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Manhattan Project National Historical Park Established

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz signed a memorandum of agreement on Nov. 10, 2015 establishing the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. The agreement governs how the NPS and the Department of Energy (DOE) will work together to preserve, protect and provide access to the historic resources associated with the Manhattan Project at locations in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Los Alamos, N.Mex.; and the Hanford Site in Washington State.

“Through the preservation and interpretation of the Manhattan Project, the National Park Service will share with the world the story of one of America’s most transformative scientific discoveries that fundamentally altered the course of the 20th century,” said Secretary Jewell. “Visitors will soon be able to see the contributions of more than 600,000 Americans who played a role in this significant chapter in history. The park will also serve as a reminder that these actions and discoveries must be handled with great care, for they can have world-changing consequences.”

The park will be managed as a partnership between the DOE, which already oversees and administers the properties for the United States, and Interior’s National Park Service, which will provide interpretation, visitor information and assistance in the preservation of the historic buildings at the sites.

The 2015 National Defense Authorization Act directed the establishment of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, which tells the story of people, events, science and engineering that led to the creation of the atomic bomb, the role these weapons played in World War II and how the role of the United States in global affairs has evolved in the nuclear age.

NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis, Senators Maria Cantwell, Lamar Alexander, Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich and

local officials from the park’s three sites also attended the signing ceremony.

“With the creation of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, the National Park Service is committed to working with our partners at the Department of Energy to tell the complete and complex story of one of the most consequential projects in our nation’s history,” said NPS Director Jarvis. “As the National Park Service turns 100 next year and prepares for a second century of stewardship, this new addition to the National Park System will preserve and share one of our nation’s great stories of ingenuity and scientific endeavor, as well as the consequences of nuclear technology use.”

The National Park Service convened a forum of scholars and experts from across the country and from the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that represent a wide range of expertise including scientific, historical, political, social, environmental and ethical perspectives. The scholars met November 9-10 in Washington, D.C., for an open and candid discussion of the issues and themes that should be considered for the park’s interpretive plan.

Over the past year, NPS and officials from the DOE have traveled to the three Manhattan Project locations to consult with local elected officials, community members and area tribes on management of the new park. The agreement signed on Nov. 10, 2015 reflects those consultations and provides a framework that will guide NPS and DOE cooperative management efforts. The purpose of the agreement is to identify the facilities and areas under the DOE’s administrative jurisdiction that will initially be included in the park and to establish a broad framework for the management and interpretation of those facilities and areas. To learn more about the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, visit www.nps.gov/mapr. ■

and the Coastal Cleanup Corporation provide logistical and field support.

- **Capitol Reef NP** became the seventh unit of the NPS to achieve designation as an International Dark Sky Park by the International Dark-Sky Association. It was named a “Gold Tier” park, the association’s highest ranking. The designation was made during International Dark Sky Week (April 13-19, 2015), an annual event to raise awareness of light pollution and celebrate the beauty of the night sky.

To attain this designation, the park conducted an outdoor lighting inventory, made improvements to outdoor light fixtures that increased the park’s “night-sky friendly” lighting from 30 percent to 70 percent, completed night sky monitoring and engaged the public and local community in dark-sky conservation. With this designation, Capitol Reef began the process of bringing all of its outdoor lighting up to the new standard and continues to monitor night skies and provide outreach and education.

Capitol Reef NP’s gold-tier dark-sky designation exemplifies the efforts of the NPS to embrace “Starry Starry Night,” an NPS initiative that pledges the agency to “lead the way in protecting natural darkness as a precious resource and create a model for dark sky protection by establishing America’s first Dark Sky Cooperative on the Colorado Plateau.” Other federal agencies, state parks, tribes, businesses and citizens are part of this cooperative, which emphasizes the economic benefits of sustainable tourism that dark skies can provide while maintaining the heritage, beauty and wonder of the stars above.

- On April 18, **Castillo de San Marcos NM** kicked off National Park Week with a partnership program entitled “Young Voices in the Old City.” For this public program, local high school students researched and prepared presentations about St. Augustine’s 450 years from the perspective of teenagers living during various parts of that history.

For more than three years, Ranger Amelia Vela and other staff members have worked with St. Augustine’s 450th Youth Ambassadors to learn and share the heritage of the oldest continually occupied European city in the continental United States. By presenting these stories within the Castillo, the ambassadors and general public alike truly had an opportunity to connect with these powerful stories and their national park.

Youth Ambassador Kayley Sutton concluded the program with a reminder to her peers of the important role they play in preserving our history. “Portraying these historical figures in their younger lives is one way of helping citizens and visitors alike to understand the significance of how St. Augustine came to be,” she says. “Think about it—the Youth Ambassadors now will be around for the 500th commemoration. The future is in our hands.”

- **Grand Teton NP** celebrated National Park Week and the “Every Kid in a Park” initiative by taking all 150 of the fourth grade students in Teton County on a field trip to study the park’s geology. Each day of National Park Week, Grand

Teton NP staff led a group of the local students on a field trip into the backcountry, where they hiked the contour of a glacial moraine, got their hands dirty testing soils by making “soil ribbons,” identified rocks and learned about the creation of the Teton Mountain Range. Staff were glad to engage the next generation of park visitors in the spirit of exploration and stewardship, and it turns out the students were thrilled with the opportunity as well. “I wish we could have school in the national park every day,” said one student as he hiked back to the school bus.

Despite living just a few miles south of the park’s boundary, it was the first trip into the park for many of the students. “Jackson Hole is a community with a big divide in opportunity,” Education Specialist Megan Kohli said. “Many of the Latino students, who make up nearly 40 percent of the school, don’t come to the park. This is a great chance for them to get some experience exploring the park in their own backyard.”

- With Elwha River Restoration fully underway in the Elwha Valley, visitors have a new site from which to view the restoration process and learn about its history. The new Glines Canyon Spillway Overlook, located along the Olympic Hot Springs Road in **Olympic NP**, is wheelchair accessible and includes eight interpretive exhibits. The overlook is perched on what was once the spillway of the Glines Canyon Dam. Visitors can enjoy expansive views of the wide valley that formerly held the Lake Mills reservoir. Lake Mills formed when the Glines Canyon Dam was built between 1925 and 1927, flooding an area known at the time as Smokey Bottom. The overlook also gives people the chance to look down and watch the Elwha’s blue-green waters flow through the 200-foot-deep Glines Canyon.

The overlook and surrounding area were designed and constructed by Olympic NP employees, with contractors supplying the accessible comfort station and new paving. The eight interpretive exhibits were designed and written by Olympic NP staff and tell the story of the dams, their many contributions to Port Angeles and the factors that led to their removal and ecosystem restoration.

- On the morning of June 19, the silhouette of an 18th-century frigate appeared like the apparition of a ghost ship in the fog off Fort McHenry. By 7 a.m., the mist lifted off the Patapsco River, revealing a crowd of close to 1,000 visitors gathering along the water’s edge of **Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine** to see the French tall ship *Hermione* make its grand entrance into Baltimore.

Musicians of the Fort McHenry Guard Fife and Drum Corps snapped to attention as the ship entered the narrow neck of the channel passing the fort. A moment later, the fifes and drums broke out into a spirited rendition of “Yankee Doodle” as NPS rangers hoisted the huge 30- by 42-foot Star-Spangled Banner up the flagpole. After

- In the first four months of 2015, Alternative Break program volunteers removed over seven tons of marine debris from sea turtle nesting beaches in **Biscayne NP**. Nearly 200 volunteers from 16 universities and local organizations helped restore park beaches and greatly improved the chances of nesting success for threatened and endangered sea turtles.

“When large amounts of debris clutter the beaches, sea turtles may abandon attempts to nest,” said Dr. Vanessa McDonough, park fishery and wildlife biologist. “The presence of debris on the beaches is also problematic for sea turtle hatchlings. Hatchlings that are unable to overcome debris as they crawl to the ocean will succumb to predation, dehydration or starvation.”

Alternative Break is a program for stu-

dents who wish to spend their winter or spring break participating in meaningful, service-oriented volunteer work. For the four months, 199 Alternative Break volunteers spent 1,665 hours to remove more than seven tons (14,439 pounds) of marine debris from the park’s coastlines. Removing this debris provides sea turtles with a better shot at nesting success, boosts the number of sea turtle hatchlings that make it to the open water and makes the beaches more accessible and attractive for park visitors.

Biscayne NP hosts Alternative Break volunteers who assist in habitat restoration of important sea turtle nesting beaches as well as other coastal areas throughout the park. Financial support is provided by the South Florida National Parks Trust and the National Park Service. Park personnel

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sailing by the fort, *Hermione* docked in Baltimore's Inner Harbor alongside *Pride of Baltimore II*, a recreated War of 1812 top-sail schooner, and USS *Constellation*, a Civil War-era tall ship.

Hermione is a replica of the ship that brought the Marquis de Lafayette to America during the Revolutionary War. The original, built in 1779, represented the pride of the French Navy and a serious challenge to the British for dominance of the seas.

