

Newsletter

Employees & Alumni Association
of the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Director's Cost-Share Program Selections for FY 99

Eight "national scope" proposals were submitted for the Director's Challenge Cost-Share Program for 1999, and five have been awarded for a total of \$112,000. They are:

1. \$25,000 to Alaska Support Office for "Connecting Students to Parks: Electronic Field Trip to Katmai NP & PRES" for middle and high school students. Distance learning that reaches non-traditional audiences. A similar program featuring Wrangell-St. Elias reached over 500,000 in 30 states.

2. \$29,000 to Heritage Preservation Services, WASO, to expand the Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program from 3 interns this year to 10-12 interns in NPS central offices, partner organizations and parks for summer 2000. Reaches under-served constituency, students at HBCUs, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and other minority schools. Matching share from National Park Foundation.

3. \$15,000 to Philadelphia SO, National Landmarks Program, to establish the National Historic Landmarks Stewards Association as an organization: obtain non-profit status; develop a five-year strategic and business plan; initiate an outreach program to NHL stewards and provide 15-20 scholarships for the first national Stewards Congress.

4. \$27,500 to the Information and Telecommunications Center, WASO, to assist Federation of Genealogical Societies' volunteers develop a prototype Revolutionary War Soldiers database and input data in consultation with American Battlefield Protection Program. Work is based on the Civil War Soldiers data base project in partnership with Howard University and FGS scheduled for completion this summer.

5. \$15,000 to Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES, to expand the AMTRAK Partnership Program (Rails and Trails) to four new routes. Reaches diverse and non-traditional visitors to parks and potential constituents who do not visit parks. One hundred and ten thousand people have been exposed to this program to date. New routes and materials will cover Amistad NRA, Fort Clatsop N MEM, Santa Monica NRA, Pinnacles NM and Illinois and Michigan Canal NHC. Matching share is from AMTRAK.

LBJ NHP Hosts Presidential Sites and Libraries Conference

The third Presidential Sites and Libraries Conference was held in Austin, TX on the first day of National Park Week. Hosted by Lyndon B. Johnson National and State Historical Parks, the George Bush Presidential Library and the LBJ Library and Museum, the conference brought together approximately 170 representatives from presidential properties nationwide. Members of private, local, state and federal presidential sites, presidential libraries and educational institutions attended. Conference co-chair Supt. Leslie Starr Hart, LBJ NHP, planned and organized the three-day meeting.

In his opening remarks, Director Stanton posed the following three

questions for the conferees to consider.

- Who is visiting presidential properties, and who is not?
- How can the presidential sites communicate, and sustain, their relevance to young people?
- Can the sites do more to provide a compelling experience for all segments of the population?

A roster of stimulating speakers provided the impetus for creative discussions in workshops and roundtables as well as during social events. Presentations by National History Day award-winning student teams were a refreshing glimpse into the next generation's positive values

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Photo: Arthur McCreia for the NPS

L to R: Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Supt. Leslie Starr Hart, LBJ NHP, Director Robert Stanton and Supt. Marianne Peak, Adams NHS, on the Texas White House lawn before the conference.

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Reaches its Destination

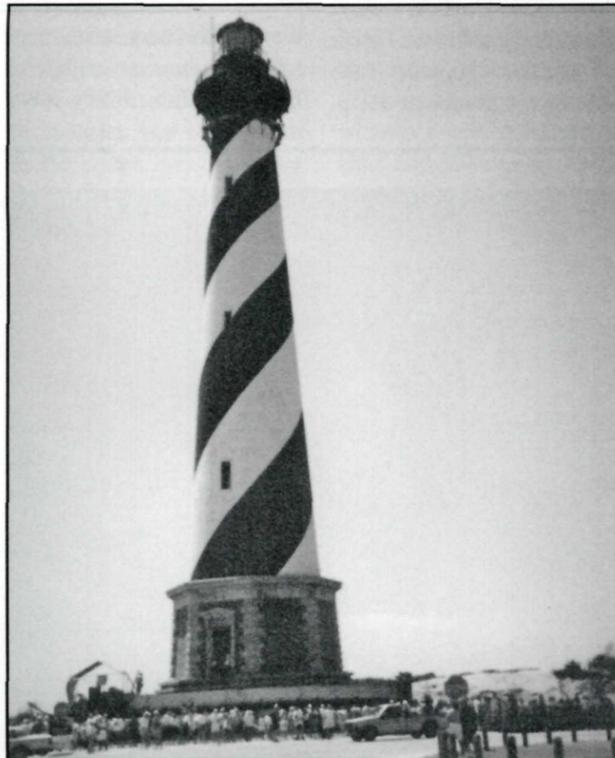


Photo: Sandy Quidley

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse moving to its destination.

Late in the rainy afternoon of June 17, the 202-foot tall Cape Hatteras Lighthouse (the tallest in the world) began its historic journey with a nudge from hydraulic jacks. Before days end it had rolled 10 feet four inches of the planned 2,900 linear feet to its new base. A project subcontractor said, "It rolled a lot easier than we thought."

The proposal to move the historic landmark generated controversy on the outer banks and across the nation. Opponents preferred various "no move options." In fact, here in Pennsylvania there were public expressions on bumper stickers stating their position. The courts, however, upheld the NPS position enabling the project to move ahead.

In North Carolina the project man-

ager reported the lighthouse to be very well constructed. During much of the move, he said, he was underneath it—to make sure there were no problems, "That is how confident I am in its stability," he said. Observers reported that it was difficult to see the ever-so-slow progress. An occasional screech of the rollers confirmed that it was moving. The lighthouse moved an average of an inch or two a minute.

Supt. Bob Reynolds, Cape Hatteras NS, stated, "This is a major milestone in this project to preserve a piece of America's heritage. For many people, lighthouses in general and this lighthouse in particular is a symbol of people's romance with the ocean."

On Friday, July 9, the lighthouse arrived at its new location.

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles Return to Padre Island NS

By John E. Miller

For the past two decades, a binational cooperative program has been establishing a secondary breeding colony of Kemp's ridley sea turtles at Padre Island NS (PAIS), TX. The Kemp's ridley is the most critically endangered sea turtle species in the world and nests primarily at Rancho Nuevo, Mexico. In 1947, over 40,000 Kemp's ridleys were documented nesting at Rancho Nuevo. Unfortunately, by 1973, human predation had reduced the colony to only 400 turtles. At that time, many sea turtle experts predicted that the species would become

extinct before conservation measures could be implemented to save them. However, despite this dire prediction, beginning in 1978, a multi-agency task force directed by the NPS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the government of Mexico began the effort to save this species of sea turtle.

From 1978 to 1988, 2,000 Kemp's ridley eggs were collected yearly from Rancho Nuevo and flown to PAIS for hatching and eventual release. Because the Kemp's ridley had historically nested on Padre Island, scientists were hopeful that the turtles would

imprint to PAIS and would eventually return to the park to nest. Since 1986, Donna Shaver, now USGS station leader at PAIS (and former NPS resources management specialist) has been directing a NPS-USGS cooperative program to detect, study and protect the nesting turtles and their eggs.

To the delight of Ms. Shaver and park personnel, the Kemp's ridleys have returned to PAIS to nest. Beginning in 1995, every year the number of nesting Kemp's ridleys has doubled. Returnees (turtles with "living tags") from the project have been docu-

mented nesting in 1996, 1998 and 1999. When a nesting turtle is located at the park, the eggs are brought to a park incubation facility for hatching. Since 1995, Ms. Shaver has hatched and released over 2,500 Kemp's ridley hatchlings. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of NPS and USGS personnel, this year 14 Kemp's ridley nests have already been located and over 1,200 eggs are now being incubated. This year has already proven to be the best nesting year

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Focus on the Parks

Recycling of Flood-damaged Buildings—**Yosemite NP** has almost completed a major materials recycling project at Yosemite Lodge. Salvageable materials from flooded buildings being removed from the park, including wood and concrete, are being used in other park buildings or are being recycled in the local community. Over 200 structures are being removed, including cabins and dormitory buildings. Employee dormitories in the Yosemite Lodge complex were removed in the first phase of the project. The removal would have cost \$300,000 if done by a contractor. Park employees instead did the work for \$125,000, and were able to recycle a larger percentage of the materials, including 150,000 board feet of lumber, 200 plumbing fixtures, 500 windows, 150 cubic yards of gypsum drywall, 160 cubic yards of metal and 375 tons of wood.

Horse Roundup—Supt. Karen Brown, **Cape Lookout NS**, reports on the roundup of ponies on Shackleford Banks in January to test for the equine infectious anemia (EIA) virus. A team, which included park staff, volunteers from the Foundation for Shackleford Horses

and veterinary staff from Fort Bragg captured 114 horses. Veterinarians and state livestock handlers drew blood samples, freeze-branded the foals and took the samples to a state lab for testing. The ponies tested 100 percent negative for the virus. The horses were returned to the banks and released. This operation concluded four years of controversy over the handling of EIA positive reactors. Seventy-six horses were destroyed in 1996 on the advice of the NC Department of Agriculture; that action led to legislation mandating the NPS to “co-manage” the horses with the Foundation for Shackleford Horses. The five horses that tested positive in 1997 and the three that tested positive in 1998 were all turned over to the foundation, which maintains a state-approved quarantine site in Carteret County, NC. The legislation also mandated the development of an MOU outlining the general terms of the cooperative effort between the park and the foundation. That MOU has been drafted and was sent to the solicitor’s office earlier this month for review and approval. Since the horses have now been determined to be free of disease, the park will no longer have to conduct annual roundups.

The Bureau of Land Management has unveiled a draft management plan for the **Grand Staircase-Escalante NM** that would carve the 1.9 million-acre monument into as many as six different zones, with limits on the activities permitted in each area. The 465-page draft document includes five management alternatives formulated by a 15-member panel that included archeologists, paleontologists, biologists, economists and recreation professionals. According to Monument Manager Jerry Meredith, BLM officials also gathered input from special interest groups and businesses.

Another White House? In 1794, President George Washington wrote “I have taken a house in Germantown...” He brought his wife and their two adopted children to enjoy the pleasant countryside surrounding the Deshler-Morris House, then outside of Philadelphia. One of America’s most historic sites, the house address today is 5442 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia. It is administered by **Independence NHP** and is operated by the volunteers of the Deshler-Morris House Committee. Normal hours of operation are Tues. through Sat. 1-4 p.m.

On Nov. 6, President Clinton signed a bill establishing **Little Rock Central High School** as a National Historic Site. It had previously been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark. Also included in the Act is a section calling for a National Historic Landmark Theme Study on the history of desegregation of public education, to be done as part of the new unit’s GMP. The new park is still functioning as a high school.

