

Newsletter

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Harry Yount Award Winner



Photo: Bob McNeely, White House Photography

Sec. Babbitt, Jim Hannah, President Clinton and Shirley Hannah at the White House.

Jim Hannah, Wrangell-St. Elias NP&PRES (AK), won the service-wide Harry Yount Award. Jim holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Louisville and a master's from Butler University.

He began as a seasonal ranger at Dinosaur NM (CO) in 1969. He became permanent at Grand Canyon NP (AZ) in 1972 and worked at Bryce Canyon and Big Bend. He went to Alaska in

1980. The award recognizes his exceptional resource management ability, law enforcement, aviation and emergency service, and visitor and ranger education proficiency.

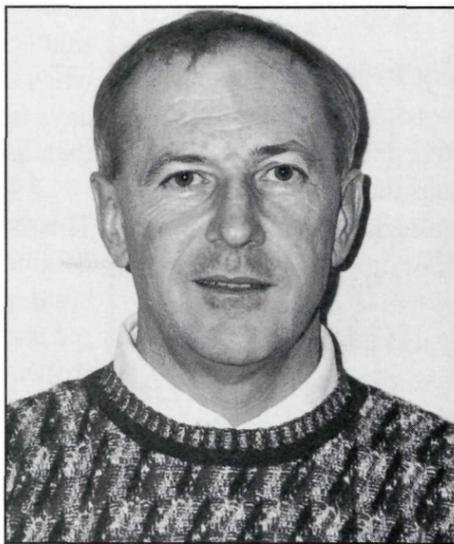
Kowski Tournament Raises \$8,300

Frank F. Kowski served the NPS from 1937 until his retirement in March, 1974. He won acclaim as director of the Albright Training Center, first at Yosemite and then at Grand Canyon NP. His final assignment was as a much beloved Southwest RD. He died unexpectedly on February 3, 1975, a day in which he had taken advantage of unseasonably warm Santa Fe weather to play nine holes of golf and had joined a small gathering of Park Service friends in the evening. He suffered an attack and died while playing cribbage. The local newspaper,

Fred Suarez, Intermountain region chief, Land Resources Division, 1994 Kowski National Champion. See information, page 13.

the Santa Fe New Mexican, called Kowski a Park Service legend. The newspaper added: "Many of the rangers and other professionals in the National Park Service were schooled under Kowski and reflect his philosophy."

The idea for the tournament was conceived by James W. Lewis, at the time an employee at Padre Island NS. Monte Fitch, then associate director, Operations, SWR and chairman of the Board of Directors of the E&AA, implemented the idea. Earl Hassebrock, then associate



RD, Administration, SWR, organized the tournament and served as its director through 1985. In 1986, when Mr. Hassebrock retired, David Thompson, former Southeast RD who retired in Cochiti, NM became tourney director. Hassebrock introduced the Callaway Handicap System at the outset of the first tournament in order to assure compa-

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Ranger Congress Notes

On May 21, the first international congress of rangers from throughout the world met in Zakopane, Poland, at the foot of the high and snow-covered mountains of Tatra National Park, an international biosphere reserve.

The congress, which was put together by the three-year-old International Ranger Federation brought together 135 delegates. Most of them came on their own time and funds; some came through sponsorship by internationally-minded sponsoring organizations in the United States, Scotland and England. All came with an intense desire to meet their fellow rangers from other lands, to share their problems and ideas, to find ways to support and help each other, and, above all, to foster international camaraderie among rangers everywhere.

The rangers came from 35 nations including Rumania and Nepal, Kenya and Tasmania, Sweden and Jamaica, Scotland and Uruguay, Iceland and South Africa. For five days, they talked about problems that again and again seemed so common to everyone - ever-increasing pressures on resources, insufficient funding and staffing, political compromises that led to the degradation of protected areas. Some talked about rangers killed while trying to protect their parks, particularly in Kenya; some about the difficulties of managing areas that are not owned in fee; some, particularly in Eastern Europe, about their struggles to set up ranger services in still embryonic parks.

But the focus wasn't always on problems. Time and again, particularly small group discussions, solutions to problems in one nation would come from successful trial and error in another. Stories and anecdotes were shared about experiences common to rangers everywhere - a story about a poaching problem in Finland would get nods of recognition and similar stories from a ranger from Australia. The

week's meetings and workshops were broken up by field trips to limestone valleys and high cliffs of the Tatras, on a rafting trip down Dunajec Gorge in Pieniny National Park, and around a roaring bonfire behind Tatra National Park's new visitor center, where vodka toasts alternated with songs from around the world.

It was an extraordinary week, marked by great promise for international cooperation among rangers in the future. Although there are a number of international bodies that deal with national park and protected area issues, this is the only one composed of rangers who do the day-to-day work in the field. The International Ranger Federation, which sponsored the congress, is made up of national and state ranger organizations from around the world, with about 25 members now and more joining monthly. Immediate plans are to continue and foster the spirit of Zakopane by newsletters, international assistance of member associations, and travel to each others' national meetings; long term plans call for meetings every two or three years, with the next session to be held in South Africa or Costa Rica, depending on costs, local support and related issues.

We look to the E&AA for support and membership. Several retired rangers attended the congress at Zakopane, and we expect to see more of you at the next meeting. We need your expertise and your willing hands to help out. Membership in IRF is through ranger associations - currently either the Association of National Park Rangers or the California State Park Rangers Association in the United States. Join now, and become a supporter of the international ranger movement.

*--Bill Halainen
Association of National
Park Rangers*

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Focus on the Parks

Editors' Note: The poem, *They need your Kokua at the Pu'uhonua*, in the last issue, was written by **Robert Barrel** when he was the director of the Pacific Area Office. Bob retired from the directorship several years ago and lives in Kailua, on Oahu. Thanks to **Jerry Shimoda** for setting us straight.

Dry Tortugas NP (FL) held an interpretive program for Women's History Month. Volunteers from the Natural History Association dressed in 1860s-style clothing and interpreted life as wives of lighthouse keepers'. **Eloise Pratt**, Florida National Parks & Monuments Association, prepared a display about women in history. Some of the women remembered in the display were Mary Bethel, a light keeper; Laura Keene, performer at Ford's Theater whose benefit performance Lincoln had come to see on April 14; and Mary Elizabeth Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the government for, as Andrew Johnson said, participating in the plot to assassinate Lincoln.

Hawaii Volcanoes NP (HI) was the site for a Marsokhod planetary rover test drive. The test simulated a remote-controlled exploration of the Moon and Mars and tested the application of virtual environment and telepresence technology. Equipped with titanium wheels, a robotic arm and video cameras, the rover traversed the ash deposits and lava flows of Kilauea. NASA, McDonnell Douglas, The Planetary Society and the USGS participated.

A Western theme park in Japan features a replica of Mount Rushmore. Jim Popovich, **Mount Rushmore NMEM's (SD)** chief of interpretation, said that Kenich Ominami, the park owner, has visited South Dakota several times. Ominami has a fascination with the state since seeing *Dances With Wolves*.

Hopewell Furnace NHS (PA) would like volunteers for its apprentice collier (charcoal maker) program. Training sessions will last one week and begin Aug. 3 and Sept. 27. Call Dick Lahey (610) 582-8773 for more information. The site

also held a sheep shearing demonstration May 14. Farmer Dick Lahey and Randy Stitzel, professional shearer, demonstrated both modern electric shearing and 1830s hand shearing. The park held a Spring Clean Up Day April 30. Friends of the park and other volunteers picked up litter along 6 miles of roadway. The litter was sorted to pick out that which could be recycled. **Ranger Norm Feil** received a big thank you from **Supt. Derrick Cook** for organizing the event.

Gettysburg NMP (PA) held activities to commemorate the 50th anniversary of V-E day. The events included a living history depiction of the 29th Infantry Division and presentation of a traveling exhibit, World War II: The Pennsylvania Homefront. The exhibit tells the story of the contributions made by Pennsylvanians to the war effort. The park will also sponsor living history reenactments of Civil War military drills, civilian hospital workers, the signal corps and black powder firing demonstrations throughout the summer.

Point Reyes NS (CA) has a new naturalist program about native and non-native plant issues that gets visitors involved. The Habitat Restoration Project targets non-native plants that threaten and compete with native plant communities. Volunteers used weed wrenches to pull out Scotch broom by the roots. Forty eight volunteers pulled 2,400 plants in 9 hours!

Carlsbad Caverns NP (NM) held a month of special events in May. Solar Week, International Migratory Bird Week, New Mexico Heritage Preservation Week and National Park Week were the reasons for many speakers, demonstrations, video presentations and a

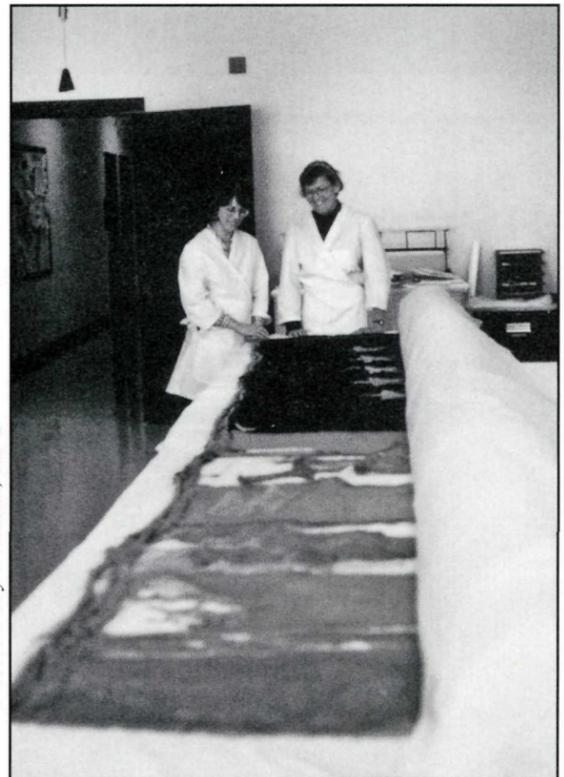


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Rita Kauneckas and Jane Merritt with the garrison flag.

Fort Sumter's 1860s Flag

Few flags are as well known as the garrison flag from Fort Sumter. Two flags were issued to a fort, a large garrison flag and a smaller storm flag to fly in poor or windy weather. Both the garrison and the storm flags flew at Fort Sumter on the eve of the Civil War. Historian Leslie Jensen concluded that the storm flag flew during the bombardment on April 12, 1861. Major Robert Anderson and his troops saluted the garrison flag when they left the Fort two days later under the terms of their surrender.

The garrison flag is a national flag made of wool bunting with 13 alternating red and white horizontal stripes and 33 white stars against a blue union. Today the flag is approximately 19 feet by 23 feet, but we know the regulation size for a garrison flag was 20 feet by 36 feet. Almost half of the original red and white stripes on the fly end are missing, a result of use and a 75 year history of continuous exhibition.

The Anderson family kept the flags in its possession until 1905. After the death of Mrs. Anderson, the flags were donated to the War

Department. In 1954, they were transferred to the NPS and prepared for display at the Fort.

The flags were displayed at Fort Sumter until 1981 when they were brought to the textile Laboratory in the Division of Conservation, HFC for treatment. The storm flag was treated and returned to the park for exhibit. The garrison flag, too fragile to display in its entirety remained in storage at HFC.

In February, the Textile Laboratory began the task of treating the flag. Rita Kauneckas, a contract conservator, and Jane Merritt, the Division's textile conservator have been collaborating with park staff to develop a safe storage/display system. The flag is extremely fragile and this should be the last time it is handled. It will be rolled but the hoist will be set later on a support. A specially designed case with a viewing window will be built to house and display the flag at the park. -- Jane Merritt, Textile Conservator, HFC



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Focus on the Parks

Fun-in-the-Sun Run. The National Speleological Society and Cave Research Foundation participated in the cave restoration field camp at the cave. Lechuguilla Cave, in the park, is featured in an exhibit, now through September, in the Interior Building in Washington, DC. The exhibit will display 21 color photographs by Peter Jones, artist and pottery maker, from Camden, ME.

Charles Pinckney NHS (SC) opened May 5. The 28-acre site is a part of Pinckney's 715 acre plantation that was known as Sneer Farm. The site honors Pinckney who, in 1787, helped to write our Constitution. He was instrumental in establishing the new national government and leading the Jeffersonian Republican Party in South Carolina. The site's 18th century historical remains will be excavated this summer. The site is open Thursday through Monday; admission is free. Call (803) 881-5516 or (803) 883-3123.