Youth from the Patterson Park Public Charter School in Baltimore City made up half of the fife and drum contingent from Fort McHenry. Organized by Music Coordinator Timothy Ertel, they played a selection of pieces, including a 1790s piece entitled "Baltimore," to honor the crew of the tall ship. "I'm in the classroom every week," says Ertel. "These students are committed. This activity connects the park to the next generation of park visitors and increases their involvement in the park—these kids see Fort McHenry as 'their' park and that's what we want."

Connecting urban communities to parks, trails and waterways is a major NPS Centennial goal. In Annapolis, Md., thousands of visitors waited hours to board the *Hermione*. The captain and crew were impressed with one of the older historic monuments of the NPS. "It was an honor to be saluted with your big flag as we sailed by

your Fort McHenry National Monument," said Captain Cariou of the *Hermione*. "I will remember the experience."

Ports-of-call included Yorktown, Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, all cities along the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT. The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route commemorates the Franco-American alliance and the final land and naval campaign that led to the successful siege of the British at Yorktown. The *Hermione* not only brought Lafayette and news of support, but was also part of the naval fleet that supported the siege.

- On the morning of June 20, more than 170 people attended a ceremony held at the General Grant Tree, a national shrine in memory of the men and women of the armed forces who have served, fought and died to keep America free. Veterans in attendance were recognized with commemorative pins created for the event. All participants were invited to affix small, temporary American flags to the fence surrounding the General Grant Tree. This event was part of an ongoing celebration of the 75th anniversary of **Kings Canyon NP** (2015) and the NPS's Centennial anniversary (2016).

In his introduction to the ceremony, Supt. Woody Smeck credited the military with being the earliest model for the NPS. He further honored the military's role in early park management and the NPS's pride in managing historic military sites now. During the event, the 40th Infantry Division Band Detachment 1 performed for the audience. (This band is one of the oldest units in the California National Guard and one of the oldest bands in the U.S. Army). The Central Valley Vietnam Veterans' Color Guard presented colors and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.

Keynote speaker, Air Force Capt. (retired) Charles Shaheen, Jr., provided a history of the naming of the General Grant Tree and its subsequent dedication as a "National Shrine" by a joint resolution of Congress. Shaheen has earned the Silver Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Purple Heart, 16 Air Medals, a Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars and more decorations.

- **Mammoth Cave NP** hosted its first-ever Mammoth on June 21—hopefully the first of many more to come. The 24-mile Mammoth is the only triathlon in the world to feature a hike, bike ride and underground cave hike. Ranger Colleen Olson came up with the idea as she worked on park projects to address *Call to Action* item #6, *Take a Hike and Call Me in the Morning*.

"Hiking and biking are not only fun and great exercise, but being active in the outdoors has benefits beyond those we get at the gym," said Colleen. "Studies show that outdoor activity makes us smarter and more creative, and that nature increases the cells in our bodies that protect us from infection and cancer. Exercising outdoors improves our attention span, and walking in the woods relieves stress."

The Mammoth was one option on the park's "Longest Day of Play" list of things to do, which also included a dawn birding hike, regularly scheduled cave tours and nature walks and a night sky viewing (canceled by Tropical Storm Bill's offspring). The park's partners made the first Mammoth a success—31 partici-

pants enjoyed the day thanks to the Friends of Mammoth Cave, Forever Resorts/Mammoth Cave Hotel, Diamond Caverns, Grand Victorian Inn and local bike enthusiasts.

- The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) has granted Gold-Tier International Dark Sky Park status to **Canyonlands NP**, an honor reserved for the darkest of dark skies and the most stunning of starcapes. Canyonlands was designated a national park in 1964 and provides visitors opportunities to view spectacular scenery, explore rugged landscapes and experience remote wildness and solitude. And, the scenery and expansive landscapes of Canyonlands don't end when the sun sets.

"The Milky Way stretching across the park's incredibly dark night sky is a sight many visitors will never forget," said Supt. Kate Cannon. "With this gold-tier designation, the International Dark-Sky Association recognizes the importance of the natural darkness found here."

Efforts to preserve natural darkness in Canyonlands began several years ago with a focused effort to revamp and replace park lighting with "night-sky friendly" bulbs and fixtures. Nearly 100 percent of the park's lights are now "night-sky friendly." Natural darkness is also recognized in park management documents which clearly state the value of night skies and the park's commitment to protect them.

Canyonlands NP is one of four national parks included in the NPS's Southeast Utah Group. These parks include Hovenweep NM, awarded an International Dark Sky Park in 2014, and Natural Bridges NM, which was designated the world's first International Dark Sky Park in 2007. Arches NP is also included in the Southeast Utah Group. The four parks work together with neighboring businesses, communities and land managers to help conserve some of the darkest skies in the United States.

Canyonlands also is a member of the growing Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative. Established in 2012, America's first Dark Sky Cooperative links communities, tribes, businesses, state agencies, federal agencies and citizens in a collaborative effort to celebrate the view of the cosmos, minimize the impact of outdoor lighting and ultimately restore natural darkness to the area.

- Sept. 1, 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of **Delaware Water Gap NRA**. Fifty years ago, the U.S. Congress responded to the grassroots efforts of the people from the Delaware River Valley and abandoned the desecration of the longest undammed river in the Eastern United States. Instead, they created the Delaware Water Gap NRA without a dam or a man-made lake. At the end of the day, the river and the surrounding valley were preserved in perpetuity for future generations.

Since 1965, the Delaware Water Gap NRA has invited visitors to enjoy 40 miles of free-flowing river and some 70,000 acres of forests and floodplains, waterfalls and marshes, beaches and mountain terrain. The park's 186 miles of trail and 160 miles of scenic touring roads have served to provide great visitor experiences. Additionally, "Its natural setting makes it the perfect location for wildlife viewing, including black bear, deer and a wide variety of birds," stated Supt. John J. Donahue.

The park is in the process of developing a Visitor Use Management Plan and a

Historic Properties Management Plan so the public can help determine where the next century will take their park. "Today," Supt. Donahue said, "we are focused on the future even as we pause to reflect on the past. We have a vision of a sustainable operations reflecting the values of natural and historical conservation and creating an easily recognizable identity for this special place that includes education, organizational efficiency and, most of all, our neighbors as full partners in creating that future. We invite everyone to come to the park and enjoy its beauty, experience nature, learn about its history and spend time here with friends and family."

- In 2016, **Hawai'i Volcanoes NP** will celebrate a century of caring for and connecting people to the remarkable landscape, native plants and animals and Hawaiian culture linked with Kilauea and Mauna Loa volcanoes. Founded on August 1, 1916, Hawai'i Volcanoes was the 15th national park established in the United States and celebrates its centennial anniversary along with the National Park Service itself, which turns 100 on August 25, 2016. Centennial events are planned in the park from January 1, 2016 through the end of 2016, including a monthly ranger-guided Centennial Hike Series, with a complementary "After Dark in the Park" program.

The park's new Centennial web page, www.nps.gov/havo/getinvolved/100th-anniversary.htm, features a new multimedia video, *100 Years in 100 Seconds*, which highlights 100 years of volcanic eruptions in 100 seconds. In a second video, *Share Your Story*, Park Ranger Andrea Kaawaloa-Okita shares her story as a fourth-generation employee of Hawai'i Volcanoes NP and the importance of connecting the next generation to their national park. The web page will be updated with a centennial calendar of events.

- From monitoring the health of bat populations to minimizing the human spread of the deadly fungus that causes white-nose syndrome (WNS), the **National Park Service** has 43 projects underway in more than 40 parks to protect and preserve bats and their habitats. Park personnel undertake a variety of tasks to safeguard bats, their hibernacula and maternity roosts from WNS, a fungal disease decimating up to 100 percent of some bat colonies. The NPS dedicated \$3 million to address WNS-related priority issues in parks across the country.

"We're excited to see the creative solutions from parks to fight white-nose syndrome," said Margaret Wild, chief veterinarian for the NPS. "From installing bat gates to using acoustic surveys, resource managers employed techniques that best fit the needs of their parks. The rapid spread of WNS and its high mortality are unprecedented in bats, so a multi-pronged approach to manage it is critical."

WNS, likely introduced to the U.S. from Europe about 10 years ago, at times has wiped out entire colonies. Bats play important roles in ecosystems: they eat insects, pollinate plants, serve as prey base and disperse seeds. Managing bat populations and their habitats in light of WNS is a natural resource priority in our national parks. For further information and a list of the projects underway, visit www.nature.nps.gov/102615_bats.cfm. ■

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Class of 2015

E&AA Life Member **Jane C. Anderson**, deputy fee program manager, WASO, Jan. 9, 2015 after 33 years.

Jane started her career in 1973 at Lake Ranger Station in Yellowstone NP as an information receptionist (clerk typist). In 1974, the first year women wore the green and gray, Jane came on board as a park technician.