The staff of Malad Gorge State Park and **Hagerman Fossil Beds NM** hosted “A Day with Native American Idaho.” The event was held Saturday, May 22 at Malad Gorge State Park picnic area. The event provided educational and entertaining insight to Idaho’s Native American tribes highlighting stories, songs, dances and drumming from each tribe. The Nez Perce tribe, the Couer D’Alene tribe, the Shoshone-Bannock tribe and the Shoshone-Paiute tribe shared the traditions of their people along with Native American food and crafts.

Padre Island NS—Padre Island Park Co., owned and operated by Forever Resorts, will initially present the U.S. Geological Survey over \$400 as a partner in support of the Kemp’s ridley turtle project designed

to locate and protect the Kemp’s ridley sea turtle nests on North Padre Island’s 80 miles of shoreline. Special Kemp’s ridley t-shirts were designed and commissioned by Forever Resorts to help fund the 1999 patrol program. Every shirt sold adds more to the project. “We are proud to be an active and contributing partner to this very worthwhile project and hope this year’s efforts will be even more successful than last year’s to protect and re-populate this endangered species,” said David E. Gackenbach, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Forever Resorts. The Kemp’s ridley sea turtle is the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world, with less than 2,000 nesting females worldwide compared to the one-time figure of 40,000. They were first documented nesting on Padre Island in 1947 and the waters have proven to be an integral factor in their migratory corridor, feeding area and breeding ground, resulting in more nests than any other location in the United States.

DOI 150th Anniversary Photo and Poetry Contests—The contests are now underway according to a memorandum issued by Assistant Secretary John Berry. “We at In-

terior are proud of our beautiful and inspiring scenery, and I am sure that we will receive a wide array of photos and poetry that testify to our incredible lands legacy,” Berry said. The only general guideline is that the materials should relate to the theme of the anniversary—“Guardians of the Past, Stewards for the Future.” The competitions are open to all employees, including contractors and their families. Entries will be judged in a variety of categories including adult and student, beginners and those with more experience and color or black and white photography. The deadline for submitting materials is Friday, Sept. 10, 1999. Winners will be announced in October. Check out the DOI Web site for more details at www.doi.gov/ anniversary.

San Francisco Maritime NHP Gold Rush Exhibit “Found! The Wreck of the *Frolic*—A Gold Rush Cargo for San Francisco,” is extended until Oct. 3, 1999. An exhibition about the only shipwreck ever discovered with Gold Rush cargo. The unusual story of the *Frolic*’s discovery and the fascinating artifacts salvaged from the wreck reveal new information about the beginning of California’s trade with China.



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The commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the landing of Pierre LeMoyné d’Iberville on Ship Island, at Gulf Islands NS, February 10, 1999. Dr. Pat Smith, University of Southern Mississippi associate history professor, portrays the French-Canadian explorer who used Ship Island as a base of operations as he looked for the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Gulf Islands NS continues its year-long commemoration of “1699-1999: Ship Island and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.” Although French Louisiana lasted only sixty years, the influence of 1699 can still be traced three hundred years later. Beyond providing names for Mississippi’s barrier islands and coast landmarks,

the French legacy stretches from today’s Gulf Coast through Louisiana and the mid-western United States. During this period Ship Island played a continuing part in the creation of American history. As part of the year’s 1699-1999 commemoration, Gulf Islands NS will present weekly programs on periods in

coastal history involving this small barrier island twelve miles off the Mississippi coast. These hour-long programs will be presented each Sunday at 2 p.m. in the William Colmer Visitor Center located in Ocean Springs. The July program is “Civil War Years” and the August program is “1890s Quarantine Station.”

Focus on the Parks

A new improved interagency Web site allows visitors to explore recreation opportunities on more than 1,900 recreation sites. The new site is a joint effort of a handful of federal agencies, including NPS, the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service and the Army Corps of Engineers. The areas found at www.recreation.gov include national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, lakes, rivers, historic sites and more. The system also provides links to on-line reservations for more than 50,000 campsites and other federal facilities nationwide. The site is searchable by state, agency or a combination of the two.

Beaver Management in Washington DC—No beaver have been sighted in the Tidal Basin since April 13, when an adult beaver was live trapped and successfully relocated to an undisclosed natural area where two others were taken just days earlier. The park determined that the beavers would have to be relocated when it was discovered they were destroying some of the Japanese cherry trees that surround the Tidal Basin. The beavers destroyed a total of ten young trees, four of them cherry trees in full bloom. The third beaver, an adult believed to be a male, was live trapped on April 13 and successfully relocated to the same area the other beavers were taken. The first beaver, an adult female, was captured on April 9; the second beaver, a yearling, was captured on April 11. All of the downed trees have been removed and the stumps sawed off at the ground to reduce the risk of injury to the public.

Big Bend NP, has received a grant of \$39,410 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Native Plant Conservation Initiative for the propagation of the native plants and revegetation of disturbed areas in the park. The funds will allow the park to expand and improve an existing native plant propagation partnership with Sul Ross State University, will provide funds for a graduate research assistant to SRSU to focus on park plant propagation priorities and will help to revegetate disturbed park lands. The grant will also be used to develop a program with the school district in the park to build a greenhouse that will provide native plants to the park, while offering a unique learning experience for the students.

Big Thicket Signs Agreement for Visitor Center—The Kountze Economic Development Corporation and Big Thicket NP signed a Memorandum of Agreement that will result in the construction of a visitor center in the Big Thicket.



Photo: White House

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton congratulates John Latschar, Supt. of Gettysburg NMP (left), while Alec Gould, Supt. of Colonial NHP looks on. The superintendents visited the White House on May 19 to attend a press conference announcing the "Save America's Treasures" program. Gettysburg and Colonial were among 62 historic areas selected for preservation grants.

The agreement calls for the Kountze EDC to contract for the design and construction of the VC on NPS land and to convey the center to the NPS upon completion. The NPS agrees to accept the center, furnish it with exhibits and operate it as a major visitor destination in the region. The Kountze EDC, private foundations and other entities will provide funding for this public-private partnership to construct the center. The NPS will fund the design, construction and installation of exhibits and audiovisual program material, and operate and maintain the center into the future. "This action represents the efforts of many interested parties to bring to fruition a long-standing promise of a visitor center for the Big Thicket," Supt. Richard Peterson said. "Efforts over a 10-year period to have the NPS build the center have not been successful, and I thank the local communities for rising to the challenge." The preliminary planning calls for the construction of a commercial log building of 6,600 square feet that will feature information services, book sales, interpretive exhibits and orientation films.

Eisenhower NHS—The Annual Eisenhower Academy: An Institute for Middle and Secondary School Teachers will be held Aug. 1-6, 1999 at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. Sponsored by Eisenhower NHS, Gettysburg College and Mount St. Mary's College, the Academy will focus on the Eisenhower presidency, including the events, the crises and the life-style of 1950's America. Total cost of the week-long institute, including food, lodging, field trips and special evening events is \$375 per person double occupancy, \$410 single occupancy. Continuing education and graduate credits are available. For additional information contact Eisenhower Academy, Eisenhower NHS, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Or call (717) 338-9114.

Big Thicket NP—Park neighbors phoned Ranger Regina Klein at her residence to report a man spotlighting along a road in the Big Sandy Creek Unit. Klein found Charles Kristensen getting out of his rental car with a headlamp on his head. Kristensen, who is from Pennsylvania, said that he was looking for black widow spiders, and that he had an order from Merck Labs for 3,000 of them. He denied that he was collecting in the park, but had in his possession eight live black widows, several thousand collection vials and photography equipment. He said that he knew that collecting was not allowed in the park and was familiar with NPS restrictions. He also spoke of collecting spiders for his business, Spider Pharm, Inc. Kristensen was cited for CFR violations for possession of wildlife, possession of traps and viewing wildlife with artificial light in a closed area. Kristensen has paid his fines and a representative of Merck Labs has confirmed that they flew Kristensen into Houston for a week-long collection trip where he had the potential to earn \$9,000 for collected black widows.

First Lady Hillary Clinton visited **Grand Canyon NP** on May 19 to launch the Grand Canyon Greenway as a Millennium Trails event. Clinton, as honorary chair of the committee, kicked off her "Save America's Treasures" tour of the southwest by joining the park in its celebration of The Greenway, a proposed series of 73 miles of trails along both of the canyon's rims. She also visited **Mesa Verde NP** on May 21 and 22, and stayed overnight in the park's lodge. She announced \$3 million in donations and federal grants to stabilize and protect the park's backcountry cliff dwellings. Director Stanton was also present.



Issues of the 90s

Gettysburg NMP—Significant National Register Decision

On May 14, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation published a decision supporting the NPS proposal to remove the Gettysburg Cyclorama Center from the Union battle line on Cemetery Ridge in order to restore the battlefield to its 1863 appearance and to properly preserve the cyclorama painting. The cyclorama center was built in 1962 as a Mission 66 visitor center and had been declared eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The precedent-setting decision weighed the priorities of three resources—the building, the battlefield itself (which is on the National Register) and the 1884 panoramic painting, which is a Congressionally designated National Treasure, and a national historic object and is therefore considered eligible for the National Register. Architectural historians had argued that the building should be saved as an outstanding work of the architect Richard Neutra. The Advisory Council's report stated: "Neutra has a secure place in the pantheon of American architectural history. There are other Neutra buildings; there is only one Gettysburg battlefield." Gettysburg NMP's draft general management plan proposes to move the painting into a new visitor center and museum and restore the battle line where the current visitor center, cyclorama center and parking lots are now located.

NPS Web Site Down

On May 10, the webmaster for ParkNet (www.nps.gov) discovered that the site had been hacked into from China. The main homepage had been replaced with one that deplored the bombing of the Chinese embassy. The site was taken off line, and was not open to either the public or NPS staff for a short period of time.

Subsistence Fishing Regulations for Alaska Published

The Secretary of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture's Alaska Regional Forester, have signed final regulations designed to expand federal subsistence fisheries management in Alaska. The final regulations will establish a framework for expanding federal subsistence fisheries management on close to 60 percent of Alaska's rivers and lakes. It will cover subsistence fishing harvests on inland rivers and lakes on conservation lands and on national forests managed by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture. The regulations identify the federal waters involved, update "customary and traditional" determinations, define subsistence fishing methods and means and establish annual subsistence fishing seasons and harvest limits. "We continue to hope that the Alaska Legislature will do the right thing and

enact the necessary state measures to avoid having the federal government step in and assume management of subsistence fisheries," Secretary Babbitt said. "These final regulations are the only course of action left for us if the state legislature fails to take measures that would bring state subsistence management into full compliance under federal law." If the Alaska Legislature takes action to put a constitutional amendment for the rural subsistence priority on the general election ballot in 2000, such a move will postpone expansion of federal subsistence fisheries management. The final regulations were published in the federal Register in Jan. and will be effective Oct. 1.