Independence NHP (PA) was the site of the tenth annual African American Festival in May. The festival included a parade of about 3,500 people, live entertainment, food and sale of related items. The estimated attendance for the two days was 12,000.

The park also commemorated the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Rangers dressed in period clothing read the Declaration near the site where it was read on July 8, 1776.

The new visitor center and film "LBJ, The President" attracted a distinguished group at the Johnson City unit of **Lyndon B. Johnson**

NHP (TX). The film, an HFC production by, now retired, Jerry Ward received rave reviews from Mrs. Johnson, Asst. Sec. George Frampton, Dep. Dir. John Reynolds and Field Dirs. John Cook and Jerry Rogers.

Supt. Bill Gwaltney, Ft. Laramie NHS (WY), was profiled in Wyoming's two largest papers. The articles discussed Bill's long interest in Western history. He plans to enhance the fort's interpretation of the fur trade.

Canyonlands NP (UT) was featured on Good Morning America May 17. Reporter Lynn Swann, a former NFL player, hiked, biked and boated in the park. **Supt. Walt Dabney** and interpreter **Mary Beth Maynard** were interviewed in the segment.

Sue Langdon, Rocky Mountain NP (CO) seasonal, was on a children's news program to tell how kids should prepare for a safe hike in a National Park. The show was syndicated to 150 other US cities.

Golden Spike NHS (UT) celebrated the 126th anniversary of the transcontinental railroad completion May 10. Park staff reenacted the original 1869 Golden Spike Ceremony.

Manassas NBP (VA) will present many interpretive programs this summer including a walking tour of Henry Hill, a van tour of Second Manassas, a unfinished railroad tour, a program on civilians during the war, and visits to the Stone House.

Antietam NB (MD) will hold Battle Anniversary Weekend in mid-September and feature special walking tours and battlefield encampments. The Saturday

evening torchlight tour, "War Comes to Washington County," stresses the impact of the battle on the local population with vignettes by volunteers portraying Union and Confederate soldiers and 19th century civilians.

Antietam is also working with partners over the summer. It is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Monument



Ceremonial first tree planting as part of Antietam NB's West Woods Reforestation Program. NPS Dep. Reg. Dir. Terry Carlstrom, Supt. Susan Moore and a county commissioner pitch in.

program, National Cemetery Headstone Cleaning project with local schools, West Woods Reforestation project and Water Watcher, an aquatic environmental education project.

Kowski Golf Tournament Announced

This year's Kowski Tournament for the area around Southeast Pennsylvania will be August 24.

Join Valley Forge NHP at Blackwood Golf Club in Douglassville, just a few miles west of the park. Tee time is 10:00am. Cost includes prizes. Seniors (walking) \$21, Regular (walking) \$23, with cart \$28.

Call David Seguin (610)783-1028 for more information.

A Little Glass Music

The mention of Benjamin Franklin floods the mind with thoughts of his many accomplishments. People around the world have benefited from Franklin's works and his devotion to conveniences. Popular inventions like bifocals and the Franklin stove are remembered. There are lesser known products of his creative mind, such as his musical instrument, the glass armonica. The glass armonica, although largely unknown, probably brought the most joy to the Franklin family and others in America and Europe.

In 1988 Independence NHP purchased a glass armonica from Gerhard Finkenbeiner, a manufacturer and musician in Waltham, MA. Mr. Finkenbeiner maintains the park's armonica and provides information on proper care and playing of the instrument. The armonica is displayed in Franklin Court's Underground Museum and draws much attention. Armonica music is piped into the museum, when park rangers are not playing the instrument, so all visitors can enjoy the glass music during their visit.

Independence NHP sponsors concerts by professional musicians/armonicists such as Cecilia Brauer,

Metropolitan Opera Orchestra; Dennis James, California; and Vera Myer, Massachusetts. Their concerts share the beauty of glass music with thousands of visitors. They also have brought increased popularity to the glass armonica. Independence joins other glass music enthusiasts that enjoy Franklin's invention. Glass Music International, based in Massachusetts, is devoted to bringing back the glass armonica, which has just recently appeared in popular culture. In the movie, *Interview With A Vampire*, Cecilia Brauer's playing during the opening scenes created an ethereal sound to set the movie's tone. Dennis James played at a celebration of Mozart in Austria. Dennis plays so often in Europe, he keeps an armonica there! Gerhard Finkenbeiner appeared on the television show, *To Tell The Truth*, in the early 1970s to call attention to the forgotten invention.

Independence NHP is proud to work with others to promote this instrument. Our goal is a common one - to bring the glass armonica back to life by remembering Benjamin Franklin's most prized invention. -- Joy M. Pietschmann, ranger, Independence NHP (PA)



Ranger Joy Pietschmann plays the armonica for visitors at Independence NHP.



Kudos and Awards

Alan Cox, assistant superintendent at San Antonio Missions NHP (TX), and **Kurt Oliver**, supervisory park ranger at Rocky Mountain NP (CO), received their regions' 1995 Harry Yount Award for outstanding achievement in park rangers. Alan was honored for excellence in fire, emergency response and law enforcement skills and overall rangers excellence. Kurt was recognized for exceptional management of the park's livery operations, the park shuttle service, commitment to park resources and excellence in overall management ability.

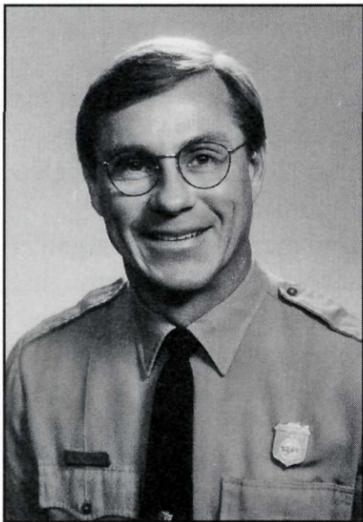
Shannon Lyon, administrative support clerk at Colorado NM (CO), and her search dog, **Klapatche**, a Labrador/German shepherd mix, have completed rigorous training and are certified by Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado as a search and rescue dog team. The team is the first to be certified in Mesa County. Typical missions will be searching for lost hikers and hunters.

Jerry Hightower, environmental education coordinator, Chattahoochee River NRA (GA), received an award for "nurturing a strong environmental stewardship ethic" from the Daughters of the American Revolution. He was also honored by the Garden Club of Georgia by receiving its Award of Merit, the highest award given to non-members.

The **NPS Ski Team** won the 1994-1995 Business League Championship in the Colorado TeamSki citizen league. The "A" team was undefeated and the "B" team finished eighth. All of the team members won season medals. **Pat Shea**, **Erny Kuncel** and **Nancy Kuncel** won gold medals. **Cynthia Hunter**, **Kevin O'Shea**, **Katie Crone** and **Kevin Anderson** won silver medals. The team's members are DSC, RMR, HFC and WASO employees and family. Call Cynthia Hunter (303) 969-2556 for more information on the ski team.

Mammoth Cave NP (KY) and the Great Onyx Job Corps won the best exhibit award for

a Black history display that focused on cave history. The display featured early cave guides, Ed Bishop, Matt Bransford and Nic Bransford. Great Onyx's part of the display featured career opportunities for its students.



Paul Hedren

At the spring Midwest Region superintendents' conference in Kansas City, MWRD Bill Schenk presented a Superior Service Award to **Paul Hedren**, superintendent of Fort Union Trading Post NHS (ND, MT). The award recognized Hedren's entrepreneurial management skills during Fort Union's development in the late 1980s, and his career long commitment to the history profession. Hedren is the author/editor of five books (with a sixth in-press), has held elected and appointed positions with the Western History Association and other history groups, and is a frequent speaker at history conferences and gatherings. He is a twenty-three year veteran of the NPS with four different assignments in the system.

Maureen Finnerty, associate director for operations, WASO, received a Meritorious Service Award for being an "outstanding advocate for sound ecological solutions to resource management issues."

John Crowley, SWR, received a Special Achievement Award from WASO for his performance during the development of Operation Opportunity.

James A. Loach, MWR ARD Operations, received a Certificate of Recognition for

environmental resource contributions as a member of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway Zebra Mussel Team. He is a life member of the E&AA.

Troy Lissimore, Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS (GA) superintendent, and SERO information officer, **Paul Winegar** received Superior Service Awards and replica Civil War sabres for handling media events in the dispute over facilities at the park.

Elizabeth Koreman, DSC landscape architect, has been named as a Loeb Fellow in advanced environmental studies by the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. Elizabeth will complete an independent study during her year in Cambridge. The fellowship was established to allow accomplished people in planning, architecture, public art and journalism to further their studies at Harvard.

Kevin Buckley, general superintendent at Gateway NRA (NY), was named Irish Man of the Year by the Irish-American Heritage and Culture Committee of the New York Board of Education. He was honored for promoting cultural awareness at his sites.

Gerhard Hackman, Jr., maintenance employee at Lincoln Boyhood NMEM (IN), received the Director's Safety Achievement Award. He was nominated by his coworkers who say that he is a role model who ensures safety and health awareness and he has earned the total vocational respect of all his associates.

John Piltzecker, Boston NHP (MA); **Kevin McMurray**, NARA; **Blaise Davi**, Minute Man NHP (MA); **Steve Gazzano**, Cape Cod NS (MA); and **Grace McGrath**, NARO, have been graduated from the NAR Management Feeder Program. The 12-month program is designed to create competitive candidates for NAR management vacancies. The group is the second class to complete the course.

Kirby Matthew, **Bill Love** and **Hunter Glidewell** have completed training at the Williamsport Preservation Training Center. They received

certificates for completing the program, passing a written test and presenting research to a review board.

RMR's **Susan Garland**, **Dick Powell** and **Mike Schene** have received Outstanding Achievement Awards from the EPA for their efforts on the Park Environments 2000 initiative. The program aims to eliminate hazardous waste production at RMR parks by 2000, ensure compliance with all state and federal environmental laws, eliminate land and water pollution caused by human waste, identify and address old pump sites and enable parks and concessionaires to respond promptly to hazardous material spills.

Bill Spitzer, assistant director of Recreation Programs, received a unique Patriarch Award by WASO and field staff at the Servicewide Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Workshops. He was recognized for his sustaining vision, bold leadership and heartfelt support.

Floyd Fawcett of West Branch, IA, received a special commendation award from the NPS for more than 50 years of dedication to the preservation of Herbert Hoover NHS (IA). The award was signed by Dir. Kennedy and presented by Carol Kohan, superintendent of the site.

Historical Landscape architects were honored as part of the Olmstead-Harvard partnership. The partnership received a National Landscape Award for innovative work with carries on the tradition of Olmstead. NPS landscape architects honored were **Margaret Coffin**, **Catherine Evans**, **H. Eliot Foulds**, **Heidi Hohmann**, **Katherine Lacy** and **Lauren Meier**. Olmstead Center manager, **Nora Mitchell**; Olmstead deputy superintendent, **Lee Farrow Cook**; and **Supt. Rolf Diamant** were also recognized with the award.

Calvin R. Cummings, senior archeologist, anthropology division, WASO, and **Lawrence E. Aten**, retired former chief of the Interagency Resources Division, WASO,

won the Society for American Archeology's Cultural Resource Management Awards for Career Achievement. The men were honored for their dedication to innovative and significant contributions to cultural resource management.

Arches **Supt. Noel Poe** and DSC's **Marilyn Hof**, outdoor recreation planner, won the Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award for furthering the Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) program at Arches NP (UT). The award is sponsored by the American Recreation Coalition.

Henry Campbell, maintenance supervisor at Jamestown, VA, convinced park management that parts of the auto drive at Jamestown needed to be cleared of vegetation so visitors can see the scenes that are painted on interpretive signs. Henry directed the staff in completing the project. His commitment to the park's appearance has improved visitor experiences. Perhaps his title should be "interpretive maintenance supervisor!"

Joy Lyons, interpretive supervisor at Mammoth Cave NP (NM), uses her creative writing talent for interpretation. This year, however, she also volunteered with the Barren County Board of Education, whose schools her two children attend. She helped write a proposal for more individual math and science instruction; the schools received a grant for \$40,000.

Supt. Susan Moore, Antietam NB (MD), shared a letter from the keepers of the Piper House. It said, in part, "We have found you and the men and women, full time staff and volunteers alike, of the NPS, Antietam NB, to be of the highest caliber and represent the Park Service with dignity and excellence." **Richard Brown**, **Ed Wenschhof**, **Charlie Fenwick**, **Ted Alexander**, **Paul Chiles**, **Al Feidler**, **Keith Snyder**, **Bill Adams**, **Walter Smith** and **Walt DeWalt** received special thanks from the inn keepers.