The next two summers were spent at Bechler as a backcountry ranger. The winters of 1975-1977 found Jane in the Everglades exploring the mangroves for heron nests with the late John Ogden, a previous NPS biologist who became the lead biologist and Everglades expert for National Audubon research. In the spring of 1977, Jane became an interpreter at Denali. She found her home—even built a cabin above the Nenana River—and married fellow seasonal, Will Morris. After 11 years, Jane moved to Washington, D.C., as an analyst for the WASO Concessions Division. Soon she was at George Washington Memorial Parkway as concessions specialist and later, as site manager at Great Falls, Va.

In 1994, Jane's husband, Will, became chief of interpretation at Mesa Verde NP. During those eight years, Jane held a variety of jobs at Mesa Verde. The Chapin 5 Fire of 1996 afforded another opportunity: manager of the burned area emergency rehabilitation project and later, project manager distributing fee demo money for Save America's Treasures. She also worked six years with archeologists.

As those term positions wound down, Jane received a phone call from Jane Moore, WASO recreation fee manager, who was looking for a deputy—would Jane consider applying? In February 2002, Jane joined her counterpart Jane in D.C. They built the fee program together: laying the groundwork and policy for the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, developing the new interagency pass, launching the NPS into Recreation.gov, meeting the challenges of technology, training fee supervisors and hiring one of the best program teams in the Washington Office. With that legacy came a very special award: the Crystal Owl Award for "training and development excellence." Jane also received three Departmental honor awards: the Unsung Hero Award (2004), the Superior Service Award (2011) and the Meritorious Service Award (2014).

Jane will remain in the Denver area, where Will is a United Methodist minister. She intends to spend time outdoors and visiting parks and can be reached at andersonmorris@hotmail.com.

Lisa Brewster, administrative officer, Glacier NP, Feb. 28, 2015 after 30 years.

Lisa's federal career started in 1984 as a part-time personnel clerk at Ozark NSR. She joined the Yellowstone Human Resources Office as an HR specialist in 1991 and a year later was promoted to human resources officer for Glacier NP. She served many temporary promotions and details as well as on review teams during this time. In 2007, she was promoted to administrative officer and served on advisory teams associated with the centralization of administrative functions Servicewide. Her expertise and knowledge have been repeatedly called upon for management reviews at other parks.

Lisa will retire to northwest Montana with her husband, E&AA Life Member Neil Brewster, retired contracting officer. They look forward to exploring Montana and enjoying the park and surrounding wilderness areas there and visiting their grown kids in California, Florida, Montana and Colorado.

E&AA Life Member **Irving "Irv" Brock**, park ranger, Ocmulgee NM, June 30 after 30 years of federal service, 27 of them with the NPS.

Irv's destiny began 54 years ago in the future Cuyahoga Valley NP where he was born. His NPS experience began in 1980 as a Young Adult Conservation Corps crew leader in the new Cuyahoga Valley NRA, where he was a Boy Scout summer camp counselor. He graduated in 1985 from Kent State University with a B.S. degree in conservation and then volunteered for two years in the U.S. Peace Corps.

Irv began his 27 years of law enforcement/firefighter service at Buck Island Reef NM. His time there was cut short by Hurricane Hugo. Homeless, Irv attended Ranger Skills in Grand Canyon NP and was able to transfer to Kaloko-Honokohau NHP. He was a founding member of the park's SCUBA dive team, once diving with Grateful Dead founder Jerry Garcia to document resources for future preservation along the Kona Coast.

Irv then transferred to the Atlanta District of Chattahoochee River NRA. He became a Rangers Against Drugs (RAD) instructor and then trainer. In 1999, he joined Natchez Trace Parkway, where he served six years. He was assigned as a RAD instructor/trainer and detailed six times for icon protection after 9/11—most memorably Independence NHP during Fox TV's Super Bowl pre-game filming of celebrities reading the Declaration of Independence. The last detail was in the South Interior Watch Office, where he toured Harpers Ferry NHP, one of their evacuation sites.

Irv transferred to Harpers Ferry, and a highlight was his assignment to the Charles Town curatorial warehouse for Ken Burns' filming of NPS artifacts, archives and historical memorabilia for the PBS series, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. Irv then joined Ocmulgee NM, where he served for his final eight years. During retirement, he will continue to enjoy family and travel.

Mark Carrico, park ranger (law enforcement), Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES, June 27 after 23 years.

Joan Darnell, supervisory environmental specialist and team manager, Alaska Regional Office, Sept. 30 after 30 years.

Donald Dugas, facility services assistant, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, June 25 after six years.

Louise Flynn, administrative support assistant, Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES and Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES, May 30 after 11 years.

Jean Gamache, Alaska native affairs liaison, Alaska Regional Office, March 21, 2015 after 17 years.

Cathy Halainen, budget technician, Resource Management and Science Division, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Sept. 30 after 20 years.

Cathy has been responsible for almost all administrative functions for divisional staff in Delaware Water Gap NRA's Division of Resource Management and Science for 20 years. Before working for the NPS, she worked in a similar capacity for several colleges (University of Massachusetts, Brandeis and William and Mary) and government contractors, principally McDonnell-Douglas.

Cathy and her husband, Bill, who is an E&AA life member, will continue to reside in northeast Pennsylvania for now, but the couple is considering a move to western

Massachusetts. [Please see page 7 for an "Alumni News" tribute to Bill Halainen.]

Martin J. Hansen, realty specialist, Alaska Regional Office, April 3 after 37 years.

Martin came to Alaska for adventure in the mid-1970s. After working several private jobs, he joined the Bureau of Land Management, where he worked on land conveyances and pipeline right-of-ways (ROWs) and served as the townsite trustee for Alaska. After transferring to the NPS, Martin worked on the land resources team for the Alaska Region, focusing on ROWs, leasing, navigability, easement management and many other realty matters. Martin will now be spending more time running up the mountains of Alaska and trekking across other continents.

Jill Hawk, superintendent, NPS Law Enforcement Training Center, Aug. 28 after 26 years.

E&AA Member **John Hiscock**, superintendent, Pipe Spring NM, Oct. 13 after 40 years.

John first worked seasonally for the NPS in 1977 as an interpretive and generalist park technician and ranger at Jewel Cave NM. Subsequently, he worked at Lehman Caves NM (now Great Basin NP), Death Valley NM (now national park) and Great Sand Dunes NM (now national park and preserve). He was involved in cave exploration at Jewel Cave and was on the discovery and exploration team for Little Muddy Cave at Lehman Caves. He also worked seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service in Bridger-Teton National Forest.

John's first permanent NPS position was in 1982 at Mammoth Cave NP as a "split" park technician in interpretation, resource management and law enforcement. He obtained his Juris Doctor law degree at the University of Utah and served as a law clerk for DOI's regional solicitor's office in Salt Lake City. He wrote journal legal articles on protection of BLM Wilderness Study Areas and protection of national parks from external threats.

In 1985, John returned to the NPS as concessions management specialist at Zion NP, where he also offered management support on legal and resource management issues and oversaw restoration of Zion Lodge. Next, in the Alaska Regional Office, he was subsistence specialist and then promoted to branch chief and manager of Subsistence Regulations and Policy.

John became superintendent of Pipe Spring NM in 1994. Here, he forged numerous partnership agreements with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, whose reservation surrounds the monument. He also led the park through fundamental research and resource documentation. In addition, he served on many regional and national management and advisory teams, including as trainer with Operation Future, four years as chair and member of the Colorado Plateau Cluster Leadership Council, four years as chair and member of the IMR Tri-Cluster Consultation Committee on American Indian relations, six years as a member, vice-chair and chair of the analytical budgetary Scorecard Advisory Group and two terms on the board of the Northern Colorado Plateau I&M Network. For four months in 2013, he was acting Utah state coordinator for NPS in Salt Lake City.

John and his wife, Tracy, will continue to live in Kanab, Utah. He may be reached at johnwhiscock@gmail.com.

Jim Jackson, chief ranger, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, July 24 after over 25 years.

Mary Kline, chief of visitor services and resources, Steamtown NHS, Aug. 3 after over 33 years.

Tom Locke, contracting officer, Denver Service Center, July 23 after 30 years of federal service, seven of them with the NPS.



DAVE LUCHSINGER

E&AA Life Member **David M. "Dave" Luchsinger**, superintendent, Statue of Liberty NM and Ellis Island, Jan. 3, 2014 after over 35 years.

Dave began his NPS career at Fire Island NS as a seasonal laborer. He worked his way up to maintenance mechanic and served as acting chief of maintenance. He transferred into administration, working as a concessions specialist, regional concessions analyst and, finally, as administrative chief. He was involved in a number of significant projects including overseeing the multimillion-dollar rehabilitation from the 1991 "Perfect Storm" and assisting with the recovery efforts of the Flight 800 disaster.

Dave later worked as business manager at Gateway NRA and drafted and negotiated a \$70 million historic lease for the rehabilitation of Fort Hancock. He also assisted several other parks and agencies with cooperative agreements and leases, including Cuyahoga Valley NP.

On Sept. 11, 2001, a day before he was to assume his new position as deputy superintendent of Manhattan Sites, Dave was called upon to captain an NPS vessel out of Sandy Hook, N.J., and close down New York Harbor at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. During his tenure, he oversaw a \$16.5 million rehabilitation of Federal Hall N MEM and coordinated the joint session of Congress held there on Sept. 6, 2002, to commemorate the events of 9/11. He also served as acting deputy superintendent of Statue of Liberty NM during the monument's reopening.