6th Conference on National Scenic and Historical Trails

The partnership for the National Trails System, will hold the 6th Conference on National Scenic and Historic Trails September 12-16, at the Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe, CA. Federal trail managers, state and local agency partners and trail organization leaders from throughout America will share information and learn how to secure federal, state and private funding to support trail projects.

Registration materials will be available in July. Contact Gary Werner, Partnership for the National Trails Systems at (608) 249-7870, NATTRAILS@aol.com for information and registration materials.

The Congress is Still at Work

Of the 80 House bills and 60 Senate bills introduced, only two have become public law: 106-18 authorizes appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail in NJ and 106-20 authorizes the addition of the Sedbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers to the Wild & Scenic River System.

National Public Lands Day

On Apr. 26 Director Stanton signed a memorandum to NPS regional directors and superintendents encouraging them to participate in National Public Lands Day on Sept. 25, 1999. Thousands of volunteers will donate their time to clean up litter, build bridges and trails, remove exotic species and carry out hundreds of other projects on public lands across the nation. The day is coordinated by The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation. Contact Patti Pride, NEETF, at (202) 628-8200 ext. 24 if you have questions or wish to participate.



Alumni News



"Rocky" and Rowena Richardson

James, AKA "Rocky," and Rowena Richardson, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 5, 1997 in Snohomish, WA. Their daughter, Georgina, and son, Jim, and their families sponsored the event. Rocky joined the NPS as a naturalist serving in several national parks and monuments including the Grand Canyon NP, Lassen Volcanic NP and the National Capital parks. They moved to Washington State when he became regional chief of interpretation for the PNW Region. Jim retired to raise Limousin beef cattle in 1986. In the meantime, Rowena spent 42 years in public education as a teacher and school administrator, retiring in 1991. They continue to enjoy life on their Skyland Limousin Ranch.

Parks are for Birds—**Ron Wauer** asks, "Would we still have the ivory-billed woodpecker, the great auk and the heath hen if the princi-

pal populations of those now-extinct species had lived in one of the U.S. national parks?" That is, he recognizes, impossible to answer. He does suggest that parks provide some of the best bird-watching opportunities, even though the majority of parks are subject to external threats such as air pollution and overuse by visitors. It has something to do with ecosystems and habitats. To learn more, read "Parks are for the Birds," in the March/April issue of *National Parks* magazine.

Former Supt. **Al Banton** suffered a stroke in late Dec. He was released from the hospital in early Feb. and has undergone much rehab work. At this time he is finally able to walk with the aid of a cane. His speech is returning. His long-term memory is good and he is able to talk on the telephone. If anyone would like to be in touch you can write to Al and Suzanne Banton at 243 Windswept, Greenfield, IN 46140 or call (317) 462-5743.

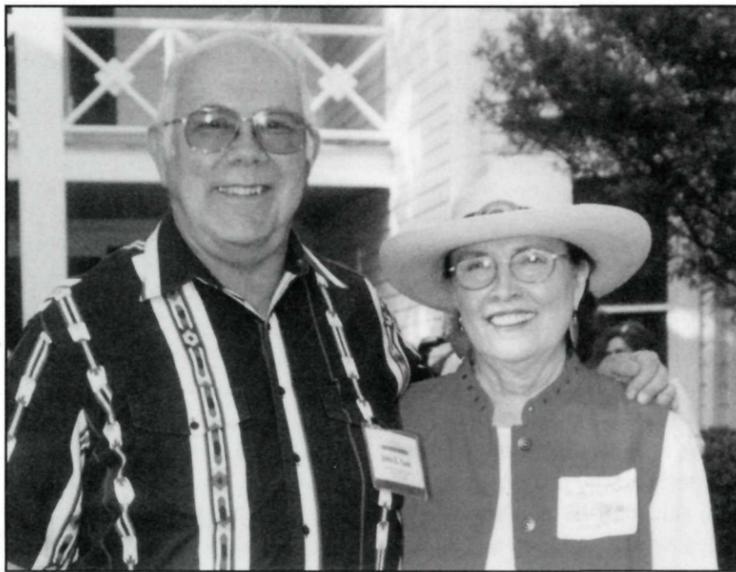


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Intermountain Regional Director John Cook and recent Lyndon B. Johnson NHP retiree Jewell Scott at the "Welcome To Texas" barbecue at the LBJ Ranch.

New Places/ New Faces

New Places

Dale Ditmanson, from assistant supt. of Glen Canyon NRA and Rainbow Bridge NM to associate regional director, NER.

Don Wollenhaupt, from chief of interpretation at Chickasaw NRA in Oklahoma to chief of interpretation for the Southeast Region.

Bryan Swift, from chief ranger at Lassen Volcanic NP to fire management officer for the Intermountain Region.

Debbie Gorman, from museum technician Saratoga NHP to graduate student State University of NY, Albany. She had also worked at Acadia & Morristown.

Cindy Kryston, from asst. supt. Lowell NHP to acting supt. Lowell NHP.

Cindy Ott-Jones from Uplake district ranger to chief ranger, Glen Canyon NRA. Even though it is within the same park, it is still a 300-mile move! From Bullfrog, UT to Page, AZ qualifies as a new place for us. Spouse Rick Jones, sub-dis-

trict interpreter, for the time remains at Bullfrog.

Peri R. Eringen from DSC to supt. at El Morro NM.

Steve Bone from chief ranger Grand Canyon NP to acting supt. at Big Bend NP.

Jim Northup from chief, Branch of Ranger Operations, at Grand Canyon NP to acting supt. at Guadalupe Mtns. NP.

Dennis Carruth, from site manager at Gila Cliff Dwellings NM to Capulin Volcano NM as chief of Interpretation, Resource Management and Protection. Dennis replaces **John Batzer** who retired in Jan. Dennis assumed his new position May 24.

Deborah O. Liggett, from management assistant in the Alaska Regional Office to general supt. of four park units in Southwest AK; Katami NP & PRES, Lake Clark NP & PRES, Aniakchak NM & PRES and the Alagnak Wild River.

New Faces

Josina M. Cisneros, from U.S. Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office in Albuquerque to Long Distance Trails Group Office, Santa Fe.

LBJ NHP Hosts Presidential Sites and Libraries Conference

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and commitment to hard work in the interest of historical scholarship. Two conference highlights were memorable. Mrs. Johnson's gracious participation in the "Welcome to Texas" barbecue at the LBJ Ranch was a special treat. President Bush's personal appearance, surprised conferees at the Bush Library and his warm, welcoming comments were most appreciated.

The goal of initiating new partnerships with like-minded professionals was met. A selection of post-conference comments is illustrative of its success:

"Congratulations on a truly memorable conference. Hopefully this will result in improved means for

bringing the stories of the presidential sites and libraries to the American people."

"It was the most successful conference I have ever attended. In three days, there was not one speaker who did not have very worthwhile comments to make."

"The educational program at our site is in a fledgling state. The coming together of many creative and talented people at the conference gave me limitless [sic] ideas on the possibilities of what can be done. I am, in fact, awed at what people can accomplish when they pull together and share their knowledge."

—**Sherry Justis**
PIO LBJ NHP



Photo: Charles Banks, Sr.

The NPS National Leadership Council, park staff and some invited guests at the front entrance of Monroe School.

Brown v. Board of Education

Director Stanton and members of the National Leadership Council were in Kansas to conduct the April satellite broadcast on the NPS Diversity Plan from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. While there, they (and Supt. Steve Miller, Tallgrass Prairie N PRES) also visited Brown v. Board of Education NHS in nearby Topeka. After meeting with Supt. Bess Sherman and staff, they traveled by school

bus to visit park facilities, including the Monroe Elementary School building and grounds and the Summer School. The schools are national historic landmarks and reflect some of the complexities of the Brown v. Board of Education story. Monroe was the segregated school attended by the lead plaintiff's daughter, Linda Brown.

May marked the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that outlawed segregation in

America's public schools. The ruling was a critical milestone in the modern civil rights movement. The following year, the court ordered states to begin plans for desegregating their schools "with all deliberate speed."

Although the site is not open to the public due to major renovations, interpretive talks are available by advance arrangements.



Photo: Arthur McCrea for the NPS

Mary Halnon of the Public Broadcasting Service's Education On-line initiative shares her insights at the "Enhancing Educational Opportunities" workshop at the Presidential Sites and Libraries Conference.

1999 George Wright Society Conference

The 1999 George Wright Society's 10th Conference on Research and Resource Management in Parks and on Public Lands, was held in Asheville, NC in March. A total of 599 people attended, the largest number since the GWS began organizing this series of conferences in 1982. It was a lively week of sessions, special events and the all-important informal networking in the halls. The plenary sessions included presentations by Susan Flader, the biographer of Aldo Leopold, and Don Barry, the assistant secretary of the interior for fish, wildlife and parks. There were also plenary panel discussions on preserving sites associated with the Civil Rights movement (with panelists Robert Weyeneth, Claudia Polley and Gayle Hazlewood) and on resource management and science in the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey Biological Resources Division (with panelists Micheal Soukup, Dennis Fenn and Denis Galvin). Sixty concurrent sessions, field trips, side meetings and other special events rounded out the week. The 2001 meeting

will be in Denver. The conference proceedings—containing more than 85 papers—will be published this September.

The George Wright Society Banquet honored the winners of the Society's four awards.

...**Tim Davis**, an historian with the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record program in the NPS Washington office, won the inaugural GWS Communication award for excellence in communicating highly technical and/or controversial subjects to other park professionals and to the general public. Davis was recognized for putting together the exhibition "Lying Lightly on the Land: Building America's National Park Roads and Parkways." Davis was cited for his ability to present this complex and controversial material in a balanced and accessible manner.

...Supt. **Jerry L. Rogers**, IMSO in Santa Fe, was the winner of the GWS Cultural Resource Management Award, given for outstanding overall contributions in that field. Rogers was cited for his long and distinguished service to the cause of bet-

ter cultural resource management over the course of more than 30 years with the Park Service. Of particular note are Roger's participation in the conception and development of National Register of Historic Places, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the supporting network of state historic preservation officers, federal preservation officers, tribal cultural heritage preservation officers and private-sector activists.

...**R. Gerald Wright** of the U.S. Geological Survey's Biological Resources Division, based at the University of Idaho won the GWS Natural Resource Management Award in recognition of his research related to identifying, selecting, designing and managing natural protected areas. His ecological work was pivotal in establishing Wrangell-St. Elias and Gates of the Arctic national parks and in expanding Denali NP & PRES.