New Places

Marie Griego, SWSSO (Southwest Systems Support Office) to secretary, Bandelier NM (SD).

Michael Linde from RTCA, Mid-Atlantic to chief, Recreation Programs Division, CCC SSO.

Larry Sandarciero, administrative clerk, Scotts Bluff NM (NE), to administrative officer, Sagamore Hill NHS (NY).

Phyllis Stromme, ARO, contracting to administrative assistant, Chickasaw NRA (OK).

Tom Chisdock, ranger, Denali NP&PRES (AK), to USFWS.

Ray Moore, facility manager, Oregon Caves NM (OR), to maintenance supervisor, Big Bend NP (TX).

Sue McGill has been named chief of maintenance at Great Smoky Mountains NP (TN, NC). She served as a Bevinetto Fellow for the past two years and as superintendent at Timpanogos Cave NM (UT).

Douglas H. Scovill, chief anthropologist, WASO, to chief of cultural resources, Mojave NPRES (CA).

Don Coelho, north district ranger, Grand Teton NP (WY) to valley district ranger, Yosemite NP (CA).

Mary Coelho, fire program clerk, Grand Teton NP (WY) to administrative assistant, Yosemite NP (CA).

Mike Reynolds, from Curecanti to chief of natural resources, Cape Cod NS (MA).

Mary Elizabeth Baldwin, from Chickamauga-Chattanooga, to budget assistant, Cape Cod NS (MA).

Alan Schierer from resource management specialist to regional environmental and wilderness coordinator, WRO.

Steve Martin from acting superintendent to superintendent, Denali NP & PRES (AK).

Harriett "Frosty" Bennett from maintenance clerk, Guadalupe Mountains NP (TX) to automation clerk, Carlsbad Caverns NP (NM).

Phil Swartz, law enforcement ranger, Canaveral NS (FL) to same, Vicksburg NMP (MS).

Susan Lakes, from DSC secretary to administrative support clerk, Big Bend NP (TX).

Brian Lakes, from park ranger, Florissant Fossil Beds NM (CO) to same, Big Bend NP (TX).

Richard Wallner, ranger, Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS (PA) to same, Buffalo NR (AR).

Stephen Spanyer, ranger Santa Monica Mountains NRA (CA) to same, Big Bend NP (TX).

Valerie Naylor, supervisory park ranger, Badlands NP (SD) to same, Big Bend NP (TX).

Richard Sellers, supervisory Historian, SW Cultural Resource Center, to historian, SWRO.

Jennifer Anne Luksic, from museum registrar, WASO to museum curator, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP (TX).

Thomas Winke, from engineering equipment operator leader, Big Bend NP (TX) to same, Capulin Volcano NM (NM).

Cheryl Dillard, visitor services clerk, Yellowstone NP (WY), to computer clerk, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP (TX).

Mark Flippo, from ranger Petrified Forest NP (AZ) to supervisory ranger, Big Bend NP (TX).

Lora Hall, ranger, Big Thicket NPRES (TX) to same, Arkansas Post NMEM (AR).

Robert Healy, from ranger, Golden Gate NRA to same, Salinas Pueblo Mission NM (NM).

Raymond Kremer, computer specialist, ARO to administrative officer, Bandelier NM (NM).

Elizabeth Mozzillo and **Stephen Fettig** have returned

to the NPS at Bandelier NM (NM). They were away pursuing educational goals. Elizabeth is a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at Tulane. She previously worked at Jean Lafitte NHP (LA). Stephen recently completed his master's degree work at University of Minnesota. He was an NPS/CPSU biologist at the university.

Geri Smith, from acting chief of the Office of Policy to chief of the Office of Policy, WASO.

Loran Fraser, from acting special assistant to the deputy director to special assistant to the deputy director, WASO.

Tom Thacher from WASO information technology to Big Cypress NPRES (FL) telecommunications.

Monique Van Landingham to legislative affairs WASO to work on SER issues.

Hal Grovert, assistant superintendent, Delaware Water Gap NRA (PA, NJ) to assistant superintendent Yosemite NP (CA).

John Wilkins, ranger, Statue of Liberty NM (NY) to same, Big Cypress NPRES (FL).

Jason King, ranger, Statue of Liberty NM (NY) to same, Natchez Trace NST (MS).

Rangers **Pete Tortorell** and **Dick Froderman**, Statue of Liberty NM (NY) to same, Gateway NRA (CA).

Heath "Hank" Brightman, NAR hazardous materials coordinator to chief, natural resources and visitor services, Vanderbilt Mansion NHS (NY).

Russ Brown, interpretation, Petrified Forest NP (AZ) to same, White Sands NM (NM).

John Ford, facility manager, Natchez Trace NST (MS) to same White Sands NM (NM).

Joyce M. Raab from museum technician to archivist, Chaco Culture NHP (NM).

Roxann Reddy from park ranger to cash clerk, Carlsbad Caverns NP (NM).

Judy K. Stevens from park ranger to exhibit technician, Chickasaw NRA (OK).

Ellen K. Foppes, park manager, Hovenweep NM (CO), to management analyst, San Antonio Missions NHP (TX).

Raymond A. Cintron, procurement analyst, WASO Office of Budget and Administration, to supervisory contract specialist, Division of Contracting and Property Management, SWR.

Mary E. Gossett, ranger activities clerk to administrative clerk, Lake Meredith NRA (TX).

Edwina L. Abreu, secretary to administrative technician, Spanish Colonial Research Center SWR.

John W. Burks from computer specialist, SWR Administration to same, Hot Springs NP (AR).

Karen D. Farmer from secretary to maintenance assistant, Lake Meredith NRA (TX).

Maria Del Carmen Garcia from personnel assistant to personnel management specialist, Chamizal NMEM (TX).

Donna Hendricks from supply technician to administrative support assistant, Carlsbad Caverns NP (NM).

Anna Marie Herrera from secretary, Division of Conservation SWR, to same, Office of ARD, SWR.

Brian Jacobs from resource management specialist to natural resource specialist, Bandelier NM (NM).

Teri Jaquez from secretary to maintenance clerk, Chaco Culture NHP (NM).

Sheila Maberry from supply clerk technician to supply technician, Buffalo NR (AR).

Brenda Martinez from clerk typist to office automation clerk, Division of Personnel, SWR.

Gustavo Martinez from park ranger, Point Reyes NS (CA) to supervisory park ranger, Big Bend NP (TX).

Gail McCurry from budget assistant to budget analyst, Chickasaw NRA (OK).

Eddie Ramon from maintenance worker to motor vehicle operator, San Antonio Missions NHP (TX).

Charles Shoemake from clerk to administrative clerk, Buffalo NR (AR).

Susan Simmons from office automation clerk to office support clerk, Big Bend NP (TX).

Vicky Smith from administrative clerk to budget assistant, Lake Meredith NRA (TX).

Timothy Stubbs from fire management specialist to supervisory fire management officer, Carlsbad Caverns NP (NM).

Joann Unruh from supervisory telecommunication equipment operator to budget analyst, Big Bend NP (TX).

Donald Wooldridge from concessions analyst to concessions management specialist, Buffalo NR (AR).

Hector Trejo Zuniga from maintenance worker to motor vehicle operator, San Antonio Missions NHP (TX).

Katherine "Kate" Stevenson has been named associate director of Cultural Resources, WASO. She was MAR associate director for planning and resource preservation. Kate was honored recently by Sec. Babbitt for her outstanding contributions to park planning, management and administration on behalf of the NPS. She has also received the DOI's Meritorious Service Award. She has her bachelor's and master's degrees in the history of art from Skidmore College and the University of Delaware, respectively. She and her husband, Don, have two daughters, Mary and Ann.

Thomas A. Bradley, from park manager, Statue of Liberty NM (NY) to park ranger, Cuyahoga Valley NRA (OH). He is a life member of the E&AA.



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Alumni News

Cleve Pinnex visited Olympic NP (WA) recently and complimented the deputy field director on the condition of the park. Cleve is the director of Washington state parks.

Boyd Evison, recent alumnus, has returned to the United States from a long visit abroad.

Howard H. Chapman, retired WR director and an E&AA life member, writes that this fall he is planning to complete his goal of visiting all the NPS areas in the lower 48. He has visited 330 parks since his retirement in 1987. His goal is to visit all of the parks, not counting those he visited while he was working!

Hugh C. Miller, chief historical architect 1980-1988 and E&AA life member, was named a Fellow of the United States Committee of the International Council of Monuments and Sites. The fellowship recognizes his work in international historic preservation efforts. He has planned sites and presented seminars in many countries including India, Italy, England, Spain and Singapore. Hugh is a architect/planner who consults in building technology and preservation planning. He lives at 2629 West Grace St., Richmond, VA 23220-1945.

Dick and Joyce Maeder of 224 North Belmont St., Wichita, KS 67208 are enjoying their retirement. After Dick retired from the superintendency of Virgin Islands NP in 1980 he began a second career as the executive director of Boeing Employee's Association retiring from it in Jan. 1994. He is teaching four hours per week at Butler Community College. Joyce is the president of the Volunteer Council at Wichita Art Museum. They enjoyed a trip to Paris in October and a visit from their daughter Julie and son-in-law Mark last Thanksgiving.

Flora Semingsen, 81, enjoys the company of her children and grandchildren, although she suffers with rheumatoid arthritis and can not travel by plane or car. Her son, Dan and his family are in Hawaii. Flora lives at 1170 Wabash St., Box 9, Tucson, AZ 85705. Tiny, her husband, died in 1986.

Bob and Phil Jacobsen have missed the biennial reunions since August has been their get away time from their Bed & Breakfast for the past several years. They have visited Scandinavia, Alaska and Newfoundland.

Fred "Que" Quesenberry, volunteer coordinator, retired, and the E&AA alumni coordinator in the Southwest, received a big thank you during National Volunteer Week. He donated 150 hours of his time to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, in two months! Que helps by answering phones and answering hunters' questions. Que volunteers 5½ hours three days per week.

L.B. "Tex" and Tenny Maye Worley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 12. Tex worked as a ranger at Yellowstone NP (WY) and Grand Canyon NP (AZ). He was chief ranger at Carlsbad Caverns NP (NM). They met in Snyder, TX where they attended high school.

Jim and Jane Sullivan plan to attend the reunion. Jim retired in 1981 as superintendent of Colonial NHP (VA). They live at 2004 Gross Court, York, PA 17404-1753.

Stan McClure, former NCR premiere historian shared his activities with us. You may have guessed that they have something to do with research and writing. He compiled his family genealogy and wrote an autobiography. We can't believe, though, that he gave up his baseball cards!

Alumnus Eldon Reyer hits the trails with some friends.



Eldon Reyer, SWR retiree (1989) and his wife, **Karen Garrison Reyer**, are enjoying their La Espuela Ranch, HC 75, Box 270, Lamy, NM 87540. They write that because the *Newsletter* announced their wedding vow renewal, they heard from Stephen Mather McPherson. Steve said the item brought back wonderful memories of the summer of 1958 when he served as a fire guard crew member. He was on a trip to a "hot pot" with Karen and Eldon. Steve is the grandson of our first director,

Stephen T. Mather. Karen is still serving as the Livestock Education Specialist at the New Mexico Girls Ranch. Eldon plans to stay busy this summer in the mountains packing with his horses Jiffy and Misty (pack horse), and his sidekick Kally (a little Yorkie). They will take his new Ford Bronco to pull the horses so they can get to the trails in one load. Karen and Eldon plan to attend the reunion in September.



Hinson's Ratites

Alumnus Norm Hinson is raising emus, 150-pound Australian ratites. He began with six chicks and had a successful hatch this winter. Emus, similar to ostriches, are a fast-growing business in the United States. The flightless birds are creating a flurry with their low cholesterol RED meat. The emu also produces an oil used as an emollient in cosmetics and pharmaceuticals; the hides and feathers are favored by-products.

The female lays 40-50 avocado-colored eggs each year. In the wild, the male sits on the eggs, but Norm and other "ranchers" incubate the eggs for the 50 days they take to hatch. The emus feed on green vegetable matter and nutrients in pellets. The birds are basically noiseless, although the chicks make a slight whistling sound and adults, primarily the females, emit a boom-like sound from their ruff. The disease resistant emus intimidate predators with a strong kick from their three-toed feet and long legs.

In addition to raising emus, the retired ranger and criminal investigator has a myriad of other interests. He remains in touch with the NPS through his wife, Merrie, who works at Yosemite. Visiting Yellowstone this summer? You'll find VIP Norm in the Ranger Museum. Talk about green blood; wonder if the emus have it?