In 2006, Dave became superintendent of Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES, with managerial responsibility and oversight for New Orleans Jazz NHP as well. During his tenure, the park was nearly completely rehabilitated from the effects of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike.

After three years at Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES, Dave became superintendent of Statue of Liberty NM, where he was responsible for both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. After Hurricane Sandy hit New York Harbor on Oct. 29, 2012, Dave put aside his retirement plans to reopen Liberty Island on July 4, 2013.

At Dave's retirement party, Joshua Laird, commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor, said of Dave, "Every park he has worked at as a manager has a

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story about him rolling up his sleeves and working alongside his employees to get a job done, including snow removal on Liberty Island. That's the kind of leadership that inspires everyone to give a little more." Dave and his wife, Debbie (also an E&AA Life Member), relocated to New Hampshire upon his retirement.

Evelyn Meyer, budget analyst, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, May 30 after 26 years.

Rita Mihalik, contracting officer and financial assistance officer, National Capital Region, Sept. 30 after 27 years.

Rita began her federal career in 1988 as a clerk typist at the Accounting Operations Center in Reston, Va. She later became a voucher examiner. In 1989, she transferred to Harpers Ferry NHP as a purchasing agent and later became a contract specialist.

In 2007, Rita joined the National Capital Region, initially duty stationed at Antietam NB and, later, at the Western MABO in Frederick, Md. As a contracting officer and financial assistance officer, she primarily processed grants and financial assistance agreements for all the NPS units in the National Capital Region.

During her retirement, Rita looks forward to completing home projects, traveling, antiques and spending more time with her grandchildren.



JOYCE MORRIS

Joyce Morris, exhibits specialist, Harpers Ferry Center's Intermountain Regional group, Aug. 1 after 34 years.

Joyce grew up in the Charles Town-Harpers Ferry area of West Virginia. Her first NPS job was through the Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC). She got a permanent job at Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) in 1981 as a clerk in the museum production shop. At the time, staff fabricated the exhibits elements in-house, and the shop was always active with screen printing, woodcarving, case and frame construction and such.

As HFC's exhibit production system evolved toward outsourcing, Joyce took advantage of on-the-job training opportunities and moved steadily upward. Assigned to the minor rehab exhibit program, she composed scopes of work, schedules and government estimates and coordinated the exhibits rehab task orders.

Since 1995, Joyce has served as exhibits specialist, managing a variety of complex, politically sensitive, multimedia contracts for high-profile museums and visitor centers. She also provided consultation and advisory services and oversaw fabrication and installation. Joyce has worked with parks all over the country and especially enjoys sharing the park staff's excitement when the trucks arrive with the exhibit

elements for the final installations. "We are blessed to work at HFC," she says, "to honor our parks and share their stories with visitors." One of her most personally meaningful projects was Tuskegee Airmen NHS, since she had five uncles who served in the military during World War II.

Joyce's NPS career has been rewarding because of the camaraderie and support from co-workers and supervisors, past and present. She looks forward to an equally rewarding retirement, traveling with her husband and spending time with children, grandchildren and friends.

Beth Patterson, administrative support assistant, Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES, Sept. 30 after 42 years.



Watson Family Photo

CONNIE POTRATZ-WATSON

E&AA Member **Connie L. Potratz-Watson**, visual information specialist, Midwest Region Satellite Office, Jan. 3, 2015 after 36 years.

Connie started her 36-year career as a Student Conservation Association volunteer at Colonial NHP in 1977. She served in several seasonal positions there and in 1980, transferred to her first permanent job with Carlsbad Caverns NP as a park ranger in interpretation. Subsequent duty stations included Lincoln Home NHS and Saint Croix NSR.

In 1992, Connie became the NPS Midwest Region's visual information specialist and remained in that position until her retirement. She is most grateful to all the NPS "family" who supported her throughout her career.

Mary Pat Sanders, park ranger (interpretation), Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES and Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES, May 30 after 20 years.

E&AA Life Member **Dusty Shultz**, superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Nov. 2 after 42 years.

Growing up as, quite literally, a "coal miner's daughter, Dusty began her NPS career in 1973 as a clerk-stenographer at Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS/Johnstown Flood N MEM/Fort Necessity NB as part of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program for disadvantaged youth. In 1979, she became the administrative assistant at Andrew Johnson NHS. In 1981, she joined the contracting branch of the Southeast Regional Office in Atlanta, where she was promoted to regional chief of contracting. In 1990, she became superintendent of Moores Creek NB. At Moores Creek NB, she was commended for completing the long-debated reconstruction of the Widow Moore's Creek Bridge.

In 1993, Dusty became superintendent

of Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, where she oversaw development of new visitor center exhibits and a new park film on Lincoln—securing the services of actor Leonard Nimoy to narrate. She moved to Sleeping Bear Dunes NL in 2001, where she inherited a controversial General Management Planning process and accompanying wilderness proposal that was halted by Departmental order. She promptly set about re-engaging the public and overseeing a brand new iteration of the plan, ultimately resolving the most controversial issues and improving relationships between the park and the community. This work culminated in the 2014 designation at Sleeping Bear Dunes of the first wilderness established in the National Park System in five years.

As she looks back over her 42 years in the NPS, Dusty notes that "Each place I served in had its own unique qualities. The diversity of culture we experienced at these locations was truly a blessing to my family and me, and each holds special memories and life experiences."

In retirement, Dusty and her husband, Ken, plan to remain in the Sleeping Bear Dunes area near their two grown children. She looks forward to more travel, time spent with their two grandsons and being able to "stay up late enough to actually finish a few books!"

Christopher D. Smith, visual information specialist (web), Alaska Regional Office, Sept. 30 after 21 years.

E&AA Life Member **Russell P. "Russ" Smith**, superintendent, First State NHP, Jan. 5, 2015 after 42 years.

Russ began his NPS career soon after earning a degree in American history from the University of Delaware. His 27 years of field experience included assignments at Prince William Forest Park, Fort Sumter NM, Independence NHP, Hopewell Furnace NHS, George Washington Birthplace NM and Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial NMP.

In 11 years at Independence NHP, Russ held both supervisory and staff positions. As the chief of visitor services operations, he oversaw a complex interpretive operation that included 19 buildings and over 100 park rangers/interpreters. As the chief of interpretive support services, he was responsible for training interpretive staff, planning interpretive programs and developing interpretive media.

In 1989, Russ became chief of interpretation and visitor services for the Mid-Atlantic Region, a position through which he pioneered the current interpretive planning system used by the NPS. In subsequent regional office reorganizations, he held two other leadership positions in park operations, working with park superintendents in over 70 areas. In this capacity, he helped to assure that parks received needed support.

Russ's awards include the Mid-Atlantic Region's Freeman Tilden Award (1984), the NPS Director's Design Award for his interpretive plan for Edgar Allan Poe NHS (1987), a DOI Superior Service Award (2002) for redesigning the NPS interpretive planning system and the Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management (2012). Russ is also a graduate of the USDA's Executive Potential Program.

Russ has been active in tourism and preservation efforts in each of the communities in which he has lived and worked. He will continue those interests in retirement, along with enjoying time with his wife, sons and grandchildren.

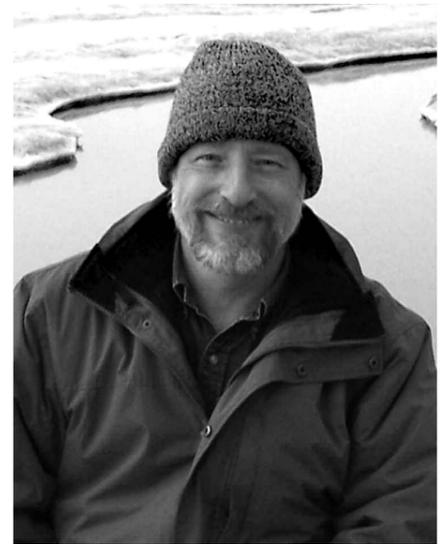
Cynthia Von Halle, chief of interpretation, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, May 30 after 30 years.

Joanne Welch, park ranger (education specialist), Alaska Regional Office, March 31, 2015 after 24 years.

Sharon Wheat-Laster, management and program analyst, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Aug. 28 after 49 years of federal service.

Sharon began her federal career as an intern at the Library of Congress in 1966 while attending Burdick Vocational High School in Washington, D.C. In 1970, she joined the National Park Service Washington Support Office in Land Acquisitions.

After eight years at WASO, Sharon moved to the National Capital Region Office as a management consultant. In 1996, she transferred to National Mall and Memorial Parks as a management and program analyst. In this position, she primarily managed financial assistance agreements with the Partnerships Division. During retirement, Sharon is looking forward to new adventures "in perfume bottles."



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ROBERT WINFREE

Robert Winfree, ecologist and regional science advisor, Alaska Regional Office, July 31 after 25 years.

