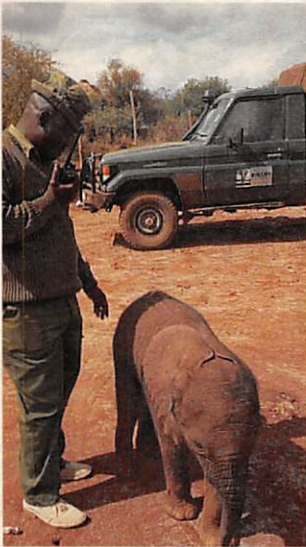




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Commemoration Ceremony**

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*Maasai Rangers with the
Big Life Foundation work
to protect an abandoned
baby elephant*

Gathering and Welcome

Scott Gediman
Public Affairs Officer
Yosemite National Park

Presentation of the Colors

Yosemite Mounted Patrol

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Remarks

Michael Reynolds
Superintendent
Yosemite National Park

Remarks on World Ranger Day

Mike Lynch
California State Park
Rangers Association

**Reading of Fallen Rangers in the
National Park Service**

Jamie Richards

Retiring of the Colors

Yosemite Mounted Patrol

Closing Remarks

The History and Significance of World Ranger Day

First established in 2007, World Ranger Day is commemorated annually on July 31. This is a day to honor our Ranger peers across the world and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while helping park visitors and while working to preserve and protect our natural and cultural treasures across the globe.

*Ranger Justin Fey pins an equestrian badge on Ranger Gabriel,
an honorary Yosemite National Park Ranger*



What It Means to Be A Ranger

“They are a fine, earnest, intellegent, and public-spirited body of men, these rangers. Though small in number, their influence is large. Many and long are the duties heaped upon their shoulders. If a trail is to be blazed, it is ‘send a ranger’... if a bear is in the hotel, if a fire threatens a forest, if someone is to be saved, it is ‘send a ranger.’”

Horace M. Albright

Director of the National Park Service, 1929-1933

“You’re a teacher. You’re a law enforcement person. You’re an emergency medical person. You’re search and rescue...You’re a confidante. You’re a peer counselor. You wear all of these hats.”

Billie Patrick

Yosemite National Park Ranger, 1983-2012



Yosemite Mounted Patrol serving as the Color Guard at Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Dedication Ceremony, June 14, 2018

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