Note: Norm and Merrie had a busy time with visiting children and a delightful two week trip to Hawaii with their son, Scott, as their host. Merrie is in her 15th year with the NPS at Yosemite NP (CA). Norm is in his fifth year of retirement and is enjoying raising emus, gardening and fishing. They are enjoying their remodeled kitchen at their home at 5711 Bridal Veil Fall, Mariposa, CA 95338.

Ed. Note: For our non-ornithological readers, ratite: a large, flightless, bird.



Norm Hinson with a young admirer and a bird.

Denver Alumni Luncheon

Four times a year Denver area alumni get together for lunch. On March 29, 52 of us gathered at the Briarwood Inn in Golden, CO, a nice place full of antique furniture. The luncheon was arranged by Janet Fruland, late of the RMR personnel office. Since the DSC is a larger organization than the regional office, it's to be expected that DSC alumni occasionally outnumber the Rocky Mountain ones. At these repasts, however, everyone manages to get in two or three cents' worth, and the happy half-hour before chow can get a bit buzzy.

Colorado is among the top three states for its number of NPS alumni (I think I read that somewhere) and frequently out of staters make it to the lunches. However, anyone with an NPS connection is welcome to attend, especially active personnel - and many do, especially when the

luncheon is held near the offices, as at Front Range Pizza, an occasional venue.

After our next lunch, hopefully in June, we may be lucky enough again to hold a potluck lunch at Bob Schultz's longhorn ranch about 30 mile southeast of downtown Denver. The last two years we gathered at the ranch for an outing arranged by John and Irene DeLay who live nearby. We go to the ranch in September, but since Bob has the land up for sale, this year we have an alternative site at Castlewood Canyon State Park on Cherry Creek across the highway from the ranch. Either way, we're doing it outdoors this year. Last year we were treated to a set-to by three longhorn bulls, joined by a nosey bison, which caused Bob to have to repair a few wire fences that the bulls totally ignored while cavorting.

-- George A. Fisher, Jr.

To Greener Pastures

Allen Kingsbury retired June 30 after 29 years with the Public Health Service. Twenty five of those years were with the NPS. He came to the WRO in 1971 as an environmental public health consultant. He transferred to WASO office of the public health program in 1979. "They promised me I would never again be obliged to ride a horse if I'd transfer to WASO," he said. Allen says he enjoyed working with the talented people in the NPS and may revisit some of the parks "in order to get a look at those features which don't happen to be located adjacent to the sewage treatment plant." You can reach Allen on America on Line (AllenPHS) or on the internet - allenphs@aol.com. Also at 9220 Dorothy Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-1309.

Peter Thompson, retired as superintendent at Kalaupapa NHP (HI). He and his wife, Sabine, live in Washington.

Reginald "Flip" Hagood, WASO chief of training, retired in April.

Charles E. Brooks retired as a ranger at Lake Meredith NRA (TX).

Margarito M. Mendoza retired as EEO specialist from the SWR.

Anthony F. Montano retired as archives aid, Division of Anthropology, SWR.

Kurt Weinheimer retired as a maintenance worker at Lyndon B. Johnson NHP (TX).

Gerald Yates retired as a masonry worker at Pecos NHP (NM).

Nan Leigh retired as budget assistant from Colonial NHP (VA).

RMRO

Wanda Gaul
Virginia Hansen
William Humphrey
Frank Morrissey
Nathalie Powell
Rita Zagar

Paul Gordon and **James Peters**, Bighorn Canyon NRA (MT, WY)
Richard McMullen, Grand Teton NP (WY)
Linda Rudloff, Glen Canyon NRA (AZ)

Dean Karraker, contracting officer at Mammoth Cave NP (NM), retired June 2. He served 29 years with the federal government including 23 with the NPS. Supt. Ronald Switzer said, "Dean Karraker has never worn the Smokey Bear Stetson, but his blood runs green just the same. We'll truly miss his talents. In his job, Dean's work affected every park employee and every park project." Dean retired to his home in Edmonson County, KY and is operating his own restaurant. He also plans to travel and hunt.

New Faces

Sue Waldron has joined the NPS Public Affairs office. She was assigned to National Park Week events.

Harry D. Little has joined the NPS as a maintenance mechanic at Pecos NHP (NM). He came to us from the Department of the Air Force.

Liz Ann Graybear joins the NPS from the Crow Agency, MT. She will serve as the secretary to the superintendent, Denali NP&PRES (AK).

Larry Anderson, from BLM to NPS, as engineer equipment operator, Big Bend NP (TX).

David Barna, public affairs director, Bureau of Mines, will replace Joan Anzelmo as NPS chief of public affairs. Joan is headed for Grand Teton NP (WY). He was director of public affairs for the National Science Foundation and Navy reservist. NPS public affairs office held a welcome luncheon to greet him.

Kowski *continued from page 1*

ability between players and courses. Ben Moffett, public affairs officer, SWRO, and in 1987, RMRO, has served as historian and publicist for the tourney since its inception. In 1978, Hassebrock and Moffett added two new categories of winners--for the longest putt and for closest to the pin off a designated par 3 tee. In 1993, Stuart Snyder, staff appraiser in the Division of Land Resources, PNRO, assumed the duties of tournament national chair. Snyder added an optional scramble format as an alternative to the Callaway system in order to promote additional participation in the tournament.

Lois Kowski, Frank's widow, plays annually in the tournament and in 1982 she won the longest putt category at the Santa Fe Country Club course. The tournament was open to all NPS employees and retirees and their spouses through 1988. In 1989 Thompson announced that, by a vote of golfers playing in the 1988 tournament, national prizes could also be won by NPS concession employees, historical and natural history association employees, and their spouses.

The Kowski Tournament benefits the E&AA by raising money for the Education Trust Fund. In 1994 the tournament broke its record by donating \$8,300 to the Fund. The winners of the tournament follow.

Tournament Champion, **Fred Suarez**, MWRO, 71

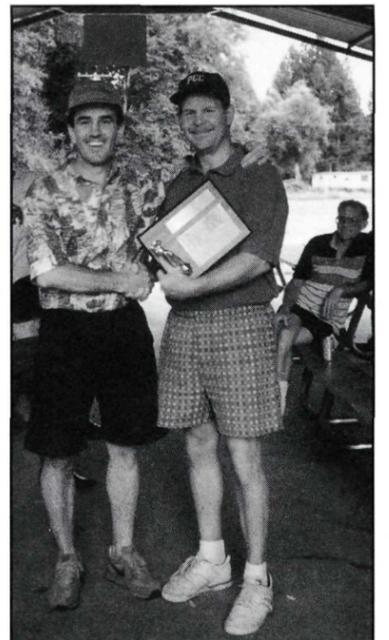
Tournament Runner-up, **Ray Crampton**, WASO, 72

Education Fund Loan Summary

The E&AA Trustees held their annual meeting to review applications for student loans. They approved 28 loans totaling \$52,000. Fund loan approvals have been mailed and all who applied should have received notification letters.

Since the inception of the Educational Trust in 1972, 907 loans totaling \$928,803 have been granted to support advanced education for our members' children. We wish all the NPS's college bound the best in all their endeavors.

We also want to recognize all of the members and friends who generously support the trust fund. We continue to be amazed by the fund raising events undertaken by employees, park families and alumni whose motto seems to be "There is no time like the present to leave something for posterity."



Dave Uberuaga, Mt. Ranier AO, receives the PNR championship trophy from 1993 champ, Bob Bougie, Olympic NP (WA).

Third Place, **Jeremy Boone**, WASO, 72

Low Gross Winner, **Jim Coleman**, 75
Longest Putt, **Ken Garvin**, Chatahoochee River NRA (TN), 96'
Closest to Pin off Tee on Designated Hole, **Steve Cinnamon**, MWRO, 19"
Scramble Champions, Lake Mead NRA (NV) - **Pat Cooper**, **Kyle Davis**, **Tom Norton**, **Jim Rowe**, 16 below par, tournament record

Contact your local tournament coordinator for information on this year's tournament.





The NPS After Restructuring

Making it official. The signing of the organizational chart, June 6, 1995.

