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Focus on the Parks

President Obama Establishes Waco Mammoth NM

President Obama has designated the Waco Mammoth Site in Texas as one of the nation's newest national monuments, permanently protecting the site where the extremely well-preserved fossils of a herd of Columbian mammoths and other Ice Age animals have been found. **Waco Mammoth National Monument** is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama on July 10, 2015 that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans. The monument will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The other two sites—Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and Basin and Range National Monument—will be administered by the Bureau of Land Management and/or USDA's Forest Service.

The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to

be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research. The NPS will conduct a management planning process, working closely with its two partners, community residents and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

"The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor University to protect, preserve and, most importantly, share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world," said NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things." ■

• A unique public-private partnership has blossomed in the California desert over the last decade that has led to the federal acquisition and permanent preservation of over 15,000 acres of private in-holdings across the vast landscapes of **Death Valley NP**, **Joshua Tree NP** and **Mojave N PRES**.

The parks and preserve were established under the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, but in the years that followed, appropriations for land acquisition didn't always arrive when landowners wanted to sell or when critical habitat was threatened by development. Enter the Mojave Desert Land Trust (MDLT). Founded in 2005 by concerned local citizens, MDLT's mission is to acquire critical habitat for permanent preservation in the Mojave Desert, a need that cannot always be met with public dollars. MDLT went to work securing private funds from philanthropic foundations, nonprofit organizations and individual donors and by 2006, had acquired its first property for gifting to the NPS.

Eight years and 234 transactions later, MDLT has transferred, mostly by donation, over 15,000 acres to the NPS, and more is on the way. As of January 2015, MDLT held over 10,000 acres in the three desert parks and plans to convey all of them to the NPS over time.

In 2011, Secretary of the Interior Salazar called for a collaborative, landscape-scale proposal to identify critical interagency land acquisition needs in the Mojave Desert, using the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) as the funding vehicle. In fiscal year 2014, Con-

gress recognized the need with a LWCF appropriation of \$2.3 million to acquire land at Joshua Tree and Mojave. Most of the land identified for acquisition is owned by MDLT. Pacific West Region's (PWR) Lands Division is working to purchase over 100 tracts from MDLT at market value. The well-established collaborative relationship that PWR Lands and MDLT enjoy greatly facilitates the transfer of these critical lands to federal ownership and protection. Since August 2014 alone, the PWR Lands Division has finalized the acquisition of 11 tracts containing approximately 200 acres within Mojave N PRES. There is one other benefit to this public-private partnership—all proceeds from the sale of MDLT's lands to the NPS will be used by MDLT to purchase more in-holdings from willing sellers in the three desert parks. Now that's an investment any public-private partnership would envy.

• **Kings Canyon NP** marked its 75th birthday in 2015. On March 4, 1940, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed legislation creating Kings Canyon NP. The new park encompassed 454,000 acres of pristine Sierra Nevada wilderness.

Kings Canyon NP absorbed lands that were once part of General Grant NP, which was established in 1890 and abolished upon designation of Kings Canyon NP. It was quickly expanded by presidential proclamation to include Redwood Canyon and its magnificent giant sequoia groves.

Largely forgotten is the 60-year struggle at the turn of the 20th century to create the park. Powerful hydroelectric interests

from Los Angeles were battling irrigation and agriculture interests from the San Joaquin Valley for water storage and diversion licenses in the Kings River watershed. Early assessments prepared by the Federal Power Commission showed the potential for 19 dams and reservoirs on the south fork of the Kings River. Cedar Grove and Tehipite Valley would be inundated—similar to Hetch Hetchy in Yosemite.

When these assessments proved unreliable, tourism and preservation interests seized the opening and began lobbying for preservation. A compromise negotiated by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, under the direction of President Roosevelt, led to development of water storage facilities in lower stretches of the Kings River, thereby preserving the pristine upper watershed as a national park.

• History came alive at the Fifth Annual Everglades National Park Vintage Day on March 7. Over 50 volunteers and six paid staff brought to life the "dreamers and schemers" who left a legacy on **Everglades NP's** landscape. One highlight was a political speech by early 20th-century Florida Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, who promised to "save" the Everglades by draining them (portrayed by Chief of Resource Education and Interpretation Alan Scott). Conservationist Marjory Stoneman Douglas (portrayed by Katy Dimos) provided a rebuttal with the perspective of time and called for restoring the Everglades water flow.

Other voices from the past included Seminole leader Osceola, railroad tycoon Henry Flagler, author Zora Neale Hurston, conservationist Arthur Marshall and martyred bird warden Guy Bradley. Also on hand were farmers, scientists, gator poachers, land speculators, workers from the Civilian Conservation Corps, Cold War-era soldiers, conservationists and early park rangers. This year's event represented over 1,000 Volunteers-In-Parks program hours as participants researched, rehearsed and presented their characters.

• More than 40,000 people gathered at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge next to the **Selma to Montgomery NHT** Interpretive Center for the bridge-crossing Jubilee (held from March 6 through 9) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," a watershed moment in the civil rights movement. Local, state and federal officials attended a ceremony commemorating the anniversary.

On March 7, 1965, hundreds of men, women and children attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery to protest Jim Crow laws that restricted African Americans from registering to vote. As the protestors crossed the bridge from Selma into Dallas County, they were met with a wall of state troopers and a posse organized by Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark. Officers ordered the participants to disperse and return to their homes or their churches. The officers and posse then beat the protestors with nightsticks and cattle prods and dispersed them with tear gas.

• **Kalaupapa NHP** hosted two Harpers Ferry Center conservators in March, Curtis Sullivan and Theresa Voellinger, to con-

serve a number of significant objects. Nine objects associated with Kalaupapa were conserved, including a crib from Bishop Home, an end table, a large poi board, three ledger books from the American Japanese Association Hall, an Ed Kato sketch and a birth certificate and passport of a Hansen's disease patient.

One of the most unique pieces to be conserved was the Bishop Home crib dating to the 1920s. Throughout the 20th century, infants born at Kalaupapa were separated from their parents after birth for fear that infants would contract Hansen's disease. Hundreds of babies were born in Kalaupapa only to be removed from the settlement and raised by ohana (family) elsewhere. The Bishop Home crib is the last one in existence and serves as a powerful reminder of this story.

Kalaupapa's museum collection, first managed in 1987, contains over 364,000 objects and archival documents, primarily representing the late-20th-century experiences of residents within the Kalaupapa Settlement. As with any tropical environment, the threats to wood, metal and paper objects are great with heat, humidity, salt air and termites. This project is the first of its kind at Kalaupapa as part of efforts to mitigate these threats.

