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INTERIOR HONORS NPS EMPLOYEES

Seven National Park Service employees were honored with Distinguished Service Awards and one with the Award for Valor at the Department of the Interior's Thirty-seventh Honor Awards Convocation, December 11, 1968. Among Service employees receiving awards from Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall were:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

ALFRED D. BEYE, in recognition of outstanding service in police administration with the United States Park Police. Since 1961, Deputy Chief Beye has been directly responsible for police plans and arrangements for every major special event and demonstration held in the areas under the jurisdiction of the Force. In May 1968, because of the illness and subsequent retirement of the Chief, it was necessary for Beye to assume the duties of Acting Deputy Chief, along with coordinating police arrangements for the Poor People's Campaign. His expertise in police procedures for handling large crowds of demonstrators was, more than any other single factor, responsible for the highly efficient manner in which police service was provided at Resurrection City.



L. - Joe J. Cayou, Valor Awardee, R. - Supt. Charles Richey

WALTER W. LANGE, in recognition of outstanding service as a law enforcement officer, U.S. Park Police, and for his extremely competent professional and management support as Associate Chief and later as Chief of the U. S. Park Police. When the Federal section of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was opened in 1953, he was selected to supervise the police activities and to coordinate the many details involved with its operation. He was commended for the outstanding manner in which he resolved jurisdictional problems, performed the major task of establishing the U.S. Commissioner's Court in the Beltsville Research Center, and at the same time maintained cordial relationships with other Federal agencies.



L. to R. - Alfred D. Beye, Walter W. Lange, Grant Wright

CHARLES E. KRUEGER, in recognition of outstanding professional services to our design and construction program of the National Park Service. He assumed the duties of Assistant Director for Design and Construction on October 8, 1967. In an outstanding manner, he has met the multitude of critical problems of his position, including recent pressures to build high speed roads through some of the parks, effectively defending the NPS policy while reconciling interest of both the pure conservationists and the travel promoters. His astute professional judgment and fine sense of landscape proportions are reflected in the development of Standards published in May 1968, to guide and control the construction and use of the park roads.

LUIS A. GASTELLUM, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the National Park Service in public relations, international cooperation and management. He assumed the duties of Deputy Assistant Director for Administration in February 1967, following outstanding service in several key positions in our National Park Service including contributions to the development of alternate methods of handling wildlife management programs, the establishment of the NPS Job Corps program, the establishment of positive equal employment opportunity programs throughout the NPS, and implementing a system of financial planning for NPS.



Jackson E. Price, Charles E. Krueger, Luis A. Gastellum

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JACKSON E. PRICE, in recognition of outstanding contributions to major Servicewide programs with the National Park Service. He distinguished himself in developing basic concession policies and guidelines for the direction of the multi-million dollar concession operations of the National Park System. These policies, reaffirmed by all Secretaries since 1950, have recently been enacted into law. As Assistant Director, he gave outstanding direction and leadership to planning and negotiating for Cape Hatteras, Padre Island, and Point Reyes National Seashores and other major new land acquisition projects, and to passage of landmark legislation which authorized acquisition of substantial inholdings and establishment of several new national recreation and seashore areas.

CHARLES A. RICHEY, in recognition of outstanding contributions of national and international significance in the fields of park planning and park management. He was commended by the Japanese Government and by the Supreme Commander, Allied Forces for his study of the national parks of Japan and for his detailed recommendations for establishing and administering a national park system in Japan. As Chief of Lands, he prepared a report on land acquisition that is considered to be the model statement of this element of park policy. As Superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, he created new techniques in management of water-oriented recreation areas that have become Servicewide practices.

GRANT WRIGHT, in recognition of an eminent career in police administration and management with the U.S. Park Police. As a 21-year veteran of the Force, Chief Wright has demonstrated his outstanding abilities as an able and progressive administrator. Under his leadership, highly significant advances have been made in management, cost reduction programs, training and police procedures. His calm and deliberate approach to challenging situations has become a hallmark of his effective work in the area of police management. His outstanding administrative ability is clearly evident by his progression to the rank of Chief of Police on August 11, 1968.

