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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Discovery 2000 Conference

As I write this column from Discovery 2000, I have the opportunity to reflect on the successes of the National Park Service and the challenges we will face in the future. The Discovery Conference has truly been a visionary event, a gathering of people with strong ideas about the current and future role of the National Park Service. We came together to examine our present challenges and peer into the future to imagine a vision for how this great organization will evolve.

As I shared memories with friends during the conference, I was reminded of the strength of the National Park Service family. One of the greatest assets of this organization is our commitment not only to the parks themselves, but also to one another as friends. I am honored to be a part of this family, and truly, you are a part of me.

I encourage every National Park Service employee to be a part of the ongoing Discovery dialogue, to examine your values and critically think about our parks' and programs' roles in the life of the nation. We all share in the stewardship and ownership of our collective future. Do not believe, however, that these are just questions for the new century. We need to think of what the 22nd and 23rd centuries will bring to the parks. We will have dishonored our legacy if we are not prepared to pass on the parks to succeeding generations. So visit the Discovery 2000 Web site, at www.nps.gov/discovery2000, read the keynote speeches, the summaries of breakout sessions and other materials.

President Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The strength and character of our nation are determined by how we care for the resources." We in the national parks have a great advantage in that we tell the stories of places and resources that have already been recognized as deserving the attention we give them. But it is up to us to demonstrate that they have continuing relevance in a changing world and that they are available for the education, enjoyment, and inspiration of all the citizens of our great nation.



New Exhibit of Nation's Founding Documents at Independence NHP



George Feder

INDEPENDENCE NHP SUPERINTENDENT MARTHA AIKENS shows President Clinton the "Great Essentials" exhibit. Clinton visited historic Congress Hall in the park to electronically "sign" the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act.

On June 15, Independence National Historical Park opened "Great Essentials," a major new exhibit funded with a \$930,000 grant by the Pew Charitable Trusts, and managed by Eastern National. The exhibit, located in the West Wing of Independence Hall, includes the Philip Syng inkstand and the park's copies of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution and the Articles of Confederation.

Much of the Pew grant has funded state-of-the-art protective cases for the inkstand and the documents, providing the latest in preservation and security technology. Also included are explanatory panels and a publication on the items.

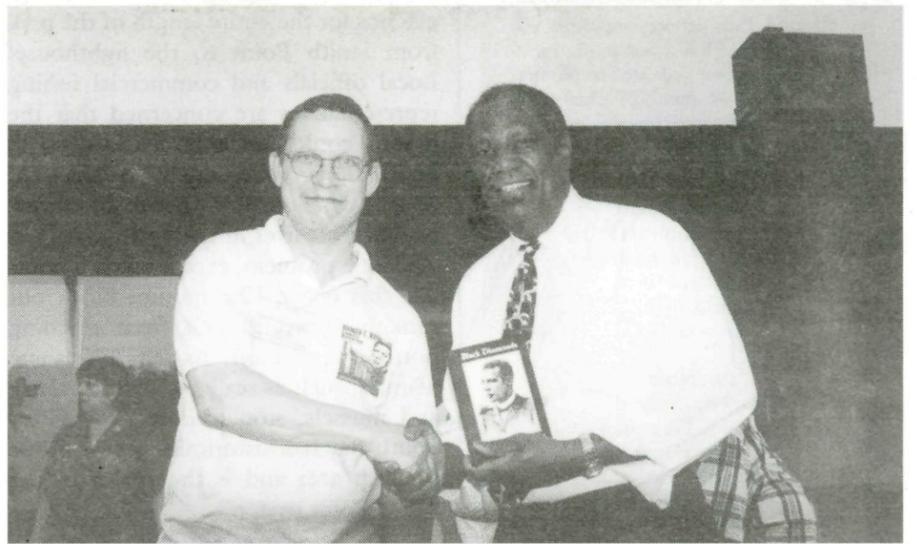
The Philip Syng inkstand is believed by historians to have been used for the ceremonial signing of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Of the documents, the working copy of the Articles of Con-

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Booker T. Washington NM Family Reunion

On June 24, over 400 people welcomed 100 family members, many of them direct descendants of Booker T. Washington, "home" to Dr. Washington's birthplace where he was enslaved as a child and emancipated in 1865. Director Robert Stanton gave the keynote address. Also on hand to pay tribute were Marie Rust, NPS northeast regional director; Wayne Angell, chairman, Franklin County Board of Supervisors and Allen Dudley, Virginia House of Delegates, 9th District.

A sculpture of Washington donated by artist James Barnhill was unveiled by Edith Washington Johnson, one of Washington's granddaughters. Visitors attended numerous interpretive programs, most notably a costumed performance by Valley Forge NHP Park Interpreter Ajena Rogers entitled "Rachel Hatcher: Looking to Freedom." The family also attended a reenactment called "Tears of Freedom," about the moment of Washington's emancipation, which he wrote about so movingly in his autobiography, *Up From Slavery*. Later the Washington family held a candlelight



Shayne Lee

DR. LARRY WASHINGTON OF RICHMOND, VA, GREAT-GRANDSON OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, presents Director Stanton with a collection of Booker T. Washington quotations and writings.

vigil at the cabin site.

Dr. Washington's visual legacy can be witnessed at Tuskegee Institute NHS and Tuskegee University, but it was his experiences at this birthsite that laid the foundation for the man he would become.

One cannot separate his years of enslavement with his intense thirst for knowledge. Nor can one understand his desire to free people from the chains of ignorance without understanding the joy and apprehension of his own emancipation.

Demolishing the Gettysburg National Tower: The Inaugural Event for the Restoration of the Gettysburg Battlefield

On July 3, the National Park Service, in coordination with Controlled Demolition Inc. (CDI) and the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg took a giant step toward restoration of the viewsheds and the historic landscapes of the 1863 Gettysburg battlefield by demolishing the 307-foot Gettysburg National Tower.

The demolition is the start of a major effort to

restore the famous battlefield to its appearance at the time of the momentous 1863 clash between the Union and Confederate armies. Over the next 15-20 years, a battlefield restoration is proposed, including removal of non-historic trees, management of woodlands and thickets and restoration of missing fences and orchards.

CDI and the Loizeaux family of Baltimore, Maryland donated their services to demolish the tower with explosives. The donation, valued by NPS at \$1 million, was made through the non-profit preservation group, Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg. CDI's donation is the single largest corporate contribution toward preservation in the park's 105-year history.

Focus on the Parks

• Two beach-access wheelchairs were recently donated to **Cape Hatteras NS** by the Easter Seals Society. The chairs are constructed from a PVC-type material and have large balloon-type tires that allow disabled visitors an opportunity to visit areas where traditional wheelchairs cannot reach. One chair is located at the Coquina Beach facility (across from the Bodie Island Lighthouse). The other chair is at the Buxton Maintenance Office. They are available for visitor use on a first-come-first-serve basis. Visitors will need some proof of identification to check out a beach-access wheelchair. If the chairs become more popular, time restrictions may be applied until additional chairs can be acquired.

• Bonytails, the rarest of endangered fish in the Colorado River system, were reintroduced into the Green and Yampa Rivers within **Dinosaur NM** in July. Bonytails have been functionally extirpated from riverine environments—one of the last riverine strongholds was in the Echo Park area of the park. In a cooperative effort with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the park released 5,000 three- to five-inch-long

bonytails in the lower Yampa River and another 5,000 bonytails near the Gates of Lodore in Dinosaur NM and the lower reaches of Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge. Additional releases are planned over the next two years. Hopes are that they will reoccupy historic habitats in the canyons of the park once they acclimate to the river and begin to mature.

• The “Sunrise to Paradise” exhibit opened in July at the Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise, **Mount Rainier NP**. The exhibit, originally developed by the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, premiered at the museum in celebration of the park’s centennial in 1999. Washington’s National Park Fund helped raise money for the original exhibit and other major centennial projects; KCTS TV in Seattle developed the audiovisual programs that complement the exhibit. The Washington State History Museum transferred the exhibit panels to the park after the exhibit closed in Tacoma, and park staff worked with an exhibit contractor to redesign the exhibit for the park visitor center. The project, funded through the recreation fee demonstration program, involved a total facelift for the exhibit room, including lighting, paint and carpeting. It replaces exhibits originally installed in the 1960s. Interpretive specialist Alisa Lynch coordinated this project.

• A widespread outbreak of the “brown tide” algal bloom is affecting the bay waters in **Fire Island NS**. The bloom extends for the entire length of the park from Smith Point to the lighthouse. Local officials and commercial fishing representatives are concerned that the bloom could seriously harm shellfish populations. The algae, *Aureococcus anophagefferens*, is a species of phytoplankton. It lives in the bay and is usually not a problem, except when blooms like this occur. The blooms block out sunlight, preventing it from reaching bottom vegetation. As a result, some animals, such as scallops, oysters, clams and mussels, stop feeding. The Great South Bay has historically been a prime shellfish area and is the origin of the “Blue Point oyster.”

• Park staff at **Delaware Water Gap NRA** have released Japanese ladybird beetles at Van Campens Glen in the park’s NJ District and at Adam’s Creek in Pennsylvania in an effort to control hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) infestations at these locations. The adelgid is a non-native insect that is slowly destroying hemlock trees throughout the area. Ladybird beetles have been found to be the most effective method for controlling HWA. HWA was first reported in the east in the mid-1950s and last year was documented in 11 eastern states from North Carolina to Massachusetts. Almost three-quarters of the hemlocks in Shenandoah NP have suffered defoliation and mortality from HWA; almost half of the hemlocks in New Jersey are suffering from moderate to severe infestations.

• The 10th anniversary of **Petroglyph NM** was celebrated in June with readings by Historian Michael Welsh, a professor at the University of Northern

Colorado, who recently completed a book titled *West Side Stories*. The book focuses on how the history of the west side of Albuquerque has been shaped by storytelling and myth. A section of the book is also devoted to the politically charged history of the monument. Since the designation of Petroglyph NM, Congress has provided funding to acquire more than 1,500 acres of private land within the boundaries of the monument. As part of the \$15.5 billion fiscal 2001 Interior Appropriations bill, the Senate Appropriations Committee recently approved \$2.7 million to complete land acquisition at the monument.

• **Charles Pinckney NHS** hosted a volunteer work day in June as part of a project to examine the science of growing rice in the South Carolina low country during the Charles Pinckney era (1757-1824). Last year, the park was awarded a \$25,000 grant from Exxon/Mobil in cooperation with the National Park Foundation. The grant provided seed money to develop a curriculum-based “Parks as Classrooms” science program for 7th and 8th graders in three counties. Over 100 volunteers participated in the project. They planted over 50 trees and plants, laid mulch over a 100-yard-long nature trail, helped construct a boardwalk, finished construction of a rice trunk and eradicated a 50-yard-long service road. Volunteers were rewarded by donated food and music entertainment. The park’s Resource Management and Interpretation/Visitor Services Divisions conducted the event in partnership with Clear Seas Communications. Other major contributors to the event included Unilever, Piggly Wiggly Carolina Co., radio station WXLV and the town of Mount Pleasant.

• On June 17, **Richmond NB** held the grand opening of its new visitor center at the Tredegar Iron Works. Director Stanton was the keynote speaker. The focus of the 12,000-square-foot visitor center is on Richmond’s battlefields, the participants, Richmond’s home front and the context of the Civil War. The Tredegar Iron Works, now a National Historic Landmark, were the South’s largest major antebellum iron works capable of producing cannon and railroad rails. It supplied the Confederate army with more than 1,100 cannon. The project was undertaken in conjunction with the Richmond Historic Riverfront Foundation.