• The Border Patrol's Ajo Station has increased the size of its Horse Patrol Unit (HPU), resulting in more horseback patrols through **Organ Pipe Cactus NM** and less use of motorized patrol vehicles in the park wilderness. The unit uses wild horses captured on Bureau of Land Management lands. The horses are trained at the Arizona Department of Corrections' Florence West Facility and the Colorado Department of Corrections' Cañon City prison for the Border Patrol for use on public lands, including the monument. In addition to its regular patrols, the HPU has been collaborating with the monument to develop an equestrian virtual trail system. Riders will be able to download waypoints from the Organ Pipe Cactus website to guide them on horseback along routes laid out virtually through different areas of the park. "We are working towards having these trails open for use by fall," says monument Supt. Brent Range.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Rocky Mountain NP Employee/Alumni Reunion—As part of its centennial celebration this year, Rocky Mountain NP will be hosting an employee/alumni reunion at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colo., on Sept. 18 and 19. Former Rocky Mountain NP employees and interns are invited to join the festivities, rediscover the park and connect with old and new friends. For more information and to register for the reunion, visit www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/employee-alumni-reunion.htm. ■

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• Between April 8 and 12, more than 20,000 visitors came to **Appomattox Court House NHP** to attend events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox and the effective end of the Civil War. Programs included commemorative ceremonies, interpretive programs and living history demonstrations.

Park staff planned and presented “real-time” interpretive programs over the course of the event. Union and Confederate living history encampments with nearly 1,000 participants provided infantry, cavalry and artillery demonstrations, including surrender ceremonies for each.

The surrender ceremony program attracted thousands and ended with a national “Bells Across the Land” to mark the anniversary of the war’s end; bells rang in hundreds of locations, from Hawaii to the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. A ceremony represented a funeral for Hannah Reynolds, an enslaved woman mortally wounded at Appomattox just hours before her emancipation. The “Footsteps to Freedom” program eulogized her life and the institution of slavery that died with her. The program ended with the lighting of 4,600 luminaries representing each person in Appomattox County who was emancipated as a result of the surrender.

• Scotland’s Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe & External Affairs Fiona Hyslop joined students from New York City’s Stephen T. Mather Building Arts & Craftsmanship High School for some landscaping at **Hamilton Grange N MEM** during NYC Tartan Week 2015 in April. In 1998, the U.S. Senate declared April 6 to be National Tartan Day to recognize the contributions made by Scottish-Americans to the United States.

The Grange is named after Hamilton’s ancestral home in Scotland. In addition, Hamilton collaborated with famed early Scottish-American architect John McComb, Jr. to design and build the home.

In 1999, two pipe bands and a small but enthusiastic group of Scottish Americans marched from the British Consulate to the UN for their first parade. Since then, Tartan Day has grown to be the culminating celebration of over 10 days of events that take place throughout New York and includes hundreds of pipers, thousands of marchers and many more thousands cheering from the sidelines. This year’s parade was on April 11.

Mather High School is a new career and technical education high school for hands-on skills training in the specialized building arts and landscape trades, focused on high-quality craftsmanship and historic preservation. Partnering with the NPS, students work directly in the trades of carpentry, masonry/plastering, decorative finishes and landscape management.

• At a ceremony on April 10, Oregon’s senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and a member of the House of Representatives, Peter DeFazio, officially cut the ribbon dedicating the new Oregon Caves National Preserve. The legislation, written and championed by the congressmen, was signed into law by President Barack Obama on Dec. 19, 2014. The new lands add 4,070 acres to the existing 480 acres of Oregon Caves NM. Together, the two parks are managed as **Oregon Caves National Monument & Preserve**.

The new addition protects the watershed that flows underground into the Oregon Caves and protects many acres of the richly biodiverse lands around the caves. The legislation also introduces something new within the existing monument—the creek

President Launches Kids in Parks Initiative, Creates New Sites

In February 2015, as part of President Obama’s commitment to protect our nation’s unique outdoor spaces and ensure that every American has the opportunity to visit and enjoy them, he launched an “Every Kid in a Park” initiative that will provide all fourth grade students and their families with free admission to national parks and other federal lands and waters for a full year, starting with the 2015-2016 school year. In the lead up to the 100th birthday of the National Park Service in 2016, the president’s Every Kid in a Park initiative is a call to action to get all children to visit and enjoy America’s unparalleled outdoors.

President Obama also announced the creation of three new national monuments. He made the announcements

near the site of the historic Pullman town in Chicago, a location iconic for its history of labor unrest and civil rights advances. **Pullman National Monument** will be Chicago’s first NPS unit. The other two national monuments are **Honouliuli National Monument** in Hawaii, the site of an internment camp where Japanese American citizens, resident immigrants and prisoners of war were held captive during World War II (which will be managed by the NPS), and **Browns Canyon National Monument** in Colorado, an historic site of extraordinary beauty with world-class recreational opportunities that attract visitors from around the globe (which will be cooperatively managed by the Bureau of Land Management and USDA’s Forest Service). ■

bubbling through the cave, the River Styx, is now designated as the nation’s first-ever subterranean National Scenic River.

“We welcome and encourage our neighbors, visitors and partners to discover something new at Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve,” said Supt. Snitzler. “Find what this place, which belongs to you, means to you. It might be a hike through sun-streaked fir forests, a new flower you found amid an explosion of wildflowers in the Bigelow meadows or it might be a selfie of you on top of Mount Elijah posted to Instagram. Connect with this special place in ways that are memorable to you.”

• **Flight 93 N MEM**, the Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial, the National Park Foundation and their partners kicked off National Park Week and the Find Your Park Campaign (a public awareness and education campaign celebrating the NPS Centennial) on April 17 and 18 with the fourth annual Plant a Tree reforestation event. The memorial’s architect envisioned the site’s 2,200 acres as an entire memorial landscape and a place of re-

newal. Reclaiming the land after decades of surface mining left much of it open grassland. In 2012, a multi-year effort was begun to reintroduce trees, reestablishing woodland habitats and windbreaks and creating a living memorial.

Park rangers and partners invited volunteer planters to play an active role in cultivating a living memorial, to “find their park” and to share their efforts. This was the largest effort to date. Over 400 volunteers, including 126 who were 24 years old or younger, planted 22,000 seedlings over 32 acres. Since 2012, over 2,000 volunteers have provided nearly 9,000 hours planting 70,000 seedlings across 105 acres.

Plant a Tree also plays a major role in reintroducing the American chestnut to Appalachia through a partnership with the American Chestnut Foundation. The memorial is the location of the single largest planting of restoration American chestnut trees anywhere in North America, with 3,500 seedlings planted since 2012. The hope is to help the American chestnut, nearly wiped out last century, to thrive in this next century. ■

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Bequest Protects Land in National Parks

Submitted by E&AA Life Member Richard G. “Dick” Ring

Just before the end of 2014, National Park Trust (NPT) received word of an extraordinary bequest of \$500,000 from John Michael Kauffmann, a longtime NPT supporter. John passed away peacefully in November 2014 at the age of 91. He served for many years as a park planner for the NPS. In that role, he assisted in the establishment of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP and Cape Cod NS. In 1972, the NPS relocated John to Alaska to study areas under consideration for designation as national parks, monuments and reserves. His work contributed to the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), permanently conserving more than 100 million acres.

According to E&AA Life Member Dick Ring, NPT’s park projects director, who served as the first superintendent of Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES, “John’s extraordinary vision and insight led to the creation

of the park as the country’s benchmark wilderness. His efforts were instrumental in shaping the park’s purposes: to maintain the wild and undeveloped character of the area and provide opportunities for visitor recreation characterized by solitude, discovery, challenge and self-reliance while experiencing the natural environmental integrity and scenic beauty of the central Brooks Range.”

