



NPS Women Cartes de Visite Collection



Paulette Tubbs, 1972. (NPS History Collection Photo).

Paulette Tubbs
U.S. Park Police
1970-1981

- Born Paulette Dabbs on January 1, 1947.
- Attended the University of Maryland-College Park, studying physical education teaching and coaching in 1964-1965.
- 2nd generation NPS employee as her father, William Dabbs, was chief foreman in the Maintenance Division at National Capital Parks.
- Joined the U.S. Park Police in a non-uniformed position in 1970.
- Married Irving D. Tubbs, Jr., a fellow officer with U.S. Park Police.
- In 1972, she and fellow policewoman Judy Schuster were uniformed, wearing a skirt, blouse, crossover tie, and with a hat modeled after the Navy WAVES cap.
- Transitioned incrementally to the standard uniform worn by their male counterparts over the next few years.
- Worked regular foot patrols at Washington, D.C. national monuments and parks, as well as the White House perimeter and a tour of duty at the Kennedy Center for security.
- Completed special details with the U.S. Secret Service, and U.S. Park Police Investigations.
- In 1981, left the NPS after 11 years.
- Began working for the Edgewater, Florida police department in 1987.
- Retired in 2012.

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