...Supt. **Bryan Harry**, Pacific Islands Support Office in Honolulu, won the Award for Excellence, which honors career-long achievements in furthering the purposes of the Society. Harry was cited for his



Photo: Charles D. Rafkind, USNPS

Blue Ridge Parkway Supt. Gary Everhardt presents a plaque to Director Stanton in honor of his many years of service.

pivotal involvement in the creation of new NPS units in Alaska and in the Pacific region, his assistance to Alaskan Native Regional Corporations in identifying historic places, and his role in creating the Cultural Resources Management Assessment Program. Harry's effectiveness in dealing with complicated and controversial issues was cited by the GWS Awards Committee as a key factor in his selection.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Supt. Gary Everhardt, Blue Ridge

Parkway, (nearby host park) made a unique presentation to Director Stanton in honor of his many years of service. Mounted on a special plaque were a pair of USNPS, a nametag, a badge, a couple of silver Sequoia cones—in effect an entire set of uniform hardware. What made it unique? All of the items came from a uniform of the director! (Everhardt has no comment as to how he acquired the items).

1999 E&AA Reunion—sign up now!

September 10 - 12, 1999
Tacoma, Washington

Friday, Sept. 10

Arrive Sheraton - Tacoma, WA
Registration starts at 3 p.m.
Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Day trip to Mt. Rainier (lunch and dinner in the park)

Mount Rainier is located 87 miles southeast of Seattle and is one of the most beloved landmarks in the state. The park's conifer forests, waterfalls, glaciers and wildlife offer many pleasures for visitors.

Overnight: Sheraton Tacoma

Sunday, Sept. 12

Day trip to Mt. St. Helens (lunch in the park)

Mount St. Helens is the most active of the Cascade volcanoes and has a long, explosive history. Its beauty and recreation still attracts thousands, despite the grumbling of mother nature.

Dinner on your own

Overnight: Sheraton Tacoma

Monday, Sept. 13

Depart

**** \$120 per person ****

Does not include: hotel, airfare, breakfasts, dinner Sunday night, transfer to/from Sea-Tac Airport or optional tour to Olympic NP

****Registration due to E&AA by July 30****

Hotel: Sheraton Tacoma

1320 Broadway Plaza

Tacoma, WA 98402

(206) 572-3200

Fax (206) 591-4105

Rate: \$83 single or double, plus tax

Make your reservation directly with the hotel by calling (800) 845-9466 and requesting the group rate for "Employees & Alumni Association of the National Park Service." The rate will also be available on Sept. 8, 9, 13 and 14 if you wish to come in early or extend your stay. **Please make your hotel reservation by July 30.**

Note: It is 20 miles from Sea-Tac Airport to the Sheraton. Info. on transportation will be sent with registration packet.

Optional overnight tour to Olympic NP (25 participants needed)

Monday, Sept. 13

8 a.m.: Depart Sheraton by bus for Olympic NP

Olympic National Park occupies the heart of the Olympic Peninsula. Glacier-capped mountains, lush meadows, deep valleys and sparkling lakes are all found here. It also possesses unique wildlife, the most spectacular temperate rain forests in North America and an unspoiled coast with tide pools full of marine life.

Sightseeing in Poulsbo, Liberty Bay Fjord, Port Angeles (lunch), Hurricane Ridge, Sequim and the Dungeness Valley (dinner)

Overnight: Guesthouse Inn

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Continental breakfast

9:30 a.m.: Depart Guesthouse Inn

Drop off at Sheraton Tacoma

Transfer to Sea-Tac Airport

Optional Tour includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Hotel Accommodations, lunch, dinner, Olympic NP entrance fee, continental breakfast (Tuesday) and transfer to airport (or drop off at Sheraton Tacoma)

Cost: \$169 per person single or \$139 per person double

Please register and return to us by July 30:

Yes, I (we) will attend. Enclosed is my check for (# in party) _____ x \$120 = _____

*I (we) will attend the optional tour to Olympic NP. (Note: tour will be canceled if 25 person minimum is not met). Enclosed is my check for an additional (check one) \$169/single reservation _____ or \$139 per person/double reservation _____

Total enclosed _____

First and Last Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Refund Policy: All cancellations must be in writing. \$25.00 penalty per person for cancellations post-marked 30 days or more prior to departure.

50% refund for cancellations post-marked 15-29 days prior.

No refunds for cancellations post-marked 14 days or less.

Check here if you require a vegetarian menu # _____

Enclose your check made payable to E&AA and mail to:
E&AA

Attn: Lisa Shaffran
470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1,
Ft. Washington, PA 19034

In case of emergency notify:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone _____

clip and return



The Class of 1999

Rodney Harris, chief ranger at Hot Springs NP for nearly 15 years, closed his 32-year NPS career. Rod began at Carlsbad Caverns NP and also worked at El Morro, Canyon de Chelly and Capulin Volcano national monuments and at Buffalo NR before moving on to Hot Springs. Rod and his wife Ellen plan to remain in Hot Springs.

Supt. **Richard "Rich" J. Rambur** at 55 retired from Lowell NHP in April. He and wife Susan have moved to California, where Susan will remain gainfully employed. After a stint in the navy, Rich became a park ranger at Crater Lake, then matriculated through Cabrillo, Custer Battlefield (when it still was), C&O Canal and WASO. There he helped develop the 1988 Recreation Fee legislation, which provided a direct revenue return to the parks. Superintendencies at Antietam NB and Lowell followed. Their present address is 1992 Sweetwater Trail, Cool, CA, while Rich contemplates building a new home.

John Miller, chief of science, resources management and interpretation at Padre Island NS, retired March 31. John began his career in 1980 at Chaco NHP after a stint with the Peace Corps. He also worked with the southern Arizona Group Office, the Virgin Islands and Canyon de Chelly NM. (See John's front-page story).

William "Bill" Briggie, supt. of Mount Rainier NP, closed his 52-year NPS career in January. During his five decades with the NPS, Bill served as deputy director, deputy regional director, supt. at Glacier NP and two stints at Mount Rainier NP. After his WWII experience in the south Pacific, Bill served as a park ranger at Theodore Roosevelt N MEM, Sequoia-Kings Canyon and Yellowstone, as a park planner in Richmond, VA, as special assistant to Director Hartzog and as chairman of the 50th anniversary of the NPS. He held superintendencies at Lake Mead NRA, Glacier NP, Glen Canyon NRA, then as acting director, NWR, and deputy director NWR, with two superintendencies at Mount Rainier. In 1991, he served as chair of the Vail Agenda, the 75th anniversary of the NPS. It has taken us four months to catch up with him to fill in some of the above details, because he is now sorting out his golf game, tending to a yellow Lab and Golden Retriever and taking care of his house. Bill's address is 8908 31st St. W., Tacoma, WA 98466-1625.

Johnny Hernandez, long-time maintenance worker in Big Bend NP retired May 29. His career in the park has spanned four decades. "Johnny has devoted over 30 years

of his professional life to Big Bend National Park," said Acting Supt. Vidal Davila. "There are very few people who have lived and worked so long in the park or who have done so many different jobs." Hernandez has worked under seven park superintendents and through the years, he has been a truck driver, operated heavy equipment, worked as a carpenter and sign maker, worked on fires and rescues and assisted all divisions. Hernandez and his wife Claudia raised four children, and three attended San Vincente School in the park.

Denali's deputy supt. since May 1990, **Linda Toms Buswell**, retired March 31 after 30 years with the NPS. Prior to her transfer to Denali, Linda held a variety of key positions in NCR parks, including long tenures at Catoctin Mountain Park, Antietam NB and the C&O Canal NHP. She is a life member of both the E&AA and ANPR. Linda had a distinguished career in NPS, as evidenced by the numerous outstanding performance and other notable awards she earned over the years. While at C&O Canal, she was the recipient of the prestigious Justice William O. Douglas Award for "exceptional service in protection of park resources," and most recently, she received the Meritorious Service Award for outstanding service as a leader in park management. Upon retirement, Linda and her husband, Dick, a career employee with the Denali Borough School District, will continue to reside in the area at P.O. Box 9, Healy, Alaska 99743.

Dan O'Brien is retiring from fire management officer, IMRO.

Warren D. "Denny" Beach retired in June as deputy regional director, NE Region. He started his career as a park ranger in Great Smokey Mountains NP and has worked at more than a half-dozen parks and monuments scattered from New Jersey to New Mexico. Along the way he has been involved at places associated with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Edison—a definite side benefit for a history buff. At the end of June he and his wife Tresetta moved to Billington, VT.

Yellowstone Ranger **Jerry Ryder** retired March 31. He began his career at Yellowstone in 1960 and worked there and at Colorado NM (1974-78) and Glacier NP (1978-1990) before returning to the park for good in 1990.

Larry E. Henderson retired in May as supt. of Guadalupe Mountains NP. He began his 37-year career as a naturalist at Petrified Forest NP, then Grand Canyon, becoming chief naturalist at Organ Pipe Cactus, a park planner in Venezuela, management assistant at Mt. Rainier, supt. of

Wupatki/Sunset Crater Volcano National Monuments, then to Guadalupe. During his tenure in Carlsbad Caverns he was responsible for a period of unprecedented cave exploration and discovery of a number of new park caves including the famous Lechuguilla Cave. Signe and Larry plan to remain in Carlsbad, but will be on the road a bit with sons and their families in Tucson and San Jose, CA.

Karen Whitney, public affairs officer, retired in March from Lake Mead NRA after 32 years of federal service. Except for her first year she spent her entire career with the NPS, beginning in the WASO. From there to the Denver Field Information Office, the Colorado State Office, the DSC, RMRO, Mesa Verde NP, Glacier NP, Glen Canyon NRA and Lake Mead. At Lake Mead she developed an outstanding public affairs program. She plans to move back to CO in mid June.

Jose Cisneros, supt. at Big Bend NP since August 1994, retired April 16. During his career he also served as supt. of Gettysburg NMP, Eisenhower NHS, Bandelier NM and as the first supt. at San Antonio Missions NHP. His 26-year NPS career began in 1972, as personnel officer for the SWR. Jose and his wife, Berta will return to Santa Fe where they will spend more time with their five children and six grandchildren.

Karen Warren, assistant to the park superintendent at Yosemite NP, retired March 26 after 37 years of service. Her first position in the NPS was as a clerk at Homestead NM in 1962. She subsequently worked in various positions in the regional office at Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP.

Larry Nielson retired Jan. 30 after 37 years service. Early on he worked seasonally as an interpretive park ranger at Bryce Canyon NP, then at Olympic NP. This was followed with a stint at Great Smoky Mountains NP and 23 years as chief ranger at Lake Meredith NRA. His final station, Bryce Canyon NP, completes the circle. He retired as chief ranger at the park where he began his park service career. Larry and his wife Echo have settled into a new home in Cedar City, Utah.

John F. Batzer, Jan. 5, park ranger from Capulin Volcano NM.

Ramona S. Henry, Jan. 10, coop. agrmt. asst. from IMSO, Santa Fe.

Ellis D. Johnson, Feb. 28, mgmt. analyst from Padre Island NS.

