



Volunteer Newsletter



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Edition*

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE.

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior responsible for protecting the 35 national parks and monuments then managed by the department and those yet to be established. This "Organic Act" states that "the Service thus established shall promote and regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments and reservations...by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

With a swipe of a pen, President Woodrow Wilson created an agency that for the last 100 years has educated, celebrated, and let the public enjoy some of the most beautiful and iconic places in the United States.

HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE...

On March 10, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said, "A few months ago I stated that the clear water and the warm sandy beaches of our coastline are our nation's real treasure, but I also observed that this kind of a treasure is not always secure. The question that many, times faces us is: Will it be owned by a handful of the wealthy people, or will we preserve it for the pleasure of every American?"

That quote was part of his speech on the creation of Cape Lookout National Seashore. Since the park's inception, Cape Lookout has become an icon for the world. With over 500,000 visitors each year, we can only look forward to the next 50 years.



Pictured to the right is one of the original pens used by President Johnson to authorize the creation of Cape Lookout National Seashore.



Pictured above: Early National Park Service Poster



Mark your Calendar...

2016 Season dates:

- March 10 50th Anniversary of Cape Lookout National Seashore
- March 16 Cabin Camps open
- March 23 Keepers' Quarters and Light Station Visitor Center open.
- April 10 Portsmouth Village opens
- April 30 Portsmouth Homecoming
- June 18 50th Anniversary of CALO and 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service ceremony.

2016 Lighthouse Opening:

The lighthouse will be reopening May 17. Tuesday to Saturday 9:45 AM – 4:15 PM hours of operation

VIP Ideas:

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let the VIP Coordinator know. Always open to fresh ideas to make your stay more memorable.

VIP Photos Needed:

The VIP coordinator is updating the VIP and interpretative files. If you have some favorite pictures of the park, park events, and/or volunteers in action, please send them to Steven_Neshkoff@nps.gov.



Portsmouth Village Homecoming...

Located at the most northeastern part of Cape Lookout is a remote village called Portsmouth. For the past two hundred years, Portsmouth Village has been a lightering port, military encampment for Confederacy and Union during the Civil War, base of operations for the United States Coast Guard during World War Two, a refuge for shipwrecked marines and passengers, and finally the home to hundreds that lived in the remote village.

To celebrate that heritage, the Friends of Portsmouth Island (FPI) gets together every two years to celebrate the history, culture, and the overall significance of Portsmouth Village. The homecoming happens in the last weeks of April by working closely with Cape Lookout National Seashore in preparation for that special day. This year's homecoming will happen on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Events are planned throughout the day and special guests from the National Park Service are expected.



Pictured to the left is the first Superintendent of Cape Lookout National Seashore Mac Riddell at Portsmouth Village. Circa mid 1970s

Earn an NPS Centennial Volunteer Challenge Coin....

The National Park Service's centennial year is here, and we want to encourage everyone to take part in the celebration!

We invite people of all ages to find their park and discover the national parks in their community through volunteerism. Registered volunteers who contribute **201.6** hours of service between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 can earn a Centennial Volunteer Challenge Coin (CVCC)!

Pictured to the right is the Centennial Volunteer Challenge Coin.





National Park Service George Hartzog Award Nominees

Every year, thousands of volunteers across the United States and its territories donate their time to the National Park Service (NPS). Within those parks, volunteers work visitor centers, camps, maintenance, trail crews, education, web design, and many other critical positions to support the NPS mission. However, over 40 years ago, the VIP program was non-existent. In 1970, the National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr. was the driving force in starting the program and laid the initial brick work for Volunteer Coordinators across the NPS to follow. Since then, the simple programs grew from a few hundred to thousands of volunteers.

In response to the outpouring of Volunteer's dedication to the NPS, the George Hartzog Volunteer Award was created. This award spans six different areas: Individual Volunteer, Youth Volunteer, Volunteer Group, Youth Volunteer Group, Park Program, and Enduring Service. The criteria for this award are based on the views of the Volunteer Coordinator and suggestions from other Volunteers. From there, the Volunteer Coordinator will submit an award package to the NPS Regional level. They will review it if deemed worthy it will be pushed to the national level for competition for the highest honor of being a volunteer of the year.

This year, Cape Lookout National Seashore has selected two worthy individuals and the program as a whole. However, we cannot release the names of who were selected. However, if those nominations make it to Washington D.C., we will make sure to let you know who those special Volunteers are.