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E&AA Member **Ethel Ashley**, 93, Sept. 10, peacefully in her sleep, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Ethel's late husband was E&AA Member Kenneth R. "Ash" Ashley, who retired from the NPS in 1980 as chief of operations from the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver, Colo. A Fort Collins, Colo., native, Ethel graduated from Fort Collins High School and then Stephens College in Missouri. Her fondest memories were of her life with Ash. Their courtship began in 1942, and WWII intervened, delaying their romance by over two years. Throughout those years, they exchanged many letters. Ash sent South Sea shells to Ethel, and Ethel found a way to send Ash a .45 caliber pistol. During this time, Ethel worked as a classified advertising manager for *The Fort Collins Express-Courier*.

Ethel and Ash were married in December 1945, seven days after Ash returned from the war. In 1947, Ash began his NPS career as a park ranger at Yosemite NP. They went on to live at other parks where Ash was assigned, including Mount Rainier NP, Yellowstone NP and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Ethel helped advance Ash's 30-year career by hosting park dignitaries and visitors.

Ethel returned to college in 1969 and earned her elementary teaching degree. She taught second grade in Virginia, Nebraska and Colorado and retired from teaching in 1983. During her retirement, she was active in numerous civic activities, including the Avery House Guild. She and Ash welcomed many friends to their home in Fort Collins, where she enjoyed gardening and outdoor activities.

Ash predeceased Ethel in November 2013. Her survivors include her daughter, Jan Brunk (Ron); son, Dave (Sandi); two grandchildren: Laurie and Eric; and three great-grandchildren: Jacob, Zoe and Maya. Memorials may be sent to Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Memorials can specify the Avery House Guild or Timnath Presbyterian Church.

H. Lane Baker, 55, April 4, peacefully at her home in San Francisco after a five-year battle with cancer.

Lane retired from the NPS as superintendent of the Southeast Arizona Group (Chiricahua NM, Coronado N MEM and Fort Bowie NHS) in December 2014. Prior to her superintendency, she served as the deputy chief and then the chief of the Division of Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Services in WASO. Lane started her NPS career as a seasonal fee collector at Yosemite NP in 1983. During her 30-year NPS career, she also worked in field assignments including deputy chief ranger at Yellowstone NP, district ranger at Old Faithful, special agent, subdistrict ranger at Everglades NP and supervisory ranger at Yosemite NP. Shortly before her death, Lane was presented with her NPS law enforcement retirement credentials in a special ceremony at her California home.

"I have had the opportunity to work with many wonderful people in the National Park Service," said Lane upon retiring. "There are many special people that are dedicated to protecting our parks and visitors.... Our parks are world treasures, and I am glad I got to experience them from the front lines."

Lane's survivors include her parents: Bill and Em; two siblings: Terri and Drew; a new puppy named "Gracie Lane;" countless friends; and her NPS family. Memorial donations may be

made to the Stanford Women's Reproductive Cancer Fund – GHARH. Checks may be made out directly to Stanford University with the memo line "GHARH - Lane Baker" and mailed to: Development Services, P.O. Box 20466, Stanford, CA 94309-0466. Or donate online at <http://medicalgiving.stanford.edu>.

Gary J. Bornholdt, 72, May 28.

Gary, former safety officer for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI), retired in 2002 after 10 years of running the safety office at SEKI's headquarters. Prior to that, he worked in the Lodgepole Subdistrict of SEKI and at (then) Pinnacles NM and Everglades NP.

Gary's career took him all over the country, and he was an avid and skilled motorcyclist, cowboy, fly-fisherman, hunter, boater, camper, walker, reader, kachina carver, leather and metal worker, musician and artist. His survivors include his daughter, Mary Ladd, and her family and his brothers, Richard and Ken Bornholdt, and their families.

Gerald "Jerry" Buckbinder, 77, Feb. 13, in New Brunswick, N.J.

Jerry was a printing officer for the NPS in Washington, D.C., for 43 years. He was born in Pawtucket, R.I., and had lived in New Jersey since 1970.

Jerry's survivors include his brother, Sanford; sister, Marilyn; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

E&AA Life Member **James "Jim" Fisher**, 92, March 24, peacefully at home in Montrose, Colo.

Jim retired in 1980 from (then) Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM, where he worked in maintenance driving the water truck. He was a WWII veteran, sailing on Liberty ships in the merchant marine across the North Atlantic.

Jim joined the NPS in the carpenter shop in Yellowstone NP in 1957, becoming the "sign man" for the park the following year. Some of his signs and roadside exhibits are still in use today. The "new" elementary school was built "below the hill" while he was on the school board there. His job expanded into summer maintenance at Grant Village when it was new in 1966.

In 1969, Jim relocated to Flagstaff, Ariz., to help establish the new Group Office there, supporting the many national monuments in Northern Arizona. After three years, he moved to Virgin Islands NP as chief of maintenance, enjoying the island life for a couple of years. A transfer to Grand Teton NP in 1974 to North District maintenance at Coulter Bay gave him opportunities to work with snowplows again. The move to Crater Lake NP in 1976 as chief of maintenance brought to a close his management positions.

When Jim arrived in 1979 at Black Canyon to drive the water truck (Black Canyon has no water in the park), he made the sixth man to work in maintenance. The other five had all worked for him at other sites around the Service. He continued his participation with the national training cadre, even as a truck driver. An early retirement option in 1980 from the Denver Region was too good to pass up, and Jim retired with 23 years of NPS service at age 58.

Jim and his wife, Alice, made friends everywhere they were assigned. They had many adventures on tours around

the world. After retirement, they continued to live in Montrose, traveled from there and enjoyed Western Colorado, where Jim climbed 28 of the "14ers" on that side of the state. His Adirondack chairs are everywhere in the Uncompahgre Valley. Both volunteered at the local library and hospital. Jim also volunteered with Colorado Fish and Game.

Jim is survived by Alice; his two sons: Warren (Deb) and Will (Joan); three granddaughters: Janine, Abby and Katie; four great-grandchildren: Ava, Conner, Hadley and Cecilia; and brother, Morris (Jean). Notes may be sent to Alice at: 2710 Sunnyside Road A4, Montrose, CO 81401.

Tom Flanagan, 38, Aug. 21, road biking on Lookout Mountain Road in Golden, Colo., when he was hit and killed by a suspected drunk driver.

Tom began his career with the NPS in 2006 as a SCEP intern with the Environmental Quality Division (EQD). He then became a project manager before moving into a leadership role as the EQD Environmental Information Management branch chief. In that position, he played a significant role in modernizing the NPS external environmental review process. Tom's survivors include his wife, Carrie, and seven-year-old son, Owen.

David Gallery, 34, June 26, unexpectedly, at his residence.

David, IT specialist for the National Capital Region Communications Center (NCRCC) and longtime Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP employee, was a second generation NPS employee. His father, Martin Gallery, retired in January 2015 after 36 years of service at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. In 1999, David began working in IT at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, where he worked until his transfer to the NCRCC in September 2013. His survivors include his wife, Leatrice; son, Zane; parents; sisters; and many friends.

E&AA Life Member **Nathan B. "Nate" Golub**, 97, Oct. 8, in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Nate served 25 years in the NPS, retiring in 1980 as associate regional director, Operations and Park Management, Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in forestry management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse University in 1939.

Nate was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during WWII (1942-1944) in the Air Transport Command, 52nd Air Base Squadron. In 1943, he married Miriam L. Stone, and the couple went on to have three children.

Nate obtained his professional engineer's license in 1948, and his first permanent NPS appointment was in 1955 as a civil engineer at the Eastern Office of Design and Construction, later becoming chief engineer in 1960. Subsequently, he served as chief of the Division of Maintenance for the Northeast Region (1961) and assistant regional director, Operations, Northeast Region (1970). He became associate regional director, Operations and Park Management, Mid-Atlantic Region, in 1972 and served in this position until his retirement. During his NPS career, Nate was deeply involved in bringing recognition to park maintenance personnel as being equally important as other NPS divisions.

After retirement, Nate volunteered at

Gettysburg NMP and North Cascades NP and was a member of various committees and boards, including the Bucks County Park and Recreation Board, Bucks County Conservation Alliance, Sol Feinstone Environmental Awards Committee and Honey Hollow Environmental Education Center. He was a member of environmental and historic organizations, including Friends of the Delaware Canal, Nature Conservancy, Audubon Society and Wilderness Society. He was a charter member and past president and Paul Harris Fellow of the Washington Crossing Rotary Club and also served as manager of the David Library of the American Revolution. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and traveling.

Nate was predeceased by his wife, Miriam, in 2001. His survivors include his two daughters: Judith and Deborah; son, David; granddaughter, Kyra (Gaurav); great-grandson, Arjun; and brother, David.

E&AA Life Member **Virginia Huff**, 96, Feb. 28, 2014, in Middlesboro, Ky.

