP.

Law Enforcement United first started in 2009 and includes federal, state and local law enforcement officers, survivors and civilian support members, stretching across the United States. Their mission is to honor the service and sacrifice of all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and raise awareness of and provide monetary support to the survivors of their law enforcement colleagues and family members.

Each May, members meet in Virginia and Pennsylvania to participate in an annual three-day, 250-mile bicycle trek to Washington, D.C.'s National Law Enforcement Memorial. Law enforcement

officers and survivors nationwide make this arduous journey, and at the end of the ride, a memorial service to honor those who had fallen takes place.

Ranger Mazur describes the service as an overwhelming big deal! "We saw Eric (Margaret's husband) and his family but were unable to visit with them. They sat Eric and family in the very front row. There were bagpipes playing between row number one and the stage, so it must have been very moving for him and his family ... they probably felt every note of the pipes in their heart and soul.... I think because of the prominent seating arrangements. His ears must have been ringing all night."

If you would like to participate in the "Road to Hope" bike ride or help in any other way, go to www.lawenforcementunited.org and join the cause.

—Tawnya Schoewe,
Chief of Interpretation, Voyageurs NP

Junior Rangers

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nologies has improved the access and availability of Junior Ranger programs. Many parks have posted their Junior Ranger programs on their park website. The online WebRangers program has been completed by children (and some adults) from all around the globe.

There are specialized programs that relate to special events and programs such as presidential inaugurations, the Cherry Blossom Festival, the Underground Railroad and the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Ever-changing societal needs are addressed. For example, First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* initiative to fight childhood obesity has been incorporated into many Junior Ranger programs.

The Future

While we cannot know what the future holds, it is certain that new technologies, changing environments and shifting de-

mographics will all bring challenges and opportunities as we tell our national stories. As it has in the past, the Junior Ranger Program will evolve, educate, inspire and continue telling stories, not only creating future stewards of our national parks, but also helping children become better and more informed citizens and inspiring them to become lifelong learners.

Sources: *National Parks Magazine* Jan./Feb. 1986; Environmental Success Index, *JET Magazine* 1982; *NPS Inside Outside*, 1986; *New York Times* article by David Binder 1985; Congressional Record, Dec. 5, 1985, S 16946; *Yosemite Nature Notes* February 1934, Volume XIII, No. 2; *Yosemite Nature Notes* October 1960, Volume XXXIX, No. 10; "Yosemite in the 1930s: Memoirs of a Happy Camper" by Fernando Penalosa; <http://inside.nps.gov/waso/waso.cfm?prg=167&lv=3>; http://inside.nps.gov/newsdigest/04_27_2007NewsDigest.pdf; <http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2005/04/20050421-1.html>; rangerarchivist.blogspot.com ■

New Places & Faces

Ruben Andrade, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, César E. Chávez NM. Prior to his acting assignment, Ruben was superintendent of Minuteman Missile NHS.

Tucker Blythe, from supervisory park ranger, Oklahoma City N MEM, to superintendent, Washita Battlefield NHS. Tucker served as acting superintendent at Washita Battlefield NHS from March through July 2013.

Tim "TC" Colyer, from chief ranger, Pictured Rocks NL, to chief ranger, Midwest Region.

Bill Cox, to superintendent, Chattahoochee River NRA.

Rob Danno, from regional staff ranger, National Capital Regional Office, to branch chief for wilderness planning, NPS Wilderness Stewardship Division, duty stationed at the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center.

Deborah "Debbie" Darden, from deputy superintendent, New River Gorge NR, Gauley River NRA and Bluestone NSR, to superintendent, Assateague Island NS.

Christina Goldfuss, to deputy director for congressional and external relations, NPS Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs and Office of International Affairs.

Jennifer Haley, from chief of visitor services and education, to chief of resource management, Lake Mead NRA.

Dean Herrin, from NPS coordinator, Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, to chief historian, National Capital Region.

Lucy Lawliss, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial NMP. Prior to her acting assignment, Lucy was superintendent of

George Washington Birthplace NM and Thomas Stone NHS.

Lloyd (Piivayouma) Masayumtewa, from chief of cultural resources, Southern Four Corners Group (Navajo NM, Canyon de Chelly NM and Hubbell Trading Post NHS), to superintendent, Hubbell Trading Post NHS.

Sue Masica, from regional director, Alaska Region, to regional director, Intermountain Region.

Lindy Mihata, from law enforcement specialist and assistant chief ranger, to chief ranger, Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM.

Jennifer Mummart, from chief, strategic and internal communications, WASO, to associate regional director for communications, National Capital Region.

Giles Parker, from chief of staff to the commissioner, National Parks of New York Harbor, to superintendent, Boston Harbor Islands NRA.

Jodie Petersen, from project manager, to branch chief, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

John Piltzecker, from associate regional director for planning, facilities and conservation assistance, Northeast Region, to superintendent, Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island.

Abel Ramon, from Denver Service Center (DSC) records manager/FOIA officer, to branch chief, Technical Information Center, DSC Information Management Division.

Mary Risser, from acting deputy regional director and chief of staff, Intermountain Region, to superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway. Prior to her acting assignment, Mary was superintendent of Dinosaur NM.

Chris Robinson, from deputy superintendent, to superintendent, Historic Preservation Training Center.