• An Environmental Assessment for River Bank Protection along the Hoh River Road in **Olympic NP** analyzed the environmental effects of repairing damage to the road caused by near-record rainfall over the past two winters. The park plans to complete the repair project in two phases. First, the riverbank will be armored with riprap in two vulnerable places along the Hoh River Road, approximately a mile and a half inside the park boundary. The second phase will include analysis of the river’s flow. Information gleaned through the analysis will be used to design and construct “engineered log jams” just upstream of the armored sections. Engineered log jams are an innovative technique, developed in

recent years to help protect river banks by managing water flow, while also creating and sustaining fish habitat. All work will be completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under a cooperative agreement with the NPS and in consultation with the Hoh Tribe.

• In July, **Shenandoah NP** presented a seminar on the life cycles of butterflies and their value to the ecosystem. Participants learned how to identify butterflies and to design a garden that will attract them. Butterflies were counted within a 15-mile circle between Luray and Stanley, Virginia. The Shenandoah NP butterfly count is one of several national counts conducted in association with the North American Butterfly Association. The count helps monitor trends in butterfly population, habitat and diversity of species.

• **Denali NHP & PRES** marked a significant milestone for mass transit in national parks with the two-millionth passenger on the park’s shuttle bus system—Shirley Belz of Michigan. Ms. Belz received several tokens of appreciation from park officials. “We wanted to show our thanks to the public for their support of the system,” said Supt. Stephen P. Martin. “By riding a shuttle into Denali, visitors help reduce traffic congestion, protect the natural resources of the park and improve their chances of seeing wildlife.” The Visitor Transportation System was established in 1972 to maximize opportunities for viewing wildlife and limit road traffic.

• A voluntary transit service between the counties of Mariposa, Merced and Mono and **Yosemite NP** is in the first year of a two-year demonstration program of a regional transportation system that would allow visitors to travel by shuttle bus into and around Yosemite Valley. Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) was formed in 1992 to work with gateway communities and local governments on forming and implementing a regional transportation system. Buses ran this summer and will run next summer on two park corridors to test the feasibility of the system. If successful, the park hopes to expand the program into other gateway communities.

• In celebration of the 413th birthday of Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World, activities were held at **Fort Raleigh NHS** and the Elizabethan Gardens on Aug. 18. The day’s activities featured wandering jugglers, magicians, madrigals, children’s plays and workshops, face painting and autograph sessions with *The Lost Colony* cast members, as well as walking tours of the Elizabethan Gardens.

• **Santa Fe Support Office** employees commemorated Founders’ Day one day early, on Aug. 24. A dedication ceremony and open house for the new “Paisano” building was held and Supt. Ernest Ortega helped to cut the ribbon. The Paisano Building, located at 2968 Rodeo Park Drive West, replaces the former Piñon Building at 1220 South Saint Francis Drive. The name “Paisano” (Roadrunner) was the winning entry submitted by Diana Vigil,

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program assistant, IMSO, Denver, based in Santa Fe. The headquarters continues to operate out of the Old Santa Fe Trail Building.

• **NCR Central**—A proposal to reserve a site on the National Mall for a memorial to former President Reagan was rejected by the National Capital Memorial Commission. "They unanimously opposed it," said Chairman John G. Parsons, representing the NPS. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, has introduced legislation that would direct the Interior Secretary to name a site for the Reagan memorial, order a design and create a commission to raise the funds. Parsons said that the Young bill would contradict the 14-year-old Commemorative Works Act, which says no memorial to an individual may be authorized until 25 years after the person's death.

• **WASO**—An "Annual Fee Free Day" was signed on Aug. 7 by acting Director Denis Galvin and sent to all regional directors and superintendents. All park units that collect an admission fee honored the Annual Fee Free Day this year on Founders' Day, Aug 25. Whether a park collects the admission fee under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act or under the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, the NPS invited the public to visit the parks at no charge. A warm welcome was extended to all visitors on this 84th anniversary of the establishment of the Service. Recreation use fees charged for other than admission, i.e., camping, cave tours, daily use of a specialized site and interpretive activities remained in effect.

• **Pinnacles NM** is unique, and not just for its spire-like rock formations. A recently conducted study of native bee diversity in the West indicated that Pinnacles NM has more bees than any other place in North America, and possibly in the world. At last count there were over 410 different species of bees. The bees range in size from as large as jawbreakers and as small as a little toenail, and are equally diverse in texture and color. Larry Whalon, resource manager at Pinnacles NM, indicated that it is not just the number of species that is so unique, but also that there are 53 different *genera* (a scientific classification that incorporates several species). For more information regarding this study, contact Larry Whalon, (408) 389-4485.

• **Hikers in Grand Teton NP** will be the subjects of a study on what causes altitude sickness. Researchers Steve Halvorson (Albuquerque, medical student) and Jake Swan (Dartmouth University) have been tracking hikers in the park and measuring their pulse and oxygen saturation at 6,600 feet and again at higher elevations. The study will calculate the percentage of hikers suffering from acute symptoms of altitude sickness and determine if oxygen levels in the blood is a factor in getting altitude sickness. Symptoms of what is formally called *Acute Mountain Sickness* are headaches, vomiting, nausea and lethargy. In extreme cases, altitude sickness can be fatal. For more information regarding this study, contact Resource Management Specialist, Grand Teton NP at (307) 739-3300.

• On Aug. 26, Cape Cod NS rangers assisted personnel from the New England Aquarium and the Cape Cod Stranding Network in rescuing approximately 30 stranded Atlantic white-sided dolphins. The dolphins were seen the previous evening in the Herring River, an embayment off of the Wellfleet harbor and Cape Cod Bay. Low tides had kept them from returning to deeper waters, and some had run aground. Rangers, volunteers and personnel from the Wellfleet Harbor Master's Office, the Coast Guard, Mass. Audubon and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute used acoustic pinging devices and boats to encourage the dolphins out of the Herring River into the Wellfleet Harbor and further out into Cape Cod Bay. Six of the dolphins died during the night before the rescue, probably due to stress from the stranding.

• The restoration of **C&O Canal NHP** took a giant step forward in August as water began flowing into the Lock 44 area at Williamsport, MD. Park maintenance crews finished a four-year project to reconstruct the lock in time for a community dedication during Williamsport's C&O Canal Days. The mayor of Williamsport joined Supt. Doug Faris in a program that concluded with the valve-opening and re-watering of a portion of the canal that has been dry since the canal closed in the 1920's. The C&O Canal is 150 years old this year.

• For the second consecutive year, local businesses have joined with **Lake Mead NRA** and the NPS to fight litter in and around Lake Mohave. Mohave Generating Station, Griffith Energy Project, North Star Steel Arizona and Mad Dog Wireless came together to sponsor the production and distribution of litter bags to be handed out throughout the county. Fifty rolls of the bags were earmarked for use by the rangers at Katherine Ranger Station for distribution to visitors at entry stations and boat launch ramps.

• **Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC)**, an award-winning environmental learning center located in **Cuyahoga Valley NRA**, received grants totaling \$120,000 from national and local foundations to support an Artists-in-Residence program. CVEEC, a non-profit organization that works in partnership with the NPS serving area schools, individuals and organizations, received the grant money from the National Endowment for the Arts and local foundations including The Abington Foundation, The Bokom Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation and The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. The Artists-in-Residence program will provide an opportunity for students who participate in CVEEC's year-round resident program for schools and summer camps to interact with professional artists. It will also further integrate the arts into the curriculum of CVEEC, which annually serves more than 3,500 students. ■

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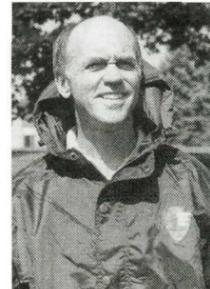


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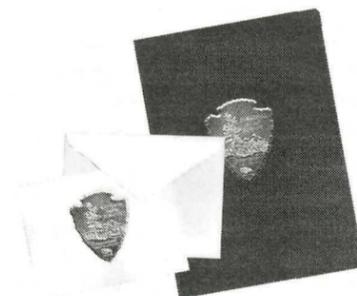
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Kudos and Awards

• **Lee Baiza**, superintendent at Tonto NM, recently received the Phoenix Blue Cross/Blue Shield Distinguished Federal Employee Award. Lee was recognized for his contribution to the Agency, the community and others.

• NPS diver **David Conlin** has been cited by the commander of the Coast Guard Base in Charleston, SC, for saving two lives while working on the site where efforts are underway to recover the Confederate submarine *Hunley*. The master and mate of the vessel *March Tide* notified Conlin that two people from a capsized vessel were in trouble in the water. Conlin took a small boat from the *March Tide* and rescued them. He was cited for actions "in keeping with the highest traditions of the Coast Guard's search and rescue mission."

• **Walter D. "Walt" Dabney**, recent NPS retiree, was awarded the Department of Interior's Honor Award for Meritorious Service in a special surprise presentation ceremony on Aug. 24. He received the award from Director Stanton on behalf of Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt for his "unceasing...advocacy for the ranger profession," and his "visionary...quest for suitable career development and compensation of his fellow rangers." The citation acknowledges in particular Dabney's work as chief ranger of the NPS from 1986 to 1991, when he oversaw the Ranger Careers program. It also credits Dabney with restructuring the Ranger Activities Division, bringing in experienced field personnel as program managers and also instituting career management training at the supervisory level.

• Park Ranger **Cliff Goins** of Indiana Dunes NL received a "Crystal Owl" award for his performance as a coordinator and instructor for "Compass II:

Today's Leaders, Tomorrow's Legends" course.

• **John Grabowska**, HFC, and Venture Productions, received the 2000 Telly Award for "The Spectrum of Life" for Biscayne NP.

• The **Intermountain Support Office**, Santa Fe, has received the Intermountain Region's "Shoulder to Shoulder" award. The award is in appreciation for all the support provided by the NPS Santa Fe-based employees to Regional Director Karen Wade, Deputy Regional Director John King and to the staff at Bandelier NM during the Cerro Grande Fire.

• **Ramie Lynch**, NPS youth coordinator, has been named a winner of the Legend Award by the American Recreation Coalition, which recognizes the contributions of federal employees of the NPS, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As youth coordinator for the NCR, Mr. Lynch led the effort to increase participation in the summer youth programs of the Washington metropolitan area. He currently works on the D.C. version of "Wonderful Outdoor World," a program that brings inner-city youth in contact with outdoor recreation resources and builds environmental stewardship values.

• **Davis McCombs**, Mammoth Cave NP park ranger, was selected as the new Yale Younger Poet. Yale University published McCombs' book, *Ultima Thule*, in April of this year. *Ultima Thule* is the mythical farthest point north, and the coldest and remotest spot on earth. It is also the name of the most inaccessible chamber in Kentucky's Mammoth Cave. The book is framed by two sonnet

sequences, the first about a slave guide and explorer at Mammoth Cave in the mid-1800's and the second about McCombs' experiences as a guide and park ranger. Other poems in the book deal with Mammoth Cave's 4,000-year-human history and the thrills of crawling into tight, rarely visited passageways to see what lies beyond.

• NCR remembers the contentious period when T-shirt vendors proliferated on the National Mall and how important the Solicitor's Office was in the regulation and litigation to stop it. For this and much more in the way of almost day-to-day advice and counsel, NCR congratulates "its attorney" **Randolph Myers** for recently winning the Department of Justice John Marshall Award for Interagency Cooperation in Support of Litigation.

• **Bill Nichols**, superintendent at Vicksburg NMP, received a DOI Superior Service Award for his efforts to improve relations with park neighbors and his many accomplishments in protecting park resources.

• **Cherry Payne**, chief of interpretation at San Antonio Missions NHP is the recipient of a DOI Superior Service Award. The award recognized Cherry for her outstanding leadership, accomplishments and exemplary service to the park during the past three years.