Virginia was the assistant to Middlesboro Chamber of Commerce Secretary Howard J. Douglas, who spent over two decades purchasing park lands in Kentucky and Virginia as part of the formation of Cumberland Gap NHP. She became the first secretary of the park and made valuable contributions to its formation. She was awarded the DOI Meritorious Service Award and appointed "Honorary Historian" for her more than 54 years of service promoting knowledge and understanding of the area's history. Cumberland Gap NHP Historian Martha E. Wiley dedicated her 2014 book, *Images of America: The Cumberland Gap National Historical Park*, to Virginia as follows: "To Virginia Huff, whose commitment and love for the park have inspired so many."

Kathryn Bernice "Kathy" Lester, 74, Aug. 9, following a battle with cancer.

Born in Morenci, Ariz., Kathy and her family moved to Seattle when she was a girl. There, she attended school, made lifelong friends, played some serious semipro softball and swam to her heart's content. She also attended Central Washington University.

Kathy met her future husband, Bill Lester, in Port Angeles, Wash., where he was an Olympic NP ranger, and after their marriage, made their home at the Lake Ozette Guard Station. The famous archeological digs of the mid-1970s became her project, and lifelong friendships were forged with Makah tribal elders. After her daughter, Mary, was born in 1976, they transferred to North Cascades NP. She and Bill hand built the park's first alpine plant restoration greenhouse behind their home on the Marblemount compound out of salvaged materials. They also built the first permanent Wilderness Information Center after the little travel trailer proved to be too small. In addition, with Mary inheriting her mother's love for animals, they built a small barn behind their government house, where Mary kept her pony, lamb and other creatures large and small.

Kathy became very involved in 4-H, Pony Club, Greyhound dog rescue and hosting dozens of barbecues and potlucks for seasonal NPS staff. She also worked for numerous local businesses and agencies, including Cascadian Farm in Rock-

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port and the U.S. Forest Service in Darlington and at Casa de Fruita in California when Bill worked at Pinnacles NM. And, despite her advancing illness this past year, Kathy volunteered many hours helping at Marblemount's Bread of Life Food Bank.

For the past 10 years, Kathy hosted a most unusual, multi-day campout party for her many Greyhound rescue friends and their dogs on her land up the Cascade River Road. These times will never be forgotten by those who were there!

Kathy was preceded in her passing by both of her parents, her husband, Bill, and numerous horses, ponies, goats and dogs, especially her beloved Greyhound, Fly Boy. She is survived by her daughter, Mary (Will) and grandson, James; brother, Bruce; brother-in-law, Jerry; numerous other in-laws, nieces and nephews; and her lifelong friend, Mary Langbein. The family wishes to thank Dr. Daniel Garcia of Concrete and his wonderful staff at East Valley Medical/Sea Mar for their care and support. Donations in Kathy's name may be made to the Humane Society of Skagit Valley, 18841 Kelleher Road, Burlington, WA 98233.

E&AA Life Member **Dr. William J. "Bill" Lewis**, 91, July 15, at home in Vermont.

Bill attended Brigham Young University. His coursework there was interrupted when he joined the U.S. Navy during WWII, but he continued his studies at Midshipman School at Columbia University, Communications School at Harvard University and while he served as communications officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Shamrock Bay*.

After WWII, Bill returned to Brigham Young, earning B.A. degrees in speech and physics. In 1948, he obtained his master's degree in mass communication from Northwestern University and, in 1955, a Ph.D. in rhetoric and public address from the University of Florida. During this time, he also helped to produce radio and television programs at WRUF in Gainesville, Fla., and WJXT in Jacksonville. He married his first wife, Roberta Jean (Watson) Lewis, and they had four children.

Wherever Bill was, he was teaching—spending school years in the classroom and summers as a ranger at Yellowstone NP. In 1954, after a year as an instructor in speech at Pennsylvania State University, he began his distinguished career at the University of Vermont (UVM), first as a professor in the Department of Communication. In conjunction with that role, as the department's director of radio and television, he hosted the program, "Living and Learning" on local CBS affiliate WCAX-TV. He served as head of UVM's Mass Communication Division and as interim department chair. Bill was the founder and first station manager of WRUV and the director of a project report sponsored by the Ford Foundation that was instrumental in bringing public television to the state of Vermont.

On a sabbatical leave during the 1967/1968 school year, Bill was a lecturer at San Francisco State University while assisting noted semanticist S.I. Hayakawa. He continued his work for the NPS, primarily at Yellowstone NP, as a ranger, naturalist and a trainer of naturalists. His book, *Interpreting for Park Visitors*, is considered a classic and a must-read for anyone in the field of interpretation and communication.

In 1981, Bill became a professor in

UVM's Department of Sociology. He retired from the NPS in 1983 as interpretive communication specialist at Yellowstone NP. In 1988, he was the recipient of a Fellow Award from the National Association of Interpretation for his written and oral achievements. In 1989, the year of his retirement from UVM, he received the college's George V. Kidder Award for excellence in teaching and motivating students.

In retirement, Bill remained active with trips to Yellowstone NP, family reunions, weddings, birthdays, outings to music and theater events and the "standing room only" carol sings hosted each winter by him and his wife, Sue, at their home in Vermont.

Bill's survivors include his wife, Suzanne Kusserow; her children, Paul, Karl and Adrie and their families; his daughter, Kathy (Chet); son, Britt (Mila); son, Jim (Chiyoko) and son, Roger (Thea); his sisters, Marilyn (Glen), Carla (Jerry) and Karen (Mack); brother, Robert (Phyllise); and dozens of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends, including his first wife, Roberta Jean. A sister, Margaret, predeceased him in 2003. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Craftsbury Chamber Players, P.O. Box 37 Craftsbury, VT 05826 (www.craftsburychamberplayers.org) or to the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, 215 South Wallace Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715 (www.greateryellowstone.org). Online condolences may be made at www.cremationsocietycc.com.

E&AA Life Member **Allan Leaf "Al" Lovaas**, 84, Aug. 9, at home in Hot Springs, S.Dak.

Al retired from the NPS in 1993 after 27 years of service. In 1953, he graduated from South Dakota State College with a bachelor of science degree. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, stationed in Fort Riley, Kans., and Bremerhaven, Germany, then obtained a master's degree in fish and wildlife management from Montana State College in 1957.

Al married Nancy Ellen Collins in 1958, and they spent their honeymoon at Yellowstone NP. Prior to joining the NPS, Al worked for the Montana Fish and Game Department and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Al's first permanent NPS appointment was as regional biologist at the Midwest Regional Office in 1966. He went on to join Wind Cave NP as park biologist in 1970. Subsequently, he was regional chief scientist at the Midwest Regional Office (1975-1981). In 1981, he became regional chief scientist at the Alaska Regional Office, from where he retired in 1993.

Al was predeceased by Nancy, his wife of 56 years. His survivors include his son, Erik (Jennifer); sister, Ruth (Ordean); brother, Richard (Shirley); and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

E&AA Life Member **Virginia R. Maholland**, 89, Oct. 20.

Virginia retired in 1990 from the Denver Service Center, where she served for many years as a program assistant for the Western Team. She truly loved her friends in the National Park Service and was very proud to have been a part of the NPS mission. For many years, she participated in luncheons with local area NPS alumni. She would've celebrated her 90th birthday on November 8, 2015.

Virginia's survivors include two daughters: Terry and Sue, one son: Michael, and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, in 1991.

John R. McCabe, 66, Aug. 6, at home in New Port Richey, Fla.

John served in the National Park Service for 30 years, retiring as curator from Springfield Armory NHS in 2007. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Germany during the Vietnam War.

John's survivors include two sisters, Mary Rittmann (Larry) and Anne Bryce (David), and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02889.

Dan Murphy, 74, June 14, in St. Louis, Mo., due to congestive heart failure.

After receiving his degree in history and archeology from the State University of New York, Dan moved to New Mexico. He was an opera singer in the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera in his younger years and continued to sing for various congregations and occasions throughout his life. He worked at the UN and was a U.S. Coast Guardsman, carpenter, and teacher, and an Elder Hostel guide. He learned to fly small planes before he learned to drive and was a pilot for much of his life.

Dan joined the NPS in 1969 and worked at Arches NP, Grand Canyon NP, Grand Teton NP, Salinas Pueblo Missions NM, the Gateway Arch and the Santa Fe Regional Office in a variety of assignments including archeologist, park ranger, writer/editor and historian. As an archeologist at Salinas Pueblo Missions NM, he founded the Gran Quivira Conference on Spanish Colonial History. He wrote several books, including, *New Mexico, The Distant Land*, and the award-winning *Lewis and Clark, Voyage of Discovery*. He contributed to the design and creation of the Museum of Westward Expansion at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, traveled to Ghana and Sierra Leone to assist in the development of a national park service there and wrote and edited a wide number of interpretive and educational publications for the NPS. But perhaps his strongest legacy was as a mentor, trainer, coach and instructor for permanent and seasonal rangers. Dan was always intellectually curious, a powerful public speaker and had a wonderful sense of humor and sense of adventure.

Dan was instrumental in the founding of Canyonlands Field Institute, an organization promoting understanding and conservation of the Colorado Plateau. He was also a river runner and guide, spending many memorable days in the canyons of the Colorado and San Juan rivers.