John’s estate has instructed that the bequest be used for park land acquisition in a manner that honors the legacy of John’s mentor, Ben Thompson, former NPS assistant director for resource planning. Thompson, a close colleague of George Wright, was a University of California biologist. In the 1930s, he accompanied George Wright and Joseph Dixon on the first wildlife surveys of the national parks and subsequently helped to establish the program of Biological Research and Management in the NPS.

E&AA Life Member Mike Soukup, director of science at the Schoodic Institute at Acadia NP and member of NPT’s Lead-

ership Council, stated, “Ben Thompson was a pioneer in establishing the essential role for science in protecting park resources while making them accessible to the public. Thompson understood early on that national parks must develop a professional level of understanding of their resources in order to achieve that difficult mission. That legacy is all the more important in today’s changing landscape.”

E&AA Life Member Denis Galvin, former NPS deputy director, added, “Thompson made substantial contributions to Mission 66, a decade-long (1956 to 1966) program that is remembered for its comprehensive rehabilitation of the infrastructure of the national parks.”

The NPT will be working closely with John Kauffmann’s estate and the NPS to identify and protect important property in the National Park System that pays tribute to the outstanding contribution and legacies of two pillars in the NPS family: John Kauffmann and Ben Thompson. Visit www.parktrust.org to learn more about NPT. ■

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Lane Baker, superintendent, Southeast Arizona Group (Chiricahua NM, Coronado N MEM and Fort Bowie NHS), Dec. 27 after over 30 years.

Gail Bishop, superintendent, Little River Canyon N PRES and Russell Cave NM, Nov. 28 after over 38 years.

Gail started her career as a graduate intern in the Southeast Regional Office in 1975. In 1977, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked at Ford's Theatre NHS. She served most of her career as chief of interpretation at Gulf Islands NS in Florida and Mississippi, where she worked from 1986 to 2012.

Beginning in the late 1980s, Gail's efforts to work with park volunteers and representatives of businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations helped to organize the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force. The task force cleaned up marine debris from Mississippi beaches, including the offshore islands. This work resulted in a national "Keep America Beautiful Award" for the organization and persuaded the State of Mississippi to be the first state to enact legislation to protect the marine environment from dumping trash within state waters.

In the early to mid-2000s, Gail's duties were heavily focused on recovery projects related to the damage to three visitor centers from Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina. For her work, she was honored with the Sequoia Award in 2009.

During her career, Gail also worked at Pea Ridge NMP and Big Thicket N PRES and served as acting superintendent of Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP. She was superintendent of Little River Canyon N PRES and Russell Cave NM for over two years.

E&AA Life Member **William N. "Bill" Black**, superintendent, Ozark NSR, Jan. 3 after 40 years.

Bill graduated from Purdue University with a degree in wildlife management. He began his NPS career as a seasonal park technician at Cumberland Gap NHP, followed by a season at Castillo de San Marcos NM. He also worked as an assistant wildlife refuge manager with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Florida and Alabama.

Bill's first permanent NPS appointment was at Great Smoky Mountains NP as a law enforcement ranger. He went on to become administrative officer at Chickasaw NRA and a few years later, moved into the administrative officer/assistant superintendent position at Isle Royale NP.

In 1992, Bill became superintendent of Fort Smith NHS. During his 20 years here, he was instrumental in revitalizing the park. "Our goal was to make Fort Smith one of the best small parks in the System, and I like to think we accomplished that through the work of a great staff of dedicated employees." He served as superintendent of Ozark NSR since 2012.

"Looking back on 40 years, I have fond memories of chasing bears, shooting cannons and all the other crazy things we did," he says. "But it was always the great people I worked with that made it such a worthwhile life. Many are gone now, but I hope I passed on a little of the spirit of the NPS to some of the generations that will be filling in behind me."

Bill and his wife, Judi, a retired teacher, will return to Fort Smith to be near their children. In retirement, he and Judi plan to enjoy time with their family, travel to national parks they haven't yet visited and maybe spend a little time lounging on a beach somewhere. He can be reached at wblack1950@sbcglobal.net.



JERRY BOCK

Jerry Bock, comptroller, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Jan. 24 after 25 years of federal service, six of them with the NPS.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University, Jerry worked in the banking industry. While earning his MBA at the University of California, Berkeley, he attended a federal job fair and was soon hired by the EPA's San Francisco regional office.

While attending a symposium, he discovered Shepherdstown, W.Va., and soon bought a historic house in the center of town. He also transferred to Washington, D.C., first for a job at the EPA, then for DOI in the Bureau of Reclamation and, later, the Minerals Management Service.

Jerry joined HFC as chief of the Programs and Budget Office in 2008. He led the staff through the processing of ARRA funds for major construction at HFC, the departmental transition to FBMS and restructuring the HFC accounting system.

Jerry will miss working with close-knit staff and the challenges of solving complex mathematical problems inherent in the budget world. Besides tending to his 1799 house, four cats and garden, he plans to continue learning and practicing yoga and do lots of traveling. He also serves on the Historic Shepherdstown Commission, the municipal water board and (potentially, after retirement) the board of Fairness West Virginia.

Gaylean Boyd, administrative officer, Harpers Ferry NHP, Dec. 30 after 42 years.

John Brucksch, staff curator, Harpers Ferry Center, Jan. 3 after over 37 years.

Earnest Bush, maintenance worker, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 20 years.

Lynda Carter, secretary, Facility Management Division, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Jan. 2 after 50 years of federal service, 31 of them with the NPS.

Cynthia Mann Coffelt, exhibits specialist, Northeast Region Group, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Jan. 31 after 36 years of federal service, over 26 of them with the NPS.

Cynthia's first federal jobs were at the Federal Aviation Administration, Central Intelligence Agency and Minerals Management Service. In 1988, she began her NPS career at HFC, where she moved up the ladder job by job, including secretary, project assistant, task order program liaison, technical assistance program specialist, technical assist program specialist (exhibits) and temporary detail exhibits specialist (general). She became an exhibits specialist in 2010.

While at HFC, Cynthia worked in numerous national park areas—from African

Burial Ground NM to Keweenaw NHP to Mammoth Cave NP to White House Visitor Center to Washington Monument. "I have been one 'hard-wired' exhibits specialist for several years, a job that has given me purpose," says Cynthia. "Not only have I had an opportunity to work in some of America's Special Places, I worked with some very knowledgeable, passionate and sincere colleagues at HFC and in parks."

Cynthia plans to be quite busy in retirement: getting into good physical and mental shape; spending more time with her husband, Dale, and son, Nathaniel; keeping up with friends and family; antiquing; and gardening. She plans to remain in Lovettsville, Va., at least until her husband is eligible to retire. She invites everyone to keep in touch with her at thecoffelts3@gmail.com.

Kelley Collins, chief ranger and chief of interpretation and resource management, Fort Scott NHS, Jan. 2 after over 30 years.

Zeph Cunningham, park ranger, Blue Ridge Parkway, and incident commander, Eastern Incident Management Team (IMT), March 21, after 22 years.

Like many park rangers in the NPS, Zeph's love of this agency began with an internship. "When I finished that first internship and realized I could make a career of the Park Service, that was my mission," said Zeph. "I remember being so thrilled at the idea!" That experience led first to a position as a seasonal interpreter in fee collection and, from there, a career in law enforcement at Blue Ridge Parkway. He started working seasonally and became permanent in 1997 after five years of seasonal tours of duty.