• **Dr. Dwight T. Pitcaithley** has been selected as a U.S. Distinguished American Scholar by the Fulbright New Zealand Board of Directors. He visited New Zealand national parks and historic sites between Aug. 23 and Sept. 8, met with the New Zealand Department of Conservation, consulting on the growing public-history program and presented a paper at the first New Zealand Public History Conference at Victoria University.

• **Ernie Quintana**, superintendent of Joshua Tree NP, received the Director's Wilderness Management and Stewardship Award for 1999. This award recognizes individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to the NPS wilderness program during the course of the past year. Superintendent Quintana is an active participant in the California Desert Managers Group, serving on a sub-committee that developed ten annexes intended to promote coordination and consistency between the California Desert wilderness management agencies.

In 1999, Quintana completed the park's "Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan," which included the development of a comprehensive program administering recreational climbing activities. This program was developed through extensive involvement with national climbing groups and the environmental community. He also implemented an aggressive abandoned mine program intended to restore wilderness character to park lands using minimum requirement techniques. He successfully negotiated with the military to significantly reduce the low-level air operation activities over the park wilderness.



ERNIE QUINTANA

In presenting the Wilderness Stewardship Award, and an accompanying cash award, Director Stanton said, "I'm very pleased to recognize Ernie for his many contributions to the Joshua Tree NP wilderness program and for the Service's continued efforts to implement both the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act in all park units containing wilderness resources."

• Congratulations to **Mel Reid**, NCR's equal employment officer. Mel is the new EEO and Diversity Manager of the Year for the DOI. He was recognized at the Department's 2000 Diversity Conference in August.

• Redwood national and state parks recently honored volunteers who assisted in visitor services programs during the past six months. Andy Ringgold, NPS superintendent and Rick Sermon, California Department of Parks and Recreation superintendent recognized that combined through the years, the 23 volunteers contributed over 69,600 hours. That's an estimated \$735,000 worth of work for the Service! A special congratulation and thank you to Chuck and Rae Ballard from Pasadena. They have spent the past 17 summers volunteering at the park. Also, Mike and Kim Andrychowicz, volunteers at neighboring Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park have contributed 20 summers.

• **Lake Mead NRA** won the Seventh Annual National Conference of Mayors Recycling at Work Award for closed loop recycling. J. Shannon Swann, health officer for the recreation area, has been instrumental in managing and directing a vital recycling program that has included not only the park's employees, but also more than 500 employees of nine concessioner-operated resorts and marinas. "Shannon has taken our recycling program to new heights," said Alan O'Neill, park superintendent. "We turned her loose on the project and her initiative and tenacity spread to all employees. Her enthusiasm has even spread to the concessionaires who have joined our effort by recycling cardboard, metal, glass and aluminum." The recreation area was selected from a field of 40 entrants. The award is presented under the auspice of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more.

Harry Yount Award

Editor's note: Stuart was mentioned briefly in our last issue's awards section. This is an expanded story as a follow-up to the award presentation.

Stuart Schneider, chief of Visitor and Resource Protection at Great Sand Dunes NM, received the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award for excellence in "rangering" at the Aug. 25 Founders' Day dinner, from Director Robert Stanton. "Ranger Schneider has demonstrated a genuine commitment to the field of rangering," Stanton said. "He has a tremendous passion and respect for the Service along with a strong command of traditional ranger skills."

He was selected from rangers nominated by their peers on each of the Service's seven geographic regions. The national honoree received an original sculptured bust of Harry Yount and a cash honorarium.

Made possible by a gift from The Eureka Company to the National Park Foundation, the award seeks to recognize and honor outstanding performance; foster an especially responsive

attitude toward public service; enhance the public's appreciation of the park ranger profession and further the art and science of "rangering."

Schneider is widely regarded as a park ranger who always strives for excellence. He values interpretation as a necessary link between the visitor and understanding the resource. He is highly respected for always trying to turn a violation of a park resource into a learning experience for that visitor. His attitude of teamwork consistently results in positive relations between rangers and a higher standard of service to visitors over the years.

Stuart began his NPS career in 1979 as a seasonal campground ranger at Ozark NSR and he has also served at Rocky Mountain, Hovenweep and Zion. He has been chief ranger at Great Sand Dunes since 1993. Stuart and his wife Margaret live with their three children in Mosca, CO. This fall he and his family will be moving to Nebraska where he will assume duties as chief ranger at Niobrara NSR. ■

Class of 2000

Johanna Alexander, librarian at Western Archeological and Conservation Center, retired April 4.

Bob Barbee, regional director of the Alaska region since 1994, retired Oct. 1. Barbee began his career in 1958 as a seasonal naturalist at Rocky Mountain NP. During his career, Bob worked in various capacities in Yosemite NP, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Big Bend NP and Point Reyes NS. He served as superintendent of Cape Lookout NS, Cape Hatteras NS, Hawaii Volcanoes NP, Redwood NP and Yellowstone NP. During his 42-year tenure with the NPS, Barbee received the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award and Meritorious Service Award, the Stephen Mather Award from the National Parks and Conservation Association and the Cornelius Pugsly Award. Bob and his wife, Carol, will be moving to Bozeman, MT.

Long-time park employee **Marion Berntson** retired on July 29, concluding a 16-year career at Martin Van Buren NHS. During this period, Marion rose through the ranks from seasonal employee to supervisory ranger. She also served for a year as acting chief ranger. Her career includes numerous interpretive highlights, as well as a memorable hike out of the Grand Canyon as a result of a broken arm sustained during Ranger Skills XXXV in 1991.

Russell W. Berry, superintendent, Virgin Islands NP, retired July 21.

Henry "Hank" Blatt, behavioral science senior instructor and former supervisory park ranger, retired on July 15 after 30 years of service. Hank started his career in the NPS in 1971 at Morristown NHP and served as a ranger at Shenandoah NP and Everglades NP. In 1989, he transferred to FLETC and became an instructor in the Marine Law Enforcement Division. In 1991 he transferred to the Division of Behavioral Science. Hank's contribution to the training of NPS rangers at FLETC was substantial.

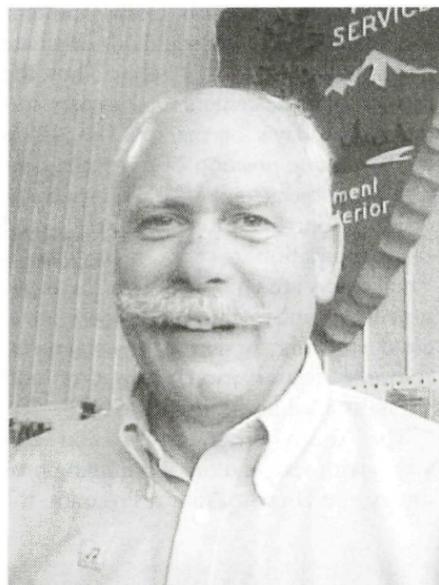
Richard H. Briceland, special assistant to the associate director, Natural Resource Stewardship & Science, WASO, retired Aug. 1.

Aztec Ruins NM Supt. **Barry Cooper** will retire on Dec. 31. Barry began working in the parks as a concession employee at Mesa Verde in 1958 while a student at Colorado State University. He began his career at that park in 1966, then worked at Petrified Forest NP, Sequoia/Kings Canyon NP, Platt NP (now part of Chickasaw NRA), Scotts Bluff NM, Haleakala NP, Hubbell Trading Post NHS and Aztec Ruins (since 1986). His wife, Martha, also worked in several parks, including Sequoia/Kings Canyon NP, C&O Canal NHP and Platt NP. They plan on remaining in the Aztec area.

Janis H. Davis, secretary, Cumberland Island NS, retired Sept. 8.

Wymond Eckhardt, park manager, Devils Postpile NM, retired in February after 43 years of service.

Evelyn M. Francis, land acquisition realty spec., SERO, retired Aug. 3.



MAC HEEBNER

Mac Heebner, computer specialist at Gettysburg NMP, retired Aug. 2 after 35 years of government service. Mac began his NPS career as an intake trainee in 1969 at areas in the New York City group (Statue of Liberty NM, Fire Island NS, Roosevelt/Vanderbilt NHS) and at Isle Royale NP. He moved to Shiloh NMP in 1971, then worked at Natchez Trace

PKWY, Lava Beds NM, Haleakala NP and Lyndon B. Johnson NHP before becoming chief ranger at Gettysburg in 1988. During his years there, he also served as chief of resource management and as the park's computer specialist.

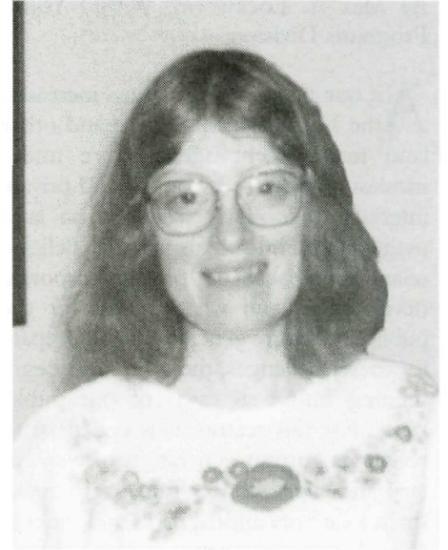
Colorado NM Supt. **Steve Hickman** retired Aug. 2 after 34 years of service. Steve began his career, along with his wife Janice, as a Fire Control Aid at Twin Sisters Lookout in Rocky Mountain NP. His first permanent assignment was as a ranger in Yosemite NP in 1965. (Steve, Janice and sons Don and Jeff lived in nine different houses during their three-year Yosemite assignment.) They transferred back to Rocky Mountain in 1968. The Hickmans left the NPS in 1974 and returned to Yosemite NP in 1977. Steve later served as asst. supt. at Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES. They returned to Colorado in 1996, where Steve served as superintendent at Colorado NM. Steve is now painting landscapes and Janice is gardening.

Naoto Katoku, sewage treatment plant operator at Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau NHP, retired June 2 after 33 years.

Buffalo NR Superintendent **John D. "Jack" Linahan** retired from the NPS on Sept. 29 after 44 years. Jack and wife Dee will be relocating to Custer, SD. Jack's career took him to 11 assignments in nine parks—Rocky Mountain NP, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Grand Canyon NP, Olympic NP, Lake Mead NRA, Padre Island NS, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Chickasaw NRA and Buffalo NR. He also served as acting deputy regional director for the former Southwest Region during his 12-year tenure as superintendent at Buffalo NR.

Thomas Mulher, Jr., museum curator, San Francisco Maritime NHP, retired July 31 after 38 years.

Alan O'Neill, superintendent of Lake Mead NRA since 1987 is retiring in October and will become the first executive director of the Outside Las Vegas Foundation. The foundation was established to support the four federal land management agencies surrounding Las Vegas, NV.



MARY "DORI" PARTSCH

Mary "Dori" Partsch retired July 1 after a career of "firsts"—she was the first museum curator at the Bartrand Conservation Lab, then to Mesa Verde NP as the first curator of the museum collection, then to Cape Cod NS to fill the first museum curator position and retired from the first historian position at Indian Dunes NL. Add them all together and it is a 30-year career!

Al Seidenkranz, chief of interpretation at Bandelier NM retired July 2 after over 35 years of service. Al began his career as a seasonal employee at Organ Pipe Cactus NM, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity NRA and Lava Beds NM. His first permanent assignment was a generalist park ranger at Glen Canyon NRA. He served three years at Everglades NP, where he met and married his wife, Tomena. Tomena is the daughter of Lois Kowski and the late Frank Kowski, who served as southwest regional director from 1967-1973. He also worked at Natchez Trace PKWY, Grand Canyon NP and St. Croix NSR. He is a graduate of the first NPS intake training class at Horace Albright Training Center in 1965. He and his family will relocate temporarily to the Los Alamos area.