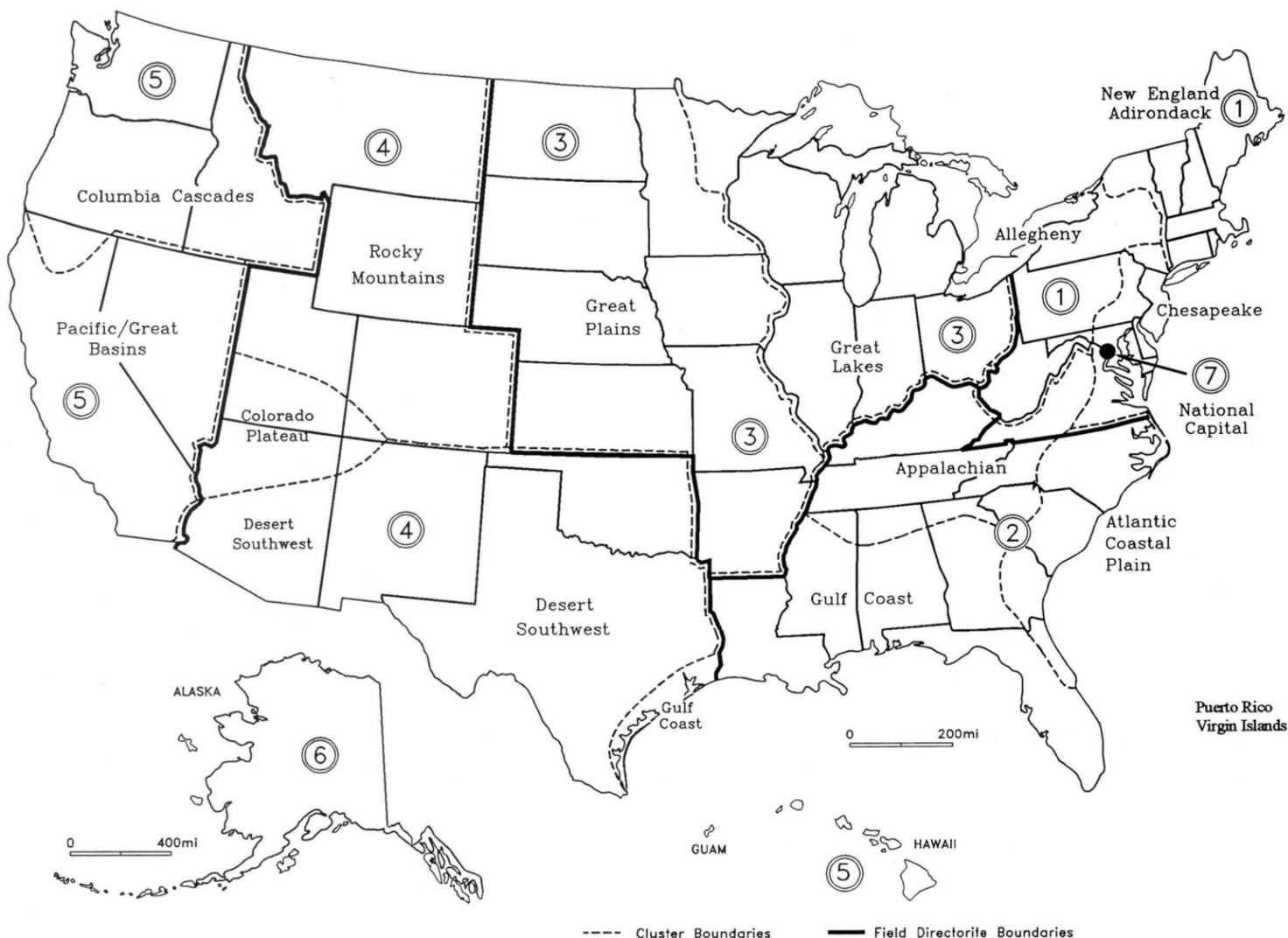


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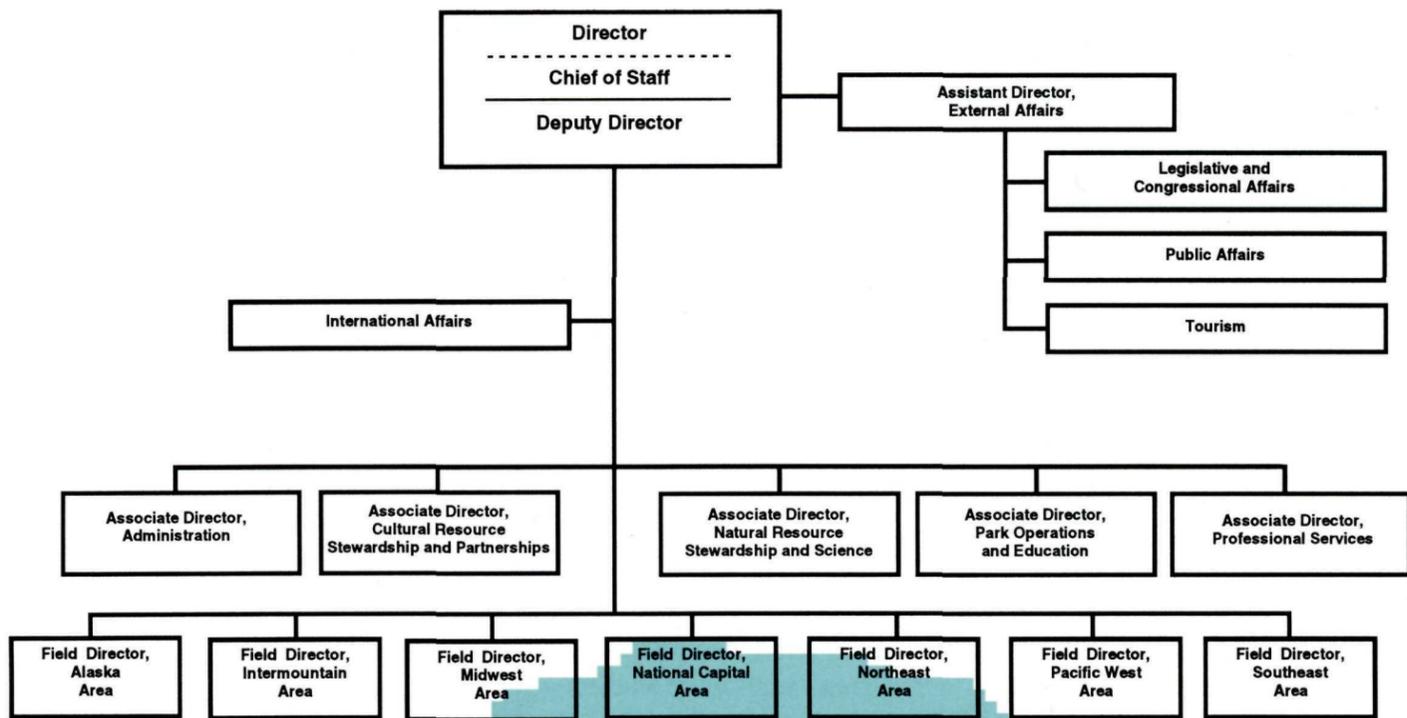
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Robert Stanton, NCFA
Marie Rust, NEFA
Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education
Mary Bradford, Associate Director, Administration
Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science
John J. Reynolds, Deputy Director
John Cook, IMFA
Director Roger Kennedy
Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships
Denis Galvin, Associate Director, Professional Services
Stanley Albright, PWFA
Robert Barbee, AFA
 Missing: **Anne Badgley**, NPS Chief of Staff

At 1:00pm, May 15, 1995 Dir. Roger Kennedy inaugurated the restructured National Park Service in a videoconference to NPS offices nationwide. "Our overall desire is to work smarter and more efficiently to carry out our jobs of protecting parks," he said. There was a cake cutting ceremony in Washington, DC and closing and reopening events at the old regional offices.

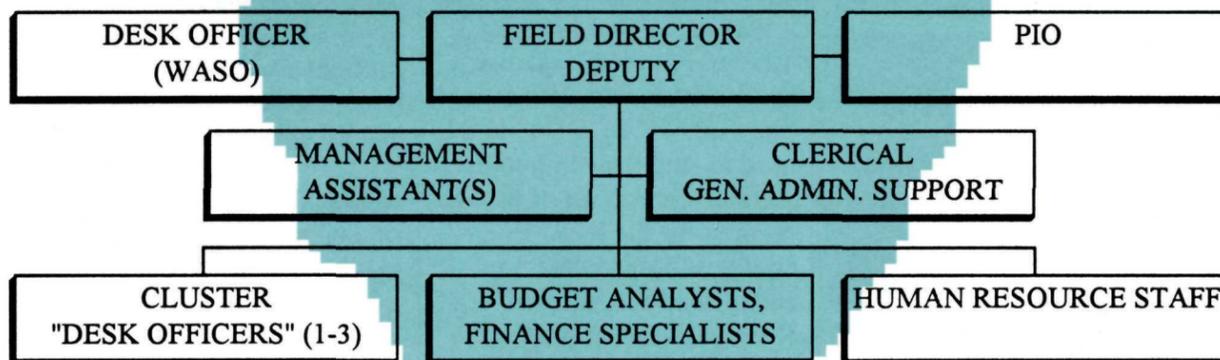
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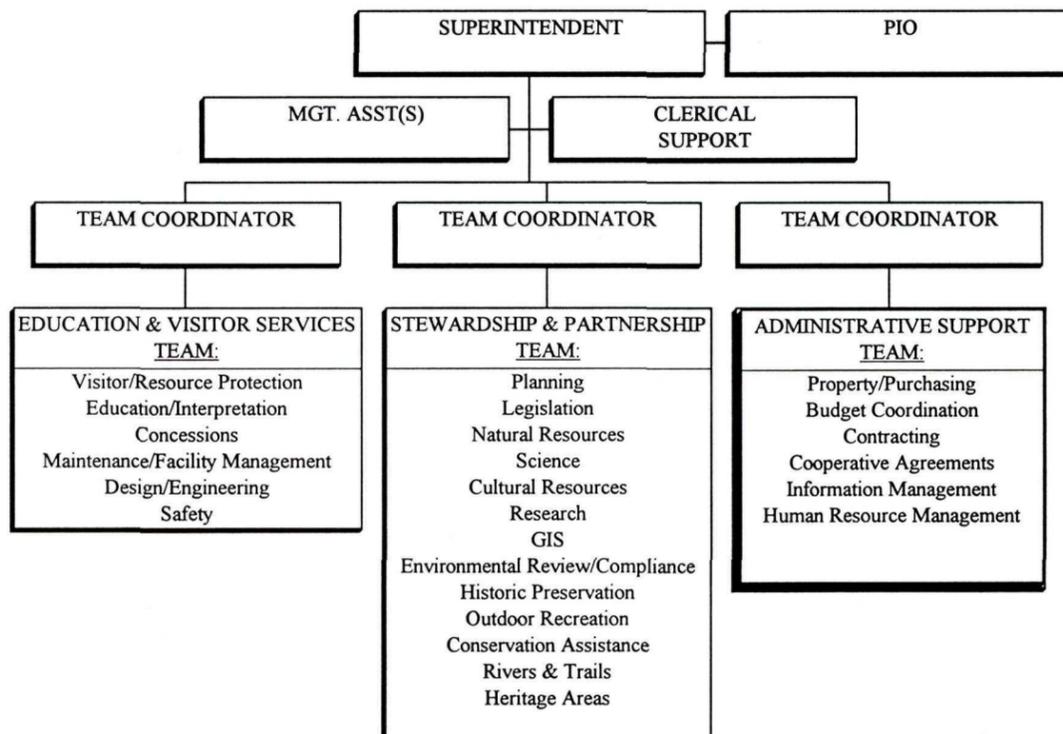
The Service Now



Field Director Offices



System Support Offices (SSO)- typical





Requiescant in Pace

A program to honor **Carl Sharsmith** (1903-1994) will be held Sept. 9 in the Parson's Lodge area at Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite NP (CA). Carl inspired thousands to love and care for Yosemite in his 62 summers as a ranger. Bring a knapsack lunch, and a mat or chair, if you wish. If you would like to attend please send a postcard indicating the number of attendees to: Georgia Stigall, PO Box 2152, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-0152.

Frank J. Furdyna, a life member, died Sept. 6, 1993. Frank was a maintenance supervisor at Federal Hall NMem, (NY). He retired in 1973. Survivors include his wife, Stella, and sons Frank, and William. Stella lives at 9002 63rd Dr., Apt. 5-J, Rego Park, NY 11374.

Gerald "Jerry" V. Sheerin, died Sept. 21, 1993, in Charles Town, WV. He began his career at Cape Cod NS in 1965, and later spent many years as an instructor and administrative officer at Mather Training Center. Over the years he assisted hundreds of trainees, helping to enrich them with things of value. He retired in 1983.

Elmer "Rusty" M. Young, died Dec. 19, 1994, in Williamsburg, VA. He began his work at the White House in 1953 as a floral designer, later being appointed Chief Floral Designer in 1961, and held that position until he retired in 1981. He served presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan. He is survived by his wife Ruth; daughters, Karen Young of Londonderry, NH, and Cheryl Cornwell of Chesapeake, VA.

Stanley C. Kowalkowski, 70, a life member, died Jan. 12 in Walla Walla, WA. Following his WW II service he graduated from St. Mary's college, Winona, MN and began working as a seasonal park ranger in Yosemite NP and Everglades NP, becoming a

permanent park ranger on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Later he was superintendent of Booker T. Washington NM and Whitman Mission NHS. He retired in 1980. Survivors include his wife, Eunice, at 1476 Francis Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362; and children.

Dick Kimbrell, died Jan. 15 in Coolidge, AZ. He worked at Casa Grande Ruins NM from 1959 until he retired as administrative officer in 1980.

Dorothy Jean "Dottie" Loveless, devoted wife of Kings Mountain NMP Supt. Mike Loveless, died Feb. 23 in Shelby, NC from complications of diabetes following a long illness. She was an exceptional homemaker and an accomplished and creative craftswoman whose strength of spirit overcame her afflictions to inspire her



Dottie Loveless

family, friends and associates. According to the Charlotte Observer, "The heart of her adult life...was being a park ranger's wife. It meant she had to put up with frequent moving, packing, unpacking, redecorating and having no real control over where [she] lived. If you married a ranger, you married the service." Nonetheless, she loved it all as the great adventure it surely was. In addition to serving with her husband and family in eight national park areas across the nation for nearly 40 years, she worked as a fragrance representative,

hostess for a SC welcome center and volunteered for activities with the NP Wives Association. Her enthusiasm and love for family and friends will be keenly missed. She is survived by her husband, daughter Cathy Teasley of Lattimore, NC and son Chris Loveless of Antioch, SC.

Mildred "Millie" Robinson, 87, died at Columbia, MO, March 9. She was the wife of retiree Harry B., and mother of retiree George Robinson. Harry wrote that Millie was a great help to him as they moved from park to park, to regional offices, and the western planning office, where he retired in 1969. "Like many NPS wives, Millie was on her husband's team. Because of her beautiful personality, her good cooking, her bridge playing and her charm as a hostess, many parties were held in our quarters, whether it was in our tent-house at Lassen, or in our high-rise apartment in San Francisco. She was MY BUDDY, and I used to sing that song to her. Actually, aren't all of us who worked for the NPS Buddies?" Harry has established the Mildred Robinson Educational Scholarship Fund in her memory. He lives at 915 W. Texas Ave., Columbia, MO.

John Appanaitis, died March 10 in Brookings, OR. A longtime seasonal ranger, (1969-82) at Dinosaur NP, Crater Lake NP, and Redwood NP. Condolences to Linda (Helleeson) Appanaitis, and children Leif, Garth, Inger, at 01111 Winchuck RD., Brookings, OR 97415. Linda is the executive director of Redwood NHA.

H. Ward Jandl, 49, died unexpectedly March 18 in Washington, DC. He joined the NPS in 1974 as an architectural historian, and at the time of his death was deputy chief of preservation assistance, WASO. Having worked for many years developing policy and advising national and state historic preservation



Millie Robinson

programs, Ward was a nationally-known figure in historic preservation. In addition to numerous official publications and reports, Ward coauthored two books: *Houses by mail: A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Co.*, and *Yesterday's Houses of Tomorrow: Innovative Homes: 1850-1950*. Longtime colleague Jerry Rogers said, "Jandl contributed more than any other individual to conceiving, enacting, designing and operating the NPS Historic Rehab Tax Incentive program through which more than \$17 billion in private sector money has been invested in rehabilitating over 21,000 historical buildings."

Helen Ann Riha, 74, died March 22 in Omaha, NE. She was the wife of retiree Joe "Pep" Riha.

Minnie V. Cerveny, 85, died March 25 in Omaha, NE. She retired in the mid-1970's from the personnel office, MWRO. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law.