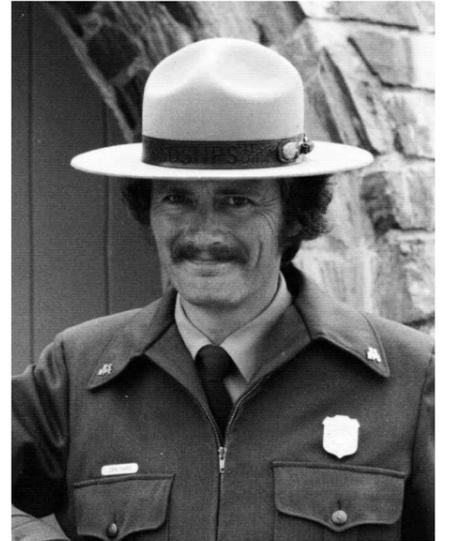
After retirement, Dan was the caretaker for Cunningham Ranch, a Nature Conservancy property in Cisco, Utah. In his later years, he lived in Bluff, Utah; Salt Lake City; Santa Fe; and St. Louis.

Dan's survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Barbara; sister, Mary Ellen Wheeler; children, Russell Murphy, Laurie Murphy, Susan Reynolds and Kathleen Murphy; and grandchildren Ian, Ethan, Alex, Ciaran and Max. Memorial donations may be made to Canyonlands Field Institute at <http://cfimoab.org/donations-membership/>. The bottom of the donation page has a place for memorial contributions.

E&AA Member **John M. Parks**, 77, July 29, peacefully at home in Santa Fe, N.Mex., following a struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

John was raised in Albany, Calif. Friends and family affectionately called him "Johnny." He grew up exploring the outdoors in the San Francisco Bay Area with his best friend, Hi Patton.

John graduated from the University of



JOHN PARKS

California, Berkeley with a degree in civil engineering. While in college, he began his 40-year career with the NPS, working summers in Yosemite NP, Glacier NP, Sequoia NP and Rocky Mountain NP. A year after graduation, John married Ann Thomason, whom he had met in Sequoia NP, and they began their lives as "Parks in the parks."

John's first permanent job with the NPS was with the Western Office of Design and Construction in San Francisco. Each summer, John and Ann were sent on field assignments beginning with Yellowstone NP. Subsequent short assignments included Mesa Verde NP, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, Dinosaur NM (where their first child, Daniel, was born) and Hovenweep NM.

In 1963, John was sent to Flaming Gorge, Utah, where he and Ann welcomed their daughter, Jenny. Eighteen months later, John was transferred to Grand Canyon NP, where he served as chief engineer. While there, their son, Thomas, was born in the rustic log hospital. After six-and-a-half years at Grand Canyon NP, John transferred to Mount Rainier NP, where he was assistant superintendent for five-and-a-half years. Finally, in 1977, he joined the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe as chief of operations. Here, he supervised construction and maintenance in the seven-state Southwest Region for 20 years, retiring as chief of the Division of Engineering and Facility Management in 1996.

John's survivors include his wife, Ann; children: Daniel, Jenny (Kevin Brown) and Thomas; four grandsons: Aidan, Josh, Miles and Garrett; brother, George (Anna); and niece, Louisa. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Teslin, and his parents, John W. and Elsie. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090.

Gregory F. Zeman, 59, April 26.

Greg worked as a seasonal law enforcement ranger at Apostle Islands NL, Voyageurs NP and Blue Ridge Parkway. He obtained permanent federal employment status as a correctional officer at the Oxford Federal Correctional Institution in Oxford, Wis. Greg was a jail supervisor at Yosemite NP from 1986 to 1992. He later worked at Vicksburg NMP, first as the assistant chief ranger and then as chief ranger. He was chief of protection at Apostle Islands NL from 2001 until his retirement in 2010.

Greg's survivors include his wife, Constance; daughter, Kira; son, Kurt; and mother, Hazel. ■

New Places & Faces

Jacqueline Ashwell, from superintendent, Seattle Area National Park Sites, to superintendent, World War II Valor in the Pacific NM (including the USS *Arizona* Memorial and the newly created Honouliuli NM).

Jim Bacon, from superintendent, National Park of American Samoa, to project manager, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

Charles Beall, from a temporary assignment to the NPS Centennial Office, to superintendent, Seattle Area National Park Sites. Charles recently completed a tour as an NPS Bevinetto Congressional Fellow.

Steve Black, from superintendent, Big Hole NB, to superintendent, Little River Canyon N PRES and Russell Cave NM.

Eric Brunnemann, from superintendent, Badlands NP, to superintendent, Guadalupe Mountains NP.

Jon Burpee, from NPS Bevinetto Congressional Fellow, to superintendent, Tule Springs Fossil Beds NM. Prior to Jon's Bevinetto fellowship, he was chief of interpretation and education at Fort Frederica NM and Castillo de San Marcos NM.

Paul Clark, to regional program leader, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program, Alaska Region.

Paul DePrey, from superintendent, World War II Valor in the Pacific NM, to superintendent, Salem Maritime NHS and Saugus Iron Works NHS. Paul will also serve as NPS liaison to the Essex National Heritage Area.

Jennifer "JJ" Di Bella, to chief of Learning and Development Program, WASO.

Virginia S. DuBow, from natural resources program manager, Vicksburg NMP, to chief of resources, Bighorn Canyon NRA.

Allen S. Etheridge, from chief ranger, Big Bend NP and Rio Grande WSR, to superintendent, Southeast Arizona Group (Chiricahua NM, Coronado N MEM and Fort Bowie NHS).

John N. Gibbs, from park ranger (law

enforcement), Golden Gate NRA, to supervisory park ranger (law enforcement), Grand Canyon NP.

David Hansen, from park ranger, Bryce Canyon NP, to chief ranger, Lava Beds NM and the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific NM.

Sarah Hopson, from administrative specialist for the White House Division, President's Park, to management and support specialist, National Capital Region.

Jill Jaworski, supervisory protection ranger, fee program manager and special park use coordinator, Castillo de San Marcos NM and Fort Matanzas NM, to chief ranger, Cape Lookout NS.

Larry Johnson, from superintendent, Jewel Cave NM, to superintendent, Ozark NSR.

Jeremiah Kimbell, to petroleum engineer, Geologic Resources Division.

Emily Linroth, to public affairs specialist, National Capital Region.

Denise Louie, from natural and cultural resources management chief, Pinnacles NP, to assistant team leader, Natural Resources, Pacific West Region - San Francisco.

Brian Mitchell, from acting program manager, South Florida/Caribbean Network, NPS Inventory and Monitoring Program, to chief, Inventory and Monitoring Division, Southeast Region. Prior to his acting assignment, Brian was the manager for the Northeast Temperate Network, NPS Inventory and Monitoring Program.

Rick Obernesser, from superintendent, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, to associate director for visitor and resource protection, WASO.

Brent O'Neill, from management assistant, Office of the Superintendent, to district ranger, North District, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Mike Pflaum, from superintendent, Keweenaw NHP, to superintendent, Badlands NP.

Stephen Pisani, from historical architect, Historic Architecture, Conservation

and Engineering Center, Northeast Region - Lowell, Mass., to historical architect, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Christine "Chris" Powell, from NPS senior congressional affairs specialist, WASO, to associate regional director for legislation, communications, planning and partnerships, Midwest Region.

Michael Quijano-West, from superintendent, Salem Maritime NHS and Saugus Iron Works NHS, to program coordinator, Park Planning and Special Studies Division, Northeast Regional Office.

Lizette Richardson, from chief, Construction Program Management Division - Denver, to superintendent, Lake Mead NRA.

Reed Robinson, from deputy superintendent, Badlands NP, to program manager, Office of American Indian Affairs, Midwest Region.

David Roemer, from chief of resource management and science, to deputy superintendent, Redwood NP.

Lori Rome, from chief of interpretation, Capitol Reef NP, to interpretive specialist, American Battle Monument Commission in Normandy, France (for an 18-month detail, which runs through Jan. 21, 2017).

Chris Ryan, from chief ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NP, to superintendent, Amistad NRA.

Denise E. Ryan, to deputy director for congressional and external relations, NPS Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs.

Georgia Shaw, from chief ranger, Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES, New Orleans Jazz NHP and Cane River Creole NHP, to superintendent, NPS Law Enforcement Training Center.

Gary Stansberry, from maintenance supervisor for roads, railroad and auto shop, Cuyahoga Valley NP, to chief of maintenance, Biscayne NP.



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Lee Taylor, from superintendent, San Juan Island NHP, to deputy superintendent, Olympic NP.

Gay Vietzke, from deputy regional director, Northeast Region, to superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Angela Wetz, from superintendent, Nicodemus NHS, to superintendent, Fossil Butte NM.

Larry Whalon, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Lava Beds NM and the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific NM. Prior to his acting assignment, Larry was deputy superintendent of Mojave N PRES.

Tamara "Tammy" Whittington, from associate regional director of resource stewardship and science, Intermountain Region, to superintendent, Big Cypress N PRES.

Roy Zipp, from environmental protection specialist, North Cascades National Park Service Complex, to operations manager, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

James Kendrick, Gene Smith and John H. Sprinkle, Jr.