Carlos Sotomayor, Jr., general equipment operator, Amistad NRA, retired April 29.

Delmar Wiley, lead maintenance worker Puukohola Heiau NHS, retired May 6 after five years with the NPS. ■

National Park Service Web Site Introduces New Park Guide

Experience your America with the new Parknet gateway. There is a new "Park Guide" for online information seekers. Visitors to Parknet at www.nps.gov will find a redesign of park information that is both efficient and user friendly.

The "Visit Your Parks" page in the new "Park Guide" provides links to all the information needed to plan a national park experience. At www.nps.gov/parks.html visitors will find links to information about camping reservations, the National Parks Pass, volunteer opportunities and more.

Information about individual parks can be retrieved by selecting a park by name, clicking on a state map or checking off a special interest.

New to the NPS Web site is "Park Profiles." The park profile approach uses a standard format to help visitors navigate the system of more than 375 NPS sites. This enables Parknet visitors to locate information they are seeking whether it is general or in-depth information about parks. The profiles include information about park features, basic facts, new visitor maps, contacts, news and links. A "For Kids" area provides information for

younger audiences and "Educational Programs," a selection offered on many park sites, provides a variety of teaching tools and materials.

The goal of the NPS is to ensure that people from around the world experience our national parks, and that they find the necessary information for planning enjoyable and educational trips to the parks. The NPS Web team strives to make Parknet the best place to prepare for visits, or if you're unable to visit, the best place to learn about more than 375 culturally and naturally significant sites in the National Park System.

Missing Life Members

Following is a list of E&AA Life Members whose mail has been returned without a forwarding address. If you recognize a name and know of their whereabouts, please forward the information to Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Thank you!

Jennie May Blake
Joyce Bolin
Walter Bruce
Donald Buck
Tanna Chattin
Jack Collier
Ronald Cooksey
John Craig
George R. Crothers
Susan Colclazer
Jewell T. Daily
Richard Danforth

Providing Young Americans an Opportunity to Appreciate and Preserve Our Nation's Cultural and Natural Treasures

By Max A. Lockwood, WASO Youth Programs Division

As our nation's population increases, the National Park Service and other land management agencies are under increasing pressure by public and private interests to loosen restrictions on land usage. They must balance this delicate relationship between private corporate development and what is best for the public and future generations. To prepare for these challenges, the NPS must begin training future stewards of our public lands. For this reason, it is beneficial to reach the current generation of elementary and high school students to make them aware of national parks and the role they play in our society.

The Youth Programs Division in the Washington Office is responsible for insuring that the NPS works with young Americans from all social, ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds. Our objective is to foster a relationship between natural and cultural resources and young Americans—to help guide, manage and supervise 22 programs that expose young people to the NPS mission.

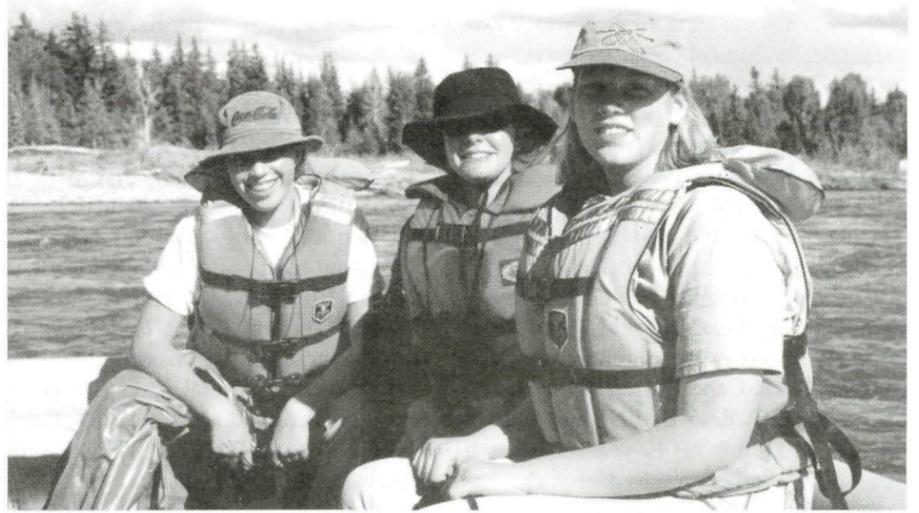
Several of these programs, such as the Student Conservation Association (SCA), the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and Job Corps, have been cooperating with the NPS for many years. SCA began working with the Service in 1957, Job Corps in 1964 and the YCC in 1971. In recent years budget constraints, government downsizing and other factors have put the NPS in a position to reach out and solicit the assistance of non-traditional partners to help facilitate the relationship between our youth and the national parks. Non-Profit partners such as the National Association of Youth and Conservation

Corps (NASCC), the Girl Scouts of America, the Boy Scouts of America, local school and community centers and local state governments have provided us with services, students and money to create new programs.

We are fortunate to have so many committed partners who see the value of connecting young people with resource conservation opportunities. Youth programs provide parks with much-needed assistance in significant areas of park resource management and educate young people about the NPS. The most significant help to parks is the assistance with backlogged maintenance projects. For example, facilities are often repaired by groups of young people funded by Public Land Corps Grants. The Public Land Corps fund is a \$2,000,000 block grant appropriated by Congress to help assist with backlogged maintenance projects and introduce youth to the NPS. The primary stipulation is that all projects must be a collaboration between the NPS and a non-profit organization. For example, a park might not have the funding or staff to build a trail or construct a facility. In order to receive Public Land Corps Grant money, the park must solicit the help of a non-profit partner to work with young people on the project. Projects can receive the maximum of \$15,000. A park may have several projects that need to be done and therefore, can apply for more than one grant.

Many non-profit educational organizations expose young people to park resources by establishing formal educational programs with the park. An example is the "Parks as Classrooms" (PAC) program. In 1998, more than 250,000 students participated in "Parks as Classrooms" programs.

Another component of the mission of



A GROUP OF GIRL SCOUTS help out at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

the Youth Programs Division are the three Job Corps Centers that are managed on Park Service land. Oconaluftee, located in Great Smoky Mountains NP, Great Onyx, located in Mammoth Cave NP and Harpers Ferry, located next to Harpers Ferry NHP, are three centers that train students for jobs in the American labor market. Even though the NPS manages all three Job Corps Centers, funding and all center standards originate from the Department of Labor. Thus, the mission of these centers is to prepare students for today's job market. The NPS is in the unique position of using the centers' proximities to park land to teach students resource conservation skills and their application to park management. The centers are equipped with the tools, instructors and facilities to prepare interested students for facility management, resource conservation, computer and administrative positions in the NPS.

The Youth Programs Division also works with several other job training programs; the Diversity Intern Program, the

Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). These programs are specifically designed to give students the opportunity to work in the NPS, while finishing their studies. Some students continue working for the NPS after completing school, while others decide to seek other career possibilities. However, all students involved are exposed to the Park Service mission and the many different facets of managing the national parks.

In 1999, the Youth Programs Division worked with 22 partners to provide over five thousand students with jobs, internships and educational opportunities. We are hopeful that through further creative efforts on the part of NPS staff and non-profit partners, we will be able to continue to give more young people the opportunity to learn about the National Park Service.

For more information about the Youth Programs Division, call (202) 565-1075, or visit www.nps.gov/youthprograms. ■

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Scoping To Begin For Proposed New Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

The construction of a new visitor education center at Old Faithful in Yellowstone NP has been proposed to replace the current visitor center, which can no longer meet the educational needs of visitors to the Old Faithful area.

Each year, Yellowstone NP is the premier destination for more than three million people—with more than 85 percent of those visitors traveling to the Old Faithful area to explore the greatest concentration of geysers found anywhere in the world and to see the world-renowned landmark, Old Faithful Geyser. During the peak season (July and August), the existing Old Faithful Visitor Center cannot accommodate the nearly 25,000 daily visitors. The facility is too small (8,000 square feet) for any exhibits, and visitors leave the Old Faithful area without a basic understanding of or appreciation for the complexity and interconnected nature of the geysers they see or the volcanic activity that defines Yellowstone NP.

The proposed visitor education center would be located in the same area as the current one, and would include adequate orientation and educational exhibit spaces, an auditorium, classroom, research library, educational bookstore and backcountry permitting office. The current visitor center and the two adjacent satellite theaters would be removed, and functions that currently occur in these three buildings would be consolidated into one 40,000 square foot structure. The new building would be designed to be compatible with the signature rustic architectural style of the Old Faithful Historic District.

The Old Faithful Visitor Education Center project was

first considered in 1998, but due to lack of funding, no progress was made. The Yellowstone Park Foundation, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to protect, preserve and enhance Yellowstone NP, undertook the Old Faithful project and pledged to raise \$15 million of the \$18 million necessary to construct the new visitor education center. Because of the successful fundraising efforts of the Yellowstone Park Foundation, the park is now able to move forward with the project planning.

National Park Service Awards \$2.1 Million in Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Grants

This July, the National Park Service announced the award of \$2,159,310 to assist museums, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations and Alaska Native villages and corporations with implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). The funds were divided among 38 projects. NPS previously funded four additional repatriation projects during fiscal year 2000 totaling \$31,975.

Projects to be undertaken by grant recipients include: the repatriation of the Teikweidi totem pole removed from the Old Cape Fox Village by the Harriman Expedition in 1899 and currently on exhibit at the Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnography in Cambridge, Mass.; a project to support the formation of a Great Basin Inter-Tribal NAGPRA Coalition to address mutual repatriation issues among federally recognized tribes throughout the Great Basin Region; a project to support a statewide initiative designed to explore the nature, extent and implications of chemically contaminated, repatriated Native California cultural material; as well as numerous projects that involve training in NAGPRA and tribal consultation visits to museums.

The NPS received 111 applications from 76 Indian

tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations and 26 museums for a total request of approximately \$6 million. Proposals were reviewed by NPS staff and a selection panel of Native Americans and museum professionals.

NAGPRA, enacted in 1990, requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections and to consult with culturally affiliated Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation. Section 10 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to implement provisions of the Act.

Additional information regarding these awards can be obtained from Joe Wallis, Heritage Preservation Services, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, NC200, Washington, D.C., 20240.

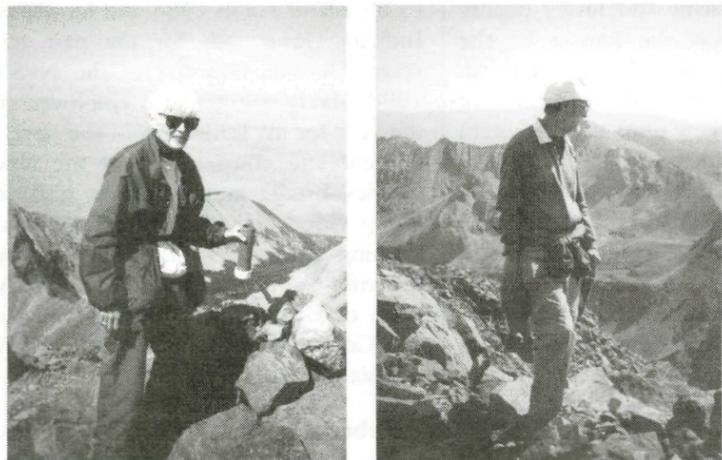
Commercial Filming Legislation

A new bill signed by the president will allow the NPS to charge fees for commercial filming in national parks. The law repeals existing regulations, which forbid the Park Service or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from charging fees for filming in parks or refuges. This Act will affect the NPS, Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U. S. Forest Service.