During Zeph's 22 years with the NPS, 15 years were spent, in addition to his park ranger duties, serving on the Eastern IMT, most of those as incident commander. He is most proud of what the team, under his leadership, accomplished. The team supported 31 major incidents/events at 34 different parks over 15 years. One of the more challenging incidents was the Hurricane Sandy response, where the team supported 17 New York and New Jersey NPS units with a staff of nearly 500 for over 30 days.

Zeph will use his incident management skills as logistics chief on a national IMT for the U.S. Forest Service. "I have loved working for the National Park Service and am proud of what this agency stands for. It has been a dream come true," he said. "The experiences I've had with the NPS Incident Management Team have given me the skills and qualifications for a new opportunity with a sister agency that was too good to pass up." The Eastern IMT members will miss Zeph's leadership and friendship but wish him well on his new adventure!

Zeph lives in Virginia, with his wife, Kelly, who works for the NPS as a budget analyst, and daughter, Lillian. He can be reached at zephaniahcunningham@fs.fed.us.

Frank Dean, superintendent, Golden Gate NRA, March 1 after over 39 years.

Frank began and ended his career at Golden Gate NRA, with many interesting and exciting stops between. His first park ranger job was in 1976 as a seasonal hire on Alcatraz Island. During his long career with the NPS, Frank held key leadership roles in many spectacular places, including the Erie Canalway NHC, Saratoga NHP, Grand Canyon NP, Yosemite NP, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Point Reyes NS and WASO.

Over the past five years, Frank served as

general superintendent for Golden Gate NRA, which includes management of Muir Woods NM and Fort Point NHS. Before leaving Golden Gate NRA, Frank said that it was with mixed emotions that he was leaving the NPS, but a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented itself that he could not pass up—he is now president and CEO of the Yosemite Conservancy, the San Francisco-based primary non-profit partner of Yosemite NP.

Captain John "Wayne" Dewey, regional law enforcement specialist for Intermountain Region, U.S. Park Police, Dec. 27 after 27 years.

Hugh Duffy, project manager, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center, Dec. 27 after 34 years of federal service, 31 of them with the NPS.

Mary Dyer, law enforcement ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 26 years.

Joel Timothy Fellows, telecommunications specialist, Alaska Regional Office, Jan. 30 after 17 years.



MARY FICKER

Mary Ficker, park ranger, Ozark NSR, Feb. 28 after over 32 years.

Mary began her career in the summer of 1978 as the first seasonal reservation clerk at Ozark NSR. She spent several seasons as a fee collector at Round Spring, and when she graduated from East Tennessee State University with a double major in biology and criminal justice, she was hired as a park technician. She began work as a seasonal law enforcement park ranger in 1982 and was hired

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The Arrowhead Store

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as a permanent law enforcement park ranger the following year. Mary spent many years as a park ranger in the Upper Current District of the park.

During her more than 30 years at Ozark NSR, Mary was active in many aspects of park operations. She became one of the park's D.A.R.E. officers and taught drug abuse resistance programs for 12 years. She also used her teaching skills to present environmental education programs in the Salem schools. When the D.A.R.E. program ended, Mary took over the role of fee collection supervisor as part of her park ranger duties and loved helping to manage the park campgrounds.

Though she grew up in Virginia, Mary fell in love with the Ozarks and considers the area home. She met her husband, Jack, in Eminence, Mo., and together they raised a son and a daughter. She and Jack will remain in the area following her retirement, except to travel to visit their children or attend bluegrass music festivals.

Sylvia Flint, program analyst, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Jan. 2 after 32 years.

Martin Gallery, law enforcement lead park ranger, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 3 after 38 years of government service, 36 of them with the NPS.

Martin served two years in the U.S. Army and began his NPS career with Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP in 1978 as a park technician with the Visitor Services Division. He went to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in 1979 and started his law enforcement career. He has held several positions at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, including as the Western Maryland district ranger, but his most noted position was as a canine handler.

In 2006, Martin created a canine program in the park and acquired a black Labrador Retriever named "Samson" that he trained as an explosives detection dog. Martin and Samson became a team that was requested and used by numerous parks within the National Capital Region (NCR) and for special events outside the region. The pair also worked with adjacent law enforcement agencies and responded to incidents in the surrounding communities. In March 2014, at the age of eight, Samson succumbed to leukemia, leaving Martin without his constant partner.

Martin was the recipient of the 2004 NCR Harry Yount Award. He worked in law enforcement until the age of 70 and was the oldest commissioned park ranger with the NPS—an amazing accomplishment since he suffered near fatal gunshot wounds in Vietnam in 1968 and spent seven years in major surgeries and rehabilitation from the wounds. He plans, in his retirement, to continue working in some manner of canine program with his new young German Shepherd, "Chance."

Marci Garrison, administrative officer, Craters of the Moon NM and PRES, Jan. 8 after 15 years.

E&AA Life Member **Maryanne Gerbauckas**, associate regional director for resource stewardship, Northeast Region, Feb. 27 after over 42 years.

Maryanne's NPS career began as a park ranger at Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island. She progressed through assignments in both the protection and resource management fields at Acadia NP, Fire Island NS, Assateague Island NS, Colonial NHP, the Northeast Regional Office and William Howard Taft NHS.

As resource management specialist at

Fire Island NS, Maryanne was responsible for dune restoration projects and became the community liaison for local natural resource projects. She restored dunes using native plants she established in a nursery on the beach. At Assateague Island NS, she managed and enforced the public hunting program in the Maryland section of the park. At William Howard Taft NHS, she worked closely with the community of Mount Auburn in Cincinnati.

Maryanne became superintendent of (then) Edison NHS in 1992. Under her leadership, the park worked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to place the site on their annual "endangered" list. In partnership with the Edison Innovation Foundations, she leveraged \$2.4 million of federal dollars into a \$12 million multiphase project that will rehabilitate Edison's historic structures, conserve and preserve the artifacts, improve accessibility and create open curatorial storage and cutting-edge interpretive media and programming. She and the staff worked with the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation to establish historic plant inventories, establish and nurture specimen plants at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and create a tree maintenance program.

In 2007, Maryanne was named the associate regional director for resources, stewardship and science for the Northeast Region, providing her the opportunity for a glimpse into each of the Northeast Region parks via the Resource Stewardship Directorate. Retirement will be filled with more time for family, friends and travel and a return to teaching English as a second language. She says, "I leave happy and still in awe of the privilege of working in our nation's parks."

Kim Glass, contracting officer, Pacific West Regional Office, Dec. 31 after over 30 years of federal service,

Barbara Goodman, superintendent, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

Barbara has been the superintendent of Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve for 17 years. She earlier served as superintendent of De Soto N MEM and as a program manager in the Office of International Affairs.

Throughout her career, Barbara has been involved with community and park-related organizations. Within the NPS, she served on the Southeast Coastal Network Executive Board, the National Park Foundation's Superintendent's Council, the NPS Partnership Council and was a founding member of the Southeast Region's Leadership Council.

Jo Jo Haller, IT specialist, Harpers Ferry Center, Jan. 3 after over 36 years.

Sheba Harris, budget analyst, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

E&AA Life Member **Marcus Hathaway**, chief of the Division of Construction Funding, Budget Division, WASO, Jan. 3 after 37 years.