DeLyle Ray "Steve" Stevens, 85, died March 23 in Bozeman, MT. Steve's early years were spent on the family homestead on the Uinta Indian Reservation near Vernal, UT. While in college he began working with the USFS and the NPS. In 1919 he became a park ranger in Yellowstone NP, and for 20 years was involved in fighting many large fires until his transfer to Hawaii Volcanoes NP in 1939. His wife Alene Rutledge, died in 1952. In 1954 he married Ardis Arnold. He became superintendent of Pinnacles NM, CA, and retired in 1969. He is survived by his

wife Ardis, of Bozeman, MT, daughter, Sharon Shope; and sons, Richard, of Great Falls, MT, and David R. (the natural resources advisor to the field director in Alaska), Eagle River, AK.

Samuel D. Baker Sr., 73, died March 30 in Hot Springs, AR. He had retired in 1981 from Hot Springs NP after 32 years of service. Survivors include his wife Margaret, of Oklahoma City, OK; two daughters, Linda, and Wanda; a son, Samuel Baker Jr.

Mary C. Guiton, 67, widow of Donald K. Guiton, died April 1 in Atlanta, GA. Both Mary and Don were life members of E&AA, and loyal supporters of the NPS and E&AA. Survivors include her sons, Todd and Greg, and daughter, Renee. The family suggested donations to the E&AA Education Trust Fund, in Mary Clare's memory.

Joe Heimes, 93, one of Glacier NP's most famous rangers, died April 1 in Kalispell, MT. Best known for his 20 years as a ranger in the isolated Belly River district, including eight winters, he made news when he captured poacher Joe Cosley in May 1929. Born in Wisconsin, he went west in 1919 to Yellowstone NP. In 1923 he went to Glacier NP for a job building telephone lines, and helped build the Huckleberry lookout, later serving as lookout for \$100 a month. He became a permanent ranger in 1926. He retired from Glacier in 1962.

Barbara Burchett, assistant site manager, Ford's Theatre NHS (DC), died at her home April 5. She had worked at Everglades NP, Death Valley NP, Glen Canyon NRA, Yellowstone NP, Indiana Dunes NL, Carlsbad Caverns NP, and Prince William Forest Park, (VA).

Requiescant in Pace

Leo Watson, 49, died April 6 of an apparent heart attack. He was the information management specialist at Glen Canyon NRA (AZ).

Alexsi Casul, 38, died April 7. Alexsi was a maintenance worker at Point Reyes NS (CA) and a single parent with two teenage girls. A memorial fund has been established for Casul, for more information contact Ann Nelson at 415-663-8522. The fund's address is Bank of Petaluma, 11400 State Route 1, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956.

Madeline Gray, died April 28. She was the wife of David Gray, landscape architect, DSC Eastern Team. Condolences may be sent to 2415 S. Ellis St., Lakewood, CO 80228.

Walter H. Kittams, 78, died May 2 in Boise, ID. He was a graduate of Utah State College and earned a degree in wildlife management at the Univ. of Maine. During WWII he was a Navy flight instructor, retiring as a lieutenant commander. He became the first park biologist at Yellowstone NP, where he studied the Yellowstone elk herd, and its impact on the park ecosystem. He became regional and then field research biologist in Omaha and Carlsbad. He is survived by his wife Lorene, and children.

James L. McLaughlin, 74, died May 5 at Coulterville, CA. Jim served in the army in WW II, and later graduated from Penn State with a degree in horticulture. He joined the NPS in Yosemite NP, 1954. Jim was superintendent of Muir Woods NM, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Padre Island NS, and retired as acting superintendent, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP. During the 1960s he was also the director of the Tremont Job Corps Center, Great Smoky Mountains NP. Most recently he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Revis, West

Indies, and enjoyed traveling and gardening. His wife, Mary Jane, died in 1988. Survivors include his daughter, Suzanne Turpin.

Darwin E. Williams, 82, died in Sun City, AZ, on May 6. Dar began his NPS career in 1939 as a ranger at Mt. Rainier NP. Tours of duty followed at Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton NPs, WRO and Indiana Dunes NL, where he worked in conjunction with land acquisition to establish the new area. He retired as administrative officer at Mammoth Cave NP in 1976. He loved and took great pride in the NPS he knew, and its goals for present and future generations. Dar is survived by his wife Judith, and three daughters.

Trish Patterson, 43, recently named superintendent of Congaree Swamp NM, died in a car accident near Centralia, IL, on May 12. She is survived by her husband, David Roessner, a professor at Georgia Tech, and sons, Ryan, Todd, and Kyle.

Kay Riordan Steuerwald, died May 14, at Rapid City, SD. From 1951 until 1993, she was the president of Mount Rushmore Mountain Co., Inc. She was very active in many local, state, and national organizations relating to tourism. She was a founding member of the National Park Foundation, and a member of the executive board of "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks."

Lila Stenneche, died May 17, in Denver, CO. Lila had worked in finance for 32 years, first in Omaha and then in Denver.

Marvin "Marv" J. Krebs, 61, life member, died in Deadwood, SD, on May 21. Marv joined the NPS as a budget analyst in 1983, retiring in 1989. He served in the U.S. Army, in Korea, and with the Korean Military Advisory Group. Before his work in the NPS, he served in various educational and administrative activities in the south Pacific. For his

service on the Islands of Kosrea, Ponape Island District, the Kosrean people named their library after him. He served as state budget officer for the State of Ponape, TTPI, Dept. of the Interior. He also served as budget analyst for the HCRS. He is survived by his wife, Lou, two daughters, Debra, and Rhonda, and son, Mark. Lou is a life member who volunteered in the E&AA office for 10 years.

Pedro "Pete" A. Suazo, died May 21 at Santa Fe, NM. Pete retired in 1973 as the administrative officer at Grand Canyon NP. He had worked in many national parks, including Mount Ranier, Mesa Verde, Grand Teton, as well as WASO. He was very active in many religious, fraternal and social organizations. After retirement, Pete and Eleanor moved back to New Mexico and he became president of the National Assn. of Retired Federal Employees. In addition to his spouse, he is also survived by two sons, Dr. Peter A. Suazo Jr., and Ernest Sauzo (park ranger investigator, Alaska), and daughter, Carmen Waldref. Condolences may be sent to 2115 Calle Azulejo, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

Jack O'Neale, retired DSC project supervisor, Mesa Verde NP (CO), was killed in an automobile accident. He worked in the ARO; as chief of maintenance, Denali NP (AK); and as project supervisor in Grand Canyon for DSC. He is survived by his wife, Judy, who was injured in the accident and released from the hospital May 24. She lives at 424 West Oak, Enid, OK 73701. Memorial donations may be made to the Colorado Railroad Museum, PO Box 10, Golden, CO 80402.

Charles "Chuck" Schuster, 72, died May 27, in Port Angeles, WA. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After earning a master's in Landscape Architecture of the Univ. of Illinois, he began work in Omaha. He later worked in Yellowstone NP, WASO, Rocky Mountain NP, the

Our National Park System, Review

Our National Park System, Caring for America's Greatest Natural and Historic Treasures, Dwight F. Rettie University of Illinois Press Urbana and Chicago 1995.

Since it takes some time to write a book and as much, or more, to get it published, the arrival of Mr. Rettie's book coincident with Congressional consideration of HR260 (The National Park System Reform Act of 1995) could be termed serendipitous. The proposed legislation calls for a plan "...to guide the direction of the National Park System into the next century" and, more ominously, A review of existing units "to develop" ...a list of any unit... where National Park Service management should be terminated..."

Mr. Rettie agrees with the need for a more vigorous approach to the system, "For all its history, the national park system has been essentially an improvisation." He argues that the current collection of units is not a real system and proposes "...a new Definition of the national park system.... that conveys a concept and standard against which proposed new areas may be judged." He is not so supportive of the de-listing of existing units, arguing that a new definition should "...address the essential permanence of the system" as a defense against second

guessing and economic or political manipulation later." "...Congress can set a stage for permanence by its own consistency, by the language of its laws, and by how it shapes the public perceptions of its intent.

The relevance of this book to the debate on HR260 is heightened by the fact that it precedes the introduction of the bill and so does not directly engage into its content. Instead it provides a philosophical context for the debate.

There is much more here, an in-depth analysis of Mar-Largo NHS is used as a case study to evoke the difficult policy questions that arise from divestiture. There are chapters on the people of the Service, budget trends and the myths about them that are accepted beliefs in the National Park Service, affiliated areas, and additional reflections on the nature of the system and its history.

Those who worked with Dwight will recognize his characteristic intellectual ego on the national park system here. For those who are considering HR260, this book is an essential reference. -- *Denis Galvin, NPS Planning*

You may order the book by calling 1-800-545-4703 and receive at 20% off the \$34.95 cover price for mentioning the E&AA.

Washington Service Center, and the DSC, from which he retired in 1979. He is survived by two sisters, and a brother. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Flora MacCracken, 333 Mountain View #149, Talent, OR 97540.

Jett J. Schirmer, 84, died June 9 in Hot Springs (AR). He retired as a maintenance worker on the Cottonwood Ranger District of Joshua Tree NM (CA).

Barry Hance, 43, road foreman in Yosemite NP

(CA), died June 13 when his bulldozer was caught in an avalanche.

Melvin Rudd, 81, retired NPS accountant and supervisor, died of pneumonia June 19. He served in the Army in WWII and went to Washington after leaving the military. He graduated from American University with a degree in accounting. He worked for the government for 35 years, first as an accountant and supervisor for Interior and then at the GAO.



Rushmore Rangers Carry the Torch

In May, the ranger staff at Mount Rushmore NMEM (SD) raised more than \$600 for South Dakota Special Olympics to benefit the program for handicapped children. May 6 and 7, the rangers organized and participated in a basketball tournament to raise money. On May 15, seven of the staff members participated in the interagency Special Olympics

Torch Run which began at Mount Rushmore and covered over 400 miles to the eastern side of the state. The staff took the torch following the opening ceremony and covered the first 23 miles from Mount Rushmore to Rapid City, raising additional money. -- *Mike Pflaum, chief ranger, Mount Rushmore NMEM.*



Ranger staff participating in the SD Special Olympics Torch Run, Mike Pflaum, Gary Kemp, Jennifer Chapman, Mark Davison, Dan Morford and Andy Fisher (from l to r). Tim Phillips participated but is not in the photograph.

Ten Minutes with HFC's Dave Wright

When the Harpers Ferry Center was established in 1970, I doubt if the originator, Bill Everhart, had any idea that 25 years later the Center would have created over \$250 million dollars worth of projects for parks, or would print 31 million park folders in one year. The HFC staff knows that few of the millions of visitors to the National Park System ever hear of the Center. They are, however, very aware of the 400 visitors from park systems all over the world who do know about and visit HFC each year to learn how to create media for their parks. The staff, true professionals all, extend themselves and take time to help others learn from HFC successes and avoid the mistakes we have made.

How does the HFC deal with issues such as the recent 40% increase in paper prices?

The Center's budget expanded rapidly in the past several years but has now flattened out and will remain flat for the foreseeable future. The reorganization

of the NPS, with the mandated 25% reduction of central office staff and employee buyout legislation, has resulted in the loss of over 40 employees from the Center. While we are losing staff, we are saving in salary costs, which are being directed to projects. For example, the anticipated paper cost increase that will affect the Center about April 1, 1995 will add about three or four hundred thousand dollars to our annual printing costs. With the salary savings from having fewer employees, we should be able to absorb the price rise and still print a high number for the parks. We also have to absorb cost increases for audiovisual and other equipment used in the Center and in the parks, but by anticipating and planning for cost increases they are manageable.

What's new at HFC?

A flattened organization, new and modern work stations with computers for planning and design, and increased training for all employees.

For several years the Center has

been purchasing computers and software to enable employees to become more productive in the planning, design, and production of all media. All park folders are now being designed on computers. The maps are being drawn by cartographers using basic information from parks and other geographic information systems. We are being networked with a fiberoptic system, the last of which was scheduled to be installed in July. The system will enable all the designers to move full data files from one station to another so that information developed to publications can be used by waysides and exhibits and vice-versa. This means that projects can be generated faster and delivered quicker to the parks. Everything the Center is doing to streamline has one objective and that is to provide better, quicker and more effective service to the parks.



In the NPS Family

Dave Morris, superintendent at Olympic NP (WA), writes that he is enjoying Port Angeles. He says that Olympic is a great park and has a great staff. Dave is a life member.