CITATION FOR VALOR

JOE J. CAYOU, for the heroic rescue of Mr. Roy A. Pitchford from drowning in the Boulder Basin of Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

On May 23, 1968, when a severe, unexpected wind storm struck the Boulder Basin of Lake Mead, creating extremely heavy waves and endangering many of the small boats on the water. Supervisory Park Ranger Joe J. Cayou responded to an emergency call for help. Proceeding to the vicinity of Boulder Islands where several boats were reported to be overturned and swamped, Cayou came upon a swamped sailboat and as he proceeded to take it under tow, he heard someone yell that a man was in the water. He then heard the man cry for help and saw him disappear below the dark surface of the lake. He threw a life ring but it fell far short of the struggling man. Attempts to reach the drowning man with a rope and boat hook failed. Seeing the victim go under the storm tossed lake surface, Cayou dove into the treacherous waters, located the drowning man, and brought him to safety.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Joins Advisory Board



Secretary Udall has announced the acceptance by Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson of his invitation to join the Secretary's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments.

Her letter to the Secretary said, in part: "There are a great many invitations that I am turning down at this juncture, but yours is one I will accept with warmth and enthusiasm... It will be a pleasure to join the National Parks Advisory Board, and I look forward to its duties with warm enthusiasm."

When Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson became First Lady of the United States, she told reporters that her role "must emerge in deeds and not words." "Warm," "human," "compassionate," "automatically liked" are the phrases that have since highlighted the copy written about Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson has taken an intense interest in a number of matters of great importance to the quality of American life, but the twin capstones of her public life are education and beautification.

Wherever she goes and with whomever she speaks, her tactics are soft-sell, gentle and unhurried in manner. "I just try to pull the curtain back a little bit wider on human problems," Mrs. Johnson once explained, "so people may see, think, and act."

A priority speech-making subject for the First Lady has been beautification which has become a virtual trademark for her. She has been up and down and back and forth across the land urging Americans to make their land more attractive and liveable. But she is not only a talker on the subject; she is also a doer. When the President urged Americans to rally behind a national program of conservation and beauty she organized a Committee for a More Beautiful Capital. The results of her efforts are readily seen by both the casual tourist and the long-time-resident.

Her interest in beautification is not confined to the capital city. She will speak up for improved environment on the urban college campus or take part in dedicating new recreational areas in the woodlands of Michigan.

Mrs. Johnson's efforts have won bi-partisan praise and support. Former Republican Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce wrote in a magazine column, "If Mrs. Johnson persists in her crusade for America the beautiful, I venture to suggest she will be doing more for her country than any President's wife has ever done," and columnist Doris Fleson has stated that Mrs. Johnson "hasn't an enemy in the world and a public all her own."

Other members of the National Parks Advisory Board are: Durward L. Allen, Anthony A. Buford, Loren C. Eiseley, Joe Bertram Frantz (Secretary), Emil W. Haury (Chairman), Laurence G. Henderson, Nathaniel A. Owings, Melvin Monroe Payne, Paul L. Phillips (Vice Chairman), and James W. Whittaker.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is tentatively scheduled for April 21-24.

Profile

Efficiency and projection of the National Park Service ideals have marked the 35-year career of Charles Spencer ("Charlie") Marshall, Assistant Regional Director, Operations, Southeast Region, since March 1968. He has served with the Southeast Regional Office since April 1963, as Assistant to the Regional Director for Public Affairs until 1965, and as Assistant Regional Director, Administration, before assuming his present position.