Alex Romero, from superintendent, National Capital Parks - East, to superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Ron Shields, from project manager, to branch chief, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center (DSC). Ron will be responsible for DSC projects in the Midwest and Alaska regions and will also continue in his role as the DSC program manager for the CityArchRiver 2015 initiative at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.



WOODY SMECK

Woody Smeck, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Prior to Woody's acting assignment, he was deputy superintendent at Yosemite NP.

Bill Thompson, from chief of facility management, Rocky Mountain NP, to

chief of facility management, Intermountain Region.

Melissa Trenchik, to chief of the Environmental Quality Division and regional environmental coordinator, Intermountain Region.

Cinda Waldbuesser, to partnership program specialist, Northeast Region.



PATTY WISSINGER

Patricia M. "Patty" Wissinger, from superintendent, Chattahoochee River NRA, to deputy superintendent, Great Smoky Mountains NP.

Bird Protection and Conservation

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mer White House in Cornish, and Baynes and MacKaye very shrewdly cast Wilson's daughter in one of the lead roles, assuring a one-hour audience with the most powerful man in the country as well as the interest of the national press. After the success of the original performance, MacKaye gave permission for other theater troupes to produce the play, and it began to travel around the country and even overseas. The citizen activism the play promoted is credited with catalyzing the creation of more than 100 private, citizen-created bird sanctuaries in

the United States alone. But its legacy went beyond that.

The audience with Wilson helped educate the president, just as Baynes and MacKaye had likely hoped. Three years after seeing the play, Congress would enact and President Wilson would sign two landmark conservation laws. What would become the Migratory Bird Treaty Act would protect birds from plume hunters and allow entire bird populations to rebound from overhunting, ensuring that the extinctions so fresh in the country's collective minds would not be repeated. And then, on Aug. 25, he

would sign the National Park Service Organic Act, establishing the highest level of protection for federally owned lands where scenery, habitat and wildlife were all protected in perpetuity.

The 2013 performance of *Sanctuary* was a faithful historical recreation of the 1913 original with original music by Cornish Art Colony composers Frederick Converse and Arthur Whiting and original costumes created especially for the event by producer Fern Myers. Kevin Fitzpatrick directed the performance and Valerie Newton choreographed the presentation with young students from her dance studio.

The performance was accompanied by a museum exhibition curated by Saint-Gaudens NHS Museum Technician Elizabeth Rodriguez sponsored by the NPS and the Meriden Bird Club focusing on *Sanctuary*, Baynes, the Meriden Bird Club and their conservation legacies. The exhibition was on display through the middle of September at the Aidron Duckworth Museum in Meriden, N.H. ■

Employees and Alumni Association News

The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, named in honor of the former National Park Service director and longtime E&AA member, was established in 1974 to offer interest-free loans to E&AA NPS members for the educational needs of their dependent children or grandchildren. The limits for the loan program are \$2,500 per year, per child, a total of \$10,000 maximum per child, and \$20,000 cumulative maximum per family. NPS members are also eligible to take loans of up to \$1,000 for their

personal education, which are due in full six months after payment.

Applications and transcripts for dependent children/grandchildren must be received by March 1 of each year in order to be considered for a loan. Loans are paid back in 60 installments commencing a year after the student's graduation. For more information on the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, visit the E&AA website at www.eandaa.org, or contact Bonnie Stetson at (215) 283-6900, ext. 131. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

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Yellowstone Has Teeth

By Marjane Ambler
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224 pp; \$16.95

Author Marjane Ambler and her husband lived in Yellowstone NP from 1984 to 1993. They were stationed at Lake Village, a busy tourist hub during the summers but a remote outpost of only a dozen people during the long winters. While the natural beauty was magnificent, Marjane and her neighbors discovered that Yellowstone "had teeth." It could be an unforgiving place where mistakes mattered. She vividly describes close escapes during the fires of 1988 and harrowing trips over avalanche-prone Sylvan Pass. Even a mundane chore such as getting fresh groceries could turn into an adventure when it involved snowmobiling 100 miles to and from the nearest store, returning in the dark on desolate roads dotted with snow-covered, sleeping bison. This memoir is available at RiverbendPublishing.com.

Protecting Yellowstone: Science and the Politics of National Park Management

By Michael J. Yochim
University of New Mexico Press, 2013
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280 pp; \$55.00 (hardcover)
To most observers, the NPS

has succeeded in protecting and preserving the nation's most scenic landscapes. For example, millions of visitors enjoy the serene wilderness of Yellowstone NP, where wolves are thriving along with bison and many other animals.

Observers of the agency in Yellowstone, however, know that bison do not always roam free, that snowmobiles disrupt the winter silence and that some tourist villages, such as Fishing Bridge Village, are built in the middle of grizzly bear habitat despite the fact that other less-sensitive locations are plentiful. While the agency still struggles with these issues, it has in the meantime prevented a large gold mine from being built nearby that would be present in other more typical western landscapes, and it returned the gray wolf to Yellowstone's wilds.

In *Protecting Yellowstone: Science and the Politics of National Park Management*, Michael Yochim, an NPS planner at Yosemite NP, explores the primary influences on national park policy-making, how they function in the public policy process and how park managers can best work within their contemporary policy-making context to preserve the national parks. This book is available at bookstores or from the University of New Mexico Press at www.unmpress.com. ■

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