Under Public Law 106-206, the secretaries of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior (DOI) can establish a fee system for commercial filming activities on federal land. A permit is required to film and the fee for the permit will be based on (1) the number of days of filming activity; (2) size of the crew and (3) amount and type of equipment. The Bureau can

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Alumni News



DON AND NANCY DAYTON on Blanco Peak, 14,345 feet.

Don (retired in 1989) and **Nancy Dayton** recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary by climbing 14,345' elevation Blanco Peak in Colorado. The two-day climb was quite an event—with a young newly married couple who followed them on the final ascent amazed at that “elderly couple” preceding them. To date, the Daytons have climbed the four highest peaks in Colorado and hope to climb numbers five and six on their 49th and 50th anniversaries.

Don and Nancy have been members of the Santa Fe Search and Rescue Team in New Mexico for the last six years, with a number of mountain searches and evacuations under their belts. Nancy, a retired real estate broker, was an EMT in the Eldorado Fire and Rescue Dept. for 18 years. Don is currently president of the Eldorado Water and Sanitation District and a member of the Northern New Mexico Regional Water Planning Council. He is also on a ten-member AARP lobbying team working

with the state legislature on consumer advocacy issues.

Retiree Glen Bean is recuperating at home from a rather serious blood infection. After a week in the hospital and several weeks in a health care

facility, he is feeling much better, but has decided to postpone his planned trip to China. He would enjoy hearing from his NPS colleagues. His address is P.O. Box 657, 11284 Highway 160 East, Alamosa, CO 81011.

The National Capital Area Frank Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament, held Aug. 25, raised \$1,500 for the E&AA and was won by a foursome led by Deputy Regional Director **Joe Lawler** of the NCR. Other team members were Joe's son **Michael**, fellow employee **Steve Doulis** (GWMP) and friend Jim Gridley.

“This was a total team effort with each member making many contributions over the 18 holes,” said Lawler, who had won the tournament at least five times in past years when it was scored individually. The team posted a score of eight under par to win this year's tournament. The most memorable shot, according to Lawler, was a Steve Doulis chip-in for birdie from the fringe on a difficult par four hole.

“It's a lot of fun playing, and winning, with your son and good friends,” Lawler said. “I hope more players will sign up for next year's event, since all proceeds go to such a good cause.”

The money will be pooled with the proceeds from 13 other satellite golf tournaments and donated to the E&AA Education Trust Fund. A field of 90 players participated in this year's tournament at Fairfax National Golf Course in Centerville, VA. It was the 26th playing of the tournament, according to **Dave Park** of WASO, who has organized the event for the past ten years.

Tournament Sightseeing and Government Services, Inc. also made sizable donations to the fund. Frank Kowski was an avid golfer and the first superintendent of the Albright Training Center at Grand Canyon NP.

E&AA Life Member **Rob Milne** is enjoying his semi-retirement on the Outer Banks of North Carolina where he once worked as an ecological research collaborator and seasonal park naturalist for Cape Hatteras NS before becoming a career employee. Rob retired from the Office of International Affairs, WASO in 1996. He was the recipient of the Department's Distinguished Service Award. After leaving the NPS, he accepted the position of principle advisor to the director of the World Heritage Centre, United Nation's Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris. His UNESCO missions and subsequent UN consulting work have taken him to many World Heritage sites around the world and in particular, in Eastern Europe, Siberia, Australia, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. In 1997, the

director general of UNESCO awarded Rob the Dubrovnik Gold Medal for his contributions to international conservation and world peace. Rob is making a steady recovery after a recent heart attack and mild stroke. He has reduced his international consulting work to only several overseas trips a year. He can be reached by e-mail at rcmheritage@compuserve.com.



ELBERTA RUSSELL AND ALEXANDER BALLANTYNE on their wedding day.

On August 12, E&AA Life Member **Elberta Russell** and **Alexander Ballantyne** were married in Harrison, Arkansas. Over 200 friends attended the ceremony, including 67 family members with 14 children. Elberta's NPS career spanned thirty years, starting in the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha. She retired from Buffalo NR in 1980. The couple will make their home in Harrison. ■

Boy Scouts Complete 34,521 Hours of Service

The NPS & BSA Service to America patch program is progressing very well. To date 81 parks are participating and over 34,500 hours of service have been completed. The final goal is for Scouts to complete a total of one million hours of volunteer service at national park sites across the country. The program will run until the goal is reached.

“Thank you for allowing us to perform Service to America hours for the NPS. The program is very interesting and it would be cool if more Scouts would use the program,” wrote Andy Jones, Age 12, Boy Scout Second Class, and his brother Brad Jones, Age 9, Webelo I. The boys volunteered a total of 46 1/2 hours at four national parks (Mammoth Cave NP, Lincoln Boyhood NM, Lincoln Home NHS and Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS) during a recent vacation. They each earned an NPS & BSA Service to America patch.

On June 24 the scouts visited the Lincoln Living Historical Farm at Lincoln Boyhood NM assisting Rangers Connie Luthy and Bob Zimmerman in the Cabin and Carpenter Shop. “It was a pleasure to have Andy and Brad visit with us here at the Lincoln Boyhood NM. Their genuine interest in the preservation of our natural resources is commendable. I was personally impressed with the research that these young gentlemen had done prior to their volunteer work,” said Ranger Luthy. The boys helped out at the cabin by carrying firewood and water, baking biscuits over an open fire, oiling tools and feeding livestock. They learned to spin and card wool, using a drop spindle. They also pulled weeds and picked up trash in the park, arranged and dusted the books in the library at the visitor center and organized a brochure display. At Mammoth Cave NP the boys pulled up garlic mustard, an exotic plant, from the trails. For the last part of their volun-



BRAD JONES, 9, WEBELO I; RANGER CONNIE LUTHY AND ANDY JONES, 12, BOY SCOUT SECOND CLASS, in the cabin at the Lincoln Living Historical Farm.

teer service they gave out tickets and picked up fallen apples around the Lincoln Home NHS.

For more information on the program, log onto www.servicetoamerica.org. Along with information about the program, there are stories about Scouts' experiences with service projects for the parks. The Web site is updated monthly, with new stories and new job opportunities from the parks. Take a few minutes to look over your park's listing, and send any corrections or additions to the NPS & BSA Service to America coordinator. Also send any “success stories” that you might have about completed projects and they will be featured on the site. Information for the site can be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or e-mailed to carols@easternnational.org. ■

How the E&AA Trust Fund Helped Me

The Employees and Alumni Association's Education Trust Fund loan can greatly benefit college students. During my senior year in high school, I had to make the tough decision of which college to attend. Of the two of my top-choice colleges, one seemed more affordable, but not truly where I wanted to spend the next four years of my life. The other choice seemed unattainable financially speaking. Despite having scholarships, my parents and I didn't think I could feasibly attend my top-pick university.

Fortunately, my father found out about the E&AA Education Trust Fund loan. With this loan, I can attend the school of my choice. The best part about this loan is that there is no interest. So, after graduation, I don't have to worry about paying back interest as well as the loan itself. While interest may not appear to be all that substantial when paying back loans, if you're like me and need numerous loans to afford school, interest can really add up. So the E&AA Trust Fund loan is a blessing; I don't need to worry about high interest rates and I can attend the school of my choice.

—Stephanie G. Thomas, daughter of Joe Thomas, MWR Lands Appraiser.

(see page 12 for information on how to obtain an Education Trust Fund loan.)

Requiescat in Pace

Lake Mead NRA firefighter **Phillip "Pip" Conner**, Aug. 3, in a helicopter crash. Phil was a member of the Las Vegas Interagency Helitak Team, which had been assigned to the Charley Complex near Wells, NV. He was a four-year veteran of the park's wildland fire crew.

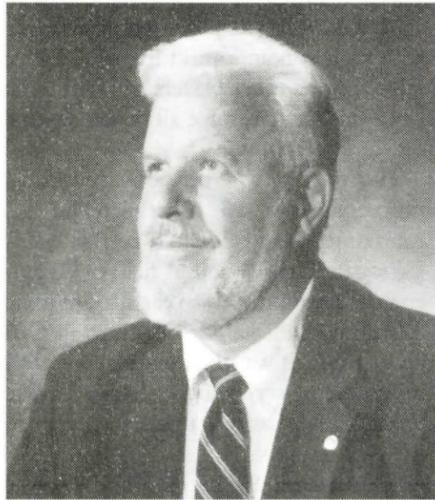
Donations may be made to either Central Christian Church Youth and Scholarship for Camp and Missions (1001 New Beginnings Road, Henderson, NV 89015) or the Lake Mead NRA Emergency Services Donation Account (Lake Mead NRA, 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, NV 89005). Condolences may be sent to his mother, Carolyn Conner, at 1727 Boardwalk Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301.

John Coss, a seasonal maintenance employee at Yukon-Charley Rivers NP, July 20, at his home in Eagle. John had worked as a seasonal in the park in several maintenance positions since 1993. He is survived by his father, Ralph, his son, John, Jr. and his daughters, Terry and Dezinee. John was an integral part of the small NPS family at Yukon-Charley Rivers NP.

Calvin R. Cummings, retired senior archeologist, Sept. 7, from cancer. Mr. Cummings began his NPS career in 1962 as a park ranger (archeologist) at Wupatki NM. He served as a park archeologist at Tuzigoot NM; a park ranger (law enforcement) at Sanford Recreation Area (now Lake Meredith NRA); a park archeologist at Alibates Flint Quarries NM; park superintendent of Gran Quivira NM (now Salinas NM) and a staff archeologist at the Navajo Lands Group. In 1972, he moved to SRO, Santa Fe where he held a series of positions. In 1978, he transferred to the DSC.

In 1983-84, he served in Washington, D.C., as chief anthropologist for the NPS. From 1985 to retirement in 1997, he was a senior archeologist in the Washington Office, duty stationed in Lakewood, CO. For two years (1985-87), he was detailed to the National Marine Sanctuaries Program in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop that agency's cultural resources management program. He is survived by his wife, Linda Scott Cummings, his children, grandchildren and a step-daughter.

George E. Davidson, Jr., 63, July 12, in Provo, UT. He was chief of Visitor Services and later management assistant at Capitol Reef NP where he retired in 1993, with 30 years of service. He was a 1958 graduate of Drew University in Madison, NJ. Following graduation, he served three years in the U.S. Army and received the army commendation medal for excellence in photojournalism and public relations. He also studied at Drew Theological Seminary from 1961-1963. George began his NPS career as a seasonal park historian at Saratoga NHP and subsequently served in permanent positions as park historian at Cumberland Gap NHP and Vicksburg NMP, administrative officer at Chiricahua NM, chief of I&RM at Edison NHS and Herbert Hoover NHS, and as park planner in SERO. In 1983, he was the recipient of the Roy E. Appleman-Henry A. Judd award for his interpretive efforts at Capitol Reef. In addition to his wife Diane, survivors include daughters Kathleen and



GEORGE E. DAVIDSON, JR.

Debra, and son Steven. He was the brother of Robert E. "Bob" Davidson. Messages of condolence may be sent to Diane at Box 373, Bicknell, UT 84715.

Retiree and former ARD of the Southwest Region, **Monte E. Fitch**, 80, July 3, after a lengthy illness in Grand Junction, CO, where he lived with his daughter Linda. Monte grew up in Norwood, CO. He was a student at Colorado State University where he met and married Maxine. In WWII he served in the 13th Armored Division of the army in Europe. After the war he began his career with the NPS, serving in a number of national parks and monuments throughout the Southwest and in Washington, D.C., where Maxine died of cancer. Monte was a life member and a strong supporter of the E&AA, serving as the chairman in the 1970's.