Fresh out of college in 1977, Marcus spent 10 years crisscrossing the country in various jobs in interpretation, resource management and administration. In 1987, he set off for Alaska for 13 years, seven of them in the Budget Office in Anchorage followed by six years as the chief of administration at Denali NP & PRES.

At the start of the new century, Marcus moved to Washington, D.C., where he spent the last 14 years working for the WASO Budget Office. Shortly thereafter,

he became the branch chief responsible for all of NPS construction appropriations. In 2008, he served as acting superintendent of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, where he inaugurated the park's first celebration of Canada Day and authorized installing a third flagpole to fly the Union Jack alongside the Stars and Stripes and Maple Leaf.

Marcus returned to WASO in time to implement the \$750 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He coordinated a nationwide effort that implemented over 800 recovery projects. When the Division of Cultural Resources was looking to set up a business office, in addition to organizing their business operations, he helped multiple WASO offices convert to FBMS and developed a sustainable strategy to digitize and protect over 3,000 linear feet of documents comprising two of the nation's most significant historical collections: the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmark properties. In mid-2013, with sequestration in full swing, Marcus was charged with ending the furloughing of over 700 employees in the U.S. Park Police.

Marcus and his family are moving to Summerlin, Nev. He will be taking them on a 10-day tour of China—his two adopted daughters' native country.

Lisa Ruth Holzapfel, outdoor recreation planner, Alaska Regional Office, Jan. 29 after 12 years.

Marty Huseman, chief ranger, Lake Roosevelt NRA, Oct. 31 after over 30 years.

Ben Jacobs, leader, Division 3, fire management program, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Oct. 31 after 32 years.

Dave Knight, maintenance worker, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 23 years.

E&AA Life Member **John Latschar**, Jan. 3 after over 37 years.

John served in the Vietnam War and obtained his Ph.D. in U.S. history. He served as the first superintendent of Steamtown NHS (1988) and in various capacities at the Denver Service Center. From 1994 to 2009, he was superintendent of Gettysburg NMP and Eisenhower NHS. Under his leadership, in partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation (which John helped to found), the NPS raised over \$100 million to build a new park museum and visitor center for Gettysburg NMP.

John's awards include superintendent of the year for Northeast Region (NER) in 1991 and 2001, NER superintendent of the year for natural resource stewardship in 2003 and NER superintendent of the year for cultural resource stewardship in 2000. In 2009, he was awarded the National Park Service Preservationist of the Year Award by the Civil War Preservation Trust.

For the Civil War Sesquicentennial, John and NPS Chief Historian Bob Sutton edited a new official NPS handbook, *The Civil War Remembered*, published by Eastern National (EN) in 2011. They followed that up with another official NPS handbook, *American Indians and the Civil War*, and, in partnership with Rick Beard, they wrote *Slavery in the United States: A Brief Narrative History*—both published by EN in 2013.

In retirement, John will continue on as a volunteer to help complete a National Historic Landmark Theme Study on Reconstruction. "I speak for many," Bob Sutton said, "who wish John the very best in retirement."

PJ Lewis, project manager, Southeast Region Media Development Group, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Jan. 3 after 35 years of federal service, 33 of them in the NPS.

After graduating from Santa Clara University in 1976, PJ took a seasonal job at Glen Canyon NRA. This led to seasonal positions at Point Reyes NS, Cape Cod NS, Valley Forge NHP and Great Smoky Mountains NP. He also spent three seasons in northeast Utah with the BLM and U.S. Forest Service.

PJ's first permanent NPS job was as interpretive ranger at Vicksburg NMP before moving on to Cape Hatteras NS. While there, he helped design a new visitor center for Ocracoke Island. Then, with very little turnaround time and a grand total of \$3,000, he designed and produced the visitor center exhibits. On a recent visit to Cape Hatteras NS, PJ was pleased to see that those "temporary" exhibits from 1987 are still there.

That exhibit experience helped PJ land a job at HFC as an exhibit producer. His proudest achievement was development of new exhibits for Manzanar NHS. When PJ and the exhibit team began work on the interpretive center, Manzanar NHS was a new park with a one-person staff. The partner group had high expectations and challenged the team to



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tell a complete, unbiased story. In 2001, during development of the exhibits, the 9/11 attacks occurred. "The fear and discrimination that occurred after 9/11 closely paralleled the story we were telling at Manzanar," PJ recalls. Drawing from that realization, the design team concluded the exhibit with examples from recent history that were similar to the events of that day and the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. Even now, visitor comments for Manzanar NHS are very important to PJ. The comments confirm that, "We did well. People get it. They make the connection between then and now."

PJ became an HFC project manager in 2007 and within a few years, headed HFC's Southeast Region Media Development Group. He says of his years at HFC: "If you spend so much time on one place, it's nice to spend it with really nice, good people who are like an extended family. You don't get that in a lot of jobs." He looks forward to an active retirement, especially traveling around the country with his wife visiting their large extended family.

Dan Manning, maintenance worker, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 20 years.

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TERESA MCKINNEY

Teresa McKinney, park ranger, Ozark NSR, Feb. 28 after 24 years.

Teresa began her NPS career as a law enforcement ranger in 1991 at Lincoln Home NHS. She spent several years at Buffalo NR and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial before joining Ozark NSR in 1998. She is one of the few park rangers in Ozark NSR's history to have worked in all three of the park's districts.

During her career, Teresa served as the Equal Employment Opportunity counselor and evidence custodian for the park. She also served on the Midwest Region Special Events and Tactical Team. Teresa grew up in the Ozarks and plans to remain in the area and enjoy time spent with her daughter and husband, Bill, who is the Upper Current District ranger at Ozark NSR.

John Morris, interpretive program manager, Alaska Regional Office, Dec. 31 after 34 years.

John is a longtime Alaskan with multi-agency experience, most of which is with NPS. He worked for the Alaska Division of Parks, BLM and at several NPS units including Mount Rainier NP, Kenai Fjords NP and the Anchorage Interagency Visitor Center. He was one of the first seasonal rangers hired to work in Alaska's national parks in 1981.

John also worked actively on a national basis over the past 10 years to interpret and train others in communicating about climate change in the national parks. Although he is leaving the NPS, he'll remain engaged in the continuing efforts to facilitate this necessary civic conversation about the future!

Lloyd Morris, chief ranger, Virgin Islands NP and Virgin Islands Coral Reef NM, Jan. 3 after 35 years.

Paul Motts, interpretive park ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 28 years.

Valerie Naylor, superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt NP and general superintendent for the North Dakota Group National Parks, Oct. 31 after 35 years.

Terry O'Halloran, chief of interpretation, Nez Perce NHP, Jan. 3 after over 33 years.

Carol J. Peay, IT specialist, Office of Property and Space Management - Herndon, Va., Jan. 3 after over 37 years with the federal government, over 24 of them with the NPS.

Jerry Pendleton, assistant regional direc-

tor for performance management, Southeast Region, Dec. 31 after 26 years.

Holly Rife, chief ranger, Catoctin Mountain Park, Dec. 31 after 23 years.

Connie Rousey, legal instruments examiner, Land Resources Division, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 3 after 42 years of federal service, 38 of them with the NPS.

Barbara Samora, biologist, Mount Rainier NP, Jan. 3 after 39 years.