Mary S. Culpin, March 31, historian from IMSO, Santa Fe.

James P. Hooyboer, March 31,

supervisory park ranger from Fort Union NM.

Frances Guill, March 1, admin. officer from Allegheny Portage RR NHS.

Edward Davis, March 31, supv. electronics tech. from Colonial NHP.

Wil Holleran, March 31, maintenance worker from Independence NHP.

James Owen, Jr., March 31, auto worker from Richmond NBP.

Lorraine O'Malley, Jan. 31, secretary from Steamtown NHS.

John Atkins, March 31, plumber from Shenandoah NP.

George Gochenour, March 31, engrg. equip. oper. from Shenandoah NP.

Robert V. B. Sherwood, March 31, supvy. general engineer from Alaska region.

Clydene S. Sitton, March 31, budget assistant from Klondike Gold Rush NHP.

Adam H. Waska, March 31, electronic mechanic from Alaska region.

Marcy Culpin, historian for the ISO, Santa Fe, based in Denver, recently retired. Marcy also worked as a historian in the former RMRO. She was honored with a party by her co-workers. Also in attendance were NPS retirees Glen Bean, former regional director and Jim Thompson, former deputy director of the Rocky Mountain Region, Jim Harpster, Dick Strait, and Cecil Lewis as well as several attorneys from the Solicitors' Office in Denver and staff from other agencies. During the party, Marcy was presented a "Super" Service Award in recognition of her distinctive and significant contributions to the NPS in the area of water rights adjunction and her high level of historic research. According to the award citation, during her 21 years of service, Marcy "has made major contributions in the area of water rights litigation, working closely with the NPS Water Resource Division and Dept. of Justice, in providing documentation and historical perspective to the Service's benefit."

Regional Director **John Cook** has announced his plans to retire by the end of the year. Details will appear in the next newsletter. A "roasting good time" is being planned for Aug. 28 at the Brown Palace in Denver, from 6-10 p.m. If you plan to attend,

please RSVP by July 30, to Lindsey Wagner, IMRO, (303) 969-2504.

The following retirements happened in the first quarter from the Pacific West Region:

Mark A. Richey, Jan. 1, from Lake Mead NRA.

Patsy M. Matsuo, Jan. 2, from Hawaii Volcanoes NP.

Walter E. Redington, Jan. 2, from Lake Mead NRA.

John K. Janc, Jan. 2, from Lassen Volcanic NP.

Gary L. Earl, Jan. 2, from Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP.

Larry D. Hatcher, Jan. 2, from Mt. Rainier NP.

John D. Holder, Jan. 2, from Olympic NP.

Donald L. Marston, Jan. 2, from Olympic NP.

Michael R. Miles, Jan. 2, from Olympic NP.

Eugene W. Reed, Jr., Jan. 2, from Olympic NP.

Bradley K. McKay, Jan. 20, from Haleakala NP.

Barbara A. Smither, Jan. 30, from Yosemite NP.

Vernon J. Hayne, Jan 31, from Yosemite NP.

Doris D. McMillian, Mar. 6, from Olympic NP.

Walter M. Hoffman, Mar. 30, from Devils Postpile NM.

Donald E. Tiernan, Mar. 31, from Pacific Islands Support Office.

Wallace K. Hing, Mar. 31, from Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau NHP.

Susan S. Nikaido, Mar. 31, from Haleakala NP.

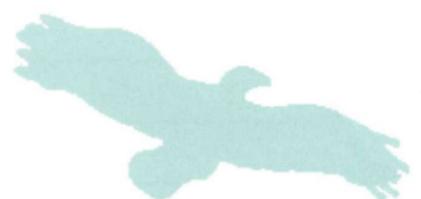
Robert E. Belden, Mar. 31, from Lake Mead NRA.

William A. Jean, Jr., Mar. 31, from Lake Mead NRA.

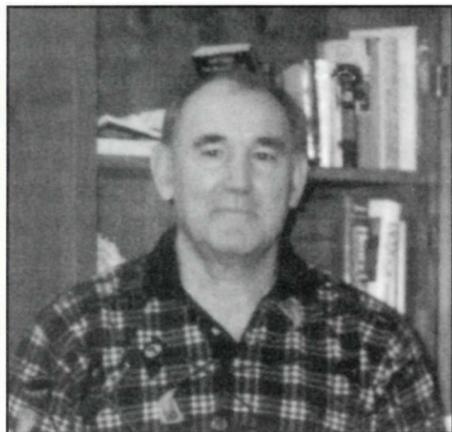
George A. Voyta, Mar. 31, from Manzanar NHS.

Kent D. Campbell, Mar. 31, from Craters of the Moon NM.

Gordon R. Grall, Mar. 31, from Olympic NP.



Requiescant in Pace



Robert Deskins

Robert Lee "Bob" Deskins, 58, June 8, of cancer in Atlanta, GA. Bob retired in 1996 as associate director for operations, SERO, after a 31-year park service career. He began his NPS work with the Job Corps at Great Smokey Mountains NP and Mammoth Cave NP. In 1973 he was appointed assistant supt. at Mammoth Cave, then supt. of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP. Bob received many awards during his distinguished career, and since his retirement he has served as a board member for Eastern National. Bob is survived by his wife Joyce and daughter Zoeda. The family suggested that memorials may be made to the Educational Trust Fund of the Employee and Alumni Association, or the American Cancer Society for pancreatic research.

Mary C. Guse, wife of NPS retiree Neal G. Guse (former supt. of Haleakala NP and Carlsbad Caverns NP) passed April 22 in the SunHealth Hospice in Sun City, AZ, following a stroke last January. She is survived by a daughter Alyse Bell, of Dubois, WY; a son, Neal Jr., former supt. of Mt. Rainier NP, also retired, of Dacula, GA; a son, John of Colorado Springs, CO and a sister, Elaine Nonini, of Fresno, CA. Messages of condolence may be sent to Neal and the family at 18170 N. 91st Ave., #1247, Peoria, AZ 85382-0872.

NPS retiree **Melinda O. Gallegos**, May 25, in Pojoaque, NM, after a long illness. Melinda retired in 1988 from the division of finance in the former SWRO, Santa Fe. She joined the Service in 1964, after having worked for the Departments of Navy and Army. Her husband, Trinidad, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter

Kimi Ann Kawamoto, 40, daughter of John and Pauline Kawamoto, Feb. 15, in Salt Lake City, UT. In death, she provided new life to five persons through her organ donation. Memorials may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska, 68131. John Kawamoto retired from the NPS in 1988 (associate regional director, Planning and Resource Preservation) after a long and successful career.

Margaret Canfield Humberger, June 4, wife of retiree Charles Humberger (former supt. of Dinosaur NM, Mt. Rushmore N MEM and Petrified Forest NP), in Sonoma, CA. She met and married Charley when he was a park ranger in Colorado. During her life, which she described as "a charmed one with fascinating assignments" she also held many "made-to-order jobs," including being chief of womanpower for the US Corps of Engineers in NC, and while Charley was overseas she lived in Washington, DC, and served as supervisor of personnel at the national office of the American Red Cross. After VJ day she resigned and became a research assistant at *National Geographic Magazine*. Margaret is survived by her husband, Charles, and several nephews.

Thomas "Tom" Dehaven, 77, May 4, a landscape architect who retired from NCR in 1989. After serving as a pilot in WWII, and as an honor graduate of U of CA, Berkeley, he began his career in the western office of Design & Construction. Tom transferred to Rocky Mtn. and Grand Canyon NPs and in 1966 became a member of Lady Bird Johnson's beautification task force in NCP. Later he devel-

oped landscape plans for Wolf Trap Farm Park and designed the bike trail from DC to Mt. Vernon, along the George Washington Parkway. For over 20 years Tom and his wife Dorothy served as volunteer musicians at Arlington House. He continued to be very active with the Alexandria Harmonizers, winning three international barbershop chorus championships. Survivors include Dorothy, daughters Deborah Surniak, and Diana Sporleder, and son Peter, all from northern Virginia.

Joel E. Moyers, 70, April 16, in Knoxville, TN. Joe retired as assistant supt. of Death Valley NP. A member of the US Army and a Korean War veteran, he was the president of Webb Creek Water Utility. Survivors include his wife, Blanche, of Gatlinburg, TN, son Joe, and daughter Louise. The family suggests donations be made to the Food Ministry of Sevier Co., TN.

Thomas A. Sanders, 47, April 7, in Gettysburg, PA. Tom had worked in the park's maintenance division for 29 years. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice, 1075 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Santa Monica Mtns. NRA Deputy Supt. **Scott Erickson**, May 19, from complications stemming from a brain tumor, which was diagnosed on March 22. Over the span of his career, Scott served at Sequoia-Kings Canyon, North Cascades, Everglades and Yosemite NPs and the Fire Center in Boise. He moved to Santa Monica Mtns. in 1994. He is survived by his son Bryce, his brothers Randy and Ross, and his mother and father.

Maintenance worker **Richard Palmer, Jr.**, 54, May 29, in Greensboro. He had been dealing with multi-myeloma cancer since it was first diagnosed in 1997. Richard began his NPS career at Guilford Courthouse NMP in 1991. His wife, Joan, survives him.

Scott Croll, 34, son of NPS retiree Stuart and Ellen Croll, was reported missing and presumed dead May 2, on a small plane flight from Haines to Juneau, Alaska. Scott was flying in to report for work with the resource management division, Glacier Bay NP & PRES. Born in Stockton, CA, he graduated with honors from Colby College, ME and began his career at Devils Tower NM in 1987. Memorial services and celebrations of Scott's life were held at Glacier Bay NP on May 13, and in Haines, AK May 17, and at North Cascades NP on May 29. Survivors include his parents Stuart and Ellen of 4742 E. Quail Creek Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718, and brother, Perry (Dina) Croll, of Salt Lake City, UT. The Student Conservation Association has established a memorial in Scott's honor. It will be used to support future SCA volunteers in parks. Contributions may be made to SCA, "Memorial for Scott Croll," attn: Marilyn McCoy, P.O. Box 550, Charleston, NH 03603.

Frankie E. Roark, June 7, in Pensacola, FL. Mrs. Roark joined the NPS at Bandelier NM in 1964. She had transferred from the military to Lake Meredith in 1970 as administrative officer. She retired to her home in Fritch, TX, in 1977, moving to Florida in 1992 to be near her surviving son Bill. Condolences may be sent to Bill Roark, 4750 Deerfield Dr., Pensacola, FL 32526.

Eugene Mondragon son of Rudy Mondragon, a maintenance worker at Fort Union NM, was killed in a house fire on the night of June 3. Rudy was also in the house at the time of the fire, but was able to escape. The house was totally destroyed and all the family's possessions were lost. The park is accepting donations for the family. They should be sent to: Loma Parda Association, Attention: Debbie Archuleta or Lucy Romo, P.O. Box 127, Watrous, NM 87753.