He later married Mary Hennessy (Design and Construction, WSC.) After retiring in 1997 from the SWRO, they eventually moved to Grand Junction, CO. Mary and Monte were married for 30 years until her death in 1997. Survivors include his four children, Lenny Fitch (Sandy), Linda Reed (Larry), Tony Fitch (Kathy) and Terry Branson (Larry); four stepchildren, Tom Hennessey (Sandy), Frances Hennessy, Mike Hennessy (Teri) and Sharon Hennessy, and 11 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Home Health Care, 744 Horizon Ct., Ste. 200, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Condolences may be sent to Linda Reed and family at 2724 Caribbean Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Thomas F. "Tom" Flynn, Jr., June 5, in Naples, FL. A life member of E&AA, he was predeceased by his wife, Fran. Tom received a B.A. from Notre Dame University, and a Juris Doctorate at Georgetown University. He distinguished himself as a sergeant in the counterintelligence corps during WWII. He began his legal career as an attorney-investigator for the U.S. Senate War Investigating Committee, also known as the Truman Committee. Later legal assignments were diverse; attorney for the Antitrust Division, Dept. of Justice, staff director on the Select Committee on Lobbying Activities for the U.S. House of Representatives, House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and investigator for GAO, later becoming assistant to the secretary for Public Lands Management, DOI, before beginning his work with the NPS in 1960 as chief of concessions management. During his NPS career he also headed the Office of Legislation, became

an associate director and finally deputy director. He was the liaison to the National Park Advisory Board, often traveling with presidents and members of Congress when new units to the System were being considered.

His survivors include two daughters, Susan Flynn Clark and her husband Rudy Ficken of Blue Ridge, PA, and C. Terri Myers and her husband Richard Myers, of Washington, D.C. Also surviving are three granddaughters and his devoted nurse and friend, Kathy Hart of Bonita Springs, FL.

Jessica Freeman, July 6, 19-year-old daughter of John Freeman, landscape architect at the DSC. In addition to her father, Jessica is survived by two brothers, Jacob and Josh; and two step-sisters, Lonnie and Vicky Beard. Messages of condolence may be sent to John and his family at 1747 S. DeFrame, Lakewood, CO 80228. Memorial donations may be sent to Roxanne Runkel in Planning and Design Services, DSC, or to West Metro Fire Foundation, Jessica Freeman Fund, 447 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226.

Doug Frizell, 53, July 31, at his home in Miramonte, CA. Frizell, building and utilities supervisor in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon did not report to work on Aug. 1 and 2. Park supervisors and coworkers became concerned about his whereabouts, and a missing person report was filed. The case was investigated as a homicide.

Two suspects wanted for questioning in the murder were arrested in Oregon on Aug. 10. The Fresno County DA is proceeding with extradition and will be filing first degree murder charges against the two men.

Cards and letters of condolence may be sent to Dustin Frizell, c/o of Pete Lucero, P.O. Box 923, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. Donations to the family may be sent to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon Employee Association (SKEA) c/o Pete Lucero at the same address. Make checks out to SKEA and on the memo line please write Doug Frizell.

Upper Delaware SRR Maintenance Mechanic Leader **Leonard W. "Lenny" Hoffert, Jr.**, 53, July 26. He was recuperating from recent major surgery. A retired 20-year veteran of the Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Vietnam, Lenny worked for the NPS at Upper Delaware SRR since 1991.

Denali NP Volunteer **Adam Kolff**, 27, June 19, in a plane crash. Adam was from Boulder, CO. He was en route to the Kahiltna Base Camp to be a member of the NPS team there. He was an experienced mountaineer with extensive climbing and backcountry experience in the Peruvian Andes, Alaska, Nepal, Patagonia, the Cascades and the Rockies. He recently returned from nearly three years of living in Peru while working with The Mountain Institute, an environmental non-profit organization. He was finishing his master's degree at the University of Colorado.

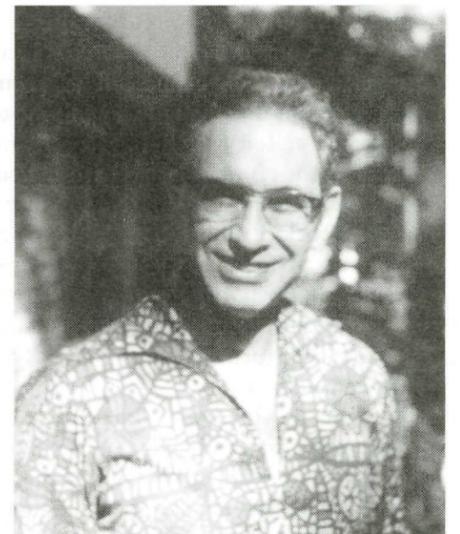
Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor **Dwight Lange**, 49, June 23 at University of Chicago Hospital. A Wisconsin native, he worked for the government for 27 years. He joined the NPS at

Padre Island NS in 1984 and he was at Indiana Dunes NL for the past ten years. He was honored as the NPS's 1998 MWR maintenance employee of the year for his leadership in the development and construction of the new Cowles Lodge and cabins at historic Camp Good Fellow (an environmental learning center.) Dwight is survived by his wife, Cathleen, daughters Kimberly Raab of Centerpoint, TX and Vanessa and Crystal Lange of San Antonio, TX and six grandchildren.

Robert Larson, 64, Aug. 1 of cardiac arrest. He was a campground volunteer at Acadia NP. Larson and his wife, Allie, had been doing trail work and were hiking back to the work site when Larson collapsed. Although this was the couple's first season at Acadia, it was their third season as campground VIP's, having previously volunteered at Arches NP and Joshua Tree NP. Condolences may be sent to Allie Larson c/o Acadia NP, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.

Tyler Jack Malcolm, grandson of Jack Roberts, facility management specialist in WASO's Park Facility Management Office, was fatally injured in a traffic accident on July 16, just north of Yellowstone NP. Jack's daughters, Jessica Malcolm (Tyler's mother) and Kate Roberts, were also seriously injured. Condolences may be sent to Jack and Jacque Roberts, 1122 North 32nd St., Billings, MT 59116. Memorials can be made to The Tyler Jack Malcolm Fund, First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 30918, Billings, MT 59116-0918, Attn: Amy Carter.

Ray G. Martinez, 85, Aug. 24. A life member of E&AA, Ray began his NPS career at Mesa Verde NP. He worked at Carlsbad NP, Grand Canyon NP, SWRO and NCR. He retired in 1972, after serving at the Eastern Service Center. Ray is survived by his wife Florence, three daughters; Betsy Fahrion and Mary Ann Greget of Farmington, NM and Taya Eaton of Minden, NV, and two sons; Billy of southern California and Ray Jr. of Glendale, AZ.



Barbara B. Morris

MANUEL MORRIS

Manuel "Manny" Morris, 78, July 14, Bethesda, MD, after cardiac quadruple bypass surgery. He began his NPS career as a hydraulic engineer in the Division of Land and Water Rights, Western Office of Design and Construction (WODC) in San Francisco, CA, designing and supervising pro-

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grams in seven western states from 1957 to mid-1982. He then took a leave of absence to work as chief of community water supply for the USAID Mission in Jamaica.

He returned to the Park Service in mid-1964 as acting chief of the WODC. In 1967, he transferred to WASO in Land Acquisition and Water Rights. His major efforts were in restoring water supply to the Everglades NP, coordinating USDI efforts to establish Big Cypress N PRES and forestalling construction of Miami Jetport.

In November 1997 he was appointed deputy director of the Office of Water Research and Technology (OWRT) in Washington, D.C. and became a charter member of the Senior Executive Service (SEC) in 1979. When OWRT was dissolved in 1982, he became project officer of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation working on the rehab of the Aswan Dam in Egypt. He retired in 1983. The last 17 years of his life were spent as a music scholar with a Greenwood-published discography of Gerard Souzay. Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Bethesda, MD (bjbmorris@juno.com), his daughter Lynd in Silver Spring, MD, his son Peter in Vista, CA, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Former chief of Historic American Buildings Survey, WASO, **John Poppeliers**, 64, Sept. 1. He is survived by his wife, Julia Tatnell Poppeliers, and a brother. Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Missionaries of Charity, 2800 Otis Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20018. Letters of condolence may be sent to Julia Poppeliers c/o Historic American Buildings Survey, NPS, 1849 C Street NW, Room Ncap-300, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Denali NP Volunteer **Brian P. Reagan**, 27, June 19, in a plane crash. Brian was from Anchorage, AK. He was scheduled to assist in staffing the NPS Base Camp operations at 7,200 feet on Mt. McKinley. He had three years of mountaineering experience in the Sierra Nevadas, climbed Mt. McKinley by the West Buttress in 1999, and had crevasse rescue and first aid training. Brian worked for the Alaska Natural

History Association at the Anchorage Public Lands Information Center.

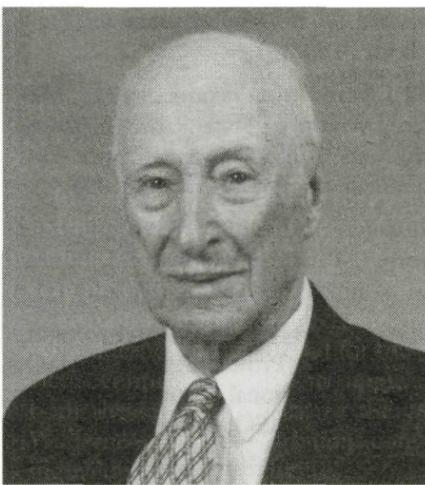
E&AA Life Member **John A. Reshott**, 92, Aug. 21 from cancer at his home at Greenspring Village retirement community in Springfield, VA. He was the husband of the late former Margaret Lanier (1962) and the former Julia Fowler (1996). As a landscape architect graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, he worked in several Washington state parks in the early 1930's. Later he worked in the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the SWRO, Santa Fe.

He served as a lieutenant in the Navy during WWII. He returned to the NPS branch of programs in the Director's Office in Chicago, IL. As chief of Master Planning in the 1950's he advanced Master Plans from a development plan for a park to a comprehensive plan giving direction to all phases of park management. He also developed complete procedures for the NPS Wilderness Studies Program, retiring as chief in WASO. In 1970 he received DOI's Distinguished Service Award.

Survivors include a daughter from his first marriage, Margaret R. "Peggy" Knapp of Annandale, VA, a stepdaughter, Drusilla M. Stancampianso of Herndon, VA and three grandchildren.

Roland von Steen Richert, 86, June 7, Globe, AZ. Roland received a master's degree in archeology from the University of Arizona. From 1938 to 1940 he worked seasonally for several NPS national monuments. From 1941 to 1946 he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army in the New Guinea and Philippine campaigns. In 1946 he rejoined the NPS as a park ranger at Tuzigoot NM until he was promoted as archeologist to the ruins stabilization unit in Chaco Canyon NM. Until his retirement in 1972, he and his mobile ruins stabilization unit of Navajo masons preserved more than 100 prehistoric ruins and historic structures. He retired as supervisory archeologist at the Southwest Archeological Center in Globe, AZ. He is survived by his wife, Edna, whose address is 1114 S. Skyline Drive, Globe, AZ 85501-2061. Memorial contributions can be made to the Arizona Archaeological Society, 10906 E. Michigan Avenue, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

Park ranger **Cale Schaffer**, 25, June 19, in a plane crash en route to Kahiltna Glacier to be a member of the NPS team at base camp at 7,200 feet on Mt. McKinley. An experienced mountaineer, Cale had worked as a park ranger and emergency medical technician on both the north and south sides of Denali's Wonder Lake. He had also worked at Grand Canyon NP. He is survived by his parents, Carol and Ron Schaffer, of Madisonburg, PA.