E&AA Life Member **Edie Shean-Hammond**, superintendent, Hopewell Furnace NHS, Jan. 3 after over 38 years.

Edie started her career in 1975 as the director of public affairs for the old North Atlantic Region. Her first assignment with the NPS involved dealing with President Gerald Ford's well-publicized trip and fall at the Old North Bridge at Minute Man NHP. Despite that traumatic beginning, she persevered and served in that position until 1995.

In 1995, Edie moved to Philadelphia with the creation of the Northeast Region and became the director of communications and tourism. After a year at Independence NHP as deputy superintendent, she became the superintendent of Hopewell Furnace NHS as well as Northeast Region's tourism director.

While at Hopewell, Edie revitalized the park, accomplishing significant preservation projects, incorporating natural resources and recreational opportunities into the park mission and, most importantly, creating an open and welcoming environment at the park, which brought in diverse individuals and changed the demographics of visitation.

Richard Shockley, engineering equipment operator, Ozark NSR, Dec. 31 after over 14 years.

Rosalind Sorrell, procurement, Chickasaw NRA, Jan. 2 after over 32 years.

Lynette Sprague-Falk, visual information specialist, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 24 years.

Lynette started her journey with the federal government in 1982 as a library aid at Fort Lewis in Washington. She was promoted through the years to a GS-7 library technician for the Fort Lewis library system and managed the community library at Madigan Army Medical Center. She worked in the private sector from 1997 until 2002, when she returned to the Madigan Army Medical Center as a library technician in the medical library. Additionally, Lynette served two years in the U.S. Army in the Army Security Agency (Morse code interceptor) and Signal Corps (photography lab technician) with last duty at White Sands Missile Range.

Lynette began her NPS career at Cuyahoga Valley NP in 2008 as a GS-7 interpretive assistant (office automation). She became a visual information specialist in 2014. "I have had the honor and responsibility of leading Local 2062, National Federation of Federal Employees, for the past three years, and I hope that I have contributed to improved working conditions for the bargaining unit employees and established positive relationships with management that will continue into the future," she said. "I have had the pleasure of contributing to the National Park Service mission, and this had been very rewarding."

Lynette plans to travel and spend more time with family in her retirement, including her husband, Michael, and daughters, Chloe and Crystal. She plans to be active

in her contributions to society and says, "I would like to go back to university and pursue an absolutely new field or continue on with anthropology." Lynette can be reached at xanadid@live.com.

E&AA Life Member **Brenda St. Martin**, superintendent's secretary, Pictured Rocks NL, Dec. 31 after over 34 years.

Brenda served at Pictured Rocks NL since August 1980. She began her NPS career as a clerk typist for the ranger division. Brenda's time at the lakeshore has spanned most of its evolution—from a developing park to the established national park it is today.

Cindy Swaggard, law enforcement ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 28 years.

Karla Tanner, chief of interpretation and education, Colorado NM, Dec. 31 after over 30 years.

Gregory Timeche, utility systems repair operator, Denali NP & PRES, Jan. 3 after 42 years.

E&AA Member **Kathy Tustanowski**, administrative officer, Blue Ridge Parkway, Dec. 24 after 30 years.

Kathy began her NPS career in 1984 as a seasonal park technician on Alcatraz Island at Golden Gate NRA. She worked subsequent seasons in interpretation at John Muir NHS and Eugene O' Neill NHS. In 1988, she was a secretary in the Division of Interpretation at the (then) Western Regional Office, followed by a program clerk for maintenance at Whiskeytown NRA. She worked as an administrative assistant at Golden Gate NRA, Presidio Planning Office (1990) and supervisory management assistant for the Division of Maintenance at Grand Canyon NP (1991).

In 1993, Kathy joined Joshua Tree NP as the administrative officer, followed by administrative officer at Nez Perce NHP in 1996. Subsequently, she became comptroller for Yellowstone NP (2002); supervisory budget and programs analyst for Harpers Ferry Center (2004), which also included a temporary promotion to the administrative officer; and administrative officer at Shenandoah NP (2008). She detailed to Independence NHP as the acting administrative officer (2012) and has served as administrative officer at Blue Ridge Parkway since 2012.

Kathy's son, Cody Marsh, got his first permanent job with the NPS in 2014 as a law enforcement ranger at Lincoln Home NHS. He says, "As my mom retires, I am just beginning. We are 'passing the torch' from one generation to the next."

"I have always known my mom to be the hardest working woman I know," said Cody. "She has no doubt immeasurably helped to make the NPS a better agency for all of us to work for and for people to visit. Perhaps her biggest influence has been as a role model to me on how to work hard, be fair and forthright and work every day to support and carry forward the mission of the NPS for future generations. Job well done, Mom!"

Scott Van Houten, interpretive park ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Dec. 31 after 24 years.

Faye Walmsley, chief of interpretation, Ozark NSR, Dec. 19 after over 31 years of federal service, 29 of them with the NPS.

Faye's first federal job was as a U.S. Customs inspector at Chicago's O'Hare Airport in 1984. She later got a permanent job

with the Boxelder Civilian Conservation Center at Black Hills National Forest and during this time, volunteered every Thursday at Mount Rushmore N MEM, gaining experience operating the visitor center, conducting informal interpretation and presenting talks. The love of interpretation was born. The first national park offering Faye a field interpreter position was Chamizal N MEM. Mount Rushmore followed, making her the first permanent woman ranger hired there. She was subsequently operations supervisor at Mammoth Cave NP, district interpreter at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP and Gulf Islands NS, chief of interpretation at Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS and, finally, joined Ozark NSR.

Faye will remember the mentors who had enough faith in her abilities to guide her along the way: Jim Popovich, Bernie Valencia, Joy Lyons, Joe McGown, Mick Holmes, Kathy Kupper, Judy Forte and Gail Bishop, just to name a few. "I'll miss the passion and dedication of my NPS co-workers toward the Park Service mission of 'preserving the resources for future generations,'" she says.

Many of Faye's former subordinates that she has mentored and coached along the way are now permanent NPS employees moving up and dedicated to the mission. "Makes me feel good that the organization is in good hands and I was a part of it," she says.

Faye's retirement plans include continuing historic preservation work on her 1923 Craftsman in Poplar Bluff, Mo., traveling, antiquing, crafting, volunteering, working and spending quality time with family and friends. She can be reached at fayewalmsley59@gmail.com.

Mary Beth Wester, superintendent, Fort Frederica NM, Dec. 31 after 30 years.

Mary Beth began her career in 1985 as a park technician at New River Gorge NR. She served from 1993 to 1998 at Canyonlands NP as a supervisory park ranger and, from 1998 to 2001, as the director of visitor services at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. From 2001 to 2007, she served as the Midwest Region recruitment coordinator. She was selected as superintendent of Fort Frederica NM in 2007.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to work for this incredible agency over the last 30 years," says Mary Beth. "I have met many people, visited wonderful areas, worked at incredible, precious sites, helped a few visitors and staff along the way and made a great many friends across the U.S. and abroad. I believe the success of this agency is in the hands of all employees as well as area stakeholders. They must keep the NPS mission always present in their mind, even with the day-to-day challenges of park operations. It is not an easy task, but the reward is well worth the effort."