Pictured to the right is NPS Director (1964-1972) George Hartzog Jr.



Recruitment for 2016/2017 New Volunteers is Ongoing...

The best source of recruitment is you. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our volunteer corps, by leading education groups, helping out at the visitor centers, or with programs. Hours are flexible. Please have them contact the Volunteer Office. They may call us, email us, or go online to www.volunteer.gov and submit an application.

Be sure to have them note your name as a referral and it will make the recruitment process a lot quicker.



Jan Tugwell selected as CALO Volunteer of the year for 2015.

Featured in a previous CALO VIP Newsletter, Jan Tugwell's ongoing dedication, drive, helping park staff and visitors has earned her the title of Cape Lookout Volunteer of the year for 2015. For her steadfast commitment, Jan will receive an original watercolor of her choice of anything in the park to celebrate her selection for this honor. Her name also will appear on the park's VIP of the Year plaque on display in the Harkers Island Visitor Center.

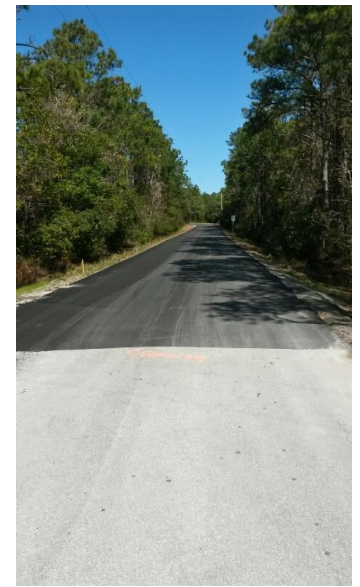
Pictured to the right is Jan Tugwell in one of the CALO Gators.

Coming up for 2016, in conjunction with VIP of the year. We are going to be selecting Individual position awards also.





Upgrades and Additions to CALO



Pictured to the left is the new walkway to the VIP Stowage house. Pictured above are the new visitor center floor mats. Pictured to the right is the newly paved road to maintenance. Pictured below are the new visitor center signs at Harkers Island and Beaufort.



Pictured below are the newly finished Harkers Island restrooms and road to the Core Sound Museum. Also, the main parking lot was repaved.

Pictured below is the front of the Harkers Island Visitor Center. Old shrubs and rocks were removed and new top soil and grass seed put in its place.





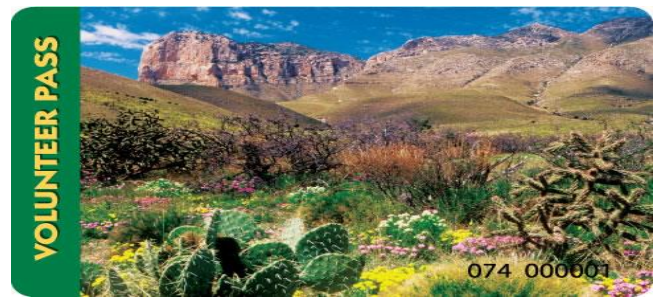
Volunteer Spotlight...For the last eight years, Ron & Joan Preloger has been returning to volunteer their time at the Keepers' Quarters and Long Point Cabin Camp. Their reasons for such steadfast dedication are the two P's, the people and place. Every year they have met so many wonderful PEOPLE from all over the world and they just love their experiences they have on their visit to CALO and Long Point. The PEOPLE they have worked with (the Park personnel and other volunteers) have been just great. Each year they have developed wonderful friendships with many of them and look forward to seeing them the next time.



Pictured to the right are Ron & Joan Preloger.

Great Perks for Volunteering

Earn volunteer hours toward a free "America the Beautiful Pass" which allows the volunteer free entry to any Federal Land area. All you need is to accumulate 250 hours per calendar year. You can track your hours on-line at www.volunteer.gov/gov. For more info, visit www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm. Or, when you arrive at CALO, you will be issued time keeping sheets. Those hours will also be honored.



Cape Lookout's Volunteer Newsletter highlights the 150 plus volunteers who contribute their time to the National Park Service at Cape Lookout National Seashore.

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BIG THANK YOU FROM CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE....

Every year, the Volunteer Coordinator sits down and goes through multiple sheets of numbers to tally up that critical number of how many hours did Volunteers accumulate for CALO. This past year, like always, you blew us away. Below are the totals for fiscal year 2015.



Total Volunteer hours

17,593

Volunteer worth per hour

\$23.07

Total Volunteer hours in monetary value

\$405,870.51