Most of his Service career has been with the Southeast Region. He entered the Park Service in June 1933 as Historical Assistant with the ECW program at Shiloh National Military Park and in November 1933, transferred to a similar position at Colonial. This was followed by Ranger-Historian and historical research positions at Colonial, Morristown, and Statue of Liberty. In March 1943, he was designated Acting Superintendent, Guilford Courthouse; in September 1945, as Superintendent, Statue of Liberty; and in November 1947, as Assistant Superintendent, Colonial. During the three years beginning August 1952, he served successively as Assistant Project Manager and Project Manager at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, where his primary duties were concerned with acquiring the land for our first national seashore. In September 1955, he accepted the Assistant Superintendency at Natchez Trace Parkway where he served seven and one-half years with Superintendent "Mac" Gardner, providing valuable services in land acquisition and parkway development planning.

Charles Spencer Marshall



A native of Virginia, Charlie received his B.A. degree in history from William and Mary College in 1932, and received his law degree at William and Mary College the following year. His proficiency in handling legal matters and public relations is well known throughout the Park Service. His capable service was recognized in 1966 when he received the Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior.

Charlie and his wife, Madge (a native of Corinth, Mississippi), reside at 190 Mill Neck Road, Williamsburg, Virginia. They have two sons and are the grandparents of three boys and one girl.

Silhouette Jean Fonda Swearingen



Marta Leigh, Sierra Kay, Jean and Jenny Shoshone

As the daughter of a civil engineer, Jean Fonda Swearingen grew up all over the United States, but eventually settled down in Estes Park, Colorado, where her father was assigned to the Big Thompson Project. Jean's interest in the National Park Service actually began during her school days when she developed "teenage crushes" on the handsome rangers at Rocky Mountain National Park.

At the University of Colorado, where she majored in medical technology, she renewed her friendship

with John Fonda, an old high school chum just returned from military service. They were married in 1954 at Christmas time, and spent the following six summers—and then, two winters—at Grand Teton National Park. Then came the tragic day when John was on winter ski patrol, and went through the ice while crossing the Snake River.

For the next three years, she travelled extensively with her eldest daughter, Marta, and eventually went back to work as a medical technologist at Fort Collins, Colorado. Later, she married Paul Swearingen whom she had known since childhood.

Jean has sampled almost all types of Park Service housing, each with its own charm and disadvantages. She has lived in tents, cabins, trailers, and—at Carlsbad Caverns—in an old stone house. Today the Swearingens occupy the officers' quarters—140 years old—at Fort Washington, Maryland, with balconies fore and aft, a fireplace in every room and miles of view up and down the Potomac.

Although Fort Washington is within "social distance" of Washington, D. C., Jean lives isolated from close neighbors and enjoys the companionship of coons, opossum, red fox and even a rare deer. She is an expert skier, who is adjusting to the absence of powder snow by reading, sewing, hunting sharksteeth, tickling babies (she has three children), fishing, clamming, camping and drawing wiggly pictures of her wiggly children.

People on the move

NEW FACES

Lahr, John W., to Realty Spec., SFSC

NEW PLACES

Adams, Charles F., Jr., from Supv. Pk. Nat., NCP — North, to Ch., Interp. & Res., Virgin Islands NP
Bales, Charter G., from Enrollee Work Supv., Great Smoky Mtns. NP, Tremont JCCCC, to Plumber, Great Smoky Mtns. NP
Blaha, Rudolph L., from Foreman II (Maintenance), Colonial NHP, to Foreman IV (Maintenance), Grand Teton NP
Branges, Robert J., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Fire Island NS, to Pk. Planner, WASO
Brooks, Chester L., from Pk. Planner (Team Capt.), WSC, to Supt., Independence NHP
Bucknall, Edward J., from Pk. Ranger (Wildlife Mgmt.), Rocky Mtn. NP & Shadow Mtn. NRA, to Staff Pk. Ranger (Res. Mgmt.), Yellowstone NP
Cameron, Chris D., from Staff Pk. Ranger (Forestry), Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, to Pk. Ranger, Redwood NP
Cooper, Charles B., from Pk. Ranger, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, to same, Platt NP—Arbuckle RA
Getty, Robert A., from Foreman II (Mixed Gang), NCR, to Foreman III (Maintenance), Everglades NP
Hardy, Carl D., from Class. & Wage Spec., WRO, to Pers. Mgmt. Spec., WASO
Harris, Wilhelmina S., from Supt., Adams NHS, to Spec. Asst. to Reg. Dir. (Historic Research), NERO
Hinckley, Calvin W., from Maintenance, Fire