CHARLES LINCOLN TAGERT

Charles Lincoln Tagert, 94, March 14, at his home in St. Augustine, FL. A long-time supporter of the E&AA, he worked in maintenance at Petrified Forest NP and Fort Caroline N MEM. "Chuck" retired in 1968. He is survived by his wife, Vera M. and two sons, John Lincoln Tagert of Cascade, CO and Bert Edwin Tagert of Bristol, TN and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 8 Carrera Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

David "Dave" Todd, July 12, to the challenges of a failing heart, which forced his retirement in 1986 as the environmental education specialist in the Southern Arizona Group. Dave spoke fondly and often of the varied and rewarding experiences throughout his career, which took him to Mesa Verde NP, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Grand Canyon NP, Wupatki NM and Sunset Crater Volcano NM, Dinosaur NM, Jewel Cave NM and the Southern Arizona Group office.

Dave's passion and career encompassed interpreting park resources for visitors and more importantly his dedicated efforts toward educating our children about the environment. Dave is survived by his wife, Shirley. Cards or messages of condolence may be sent to Shirley Todd, 4541 N. 75th Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Gilbert R. "Gil" Wenger, 77, June 18, in Grand Junction, CO, following a stroke. Gill served in the 5th Air Force in the South Pacific during WWII, stationed primarily on Papua New Guinea. He was awarded a purple heart.

A long-time E&AA supporter, he began in the NPS as a seasonal ranger at Bandelier NM, then moved to a permanent assignment at Tonto NM in 1951. He worked at White Sands NM, Montezuma Castle NM, Lake Mead NRA, Mount Rushmore N MEM and the Western Museum Lab in San Francisco. Gil capped his career with a 14-year stint as chief archeologist and head of interpretation at Mesa Verde NP. In 1972 he served on the Alaska Task Force recommending many areas for inclusion in the NPS. He authored *The Story of Mesa Verde and Archeological Techniques used at Mesa Verde NP*.

After 33 years of service, Gilbert and his wife Charlotte retired to Grand Junction in 1982 where they built their own solar home. He is survived by his wife, daughter Linda Pease of Longmont, CO, sons William M. of Placerville, CO and Stephen R. of Glade Park, CO, two brothers and one grandson.

Denali NP seasonal Maintenance Worker **Mark Weronko**, 52, June 24, in an off-duty accident on Dalton Highway (the pipeline haul road to Prudhoe Bay.) He was the passenger in a vehicle that left the narrow, gravel road and rolled onto its roof. Mark worked at Eielson Visitor Center.

Stanley Zelinski, Lowell NHP maintenance employee, 49, July 18 of cardiac arrest. Stanley was well-liked and respected by all his coworkers and renowned for his sense of humor. ■

Jerome Pratt Continues a Lifetime of Communicating for Conservation

One hundred years ago on May 25, President McKinley signed the Lacey Act, giving the U.S. its first far-reaching federal wildlife protection law and setting the stage for a century of progress in safeguarding wildlife resources. Drafted and pushed through Congress by Rep. John Lacey of Iowa, the Act outlawed interstate traffic in illegally killed birds and other wild animals killed in violation of state or territorial law. It also banned the importation of injurious wildlife that threatened crop production or horticulture in this country.

In 1979 Bruce Babbitt, then governor of Arizona, presented two Conservation Awards to retired NPS employees. Merle Stitt received the Governor's Wildlife Conservation Award and **Jerome Pratt** the Governor's Conservation Commu-

nicator Award. Jerome continues to communicate for conservation, particularly in whooping crane



Jerome Pratt

restoration efforts. He has been recognized and honored by many national and international organizations and governments; including for his work as a wildlife manager with the Dept. of Defense and from the DOI and NPS.

Since his retirement as admin. officer

(Haleakala NP, 1972), he continues as editor of *Grus Americana*, the newsletter of the Whooping Crane Conservation Association, Inc., and authored *The Whooping Crane: North America's Symbol of Conservation*, the story of bringing them back from the brink of oblivion. His voice, his work and his words have been heard and respected. Perhaps best illustrated by the action of the International Wild Waterfowl Association and the Whooping Crane Conservation Association, when they announced that a luminaria award had been created to honor Jerome J. Pratt for his dedicated service. The accolade to be known as the Jerome J. Pratt Whooping Crane Conservation Award. The first one to be presented officially went to its namesake. ■

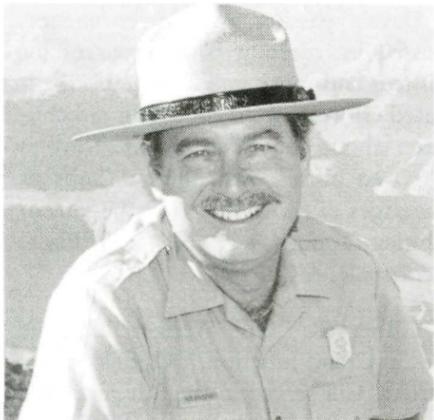
New Exhibit of Nation's Founding Documents at Independence NHP

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federation, which led to the first form of government for the nation, was annotated and used by Massachusetts Congressman Elbridge Gerry, showing the concerns that many had about the powers of the new government.

The copy of the Declaration of Independence broadside was the copy used for the first public reading of the document on July 8, 1776, on Independence Square. The final draft of the U.S. Constitution contains one final correction, said to be in George Washington's own hand. The official, signed copies of the documents are located in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. ■

New Places & Faces



ROBERT ARNBERGER

Robert Arnberger from superintendent, Grand Canyon NP to regional director, Alaska Region. Robert will oversee the operations of 15 national park units, totaling 54.7 million acres—roughly two-thirds of the entire land area in the National Park System.

Gerard Baker from superintendent, Chickasaw NRA to superintendent of the Lewis and Clark Trail Program, MWRO.

John Berry from assistant secretary for Policy, Management and Budget DOI to executive director, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Tony Bonanno from regional chief ranger, IMSO, Denver to senior special agent, IMSO, Santa Fe.

Shawn Bryant from facility manager, Florissant Fossil Beds NM to facility manager, Fort Laramie NHS.

Jennifer Buttici from park guide, Redwood NP to supervisory park guide, USS *Arizona* Memorial.

Rob Campellone from project manager, National Center for Recreation and Conservation to Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program field office, Salt Lake City, UT.

Tina Cartwright graduate of the New Leader Program to acting facility manager, Florissant Fossil Beds NM.

Sarah Craighead from superintendent Washita Battlefield NHS to acting superintendent on detail at Chickasaw NRA.

Debbie Darden from park planner, Gettysburg NMP to chief, Resource Planning, Gettysburg NMP.

Steven Devore from National Historic Landmark archeologist, IMSO, Santa Fe to archeologist, Midwest Archeology Center, Lincoln, NE.

Stephanie DuBois from chief of interpretation, Colorado NM to acting superintendent, Colorado NM.

Deanna M. Dulen from public affairs specialist and interpretive leader, Inyo National Forest, to park manager, Devils Postpile NM.

Bill Farrand from deputy director, Missouri Division of State Parks to Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program field office, Salt Lake City, UT.

Maureen Finnerty from associate director, Park Operations and Education to superintendent, Everglades NP.

Charles Haecker from archeologist, Anthropology Project Services, IMSO, Santa Fe to National Historic Landmark archeologist, IMSO, Santa Fe.

Judy Hellmich from chief of interpretation, Lowell NHP to chief of interpretation, Grand Canyon NP.

Mick Holm from deputy superintendent, Mammoth Cave NP to superintendent, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Patricia Hooks from attorney with the Interior Department's Southeast Regional Solicitor's Office to deputy regional director for the Southeast Region.

Vicki Jacobson from historical architect, Mount Rainier NP to historical architect at IMSO, Santa Fe.

Destry Jarvis from assistant director for External Affairs to counselor to the assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Marina Kekhter, a member of the staff at Lassen Volcanic NP, is a long way from home. She is one of more than 36 Russian interns volunteering in the U.S. national parks. Marina graduated from the Moscow Federal Pedagogical University in 1998 with majors in geogra-

phy and English. At Lassen, she has been learning Global Positioning System and Geographic Information System technology, creating maps and scanning pictures. Marina also has been hiking in Lassen's snow-covered backcountry several days a week assisting a graduate student studying the Sierra Nevada red fox, learning to use radio telemetry and collaring the foxes. She plans to apply the new skills and experiences she has acquired to a position in Moscow, perhaps as a researcher.

John T. Kelly from outdoor recreation planner at the Boston Support Office to chief of planning at Acadia NP.

John King from deputy regional director for the Southwest Cluster, IMRO to superintendent, Natchez Trace PKWY.

Randy King from chief ranger and acting deputy superintendent, Glacier Bay NP & PRES to chief ranger, IMSO, Denver.

Lisa Lackey from chief of Arts and Education, Chamizal N MEM to chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services, Big Bend NP.

James Laray from park ranger/cultural resources, George Washington Birthplace NM to Web coordinator, cultural resources, WASO.

Joy Lujan to Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program field office, Lakewood, CO.

Gale Menard from administrative officer, Yellowstone NP to chief of Administrative Services, IMSO, Santa Fe.

Tricia Miller from seasonal park ranger, Navajo NM to park ranger, Northeast Museum Service Center, Charlestown Navy Yard.

Brenda Mobley, manager of equal opportunity and employee development, Alaska Region, to assistant superintendent, Tuskegee Airmen NHS.

Kim Montoya, from employee development specialist, IMSO, Denver to program analyst in the Bureau of Reclamation, Denver.

Larry Murphy, from maritime archeologist, Submerged Resources Center, IMSO, Santa Fe to program manager for the center.

Valerie Naylor from chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services, Big Bend NP to superintendent, Scotts Bluff NM.

Bruce Noble from chief of Interpretation & CRM, Harpers Ferry NHP to superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush NHP.

Richard J. Nolan from chief of Visitor Services, Fort McHenry NM to chief park ranger, Pecos NHP.

Peggy O'Dell from superintendent, Jewel Cave NM to associate manager for Client Services, HFC. HFC's Client Services Department will include interpretive planning, project management, interpretive media inventory maintenance, media effectiveness evaluation, research of new media technology for park use, value analysis and external communications. In addition, O'Dell will serve as the HFC manager's primary deputy.

Ellis Richard from chief of interpretation at Grand Canyon NP to superintendent, Guadalupe Mountains NP.

Dick Ring from superintendent, Everglades NP to associate director, Park Operations and Education, NPS headquarters in Washington.

Wendell Simpson from superintendent, Natchez Trace PKWY to superintendent, Virgin Islands NP.

Stephen G. Strach from CRM specialist, Rock Creek Park to CRM specialist/historian, American Battlefield Protection Program, Washington, D.C.

Katy Sykes from administrative assistant, Resource Management, Rocky Mountain NP to administrative assistant, Office of Superintendent at Rocky Mountain NP.

Nat Wood from special assistant to the director to assistant director for External Affairs, WASO. ■

Upcoming Meetings & Events

National Preservation Conference 2000—The National Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its 2000 Conference from Oct. 31 to Nov. 5 in Los Angeles. The conference theme is "Saving America's Treasures in the 21st Century." "Despite its worldwide reputation as a 'city of the future,' Los Angeles also has a rich and fascinating past that is embodied in a collection of historic buildings, vibrant older neighborhoods and multicultural diversity unmatched anywhere else," said Trust President Richard Moe. "And it has a dedicated, effective community of preservationists who are eager to showcase their city—and their preservation successes—for us." Details about the conference are available at www.nthp.org.