In the NPS Family

Dawn Foy, Santa Fe Program Manager for Information Management and Telecommunications and her husband Bernie are parents of a baby girl born May 7.

Jane Harvey, writer/editor in the IMSO, Santa Fe, had hip-replacement surgery on June 8 at Santa Fe's St. Vincent Hospital. She will be recuperating at her home for approximately one month. Get well wishes may be sent to Jane at 984-A Acequia Madre, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Gary Smith, chief of maintenance at Fort Smith NHS has undergone five-bypass surgery. His doctors report that his heart was not damaged by the blockages and the operation went well. Get well wishes may be sent to Gary at P.O. Box 638, Alma, AR 72921.

Salinas Pueblos Missions NM—On Aug. 10, 1998, Ranger **Bob Healy** was seriously injured in a head-on motor vehicle accident

while off duty. He's still recovering and will likely not be able to work for another three to four months. Bob has exhausted all his sick leave and annual leave and has been approved for the leave share program. If you'd like to donate leave, contact your personnel office and complete an OF-630A.

Dawn E. Bosh, computer specialist in the IMSO, Santa Fe, had a recurrence of Dengue fever with Papilladema causing extreme fatigue, weakness, affecting vision and causing idiopathic intercranial hypertension. Dawn had been out of work since March 23. On May 3, she returned to work on a part-time basis while her health permits her to work. She will work part-time for an extended amount of time. If you wish to share annual leave with Dawn, contact Gloria Zamora, IMSO, Santa Fe, at (505) 988-6067 for a leave share form 630 or fax a completed form to (505) 988-6099.

Douglas R. Fagg, engineering equipment operator at Big Bend NP, is back in the hospital

undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. He will be out of work for an extended amount of time. If you wish to share annual leave with Doug, contact Lisa Carrico, Big Bend NP, at (915) 477-2251, ext. 105, for a leave share form 630 or fax a complete form to (915) 477-2357.

Robert M. Healy, park ranger at Salinas Pueblo Missions NM, has undergone multiple surgeries due to an automobile accident. He will undergo several other surgeries over the course of this year and 2000. Robert will be out of work for an extended amount of time. If you wish to share annual leave with Robert, contact James Boll, Salinas Pueblo Missions NM, at (505) 847-2585, for a leave share form 630 or fax a completed form to (505) 847-2441.

Elizabeth Mozzillo, park archeologist at Bandelier NM, underwent surgery for breast cancer in 1998. Severe complications from that

surgery made it necessary for her to take extended leave in order to complete healing and physical therapy. Elizabeth will be on continued leave for approximately ten weeks. If you wish to share any of your annual leave with Elizabeth, contact Jerrie Wilson, Bandelier NM, at (505) 672-3861, ext. 507, for a leave share form 630 or fax a completed form to (505) 672-9607.

Christopher Theriault, at the IMSO, Denver, is being treated for a serious medical condition. He will be out of work for an extended amount of time. If you wish to share annual leave with Chris, contact Audrey Wilvert, at IMSO, Denver, at (303) 969-2519 for a leave share form 630 or fax a completed form to (303) 969-2034.





Kudos and Awards

The New York State Senate announced **Josie Fernandez** as recipient of the 1999 "Women of Distinction" honor. Josie Fernandez supt. of Women's Rights NHP is the fourth supt. of the park in Seneca Falls, NY. A political refugee from Cuba, Josie's federal service began with the U.S. Air Force after becoming a U.S. citizen in 1976. She served on active duty as a public affairs specialist in military units in South Florida and Italy until 1982. Josie has continued her service as a

the park safety manager at Sequoia-Kings Canyon, received the 1998 award. He was recognized for his sustained superior achievements in both improving employee safety and contractor safety in Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP. Danner and Bornholdt will each receive a plaque and \$1,000.

Gloria Fenner, archeologist at the NPS's Western Archeological Conservation Center in Tucson, was honored and recognized by the

resulted in getting the National Guard to construct a new park entrance road and new visitor center, saving the Park Service several million dollars.

Park Employee of the Year: **Lewis Prettyman**, of Congaree Swamp NM, maintenance employee and National Guard member who first suggested the idea of using the National Guard for building park improvements.

Regional Office Employee of the Year: **Tina Richardson**, of the SERO personnel office, for her always helpful and cheerful attitude in helping regional employees with their benefits and retirement.

Volunteers of the Year, SER: **Dan and Alice Lee**, of Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, for exceptional service in cataloging the park's historic files and organizing its library. (Dan retired from NPS as superintendent at Vicksburg NMP in 1984.)

Bob Panko of Everglades and **Gordon Wissinger**, of Blue Ridge, leaders of the region's two incident management teams, received plaques for their help in recovery efforts following Hurricane Georges last September. Certificates also were provided for members of each team.

Harpers Ferry NHP Supt. **Don Campbell** is Superintendent of the Year, given the distinction by the NCR. "Don has consistently maintained the highest standards for Harpers Ferry NHP," said NPS Regional Director Terry Carlstrom. Campbell, a native of Napa, CA, began his career with the NPS in 1967.

NPS Receives Design Award—The NPS has been named the recipient of the 1999 Insight Award from the Society for Environmental Graphic Design. The SEG, based in Washington DC, is an international design organization founded in 1973 to promote professional development and public awareness in the field of environmental graphic design. Environmental graphic design includes communication systems that identify, direct, inform and visually enhance the built and natural environment. The Insight Award is given annually to organizations that have contributed to the advancement of the profession. Previous winners include the Walt Disney Company, Herman Miller, Inc. and the Smithsonian Institution. In presenting the award, SEG noted the National Park Service's commitment to design that is reflected in the various media produced by the Interpretive Design Center in Harpers Ferry, WV. Specifically cited were the Center's efforts to develop graphic standards for NPS publications and outdoor exhibits, and to establish guidelines for wayfinding signage at each of the 378 parks. Commendations were made concerning those NPS employees responsible for environmental graphic design, "They are accessible, fair-minded, even-handed and a pleasure to work with. They are pushing for national...standards and they truly deserve to be recognized for their insight, vision and valiant efforts."

Dale Antonich, chief ranger at Lake Mead NRA, is this year's recipient of the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award for excellence in "rangering." The award seeks to recognize and honor outstanding rangers, encourage high standards of performance, fos-

ter especially responsive attitudes toward public service, enhance the public's appreciation of the park ranger profession and further the art and science of "rangering." Antonich began his career in 1972 as a seasonal ranger at Grand Canyon. After several seasons at Grand Canyon, Death Valley and Lake Mead, he achieved permanent status in 1977 at Golden Gate. Later assignments included Santa Monica Mountains and Grand Teton. In 1986, he was selected as the chief ranger at Death Valley. Antonich assumed his current position in 1991. He has received numerous awards for performance and outstanding achievements throughout his career, and received the Department of the Interior's Valor Award in 1991 for his participation as a team member in a rescue in Death Valley.

The award was made during a National Park Week event at Shenandoah NP Vice President Gore hiked a section of the Dickey Ridge trail with Director Stanton, Superintendent Doug Morris and Park Ecologist Tom Blount. They talked about air quality issues during the hike. Following the hike, the vice president presented the national Harry Yount award to Dale at the Dickey Ridge Visitor Center. The award is made possible by a gift from the Eureka Company to the National Park Foundation, the official non-profit partner of the NPS. Selected from rangers nominated by their peers, the national honoree received an original sculptured bust of Harry Yount and a cash honorarium.

Joshua Tree NP Ranger **Jeff Ohlfs** received the International Footprinters Association Officer of the Year Award in March in recognition of his continued work in prevention and detection of reptile poaching and illegal dumping activities.



Photo: NPS

Gettysburg NMP Planner Debbie Darden is presented with the Park Person of the Year Award for the NPS NE region from Supt. John Latschar. The award recognizes the highest contribution of any park employee in the region, including 100 National Park System and related areas in the Mid-Atlantic states and New England.

public affairs officer in Washington DC. She and her husband Charles A. Hiatt, have two children, Andrew Joseph, age 6; and Kathryn Hilda Sue, 4 years old.

Vincent Santucci, Fossil Butte NM, was the recipient of the Natural Resource Management in Small Park Award, presented at the IMR Superintendents' Conference.

Charisse Sydoriak, chief resources management, Bandelier NM, was presented the USDI Superior Service Award for her excellence in resources management. The Citation states in part, "Over a 7-year period...she has demonstrated leadership in promoting the protection of cultural and natural resources within the Greater Bandelier area."

Recipients named for two service-wide safety awards. The first is the new Andrew Clark Hecht Memorial Park Safety Achievement Award, established by the Hecht Foundation to recognize outstanding achievements in public safety. Andrew Hecht perished as a result of an accidental fall into a thermal pool at Yellowstone NP in 1970. Officer **Louis Danner**, a park police motorcycle patrolman in NCR, has been named the first recipient of the award. Danner was selected for his outstanding safety contributions to the park police and the citizens who use Rock Creek Parkway. He displayed a keen sense of traffic problems and served as a liaison between the NPS and the city's traffic engineering department.

The second is the Director's Annual Employee Safety Achievement Award, which recognizes an employee or group of employees for an outstanding contribution to employee safety and health. **Gary Bornholdt**,

Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia (National Institute of Anthropology and History—INAH) for her significant contributions to the definition and study of the prehispanic ceramics of Paquim, during the Second Conference on Borderlands Archeology. Gloria's involvement with Paquim, began back in 1958, before joining the NPS, when she was hired at the Amerind Foundation specifically to work on the analysis and writing the site report for the large and varied collection excavated from Paquim, by Dr. Charles C. Di Peso, director of Amerind. The continuous three-year (1958-1961) field project was called The Joint Casas Grandes Expedition (jointly with INAH) and was primarily funded with grants from the National Science Foundation. Dr. Di Peso, Dr. John B. Rinaldo and Gloria carried out the publication work, along with a staff of clerical, artist and photography personnel. Gloria was also given the additional responsibility of editing the entire report. The job that she was originally hired for three years to do stretched out to 1974. The resulting publication consists of eight large volumes of detailed descriptive and interpretive information that has been called a classic site report. After joining the NPS, Gloria has continued to stay in contact and be involved with the work at Casas Grandes in the intervening years. Paquim was recently classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

The following awards were presented at the recent SER Superintendents' Conference:

Superintendents of the Year: **Karen Wade**, of Great Smoky Mountains NP, for her leadership in starting the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory and her sensitive handling of the death of park ranger Joe Kolodski. **Martha Bogle**, of Congaree Swamp NM, for her efforts that

Record Intermountain Donation for the E&AA Educational Trust Fund

A total of \$13,452.77 was collected for the E&AA Educational Trust Fund as a result of live and silent auctions, fines, walk/fun and golf tournament.