Mary Beth plans to "hang out" with her husband, Randy Wester, who retired two years ago, and their crew of dogs and cats. The couple will pursue their interests of scuba diving, kayaking, motorcycling and gardening and plan to stay in Brunswick, Ga. They may be reached at westerm@bellsouth.net.

Gary White, maintenance worker, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Nov. 15 after 25 years.

Lou Whiteaker, plant ecologist, Mount Rainier NP, Dec. 31 after over 27 years of federal service, nine of them with the NPS.

Patricia S. Wooliver, secretary/executive assistant, Alaska Regional Office, Jan. 3 after 36 years. ■

Requiescat in Pace

John H. Baker, 81, Oct. 30, at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N.J.

A professional civil engineer and land surveyor, John spent the majority of his career with the NPS. He was responsible for the design and construction of major elements of Mesa Verde NP, including park access roads leading up the mesa, gravity water systems from Morefield Canyon, campgrounds and amphitheater. He served the NPS in California, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and New York, retiring in 1986.

John was predeceased by his first wife, Diane, and a son, John. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Gloria; a daughter, Cynthia; and a granddaughter, Julia. Donations in John's memory may be made to the Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org).

E&AA Life Member **Frank Johnson Betts**, 87, April 11.

While attending Colorado A&M, Frank met his future wife, Kathy Thebus, and they married in 1950. They both began working as seasonal employees at Rocky Mountain NP in 1952 before Frank became a permanent ranger at Yosemite NP in 1956. Over an eight-year period, he was stationed in just about every area of the park.

In 1964, Frank and his growing family moved to Grand Canyon NP, where he was the assistant chief ranger. In 1968, he became chief ranger at Grand Teton NP.

In the 1960s, Frank took up flying. He bought an airplane and gained his commercial and instrument ratings, over the years amassing over 3,000 hours as a pilot. He took his skills and plane with him to Crater Lake NP in 1975, where he was superintendent, and to Alaska in 1978, when he became superintendent of (then) Mt. McKinley NP (Denali). His piloting experience proved a much-appreciated skill in Alaska, where he became a dual-function ranger/pilot.

Frank retired as superintendent from Denali NP & PRES in 1980, and he and Kathy moved back to his hometown of Fort Collins, Colo. In 1991, they built a second home in Driggs, Idaho. Although retired, Frank stayed very busy.

Many people with the NPS today will remember Frank and Kathy from the financial workshops they presented for 20 years, beginning in 1985, to over 6,000 NPS employees at 60-plus park areas and at the annual ANPR Ranger Rendezvous.

Frank's survivors include his wife, Kathy; two sons: Don (wife, Jan) and Tom (wife, Beth); and four grandchildren. Donations in Frank's memory may be made to Front Range Hospice, the Shriners Hospital for Children or the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service.

E&AA Member **Edward J. "Ed" Donnelly**, 91, Feb. 21.

Ed joined the NPS in 1955 in the regional office in Omaha, Neb., where he served as the assistant personnel officer for two years. He then accepted a position with the Department of the Navy. In 1965, he returned to the NPS as the regional personnel officer in the National Capital Region. Ed retired in 1979 as associate director, Administration, National Capital Regional Office.

Ed's survivors include Marguerite, his wife of 67 years, and Michael and Vicki Donnelly, his son and daughter-in-law, of Littleton, Colo. Donations in Ed's memory may be made to the Iowa Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, 4430 114th Street, Urbandale, IA 50322.



CHUCK DORN

E&AA Life Member **Charles Walter "Chuck" Dorn, Sr.**, 66, Feb. 6, due to complications resulting from cancer.

Chuck served as a Contra Costa County Animal Control (CCCAC) officer and reserve sheriff's deputy in 1970. He rose to the rank of lieutenant with CCCAC and was the president of the California Animal Control Officers Association. He pioneered the creation of county spay/neuter/vaccination clinics and public outreach/information programs. Regularly heard on the radio with the "Pet of the Week," he worked tirelessly to improve state humane laws and was a true "Friend to Animals."

In 1986, Chuck began working for the NPS at Grand Canyon NP and Death Valley NP as a short order cook and retail sales clerk with the Fred Harvey Company. He served in a variety of seasonal park ranger and maintenance positions at the Grand Canyon. He secured permanent federal employment in 1987 as an emergency services dispatcher and was known as the "Voice of the Grand Canyon." He also served as a court liaison and South Rim patrol ranger.

Chuck graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and Yosemite NP's Horse Patrol Academy. He joined Petrified Forest NP in 1992, working his dream job as a horse and road patrol ranger. He could as easily be found delivering an interpretive program to kids as preventing fossil wood theft and was happiest on the days he saddled up for patrol into the beautiful Painted Desert on his favorite park horses Morgan, Sunny or Pintado.

After a 20-year NPS career, Chuck became an investigative assistant with the federal Office of Personnel Management in 2008. He retired from federal service in 2011, moving to Hollister, Calif., when his wife, Karen Beppler-Dorn, transferred to Pinnacles NP as superintendent.

Chuck's survivors include his wife, Karen; two sons: Charles, Jr. and David (Kerry) Dorn; two grandchildren: Shelby (Alyssa) Dorn and Krystal Dorn; sister, Mary (Tom) Garry; dog, Bonnie; "prayer cat," Emily; and many, many friends.

Robert J. "Bob" Hoff, 67, April 28, peacefully at home.

Bob began his NPS career in 1970 at Bandelier NM. He went on to work at Carlsbad Caverns NP, Fort Union NM, WASO, Fort Smith NHS and Lyndon B. Johnson NHP. He later returned to Carlsbad Caverns NP, where he worked as an interpretive supervisory park ranger and retired in 2005 as the park's historian.

Bob met his wife, Chris, at the cavern during his first assignment. Even in retirement, Bob never lost his love of Carlsbad Caverns NP and created an online blog where he shared information about the

park. He was always helpful in teaching new interpretive rangers whenever he was asked. Much of his research remains in the park library and is still used by park staff.

Bob's survivors include his wife of 44 years, Chris; three sons: Jeffrey, Darren and Erik; two grandsons: Jimi and Bane; and three siblings: Lyn, Karl and James.

E&AA Life Member **Mary Ellen Jennings**, 89, Dec. 31.

Mary Ellen retired from the NPS in 1985 as administrative officer at Assateague Island NS. She was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and past vice commander of the American Legion Unit 22. She was employed by the DOI for 30 years. Mary Ellen was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church.

Mary Ellen's survivors include two sons: Charles William and John Edward; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christ Episcopal Church, 16 Amiss Avenue, Luray, VA 22835.

E&AA Life Member **Ruby M. "Bee" Long**, 89, April 18.

Bee graduated from the University of Denver in 1947 and married Kenneth Long in 1948. They were married for 60 years.

Bee joined the NPS in 1972 as a program clerk with the Southwest Team of the Denver Service Center (DSC). In 1974, she became program assistant with the DSC Southeast and Southwest teams. She retired from the NPS as a program analyst in the DSC Program Control Division in 1988. Bee loved her friends in the NPS and was proud to have been a part of the NPS mission. For many years, she participated in luncheons with local alumni. Bee's daughter, Bonnie Semro, also worked for the NPS as a natural resource specialist in the Intermountain Region and retired in 2012.