The Ranger Academy at Santa Rosa Junior College will graduate the 100th class on Dec. 20. The graduation ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in The Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954. A reception and social hour will follow. The staff at the training center is inviting all former students, graduates, instructors, evaluators, role players, staff members and others associated with the Academy over the past 22 years to attend and "reconnect."

In order to get an idea of the number of guests, the Academy requests that you contact them at Santa Rosa Ranger Academy, 609 Tomales Road, Petaluma, CA 94952, phone: (707) 776-0721 or fax: (707) 776-0814. The Web site address is www.santarosa.edu/PublicSafety.

Baltimore Conference Information—The American Battlefield Protection Program invites you to attend the Fifth National Conference on Battlefield Preservation at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD, November 18 - 21. The conference will include workshops, lectures and battlefield tours, and will present ideas that lead to the long-term preservation and protection of our nation's historic battlefields. The scheduled keynote speaker is Edward Linenthal, professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Dr. Linenthal is author of several books including *History Wars: The Enola Gay and Other Battles for the American Past*, *Sacred Ground: Americans and Their Battlefields* and *Preserving Memory: The Struggle to Create America's Holocaust Museum*. For more information on the conference contact Ginger Carter at (202) 343-1210 or ginger_carter@nps.gov. ■

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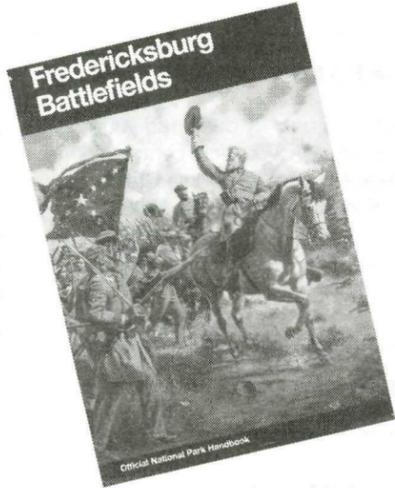
recover all costs in addition to charging the fee. Permits and fees for still photography are authorized only where the activity takes place in an area the public is normally not allowed to go or when models and props that are not part of the natural or cultural resources are used. All fees collected shall be distributed in the same way as the Fee Demonstration Act. All costs recovered will stay in the park where the activity occurs and will remain available to that park until expended. Permit applicants will be responded to in a timely manner.

Permits for filming will not be issued if the NPS determines there is a likelihood of resource damage, an unreasonable disruption of the public's use and enjoyment of the site or that the filming poses health or safety risks to the public.

The decision has been made not to implement the Act until regulations are promulgated by the solicitor's office. Since other DOI Bureaus are involved, the Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget and the Solicitor will take the lead on regulations. Although the affected agencies cannot charge "location fees" until the regulations are in place, the NPS still has the authority to recover costs under 16 U.S.C. 3(a) and all parks are encouraged to do so. It's not yet certain when those regulations will be completed. ■

Off the Press

Fredericksburg Battlefields



Illustrated with over 100 photographs, paintings, drawings and maps.
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Located midway between the two rival capitals of Washington, D.C. and

Richmond, VA, the area around Fredericksburg became a cockpit of the Civil War between 1862 and 1864. No other area of comparable size in North America has witnessed such heavy and continuous fighting. Here, within a radius of 17 miles, occurred more than 100,000 American casualties in four battles involving strategy and tactics beyond the understanding of the average soldier.

The story of those battles—Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House—is vividly recounted by A. Wilson Greene, former historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP and now executive director of Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg, VA. The book also contains a guide to the principal features of each battlefield and a reading list for those who want to learn more about the battles and the people who fought them.

Special features describe how Union troops bridged the Rappahannock River at Fredericksburg in the face of Confed-

erate musket fire; how Chatham, a manor house where President George Washington once dined, became a Union headquarters and hospital visited by Abraham Lincoln; how Chancellorsville got its name; how “Stonewall” Jackson received his mortal wound; how Gen. Robert E. Lee tried to lead an infantry charge at the Battle of the Wilderness and how the fight for the “Bloody Angle” at Spotsylvania Court House came to be called “the most desperate engagement in the history of modern warfare.”

Fredericksburg Battlefields is Handbook No. 155 in the award-winning National Park Service Official Handbook Series. Available from America's National Parks, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 2, Fort Washington, PA 19034-9648, or call toll-free (877) NAT-PARK ((877)628-7275).

New Report Published on World War II Internment Camps

The NPS released the most comprehensive report ever on the history and status of WWII internment camps. The

report describes the history and current condition of 35 relocation centers and other facilities where approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned during WWII. Vice President Gore recently proposed a \$4.8 million new initiative to help preserve several of these sites throughout the West. The proposed funding for the FY 2001 budget would be used to construct a new visitor center at Manzanar NHS in California; to acquire and protect other former camp sites; to construct an interpretive exhibit near a former work camp in Arizona and to begin an NPS study of “World War II on the Home Front.” Copies of the report, “Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese American Internment Camp Sites,” are available from the National Park Services' Western Archeological and Conservation Center at wacc_supt@nps.gov or fax to (520) 670-6525, “Attn: Superintendent.”

NPS Family

Doris Basch (a recent retiree from HFC's Exhibits Department) and **Russell Eury** (Williamsport HTC) recently entered a slots tournament in Las Vegas. They won \$50,000 and split the winnings! Of course, Uncle Sam got his payment of \$20,000 first!

Brett Calhoun, 10-year-old daughter of **Stacy Calhoun**, HFC, qualified to ride in Nationals Pony Club Games Competition on July 2. To qualify, she rode with the Shenandoah Valley Pony Club, who needed a fourth member of their team. The team won four of the 12 games they played and placed 2nd and 3rd in most of the races. The Nationals competition was in Lexington, VA this year from Aug. 2 to Aug. 6.

Pilot/ranger **Richard “Shad” Dusseau** suffered a heart attack Aug. 30 while piloting a park float plane with three park staff and a child aboard. Dusseau recognized his symptoms and managed to land and beach the aircraft in Kobuk Valley NP before becoming incapacitated. The aircraft's FM radio was used to continually broadcast his status and request emergency medical assistance from Kotzebue, 130 miles away. Dusseau was treated at the Maniilaq Health Center, then flown to Providence Hospital in Anchorage. He returned to light duty in Kotzebue on Sept. 11. Medical tests verified the heart attack, but, fortunately, damage to the heart muscle was minimal. He will continue medical screenings and light duty for the time being. Options for returning to flight duty will be evaluated in six months.

Valley Forge NHP Maintenance Worker **Kenneth Halpen** was injured on Aug. 25 when the lawn tractor he was operating went backwards over the edge of a five-foot-high stone wall, flipped over, and landed on top of him. Ken suffered a fractured hip and was hospitalized.

Ranger **Bob Hansen** was struck by a motor vehicle while on duty on the evening of July 1, resulting in rib fractures and the amputation of his right leg. He was moved to the rehabilitation wing of an area hospital to begin physical therapy and was due to go home on Aug. 8. Bob and his wife Sue would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support they've received during Bob's hospitalization. Cards and letters can be sent to Bob care of the park: Padre Island National Seashore, P.O. Box 181300, Corpus Christi, TX 78480-1300.

Dan Huff, former associate regional director for science and resource management in the Intermountain Region (and now with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) was involved in a motorcycle accident on July 21. His wife, Joan, who works for the Information Technology Program, WASO, based in Lakewood, CO, was with him. She suffered an injured foot and was treated and released. Dan was seriously injured, but is now in stable condition. He is currently undergoing physical therapy while recovering at home. Cards and letters can be sent to 13245 W. Utah Ave., Lakewood, CO 80228.

Congratulations to park interpreters **Jennifer Lute** and **Kip Walton** of Indiana Dunes NL who were married on Aug. 11.

Congratulations to **Matt Richardson** and **Kelly Davis** of Shenandoah NP who were married on May 20.

Janie Spiers sent a short note saying she enjoys the *Arrowhead*. “I loved working for NPS and the *Arrowhead* always brings me to what is currently going on—as well as keeping me up with some of my ‘old friends’ and coworkers.... I am fighting cancer, diagnosed as terminal. I've heard from some of my former coworkers and I don't tire of this—melancholia usually

sets in but they're all good memories.”

On Aug. 5, **Bruce Sefton**, 48, maintenance supervisor for Yellowstone NP, fell approximately 15 feet from a rooftop, and sustained serious injuries including a skull fracture and crushed vertebrae. Bruce was released from the hospital on Aug. 11.

Sibbald “Sib” Smith, retired superintendent (Ninety Six NHS/Cowpens NB) has been diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. His condition is grave. You can send words of encouragement to P.O. Box 557, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Charissa (Beeler) Stanton, writer/editor for WASO Public Affairs, and Law Enforcement Ranger **Todd Stanton**,

from Antietam NB, were married at sunset on Oct. 5 at the Big Meadows Lodge in Shenandoah NP. The couple met while working at Antietam during the summer of 1996. **Ed Wenschhof**, chief of natural resource management and protection at Antietam, was the best man. Charissa's mother is **Cathy Beeler**, chief of resource education and visitor services at Monocacy NB. Following a honeymoon in the Great Smoky Mountains, the couple resides in Hagerstown, MD. ■

Send us your stuff! We welcome news and photos about yourself and our NPS family members. See page 12 for mailing and telephone information.

From Our Family to Yours

One of the tragic results of the Cerro Grande Fire last May in Los Alamos, NM was that almost 400 families lost their homes. We often say the NPS is like an extended family to its many current and former employees. Many of us have gone through our own tragedies, and we have shared each other's losses. This feeling of family is one of our strengths.

So, we are announcing the “From Our Family to Yours” NPS Quilt Project. Our goal is to give a “homemade” quilt to each Los Alamos family that lost their home. We invite all employees, retirees, alumni, partners and friends to join this project. This personal touch will help these families to recover... to rebuild their lives... and show we care.

The “rules” are simple:

Quilts can be any size; from a 45” x 72” throw or lap quilt, on up to a full, queen or even king-size quilt.

Quilts can be made by an individual or by a group of quilters. A park group quilt would be a special gift.

Quilts can be either hand or machine-pieced, and either hand or machine-quilted. Please, no “tied” quilts.

Each quilter or group should write a cover letter with their finished quilt. Quilters could explain their selected quilt design and their connection to the NPS.

Ready to sign on? Send your name, park and other information to Jeri Mihalic, quilt project coordinator. Or, if you have any questions call her at (209) 372-8825, or e-mail to mihalic@inreach.com or Jeri_Mihalic@nps.gov or write to General Delivery, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Don't quilt, but want to help? Let Jeri know, too, if you'd like to contribute in other ways.

Vicki Estes has graciously agreed to be the contact in Bandelier. As the quilts come in, she will randomly pick out a name and arrange for a park employee to deliver the quilt in person. Our goal is to have all the quilts delivered by next May, the first anniversary of the fire. The finished quilts should be sent to Vicki at: Office of the Superintendent, Bandelier NM, HCR 1, Box 1, Los Alamos, NM 87544. ■

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Submit information, stories and photos to E&AA *Arrowhead*, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or e-mailed to jennifera@easternnational.org. Photographs are welcomed. On the back of the photograph please identify who is in the photo, who took the photo, and a SASE if you would like the photo returned. Please include, if possible, a summary of the event at which

the photo was taken, news release or other important information. We will use as many submissions as possible on a space-available basis. Time-sensitive materials and those received first will receive priority. We may hold submissions for use in a later issue

Deadline for the next issue is Friday, Dec. 8. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (215) 283-6900.

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