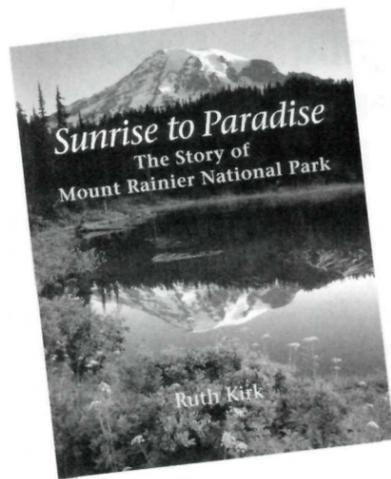
A hearty group of joggers and walkers, Sarah Craighead, Duane Alire, Frank Deckert, Maggie Johnson and Tony Schetzle logged over 50 miles during the week. Over 20 colleagues pledged donations ranging from \$1 to \$5 per mile for a \$301 donation.

The live auction netted \$9,656, while the silent auction netted \$2,647.50. The fines contributed \$568.27. First, second and third place golf-team members gave their earnings to E&AA plus additional earnings from the golf tournament netted \$280.

Thank you Intermountain!



Off the Press



Sunrise to Paradise: The Story of Mount Rainier National Park

By Ruth Kirk
University of Washington Press, 1999
152pp., 280 illus., 200 in color, maps,
notes, bibliog., index, 8 1/2" x 11"
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On clear days, the mammoth volcano Mount Rainier dominates the Seattle and Tacoma skylines and can be seen from Whidbey Island to Yakima and the central Washington wheat fields. "The Mountain's out!" is a cheerful local greeting, especially after a long spell of overcast weather. *Sunrise to Paradise* explores the rich history of this symbol

of the Pacific Northwest and the national park that preserves it.

Mount Rainier is the fifth highest peak in the United States outside of Alaska, and it soars higher above its immediate base than does any other in the lower forty-eight. Its geological and glacial origins and current ecological health are described in the book, as is the century-old stewardship of Mount Rainier NP. Its stories include accounts by Native people such as Saluskin and Wapowety, climbers from John Muir and Fay Fuller to Willi Unsoeld and Lou Whitaker, and entrepreneurs from the Longmire family to Paul Sceva. Here, too, are the tales of scientists and tourists, park rangers and volunteers. A wealth of illustrations span the decades. Some of the photographs are from albums of the 1912 and 1915 Mountaineers outings; others are by noted early photographers such as Imogen Cunningham and Asahel Curtis and by contemporary photographers such as Ira Spring. Paintings include a sumi by George Tsutakawa and a series specially created by Dee Molenaar.

Ruth lived for five years in Mount Rainier NP with her husband Louis, a park ranger naturalist. She has climbed the mountain five times and hiked the park's Wonderland Trail. She now lives in Lacey, WA.

In her preface Ruth generously thanks the many friends and colleagues whose cooperation and expertise added to her story. She expresses the hope that "If love could shine

through ink, these pages would glow." She need not be concerned—it truly shines from every page.

Interpreting the Landscape of Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks: Recent and Ongoing Geology

By John M. Good and Kenneth L. Pierce
Grand Teton Natural History Association,
Moose, Wyoming, 1996
58 pages
ISBN 0-931-89545-6 softcover \$12.95

Excerpted from a review by Neysa Dickey in *Yellowstone Science: A quarterly publication devoted to the natural and cultural resources.*

If there were only one word allowed to describe this book, it might be "contrasts." Pierce brings his strong background in geology to the effort, while Good's interpretive skills breathe life into rock-hard concepts. They succeed in sharing their knowledge of and excitement about the geologic past, present and future of this unique area.

"This book is aimed at growing numbers of interested, better informed visitors to Grand Teton and Yellowstone who want to learn about the youngest mountain range in the Rocky Mountain chain, one of the largest mountain ice fields in the lower forty-eight states, mountain lakes and the sources of heat in geyser basins." The authors know their subject and the target audience, and generally hit

the mark. But their task is not an easy one; explaining geologic theories, especially of the Yellowstone and Grand Teton area, never is!

Yet in less than 60 pages, these co-authors manage to fill the reader with images of mountain-building, caldera formation, the Yellowstone Hot Spot, glaciations and the resultant geologic landscape of today.

The concepts covered, such as convection cells, exsolution and the complexities of multiple glaciations and nearly infinite faulting, could be intimidating for the average reader, but the active language, full of color and analogies, helps save the day. Chapter Two, "A Flight of Fancy," gives a real feel for the time and place through the eyes of a high-flying eagle. Phrases early-on such as "flowing liquid fire," "violent gaseous currents," "rolling masses of incandescent, hot ash," and "the gun was loaded and cocked," keep even a novice reader anxious for more.

Each of these books is available from America's National Parks, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 2, Fort Washington, PA 19034-9684. Or call toll free: (877) NAT-PARK.

Moran Masterpieces and Other Treasures



Photo: USDI

"The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone," 1872, by Thomas Moran.

The Interior Museum is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Department's founding with renovated galleries and exhibits. Two of Thomas Moran's landscape paintings, copperplate prints by Edward S. Curtis, treasures from the NPS collection and striking photographs of the Navajo people open this year-long effort.

Artist Moran accompanied an Interior Department-sponsored survey to the Yellowstone region, in 1871 and to the Grand Canyon in 1873. His dazzling watercolors and sketches of shooting geysers, boiling streams and rugged canyons were some of the first visual representations of those lands. For the first time in more than thirty years the museum is displaying the immense paintings, "The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone," 1872 and "The Chasm of the Colorado,"



Photo: USDI

"The Chasm of the Colorado," 1873-74, by Thomas Moran.

1873-74. Moran's works greatly influenced the public and legislators of the 19th century. They will remain on display until mid Feb. 2000.

Other new exhibits relate to Maj. John Wesley Powell, the first scientific explorer of the Colorado River, with original documents relating to his efforts. Some of Edward S. Curtis photo portraits of the native peoples of the Canyon and Yellowstone along with the work of two contemporary photographers make up the Navajo Now exhibit presenting the people and their landscapes.

During the year, the museum is bringing significant and interesting artifacts from NPS sites. Every few months, different artifacts will be exhibited. The museum is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and every third Saturday of the month from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.

Pecos Remains Coming Home

After eight years of negotiations, the remains of more than 2,000 Pecos Pueblo Indians and more than 1,000 burial objects dug up by archeologists since early this century were returned to their descendants in New Mexico. The repatriation was the largest to date under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Famed archeologist Alfred V. Kidder oversaw the excavation of the remains during several diggings between 1915 and 1929 at the Pecos Pueblo ruins, now known as Pecos National Historical Park. Kidder, who at the time worked for Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, shipped the remains and hundreds of artifacts to the boarding school and the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University for study. Those remains were stored at the two institutions since. The skeletal remains, most of which came from Kidder's excavation, were returned to Jemez Pueblo leaders in a special ceremony May 20 in Andover. The remains were trucked to Pecos NHP and reburied in an undisclosed location by Jemez leaders. Other remains and objects recently repatriated to Jemez by the Maxwell Museum at the University of New Mexico and New Mexico's Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe as well as Pecos NHP, also were buried at that time. While eight Jemez Pueblo leaders attended the ceremony in Andover, another group of Jemez Indians re-enacted the trek (an 80-mile walk from Pecos to Jemez Pueblo) of the surviving handful of Pecos Indians who in 1838 left their pueblo—once home to 2,000 people—to join their Towa-speaking relatives at Jemez.



Jimmy Carter NHS Update

Local residents, school children, storytellers, museum curators, park rangers, church leaders, civic clubs, a college in Atlanta and Jimmy Carter joined to commemorate African-American history at Jimmy Carter NHS. Events held throughout black history month provided students and park visitors not only insight into African-American leaders from the community where President Carter grew up, but also into stories of other black leaders who have impacted our nation's history. About a year ago, a few interested people in the community approached the staff at Jimmy Carter NHS with their desire to "do something" so that people would learn how important the community was where President Carter spent his youth. This initial desire developed into an intense community effort to share a positive story about a small, close-knit, predominantly African-American community known as Archery, GA, where neighbors helped neighbors in the early years of the 1900's through the difficult years of the Depression. The community's legacy of pride in its residents shaped their characters for today's society.

The NPS is currently restoring Jimmy Carter's 1930's era boyhood farm in Archery, where he lived from age 4 until he departed to attend college. Archery, a community of about 25 black families and two white families, consisted in days past of a train stop, houses for railroad employees, the St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, a school for black youth and a store. "He was undoubtedly the most prestigious person in the community," recalls President

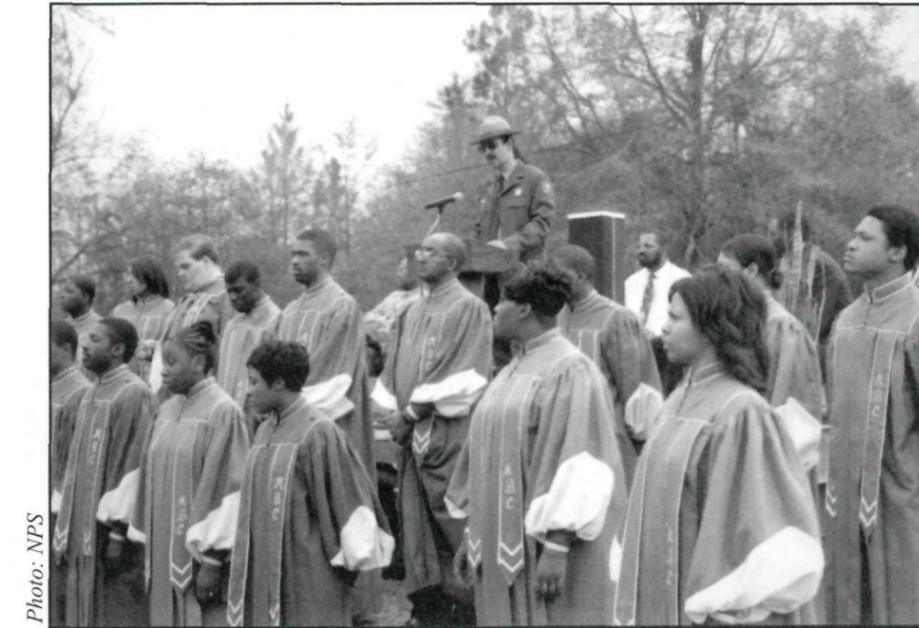


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Chief Park Ranger Alfredo Sanchez addresses the audience at the historic roadside marker unveiling located a short distance from Jimmy Carter's boyhood farm. The choir from Morris Brown College is shown in the foreground.