George Corrie, Mammoth Cave (KY) ranger, presented an "intro to caving" seminar at the Carter Crawl-a-thon and led a trip through Carter Country Saltpeter Cave. George has been caving for 36 years and has logged 150 miles underground in 110 caves in the US, Canada and Mexico.

Luis Gastellum, 79, retired SWR chief of operations evaluation, is undergoing radiation therapy for throat cancer. His sons, Ed, assistant superintendent, North Cascades NP (WA); and Steve, chief of maintenance, Bandelier NM (NM) say their dad would appreciate letters from his NPS friends. You may send wishes to: 2302 Oak Park Drive, Tucson, AZ 85711.

The **Richard V. Giamberdine Memorial** has been created as a special award in the NPF's Arts for the Parks competition. Funds will be used to reward the work of watercolorists and other artists who "depict the unique qualities of the landscape of national parks or the sustainable aspects of the built environment therein." Funds may also be used to purchase art for display in parks where Rich had a close association. Donations to the fund may be sent to the National Park Foundation, 1101 17th St. NW, Suite 1102, Washington, DC 20036; specify "Richard V. Giamberdine Memorial."

Gayle Mason, a concession employee from West Linn, Oregon was injured by a bison while she was jogging in Yellowstone NP (WY) May 14. She works for TW Recreational Services. Gayle surprised a cow bison that had a newborn calf; the bison charged, knocked her down and trampled her. She suffered a severe head cut and other injuries. She was in stable

condition in an Idaho Falls hospital.

Michael Frome, life member, retired in June from his position as professor of environmental journalism at Western Washington University. His wife, Rev. June Eastvold, retired from her position as pastor of University Lutheran Church in Seattle. June and Michael were married on New Year's Eve 1994; NPS and conservation community friends attended. They honeymooned in Hawaii and visited Haleakala NP and Kalaupapa NHP. Michael's students produced a special edition of their quarterly magazine, *The Planet*, devoted entirely to the proposed international park in the North Cascades. He called the edition the best send-off he could hope for. He will speak at the annual Yosemite Association meeting on Sept. 16. You can reach him at 1303 Bonanza Way, Bellingham, WA 98226.

Debbie Dortch, former editor of the *Electric Grapevine* (now

Courier) gave birth to a 8 lb 15 oz baby boy, Jacob, on May 2. Congratulations!

Sylvia Balli, secretary to RMR's Diane Sontag when she was in El Paso, was critically injured along with six members of her family when their van exploded. Sylvia is a single mother of two children who now attends University of Texas full time and works part time. She will probably have to give up her part time job to care for her family. Any help would be appreciated. Contact Diane Sontag (303) 969-2514 if you can help.

Ryan F. Weltman and **Robert E. Mann, Jr.**, Yellowstone rangers, were two of 157 names added to the National Peace Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square, Washington, DC. Names of nearly 14,000 officers who died in the line of duty are inscribed on the memorial to peace officers, among them are 21 USPP and NPS rangers.

John and Kasemsri Miele write that their son, Victor, has graduated from college with distinction and will serve with the Peace Corps in Africa.

Nevada Barr, NPS seasonal, is working on her fourth mystery novel while working at Natchez Trace PKWY (MS, AL, TN). She attended a mystery writers' convention in Washington, DC. **George** and **Helen Hartzog** held a luncheon in her honor. Her books are available at most bookstores in the United States.

Alan Hogenauer, professor of marketing at Dowling College, New York, says he and his wife are planning a major driving trip from Mexico to Alaska. Alan also has kept a log of his visits to at least 992 existing/proposed/detached/ex units in the System!

Stuart Snyder, national Kowski chairman became a second century member of the E&AA. He has recently moved to Alaska.

Sojourn on the Delaware

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River (PA) and Delaware Water Gap NRA (PA) were among over a dozen agencies that orchestrated the First Delaware River sojourn. The sojourn was designed to celebrate the longest free-flowing river in the East and bring attention to the historical, natural and recreational value of the Delaware River. Held June 10-18 to coincide with American Rivers Month and Pennsylvania Rivers Month, the nine-day event featured 93.1 miles of canoeing on upper, middle and lower sections of the Delaware River, spiced with daily interpretive programs along the river and in the evening. Free camping was provided for participants, while canoes, accouterments and shuttles to and from put-in and take-out points were available from local liveries at special rates. According to Nancie Robertson, public relations specialist for the Upper Delaware Council,

115 people made at least one-day portions of the Sojourn, with 14 people

Supt. John Hutzky, Upper Delaware Wild and Scenic River (NY, PA) in uniform, talks to participants before launching the first day of the sojourn.



Photo: Ronald W. Cooksey, Community Planner, DEWA

aboard for the entire nine days.

Planning for the sojourn began in December 1994, Supts. John Hutzky (UPDE) and Roger Rector (DEWA) served on the steering committee and supported their staff members to facilitate a successful event.

Participants enjoyed numerous special talks, walks and demonstrations by guest

speakers and NPS staff. Highlights of the NPS employees' programs on the Upper Delaware were Historian Mary Curtis's walking tour of Milanville, PA, Interpreter Kitty Womer's "Massacre on the Upper Delaware," and Seasonal Interpreter Wesley Gillingham's geology talk and diagrams. On the Middle Delaware, DEWA

seasonal interpreter, Jim Becker, presented natural and cultural history pro-

grams on black bears and Minisink Island, Seasonal Interpreter Ian Torrence led a walk to Dingmans Falls, River District Ranger Art North demonstrated minimum impact camping, and former NPS seasonal and local biology teacher Janet Masser presented a star gazing program. Politicians from three states (New York, Pennsylvania and New

Jersey) supported the Sojourn with proclamations. Some meals for sojourners were donated by friends groups.

A special one-day land event was held on each segment of the river. Sandra Speers Schultz, management assistant at UPDE, wrote and directed a pageant of local historical events for the Upper Delaware's special program. With musicians and cast drawn from local celebrities and talented staff, the 90-minute production was well received. Rangers from all divisions provided demonstrations and staffed information booths at DEWA's land event, held at nearby Shawnee-on-the-Delaware Resort.

The First Delaware River sojourn was a cooperative community effort that brought an abundance of favorable attention to the Delaware River region. -- Paula Valentine, Interpretive Specialist, UPDE

Coming Events

The 46th annual American Institute of Biological Sciences Meeting of Scientific Societies will be Aug 6-10 in San Diego, CA. Contact AIBS Meetings Office at (800) 992-2427 or fax (202)628-1509.

The biennial Conference on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem will be Sept. 24-27 in Yellowstone NP (WY).

The third biennial Conference of Research on the Colorado Plateau, hosted by the NBS will be Oct. 17-19 in Flagstaff, AZ. The conference highlights biological, cultural, physical and social science research on the plateau. Call Elena Deshler (602) 556-7468 for more information.

Putting it in Perspective The NPS Then and Now

The NPS was organized into four geographic regions on Aug. 1, 1937, in order to decentralize the work of the service. Before this date, the director had administered the areas directly through the superintendents. An increase in the number of areas in the system, and increase in planning and development work in the mid 1930s and other factors necessitated the establishment of regional offices for more efficient administrations. In December 1953, as a result of a further reorganization designed to effect more efficient administration, the Secretary of the Interior authorized the creation of six regions from the existing four. Then came seven, eight, nine and 10...

The NPS in 1955

Approximately 3,600 men and women were employed full time with an additional 3,000 seasonals.

Seasonal Park Rangers (GS-4) entrance salary was \$3,175 per year.

On June 11, Jackson Lake Lodge in Grand Teton NP (WY) was dedicated with dinner speeches by Laurence Rockefeller, NPS Dir. Conrad Wirth and Kenneth Chorley, president of Grand Teton Lodge Co.



Kowski Champ Profile

Fred Suarez began his federal career in 1970 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an attorney advisor. In 1972, he came to work for the NPS Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, in the Division of Lands. Fred was promoted to chief of the Concessions Division in 1983, and remained in that position until this year. He is now the chief of the Land Resources Division for the Intermountain Region. Fred is married, and has five children ranging in age from 9 to 18. His wife, Patricia, is the acting director of Admissions for Creighton University in Omaha.

Fred took up golf only about 12 years ago. He's had the pleasure of playing on some of the world's premiere courses during vacation

travels - St. Andrews, Muirfield and Troon in Scotland, and Ballybunion in Ireland. His only hole-in-one was in 1987 on a local course in Omaha. This is the third year Fred has played in the memorial tournament; his other finishes include not placing one year, but finishing second the other. He said he was completely surprised when he got the phone call that he'd won this year.

Fred laments that he doesn't play as much golf as he used to now that the children are getting older, and claims his game reflects that fact. "Kids ruined my golf swing, which wasn't very good anyway."





Happy Trails, Shenandoah Trailers

Over 20 years ago, 34 used (government surplus used) trailers were brought into the park for use as temporary housing and office space, but remained in use.

The used trailers consumed vast amounts of gas and electricity, were structurally unsound, rodent and insect infested, cost an excessive amount to maintain and were eyesores. In 1994, hantavirus infection was found in the park's rodent population. Although the actual risk of humans acquiring the disease is extraordinarily low, the consequences of contracting it are severe. Work and living spaces must be rodent-free. The cost of rodent proofing the trailers was estimated to be at least \$55,000.

Seasonal ranger, John Waterman was taking a shower in his trailer home when suddenly the tub gave way, the rotted floor collapsed and dropped him onto the ground. He found himself having to hold onto a towel rack to keep from



Photo: John Amberson, Shenandoah volunteer

Trailer gets escorted OUT of the park.

being hurt and onto a towel to keep from being exposed while he called for help!

Barb Stewart, park ranger naturalist, and former trailer resident remembers her experiences with rats chewing handles off lunch boxes and snacking on sweaters.

The park sought emergency funding and approval to move employees to alternative work and living space for the next three to four years until the facilities called for in the FDP are constructed; to rodent proof the remaining structures and to remove all trailers from the park by September 1995.

An Incident Management Team was formed in late January and Operation Trailerless was born. All trailers have been removed from the park and affected employees have been moved to interim office space, and seasonals truly needing quarters have been housed. The Incident Management team is now overseeing the rodent-proofing of existing high priority structures. -- Lyn Rothgeb, Shenandoah NP.

Congratulations to Supt. Bill Wade and the park staff for taking action!



Off the Presses

The 55th Illinois 1861-1865, Foreword by Ed C. Bearss, Blue Acron Press, Huntington, WV. ISBN 0-9628866-6-1, \$35. Originally published in 1887 and written in four parts by two Captains, a Sgt. Major, and the Chaplain. This new edition adds 73 wartime portraits of 55th personnel and their commanders, along with four maps and a new foreword by Bearss.

Soldier Boy, Frank A. Uzman, 210 pp, illus., oversized paperback, Quixote Publications, Berea, OH ISBN 0-9633083-3-5, \$11.95 Frank's book is the story of a naive 19-year-old who enlisted in the Army and after three years of WW II, emerged a man. The book is not so much about him, but about the soldiers with whom he served. He has recreated the grit and the camaraderie, the frustrations and fears of his outfit, the fighting men of the 445th Antiaircraft Battalion. (Frank retired from Land Acquisition, WASO, in 1984.)

Wild Plants of the Pueblo Province (Exploring Ancient and Enduring Uses), William "Bill" Dunmire & Gail D. Tierney, Museum of New Mexico Press, 292 pp, 85 color plates, line drawings and maps, \$19.95 soft, ISBN 0-89013-282-8 hardbound \$29.95. Based on first-rate research, in a handy field guide format, this

book identifies, and tells of the wild plants growing in the lands of NM's Pueblo Indians. It includes an annotated list of nearly 300 plants and all their known uses.

The Capacity for Wonder, William R. Lowry, The Brookings Institution, 280 pp, well indexed, extensive notes and references; including bibliographical essays on each chapter. ISBN 0-8157-5298-9 cloth \$28.95. "A significant contribution to understanding how special interests, lack of vision, and politically manipulative policies threaten the preservation of America's national parks...This is a wake-up call to all those concerned with saving our natural and cultural heritage. Time is of the essence!" George B. Hartzog Jr.

(IR)Rational Parks!, David Blomstrom, Geobopological Survey, Seattle, WA, 250 pp, 24 photos, illus. Sept. release. ISBN 0-9646777-0-9, paperback \$13.95 incl. shipping. This is a treasury of hilarious questions, quips, and anecdotes from our national parks, monuments, preserves seashores, etc. It features wacky essays on natural history, wilderness, and America in a new and enlightening perspective! David has worked for the NPS, USF&WS, and Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

And the roads are still there, we think

Seven inches of snow on June 19 turned **Crater Lake NP** (OR) into a winter wonderland. Park visitors were surprised to see so much snow this close to the first day of summer. The North Entrance Road and West Rim Drive were closed, and reopened on June 20.