Alumni News

Sept. 1, 2015 marked the end of an era, as the first day in nearly three decades that the *NPS Morning Report* was not published. The following is a tribute to E&AA Life Member **Bill Halainen**, editor of the *Morning Report*, provided by Midwest Regional Director Cameron Sholly:

"Always reliable, the report will be remembered as one of the longest running and successful communications platforms in NPS history. Since 1986, it has featured over 20,000 NPS incidents, along with thousands of other stories profiling the incredible work of NPS employees and partners around the country.

"Like everything, our systems and processes are only as good as the people managing them. In the case of the report, one person deserves the credit for its sustained success: Bill Halainen. Bill developed a vision for the report in the

mid-1980s, while working in WASO, and executed it in remarkable fashion over the next 30 years. Not only did he serve as the primary editor between 1986 and 2015, for the majority of that time span, he was the only editor. Only in recent years, was a backup editor available to Bill. We all owe Bill an enormous debt of gratitude for the thousands of hours he spent editing this report. He never missed a beat, even on his vacations and weekends, for nearly 30 years.

"Bill started his career as a seasonal interpretive ranger in 1974 at Little Bighorn Battlefield NM. He then worked seasonally as an interpreter ranger at Mesa Verde NP (1975-1977), moved to Colonial NHP as a permanent in protection (1977-1980), then to Minute Man NHP as a protection ranger (1980-1985).

"He moved to WASO in 1985 as the

NPS uniform program manager and began editing the report in 1986. After nearly 10 years in WASO, he became a management assistant to the superintendent at Delaware Water Gap NRA, where he continued editing the report as a collateral duty until he retired in 2007. Luckily for the NPS, after his 'official' retirement, he continued editing the report as an NPS contractor, working for WASO communications for the past eight years.

"Bill's great work and contributions have been recognized by many over the years. He is the recipient of countless awards, including: Distinguished Service Award given by the Association of National Park Rangers; three Director's Performance Awards for development of Servicewide reporting systems and helping develop the Service's first website in 1995; the Outstanding Service Award from the International Ranger Federation for his role in writing and publishing *The Thin Green Line*; the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Unsung Hero Award, given for his sustained efforts in Service communica-

tions in 1999; the DOI Meritorious Service Award given in 2006 for his wide-ranging career achievements; the President's Award from the Association of National Park Rangers in 2009; and, most recently, the George B. Hartzog Award given by the Coalition of NPS Retirees in 2015.

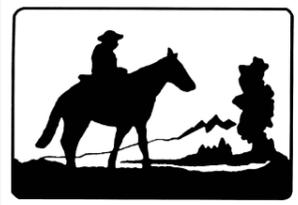
"For those of you that know Bill, you know his skill and dedication are unparalleled. Despite moving through various positions in the NPS, he took a personal ownership of the report out of pure and selfless dedication to the NPS mission and its employees. Throughout his career, Bill has been known for being selfless, humble, high performing, highly reliable, dedicated to the mission and committed to excellence. His efforts had very real and positive impacts on tens of thousands of readers over the years. While the report may be gone for now, the impacts of Bill's contributions will always be remembered and greatly appreciated."

And also from your friends at the E&AA—thanks for all of your years of great work, Bill! ■

Arrowhead

The Newsletter of the Employees & Alumni
Association of the National Park Service

470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034



An Update for the Readers of the E&AA Arrowhead Newsletter

As many of you may recall, in 2012, the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) changed the way we produced and distributed the *Arrowhead* newsletter in response to the National Park Service director's "Green Parks Plan" for sustaining and conserving resources through reduced consumption. Up to that time, we had utilized significant material and fiscal resources distributing a hard-copy *Arrowhead* newsletter not only to 1,900 E&AA members but also to over 20,000 National Park Service employees.

In the spirit of "going green," we started producing and distributing the *Arrowhead* newsletter electronically by posting it to the E&AA website at www.eandaa.org where members, employees and alumni can access it at any time from a personal computer, iPad®, iPhone®, etc.

Today, because of this decision in cooperation with National Park Service goals for using technology to disseminate information, we have saved the material and fiscal resources that we would have expended over the past three years producing and distributing thousands of issues of the hard-copy *Arrowhead* newsletter. We want to take this moment to thank all of our members who joined with us in this resource-saving initiative by going online to access the *Arrowhead* newsletter.

We still have some members to whom we mail a hard copy of the *Arrowhead* newsletter, but the number is declining. Eventually, we will have to cease producing and distributing hard-copy versions of the *Arrowhead* in the spirit of going "completely green." For now, we will continue to provide the printed version to those members who want it, and we will announce in advance any change to this approach.

We are grateful for the interest and support of all of our E&AA members. ■

Contribute Your Stories to the E&AA Arrowhead Newsletter

Submit information, stories and photos to E&AA *Arrowhead*, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be emailed to jennifer.allen@candaa.org or faxed to (215) 283-6925. Photographs are welcomed. Please email photos as tiff or jpeg files at 300 pixels per inch. Please identify who is in the photo and who took the photo. If the photo is mailed as a hard copy and you would like it to be returned, please provide an SASE. We are not responsible for unsolicited material.

We will use as many submissions as possible in an issue. Time-sensitive materials and those received first will receive priority. We may hold submissions for use in a later issue. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (215) 283-6900, ext. 136.

Contribution to the E&AA Trust Fund

The E&AA Trust Fund (a 501(c)(3)) is supported only by your generous contributions. Use this form to make a tax-deductible contribution to the E&AA Trust Fund. Donations may also be made to E&AA, a 501(c)(4) organization. These gifts are not tax deductible. Send completed form to Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

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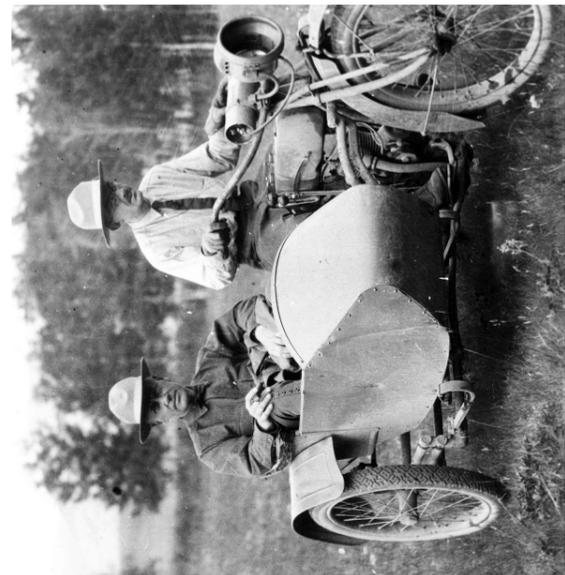
We encourage our E&AA members to take advantage of the Internet to keep abreast of the information that the NPS is providing on www.nps.gov. The DOI also prepares a weekly video, "This Week at Interior," on YouTube that focuses on current activities that are of interest to the public.

Since relevant NPS information is available on a daily and weekly basis on the Internet, editions of the *Arrowhead* newsletter 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.

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.

Thank you to the following newsletter contributors: Cheryl Alexander, Lindy Allen, David Arnold, Angela Bates, Paula Beale, Katherine Betts, Malinee Crapsey, Elizabeth Deane, Dana Dierkes, Virginia DuBowy, Christie Fairchild, Warren Fisher, Julie Fonseca de Borges, John Gibbs, Deborah Golub, Magaly Green, Jane Hanna, Matt Johnson, Suzanne Kusserow, Alex MacKenzie, Barb Maynes, Rita Mihalik, Kathleen Murphy, Nancy Murray, Patrick O'Driscoll, Ann Parks, Ann Rasor, Dick Rayner, Ellis Richard, Lori Rome, Denise Shultz, Dusty Shultz, James Woolsey and Kathy Ziegenfus.

EASTERN NATIONAL HAS ANNOUNCED the winners of the Passport To Your National Parks® 2016 photo contest. The 2016 winners and regions are: National Stamp: NPS Centennial, NPS photo (pictured at left, featuring Stephen T. Mather, the first director of the National Park Service (in sidecar) ca. 1923); North Atlantic Region: Acadia NP, NPS photo by Kristi Rugg; Mid-Atlantic Region: Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, NPS photo; National Capital Region: John Paul Jones Memorial, Photo by John Donoghue; Southeast Region: Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP, Photo by Stacy Humphreys; Midwest Region: George Rogers Clark NHP, Photo by Jason Collins; Southwest Region: Capulin Volcano NM, Photo by Gavin Gardner; Rocky Mountain Region: Fort Union Trading Post NHS, NPS photo by Emily Sunblade; Western Region: Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Photo by Janice Wei; Pacific Northwest and Alaska Region: San Juan Island NHP, Photo by Gary Taitelton. The 2016 stamp set can be purchased online at www.eParks.com, by calling 877-628-7275 or by visiting a participating national park. The Passport To Your National Parks® book, the Passport Explorer Edition and commemorative stamp sets from previous years (1986 through 2015) are also available.



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