Carter when remembering Bishop William Decker Johnson, an Archery resident. Not only was Bishop Johnson a leader in the African-Methodist-Episcopal Church, he also founded a school known as the Johnson Home Industrial College for black youth. President Carter says, "Each year the Bishop would invite us—the nearby white people—to special worship services at the Archery AME Church, and a superb choir would come down from Morris Brown College in Atlanta to take part in the program." Bishop Johnson's school, for male

and female students, offered education classes, but also taught vocational skills to help students to obtain jobs. A choir from Morris Brown College recently revisited this forgotten hamlet and brought the power of music to an unveiling ceremony for a historical roadside marker erected to commemorate the contributions people from this small community gave to history.

Glorieta Pass Highlights Need To Preserve, Restore Civil War Site

According to a news release issued by National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), in promoting her new novel *Glorieta Pass*, P.G. Nagle is doing more than just extolling her riveting and suspenseful tale of the Civil War in New Mexico. She is also using the story of the March 28, 1862 Glorieta battle to support ongoing efforts to ensure the future of Glorieta Battlefield, part of Pecos NHP. "The battlefield is seriously threatened and I hope that my book will draw public attention to the need for its preservation," said Nagle. "The men who fought and died here deserve to be remembered every bit as much as those who fought in the big eastern battles." "More land acquisition dollars and rerouting Route 50, a two-lane highway that cuts directly through the battlefield, damaging the visual integrity of the area and making Glorieta unsafe and virtually inaccessible to visitors, are essential to saving this hallowed ground," said Dave Simon, southwest regional director of the NPCA. The proposed budget for NPS FY2000 includes \$1.8 million to purchase 375 acres of battlefield land. However, Congress has not yet acted on the Administration's request and appropriated these funds. "I hope we can count on the New Mexico congressional delegation to fight for this money and help restore the battlefield." For more details about *Glorieta Pass*, check out the Web page at www.mandala.net/glorieta.

Greetings From The NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Before I splash down for reentry back in Florida Bay in the Everglades. I had to pass on two more very important Web sites that have just come on-line.

LANDSAT 7:
<http://www.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Launched back in April, Landsat 7 is already providing amazing images of earth. The Landsat 7 images are 15 meters resolution compared to the earlier missions that offered 29 meters. Go take a look. This will be a great tool to do "change over time" comparisons of your site for resource management park management and the general public.

EARTH OBSERVATORY:
www.earthobservatory.nasa.gov

This site is brand new and will offer links and information regarding a variety of earth-observing satellites and their instruments. Once hurricane season begins, as the La Nina/El Nino cycle continues, if you want to know more about the ozone "hole" this site will have updated information. In July "Terra" the premier satellite in the earth observing system will launch. This will provide data about all facets of earth systems science. "Terra" images and visualizations will be a primary feature of this Web site.

To learn more about these instruments and the value they hold for you and your park, stay tuned to InTouch. Soon there will be a new NPS person at Goddard who will pro-

vide you with the latest information and details.

Plan now to attend the National Association for Interpretation Workshop to be held in Syracuse in October 1999. Some of the earth science specialists from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center will be hosting an all-day workshop and a presentation discussing "Change Over Time" and the use of remote sensing images/data in interpretation. It should be really exciting!

Also—don't forget the NPS-NASA Web site www.nps.gov/interp/nasa. As soon as I can add all of the new pages that I have created there will be a Web scavenger hunt and more to test your knowledge of the agencies.

It has been my pleasure to be the very first space ranger. I have enjoyed working with



Photo: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

May 12, 1999 (L to R) Bob Huggins, Maureen Finnerty, Stan Wojner (NASA scientist) Glen Clark and Toni Dufficy standing in front of a full-size mockup of the space shuttle and Hubble Telescope.

and meeting so many of you that I feel like I will never come back down to earth!

—Toni Dufficy, NPS Liaison to NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, now District Interpreter at Florida Bay, Everglades NP



NPS Accommodations of American Indian Religious Practices Upheld

A ruling issued by a U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the NPS accommodations of American Indian religious practices at Devils Tower NM. Devils Tower is a sacred religious site for American Indians from over 20 Great Plains tribes. It is also a popular location for technical rock climbing. Since 1995, the NPS has asked rock climbers to voluntarily refrain from scaling the tower during June, a month when Indians travel there to perform sacred religious ceremonies. The court of appeals upheld dismissal of a lawsuit filed by several rock climbers who argued that the Service's actions violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution (the clause prohibits the government from sponsoring, supporting or otherwise becoming involved in religious affairs). The Cheyenne River Sioux and four prominent spiritual leaders intervened in the case as defendants and were represented by the Indian Law Resource Center, an indigenous rights law firm representing tribes in North, Central and South America and by attorneys in the tribe's legal department. Amicus briefs were filed in support of the Park Service and its accommodation of Indian religious practices by three American Indian tribes, three national Indian rights organizations and 12 prominent religious organizations. The court ruled that the rock climbers did not have standing to challenge the regulations since they had not shown how they were injured by the regulations. The court of appeals affirmed the ruling and also upheld the Service's regulations.



Photo: Jason Scarpello

Eastern National staffers Jennifer Allen (left) and Sarah Norman receive a "thank you" for their work on the NPS & BSA Service to America Initiative from Jim Poole, WASO.

Be Prepared and Volunteer!

The Boy Scouts of America have pledged to provide one million hours of voluntary service in America's national parks. In the next few years, the NPS will face a variety of challenges in which volunteers will be needed. Scout leaders wishing to participate in the program need simply contact a park volunteer coordinator to initiate a project. When

individual Scouts complete a minimum of 12 hours of service, the Scout will then qualify for a NPS and BSA "Service to America" patch. Eastern National serves as the park/WASO/BSA coordinator. For further information, visit the "Service to America" Web site at www.servicetoamerica.org.

All In A Day's Work

On the evening of May 5, a Death Valley NP patrol ranger spotted a runaway truck and trailer (gross weight 55,000 pounds) heading down highway 190 into the park. The truck had lost its brakes shortly after crossing a pass at 4,900 feet; as it went by the ranger, its estimated speed was in excess of 80 mph and it was burning underneath and trailing smoke. Since Stovepipe Wells was nine miles ahead (all downhill) and the area contains campgrounds, a store, gas stations, a housing area and a restaurant and motel, the ranger made a radio broadcast in the blind hoping to warn anyone close to a radio. He attempted to stay with the truck, but was left behind when the truck's speed passed 90 mph. The truck barely missed a loaded school bus on its downhill run. As the truck approached sea level and lost grade, the driver was able to regain power to his brakes and transmission, allowing him to bring his now flaming rig to a stop in the middle of the road a mile west of Stovepipe Wells. The two right rear tires and axle grease were on fire; although flames were lapping onto the trailer,

which was loaded with railroad ties, they hadn't yet reached the truck's fuel tanks. Two patrol rangers joined the ranger, one driving one of the park's wildland fire engines. The ranger with the fire engine put on his structural fire gear, charged his engine and line, and determined that he'd try one quick hit on the fire, then retreat if that didn't work. The other two rangers did not have turnout gear available so were not able to help; the nearest structural fire engine was 40 miles away at Cow Creek and unable to respond when called due to staffing problems. The ranger successfully knocked the fire down. The driver disconnected the trailer and pulled away—with the tires still on fire—so that the truck's fuel would not be added to the fire. The ranger ran out of water, drove the engine back to Stovepipe, loaded another 200 gallons of water, and returned to the scene to keep the fire from reigniting. Rangers then assisted CA Highway Patrol officers in the investigation. No one was hurt or injured; an estimated \$150,000 in property was saved.

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The National Park Partnership Awards

The National Park Partnership Awards were held April 21, 1999 to honor excellence in public/private partnerships in four categories; Education, Environmental Conservation, Historic Preservation and Recreation and The Director's Award for a long-time partnership with a tradition of excellence. The recipients of each award follow:

Education

Cuyahoga Valley NRA and the **Cuyahoga Valley Association** for the creation and development of the Environmental Education Center, which offers a broad range of programs and serves as a model for environmen-

tal programs throughout the country.

Honorable Mentions

Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES, Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES and **Doyon Foundation** for mentoring Alaska Native students in the exploration of potential NPS careers and for fostering a connection to the park for the surrounding communities.

and

Chaco Culture NHP and **The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS)** for the creation of the Night Sky program, which blends archeology and astronomy to make a connection between the past and the present, and for greatly enhancing the interpretive program.

Environmental Conservation

Whiskeytown NRA and **Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District** for working side by side in the field and classroom to restore the Paige-Bar watershed and for providing opportunities for the sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology.

Recreation

Badlands NP and **Telephone Pioneers of America (Chapter 119)** for the adaptation of park interpretive trails with improved accessibility for those with mobility impairments by constructing three boardwalks over the last five years.

The Director's Award

National Capital Parks-Central; Target Stores and Vendor partners; **Discovery Communications; General Electric Company** and the **National Park Foundation** for the Washington Monument Restoration Project, a long-time partnership with a tradition in excellence that sets an example for all partnerships service-wide.

Historic Preservation

Glen Canyon NRA, Rainbow Bridge NM and the **Rainbow Bridge Consultation Committee** for the culturally sensitive management, maintenance and interpretation of Rainbow Bridge NM.

Photo: Donna J. Shaver



Biological Technician Dean Lutz watches as a Kemp's ridley turtle that was hatched at Padre Island NS in 1986 returns to nest on May 16, 1999. This was the second time that this particular turtle nested at Padre Island National Seashore in 1999. After the first nesting, the turtle was outfitted with a satellite transmitter to study her movements. FYI—female Kemp's ridley turtles nest on average 2.5 times a year. They are predicting that she might nest again before summer is over!

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles Return to Padre Island NS

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to date and, since the nesting season is still underway, more nests will likely be found.

This project is proving to be one of the most successful endangered species programs to have even been ini-

tiated by the NPS. Not only does it demonstrate the critical importance of both scientific research and resources management, but also demonstrates that the NPS is dedicated to the principals on which it was founded.

Letter to the Editor

A Generous Offer

In my next to last assignment as park planner team captain of the Gateway NRA Master Plan Team stationed at Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, NY (1974-76), I was required to purchase and wear the then-official NPS uniform for urban areas.

The uniform, you may remember, consisted of a yellow-tan sport jacket, brown pants, yellow shirt and a green and yellow striped tie. I still think that it was a handsome and most appropriate alternative for such areas!

Unfortunately, the rangers had a different opinion(!), and the uniform was soon abandoned. I still possess this uniform and since I only wore it

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Submit information, stories and photos to **E&AA Newsletter**, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or E-mail to jennifer@easternnational.org.

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The deadline for the next issue is Friday, Sept. 10. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (215) 283-6900.

for a short period of time, it is in excellent condition. I would therefore appreciate it if you would find out if any NPS unit is interested in it for their archives.

If there is an interest I'd be happy to ship.

Dave Turello,
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