As of June 20, the snow depth at the park headquarters was 50 inches. Accumulated snowfall to date has measured 616 inches, well over the average snowfall of 533 inches. The road is open from the North Entrance to Rim Village, and road crews are working to clear snow from East Rim Drive to Cleetwood. Snow drifts are still over 20 feet in some locations. Rim Drive around Crater Lake was not expected to open until mid-July.

Yellowstone NP (WY) experienced unseasonably

warm weather throughout the winter. This produced a wet, compacted snow which formed ice when spring temperatures dropped below zero. Compared to the past several winters, snow depths were up considerably on the east side, and slightly lower on the west side of the park. The ice layer on the west side was over one foot thick and could not be plowed and was eventually removed with a lot of grater work. March 6, the annual spring snow removal process began on 199 miles of primary park roads, and eight developed areas. The park staff also removes snow outside the park on 45 miles of the Beartooth Highway from Cooke City to the Wyoming/ Montana state line. Finally, on June 3, Dunraven Pass officially opened in anticipation of the summer season.

At **Rocky Mountain NP** (CO) on April 17, the snowpack was

below average, giving rise to expectations that the road might be ready a week or more earlier than the Memorial Day target date. However, waves of moisture moving in from the West Coast in late April and through the month of May dashed all hopes. A heavy snowfall May 5 marked the beginning of a frustrating period for the park's snow plow operators when repeated waves of snow stymied their efforts to clear the road. Unlike winter snows, spring storms deposit extremely wet, heavy snow, clogging equipment and slowing the work pace. The situation was worsened by a lack of sunny days. Road crews usually can count on solar heating to help melt snows and dry the road surface. But, no such help came from mother nature this year.

In early June, crews concentrated on clearing drainage ditches along Trail

Ridge Road, and on removing snow, 30 feet deep in some places, from at least half of the parking lot at the Alpine Visitor Center/Trail Ridge Store complex. Efforts at the parking lot have been tremendously aided with a borrowed bulldozer. It has enabled crews to remove larger volumes of snow more quickly while saving the park about \$7,000.

On June 20, **Glacier NP** (MT) road crew encountered 3-foot snow drifts at the triple Arches and Rim Rock. Weather and visibility improved and allowed the crew to pioneer a single-lane to Logan Pass from the west. The crew measured 6-9 inches of fresh snow in the Logan Pass parking lot. Two foot snow drifts were encountered throughout the length of "Big Drift" east of Logan Pass, and seven inches of new snow accumulated near the east side tunnel. The single-lane will be widened and the

parking lot replowed as quickly as possible, however, safety remains a priority for park.

The snowpack in the **Yosemite Valley** was approximately 200% of average, with a water content also 200% of average. This means abundant water, contributing to the spectacular waterfalls which will look splendid much of the summer. The higher roads of the park, the Glacier Point Road and the Tioga Road were not open as of June 24. Most of the snow clearing equipment for Glacier Point was being used on Tioga Road. The clearing process has resumed on the Glacier Point Road. There was still a section of 2-3 foot deep snow to be cleared, rocks to be moved and facilities to be brought on line.



Lee's Retreat Hits the Road

Although the Civil War has sometimes been treated as a continuing conflict, on March 29, the eve of the 130th anniversary of the fall of Petersburg, and the torching of Richmond, Virginia's newest tourist attraction was dedicated: Lee's retreat route across southside Virginia.

This 105 mile self-guided auto tour retraces the routes that Confederate and Union forces followed from Petersburg to Appomattox Court House, VA, and has 20 stops. Each stop has a radio transmitter that broadcasts an interpretive narrative about each site. The stops include historically significant Civil War battlefields and encampments. The total cost to design and implement the tour was \$607,000.

Chris Caulkins, Petersburg



Chris Calkins speaks at the opening of the auto route tour.

NB, who has written the definitive history of the event, and Ron Wilson, Appomattox Court House NHP, were instrumental in assisting Virginia's Retreat, a regional tourism consortium that funded and developed the project. For a detailed map of the Retreat Route and other points of interest, call 1-800-6-RETREAT.

Rail Reunion

This much debated, often maligned NPS site, has been building up steam since it was authorized in 1986. Now, about \$66 million later, July 1995 marks the grand opening of Steamtown NHS (PA).

Prime congressional sponsor, Congressman Joseph McDade, and Dir. Kennedy will be on hand for ceremonies dedicating the core-complex (a new visitor center, theater and museum) with its rail yard collection of engines and rolling stock. Mr. William Withuhn, of

the Smithsonian Museum of American History, will narrate the "Parade of Steam" as the largest gathering of engines since the hey-day of steam, individually chug themselves in review.

With all the coming and going to these steam belching, coal consuming giants, Supt. Terry Gess and staff will be warning visitors to stay off the tracks and to keep clear while the trains are moving. The site is open daily with regular steam excursions departing from July to October.



New Places continued from page 5

Leroy Culpepper from welder worker to welder, Ozark NSR (MO).

Lisa Potter Thomas from MWRO ecologist to environmental protection specialist.

Benton L. Clary from park manager, Voyageurs NP (MN) to same, Ozark NSR (MO).

Karin Messaros, communication supervisor, Steamtown NHS (PA) to same, Olympic NP (WA).

Mike Litterst, interpretive ranger, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP (VA), to same, Colonial NHP (VA).

Dennis Vasquez, chief of interpretation, Big Bend NP (TX) to instructor, Albright Training Center, 3 year assignment.

Marilyn H. Parris has been named superintendent of Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS (PA) and Johnstown

Flood NMEM (PA). She has been the superintendent of Fort Necessity NB (PA) and Friendship Hill NHS (PA) since 1990 and will retain the superintendency of those sites in addition to the others.

Betty Ricklefs from administrative officer, Sitka NHP (AK) to chief of administration, Haleakala NP (HI).

Lisa Guide to deputy chief, WASO public affairs. She will report to Kevin Sweeney who announced that he will leave later this year.

Hunter Glidewell from Williamsport Preservation Training Center (WPTC) to Kalaupapa NHP (HI) as facility manager.

Barbara J. West has been named superintendent of Voyageurs NP (MN). She was on assignment to Interior. She holds a master's in public administration from the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas.

Frank Graham, SER fire coordinator and **John Cannon**, chief ranger at Big South Fork NR&RA (TN, KY) are trading positions.

Kirby Matthew from WPTC to exhibits specialist at Bryce Canyon NP (UT).

Doug Buffington has been named director of the Alaska Science Center, NBS.

Brenda Fochtman from chief of Inprest and Utilities, AOD to office automation clerk, Colonial NHP (VA).

Marilyn Carter from office automation clerk to purchasing agent, Colonial NHP (VA).

Mike Litterst from supervisory park ranger, Manassas NBP (VA) to same, Colonial NHP (VA).

Joan Anzelmo, from NPS chief of public affairs to Grand Teton NP (WY), chief of concessions.



Museum Tech Sharon Shugart describes museum storage and collection issues at Hot Springs NP (AR). Photo: Warren Bielenberg

Tell Us Your Stories

By now many rangers, campground hosts, maintenance employees and others have greeted and guided campers. We want to hear your best stories about interesting, funny, heart-warming or frightening encounters and experiences with camping or campers this summer.

Please submit all information to E&AA "Newsletter," 446 North Lane, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Please type or print to help us with accuracy. Clean, laser

copies are preferred. Information can also be faxed to (610) 832-0308.

Photographs are welcome. We prefer black and white prints, but color is acceptable. On the back of the photograph please identify who and what is in the photo, who took the photo, when the photo was taken, where the photo was taken, and your name and address. Please include, if possible, a summary of the event at which the photo was

taken, news release or other information about the event, place or person. Photo-taking tips: make the person or subject the focal point of the photo, avoid background distractions; demonstrate how people should pose, shoot for natural positions and movements, try not to shoot an execution-style photo; and watch out for proper lighting and shadows.

The deadline for the next issue is September 21.

Join the E&AA for Founders Day, August 25

The 79th anniversary of the creation of the NPS as a bureau of the Department of the Interior will be celebrated Friday, August 25. The Washington celebration will be held at Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club, Washington, DC.

The theme for the celebration is Winning World War II and will honor our veterans and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ed Bearss, NPS historian, will be the speaker.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception and cash bar at 6:00 followed by a bountiful buffet of

seafood for \$35 per person. There is ample free parking and accessible parking and entry to the officers club.

If you would like to attend, send a check for \$35 **per person attending** to: E&AA 79th, PO Box 1490, Falls Church, VA 22041. Make checks payable to "E&AA 79th." Include names and addresses of people attending.

We are looking forward to hearing about all park and office celebrations!

Park Pic

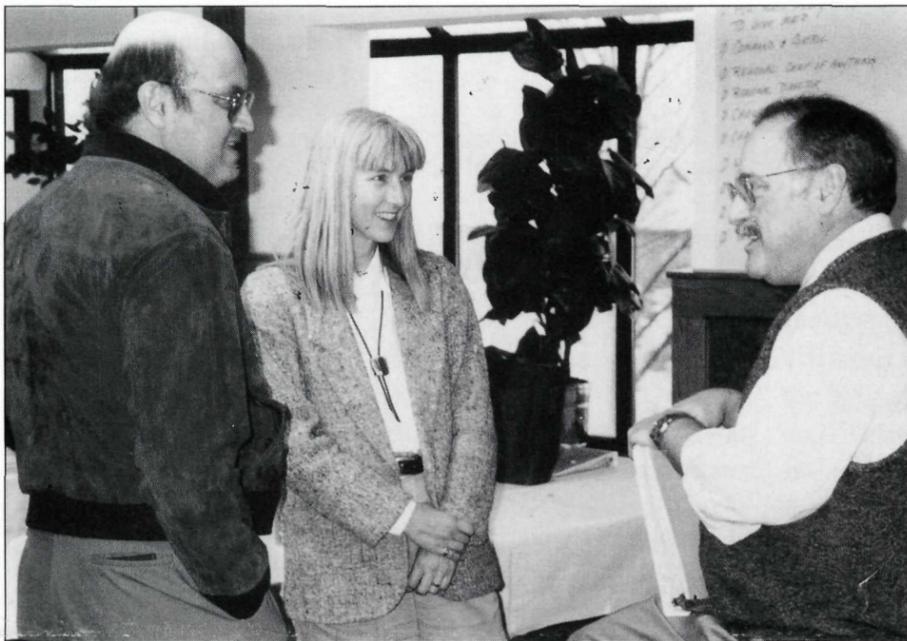


Photo: Warren Bielenberg

Harpers Ferry Center Interpretive Planners Paul Lee and Sharon Brown chat with Corky Mayo at the Intermountain Interpretive Futures Conference.

Thanks Again to All of You

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Cape Cod Reunion Reservation Deadline: August 17

Hotel Reservation Form

E&AA Reunion at Cape Cod September 17-20

Please complete and mail this form to: Sheraton Eastham - Cape Cod, Route 6, Eastham, MA 02642 Phone: 1-800-533-3986

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Circle one: Single Double Triple Quad

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If rooming together mail one reservation form to the Sheraton including names and addresses of the people sharing the room.

Group rate: Single or Double \$65 plus 9.7% MA tax per room per night, additional \$10 per room, per night for triples and quads.

Reservation Deadline: August 17, 1995

Payment: Personal Checks Accepted as deposits only

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Check enclosed: _____ (Make checks payable to Sheraton Inn Eastham)

Payment of one night's rate plus 9.7% MA tax is needed to confirm reservations. Balance due upon checkout with credit card or cash only. Refunds will be made if cancellation is made 48 hours before arrival date. Check in is at 3:00pm. Check out at 11:00am.

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Guests who wish to extend their stay may do so. The rate is \$70 plus 9.7% tax per room per night.

Be sure to say that you are with the E&AA Reunion to ensure the special \$65 rate.

Join Us On The Island

As the definition says, a peninsula is a piece of land that is almost surrounded by water, yet connected by a narrow neck of land to the mainland.

Many books say that Cape Cod is "a hooked shaped peninsula on the coast of Massachusetts." But, join us on Cape Cod and you will find it to be about 65 miles long and from 1-

20 miles wide, but not connected to Massachusetts by land. Unless you fly or come by ferry, you will cross a bridge over the widest artificial waterway in the world, the Cape Cod Canal.

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