Bee's survivors include her daughter, Bonnie; two sons: Randy and Gordon; two grandchildren; brother, Robert; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, and a son, Barry. Condolences may be sent to the Long family at 9305 Blue Mountain Drive, Golden, CO 80403-8304.

E&AA Life Member **Herbert "Herb" Olsen**, 89, April 8.

Herb had a 43-year career with the NPS, retiring in 1993 as chief of cultural resources management, North Atlantic Regional Office. He was a decorated WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Navy, and he graduated with a master's degree from Columbia University. During his NPS career, Herb also served as superintendent of Cape Cod NS.

Herb's survivors include his wife, Bobbie; son, David (wife, Diane); daughter, Lisa (husband, Daniel); and five grandchildren. Donations in Herb's memory may be made to Lower Cape Outreach Council (lcoutreach.org); Alzheimer's Association (alz.org); or Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org).

Marian Albright Schenck, 93, April 17, in Red Bluff, Calif., of natural causes.

Marian was the daughter of past NPS Director Horace M. Albright. Many in the NPS family knew Marian and her husband, Roswell "Ros," who is an E&AA life member. Marian spent her early childhood in Yellowstone NP and Yosemite NP, where her father was superintendent and field director for the NPS. She grew up surrounded by her parents' acquaintances in the NPS, historical societies and other government agencies, which led to an intense

interest in the history and preservation of natural and historical places. She graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in history in 1943 and married Jay Ford that same year.

Marian immersed herself in her father's massive collection of correspondence and documents from his lifetime at the forefront of the conservation movement. She became his "pen," recording his memoirs and recollections. Her first marriage ended in 1970, and she married Ros in 1972. They moved to the foothills east of Albuquerque, N. Mex., where she focused on research and writing. She completed several magazine articles, small books and a historical recounting of the early years in the NPS entitled *Creating the National Park Service: The Missing Years*. She was featured as an oral historian for PBS's *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. In 2014, Ros and Marian moved to California to be near Marian's daughter, Susie.

Marian's survivors include her husband of 42 years, Ros; her two children: John Ford and Susan Ford Isaacson; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and Ros's two children, four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



DON S. SQUIRE

E&AA Life Member **Don Sanders Squire**, 92, May 12, in St. George, Utah.

Don served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded two Bronze Stars. He graduated with an associates degree from Dixie College in St. George, Utah, in 1951 and married Dixie DeMille in the St. George Utah Temple in 1953.

Don began his NPS career as a seasonal ranger at Zion NP and Bryce Canyon NP. He then briefly worked as an officer for the Provo Police Department before embarking on his life's profession with the NPS. He worked at Lake Mead NRA, Yosemite NP and Lassen Volcanic NP and retired in 1980 as superintendent of Walnut Canyon NM.

Upon retirement, Don moved back to his hometown of LaVerkin, Utah. He lost his beloved wife of 30 years, Dixie, in 1984. He was a member of the Lions Club, American Legion and local car clubs. He loved attending and entering car shows with his restored vintage Chevy pickup and Mustang convertible. He enjoyed traveling, served faithfully in the Latter Day Saints church and was a great fan and supporter of his children and grandchildren.

Don's survivors include three children: Devin (Robin) Squire, Diane (Bart) Merrill and Dayna (Richard) Leavitt; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters. In addition to Dixie, he was predeceased by three brothers. ■

New Places & Faces

Diane Bedell, to visitor services assistant, Klondike Gold Rush NHP (Seattle Unit).

Nathan "Nate" Benson, from national fire ecologist, to lead, Fire Science and Ecology Program, Branch of Wildland Fire, National Interagency Fire Center, Boise, Idaho.

Amy Brooke Bracewell, from site manager, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP, to superintendent, Saratoga NHP.

Dan Buckley, from superintendent, Craters of the Moon NM & PRES, to chief, Branch of Wildland Fire, Division of Fire and Aviation Management, National Interagency Fire Center, Boise, Idaho.

Scott Burch, from management assistant, Crater Lake NP, to superintendent, National Park of American Samoa.

Chris Church, from project manager, to Servicewide resource stewardship strategy coordinator, Denver Service Center.

Stephen Clark, from chief ranger, Northeast Region, to superintendent, National Parks of Western Pennsylvania (Flight 93 N MEM, Johnstown Flood N MEM, Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS, Fort Necessity NB and Friendship Hill NHS).

Michael Creasey, from superintendent, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP; executive director, National Park Service Stewardship Institute in Woodstock, Vt.; and overseeing the management of Saint Gaudens NHS, to superintendent, National Parks of Boston (Boston NHP, Boston African American NHS and Boston Harbor Islands NRA).

Carol Dage, from chief of cultural resources, to superintendent, Harry S Truman NHS.



KEVIN EADS

Kevin Eads, from chief of resource management, to superintendent, Pea Ridge NMP.

Lisa E. Eckert, from superintendent, Colorado NM, to superintendent, Bryce Canyon NP.

Nancy Finley, to associate regional director for natural resource stewardship and science, Midwest Region.

Steve Gibbons, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Lassen Volcanic NP. Prior to his acting assignment, Steve was the coordinator for the National Natural Landmarks program within the Pacific West Region.

Myron "Griss" Grissom, from safety and occupational health manager, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Guadalupe Mountains NP,

White Sands NM, Gila Cliff Dwellings NM and Chamizal N MEM, to safety and occupational health manager, Yosemite NP.

Kym Hall, from deputy superintendent, Glacier NP, to superintendent, Colonial NHP.

Frank Hays, from superintendent, Western Arctic National Parklands (Bering Land Bridge N PRES, Kobuk Valley NP, Cape Krusenstern NM and Noatak N PRES), to associate regional director for resource stewardship and science, Northeast Region.

Rita Hennessy, from assistant superintendent, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, to program manager, National Trails System.

Bryant "BG" Horvat, from supervisory park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to chief of interpretation and education, Cape Lookout NS.

Chris Hughes, from chief of science and resource management, Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM, to superintendent, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve.

Bill Justice, from superintendent, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP, to superintendent, Vicksburg NMP.

Dr. Joy G. Kinard, from central district manager, National Capital Parks-East, to superintendent, Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers NM.

Darrin Knapp, from warranted contracting officer, to branch chief, Contracting Services Division, Denver Service Center.

Erik Kreusch, from Archeological Sites Management Information System coordinator, to cultural anthropologist, Northeast Region.

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Todd Suess, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Mojave N PRES. Prior to his acting assignment, Todd was deputy superintendent of Olympic NP.

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Dennis A. Vásquez, from superintendent, Guadalupe Mountains NP, to superintendent, Petroglyph NM.

Whitney Walp, to automotive worker, Cuyahoga Valley NP.

Bob Wilbur, to chief, Park Facility Management Division, WASO.

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William "Bill" Wright, from chief ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to superintendent, Chickasaw NRA and Oklahoma state coordinator.

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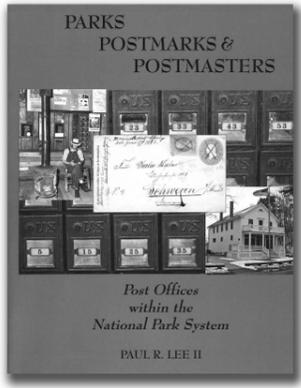
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