Island NS & NY City National Park Service Group, to same, Catoclin Mtn. Park
Humphrey, Robnie D., from Gen. Supply Asst., Petrified Forest NP, to Off. Services Supv., Cumberland Gap NHP, JCCCC
Johnson, Duane C., from Admin. Off., Pinnacles NM, to same, Redwood NP
Mitchell, Ira E., from Admin. Off., Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to same, Blue Ridge Pkwy.
Rose, Larry L., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, to same, Redwood NP
Rothfuss, Edwin L., from Ch., I & RM, Virgin Islands NP, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Mammoth Cave NP
Rowe, Charles A., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Bandelier NP, to Instructor (Rec.), Cape Cod NS, JCCCC
Stonestreet, Albert L., from Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP, to same, Olympic NP
Townsend, Peggy L., from Clk. Typist, WSC, to same, WASO
Wagner, George F., Jr., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Grand Teton NP, to same, North Cascades NP
Williamson, James E., from Realty Spec., Assateague Island NS, to same, SFSC

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Ellis, Howard A., from Laborer, NCR, U.S. Park Police
Ganey, George, from Guard Supv. (Ch. Guard Force & Spec. Policeman), NCR, U.S. Park Police
Parker, Lloyd J., from Laborer, Yosemite NP
Waldron, Edwin J., from Foreman II, Mixed Gang (Roads) (Wawona), Yosemite NP
Whaley, P. Audley, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Great Smoky Mtns. NP

See here, Ladies



By SYLVIA WHITE

When the Superintendent's wife suggested that I write a short article about our family's move from National Capital Parks—Central in Washington, D.C. to Fort Laramie NHS, for possible inclusion in the NPS Newsletter "See Here Ladies" my first reaction was why? In the Park Service everybody moves and fairly often—a move is not news. Nor was the distance outstanding—we know of one NPS family who was transferred from Cape Hatteras to Mt. McKinley. Nor was our dissatisfaction with the moves anything new. Then I realized there was something of value I could write about. Perhaps I could share some things we learned about traveling with an infant.

When my husband accepted the Supervisory Historian position at Fort Laramie in late May, I looked forward to the new park with anticipation—but not the trip! I was sure that a 1700-mile trip in the middle of the hot summer with our seven-month-old son would be anything but fun. Jimmy was just beginning to crawl and climb. However, a little thought and proper planning changed it to a most pleasant trip. Advance guaranteed motel reservations relieved the worry of "will we find a place to stay," even though we traveled July 1 through 5. The new travel and moving expense

regulations made it possible to stay at clean comfortable motels that had cribs for Jimmy and swimming pools for the whole family. We also managed to work the price of an auto air conditioner into our budget—but by the time the trip was over we were regarding it to be a near necessity instead of a luxury.

The greatest convenience of all, I think, was a gadget that my husband, Tom, made to give Jimmy as much freedom as possible. It was a board which converted our back seat to a padded sleeping-playtime area. In simple language, it was a board cut from 1/2-inch plywood to fit the contour of the back seat with legs to keep it level. It was hinged with piano hinges in two places—one to allow access to the foot well for additional storage and the other to allow for the adjustment of the front seat for both my husband's long legs and my short ones. An old, heavy bedspread covered with an old sheet provided the padding for the "floor" of Jimmy's domain. Bed pillows placed against locked rear doors not only provided padding, but kept little fingers from door locks and handles. With a few familiar toys added, and air conditioning, this converted back seat made traveling pleasant for both mother and son—and dad, too.