



Community Bulletin

In Memoriam - Margaret Anderson

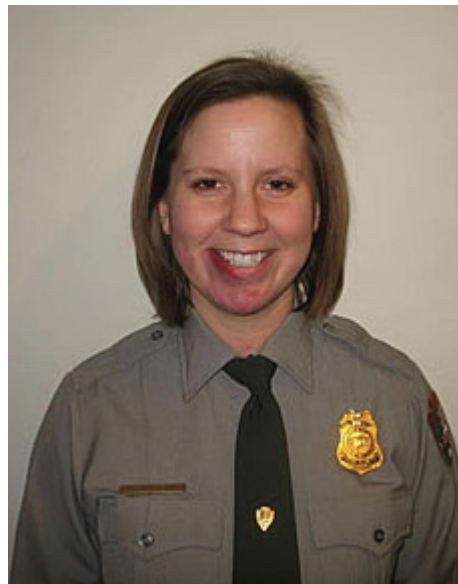
Park Ranger Margaret Anderson was shot and killed while attempting to stop a fleeing suspect near the Longmire Ranger Station in Mount Rainier National Park, in Pierce County, Washington, at approximately 10:30 a.m. January 1.

Another park ranger had attempted to stop the suspect at a snow-chain checkpoint near the Paradise Ranger Station, but the suspect fled before being intercepted by Ranger Anderson, who had set up a roadblock. Unbeknownst to Ranger Anderson, the suspect was wanted in connection to a shooting the previous day where four people were wounded.

When the suspect reached Ranger Anderson's roadblock, he made a U-turn, exited his vehicle, and opened fire. Ranger Anderson was shot before she was able to exit her patrol car.

After being shot, Ranger Anderson radioed for help as the suspect fled on foot. Responding units attempting to reach Ranger Anderson were held at bay for approximately 90 minutes as the suspect continued to fire on them. The suspect's vehicle was recovered with additional weapons and body armor inside.

The suspect's body was found the



following day about six miles from the initial shooting scene.

Ranger Anderson served with the National Park Service for 11 years. She is survived by her husband and two young children. Her husband also serves as a park ranger in the park and was on duty at the time.

Ranger Anderson attended Kansas State University where she earned a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology in 1999. She graduated from the Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program at Northern Arizona University in

2000 and went on to pursue a master's degree in biology from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, in 2004. She began working for the National Park Service in 2000 and worked at the Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah from 2000-2003 as a seasonal ranger, where she met her husband, Eric. She moved to Harpers Ferry, WV, and worked at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park from 2004-2008.

According to Ranger Anderson's father, Rev. Paul Kritsch, "They had been looking for a long time to be in the same park." Her mother-in-law, said, "When they were offered jobs at Mount Rainier, they decided to go out there." Relatives said she was living her dream, working in the same park as her park ranger husband and raising their young family.

December Volunteer of the Month

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park would like to honor Education volunteer, Adele Fischman, as the Park's December Volunteer of the Month.

Adele, currently a freshman in high school, has been volunteering for Harpers Ferry NHP since she was 11 years old. From 2009 to the present, Adele has participated in several park projects. She was part of the pilot *Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student* vodcast project, a partnership between Harpers Ferry NHP, Harpers Ferry Middle School (HFMS), The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, and The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In that project she worked on a sixth grade team to create a mini-movie about John Brown's Raid entitled "Children of the Raid." During her seventh and eighth grade years at HFMS, Adele continued working with the vodcast project, serving as a director for "The Election of 1860" and "Harpers Ferry, 1859-1861" videos.



Theater presentations round out the other projects Adele has volunteered for. During the John Brown Sesquicentennial Event in 2009, she and fellow classmates from HFMS presented the play "Anansi the Spider and the

Middle Passage" in the Family and Youth Tent. Most recently, Adele participated in Harpers Ferry NHP's Summer Youth Theatre project. This program brought together youth staff, from all branches of the interpretation division, to perform short plays based on Harpers Ferry history. While most of the youth working on this project were paid college students, Adele gave up 18 days of her summer to assist with creating these plays and performing them for over 1000 park visitors. Additionally, she helped present family and youth activities along with the Youth Conservation Corps employees.

Adele's activities go well beyond her volunteerism with the park. While a student at Harpers Ferry Middle School, she was active with theater and jazz band. She also was on her school's track team and played on the community soccer league. Adele is an extraordinary young lady. The park is very lucky to have her as a volunteer. We hope she continues to volunteer in the future!



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Stan McGee Receives Bridging the Watershed Award

Stan McGee, a ranger with the park's Education Branch, recently received the 2011 Bridging the Watershed Veteran Ranger of the Year Award in recognition of his years of amazing enthusiasm and dedication to the Bridging the Watershed Program.

The Bridging the Watershed program is an outreach partner program of the Alice Ferguson Foundation and the National Park Service, providing personal, meaningful, environmental education experiences that connect middle and high school students to their place in the natural and cultural world.

