



Above: Todd B. Keepfer receives handicapped employee award from Director Hartzog. Below: Kathryn Thomas receives a meritorious service award.



Left: C. P. Montgomery accepts unit award from Director Hartzog for the coordinating teams. Below: clerical support team and their admirers, left to right—Mary McCann, Thomas Flynn, Faith Sarles, Janie Spiers, Director Hartzog, Nancy Blauvelt, Harthon Bill, Beatrice Garth.



Morning Glory

At a special early morning breakfast ceremony on April 14, NPS Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., presented awards to a number of outstanding employees. Included were eight meritorious service awards, several unit awards and the new handicapped employee of the year award.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

CLARENCE C. GILL, ESC, for outstanding work in electrical engineering.

HENRY A. JUDD, HHR, for his outstanding career in historic architecture and restorations.

GEORGE C. MACKENZIE, HH, for outstanding services in the field of historical research investigation and writing.

JAMES C. MASSEY, HHA, for his outstanding career in the field of historic architecture.

ROBERT M. ROSE, MO, for achievements in the geological sciences, interpretive planning, history and park resources evaluation and management.

KATHRYN THOMAS, ESC, for her contributions in several program areas of the Service at the national level.

ELMER W. WATKINS, AF, for outstanding work in the fields of audit, finance and administration.

FRANCIS F. WILSHIN, HH, for a significant career in historical research and interpretation.

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Hartzog Presents Special Awards

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Members of the audio-visual support team, left to right: M. Woodbridge Williams, Bill Von Allmen, Jim True, Mac Hess, Ray Baker, Melissa Cronyn, Director Hartzog, Bruce Austin, Jim Burnett, Dennis McLaughlin, Pat Hurley.

UNIT AWARDS

Certificates for excellence of service were presented to the teams who developed, coordinated and presented data for the 1969 executive orientation and briefing activities of the National Park Service.

The MANAGEMENT TEAM receiving individual certificates of recognition for the leadership they provided to their staffs in assuring the success of a major team effort: William C. Everhart, Luis A. Gastellum, Vincent L. Gleason, Frank E. Harrison, Douglass H. Hubbard, Stanley C. Joseph, Clarence P. Montgomery, Samuel V. Moore, Theodor R. Swem.

The ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TEAM receiving certificates and special act awards for significant contributions in the development of facts, figures, information and program data for developing materials for the team effort: Elmer V. Buschman, James H. Husted, Roger W. Hutchinson, William T. Ingersoll, James M. Lambe, Merrill J. Mattes, Franklin R. Mullaly, James V. Murfin, Neil W. Newton, William C. Quick, Otto Rauchsvalbe, Neil J. Reid, Robert H. Rose, Volney J. Westley, Bates E. Wilson, Harold R. Jones.

The AUDIO-VISUAL SUPPORT TEAM receiving certificates and special act awards for significant contributions in presenting visual materials for the orientation and briefing of executives by NPS: Bruce W. Austin, Raymond F. Baker, James A. Burnett, Melissa A. Cronyn, Beecher M. Hess, Caroline G. Holcomb, Scott B. Hubbard, Patrick A. Hurley, David Ichelson, Dennis P. McLaughlin, Linda R. Meyers, Joseph H. Rockwell, James F. True, Billy A. Von Allmen, M. Woodbridge Williams.

The CLERICAL SUPPORT TEAM receiving certificates and special act awards for the typing, stenographic, secretarial and clerical services provided for the orientation: Nancy C. Blauvelt, Norma E. (Jean) Cooper, Beatrice M. Garth, Mary F. McCann, Faith K. Sarles, Janie L. (Yancey) Spiers.

AWARDS FOR HANDICAPPED

For the first time, the National Park Service has granted special recognition to its outstanding handicapped employees. The special award was set up as a part of the 1970 Handicapped Employee of the Year

program conducted Government-wide. One of our two Bureau candidates, Thomas B. Keeper, was later selected from sixteen Interior candidates as the Department of the Interior representative for the Government-wide competition. The two NPS awardees are:

TODD B. KEEPFER, AF, for special effort in adapting communication techniques to teach the varied levels of Corpsmen in the education program at Tremont and Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers. He achieved this despite being confined to a wheelchair.

RALPH E. THOMAS, Oconaluftee JCCCC, for superior accomplishment over a prolonged period of time despite being handicapped by the loss of his legs.

SEE HERE, LADIES

The New Uniforms:

Applause, Applause!

The bright new NPS women's uniform, announced in the April 2 issue of the NEWSLETTER, owes its existence to the imagination and practical fashion savvy of a number of Service women (and men). To give credit where it is due, the following is a list of the main contributors and their contributions.

The most distinguishing feature of the new uniform is the traditional, but scaled-down version, of the ranger hat, proposed by Elaine A. Hounsell, a seasonal park naturalist who divides her time between Glacier and Lake Mead. She suggested that there be both a felt and a straw hat to correspond with summer and winter seasons, to provide needed protection from sun and wind in field activities, and to become a focal point in the traditional Service uniform. Elaine's idea will be granted a cash award under the Suggestion System.

Others who will receive suggestion awards for their ideas on the uniform are: Margaret J. Thorn, formerly at Devils Tower (for the questionnaire on size information); Marianne Trussell, formerly at Chaco Canyon; Marian Riggs, Walnut Canyon; and Mary Dodd, National Capital Parks (for culottes); Mrs. Sydney Olson, formerly of Navajo Lands Group (hip-length jacket).

General suggestions, with accompanying illustrations, were most helpful in formulating the women's uniform. These were submitted by Judy A. Fox, Glen Canyon; and Mary R. Harwich, Cynthia E. Kryston and Michele T. Coursey, all of Minute Man.

Commendations should also go to the MEN who contributed to and fought for revisions to the women's uniform: Wayne Cone, while at Albright TC; Superintendent L. J. Mitchell, Whiskeytown; and William R. Supernough, Joshua Tree.

The new uniforms will be available this fall. As Robert Gibbs, uniform committee chairman, indicated in his recent memorandum, a simple green skirt and white blouse will suffice until then. Or, as Wayne Cone has done at Redwood National Park, each park may make its own arrangements for the interim.

SILHOUETTE:

By Jean Beal

"One of the Mainstays of the Park Service."

Junia Benedict Nelson, wife of Dan Nelson, management assistant at Glacier, epitomizes the Park Service wife as unsung hero and background supporter of husband, family and community.

A friend describes her as "one of the mainstays of the Park Service, although you couldn't tell by talking to her. She has always been the worker in the background."

Born in Gorham, New Hampshire, she received early training in the outdoors from her father, who was one of the early forestry graduates of Yale and Biltmore Forestry School. After serving in Montana, Minnesota, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina, he left the Forest Service and moved his family to Hood River, Oregon. It was here that Junia grew up with lots of space and good riding horses.

Junia's education was a mixture of rural schools, Calvert homestudy, private high school, secretarial school and Multnomah College in Portland. In later years she extended her education through correspondence courses from several universities.

While working as hostess-secretary at Yellowstone, she met Dan, a seasonal ranger. They were married in 1940 and after World War II they lived in Yellowstone, Yosemite and Glacier.

"Our three sons have had a tremendous variety of activities and guidance from growing up in the parks," she says. Barry graduated from the University of Denver in industrial engineering and is now serving



for two years with the Marines in Japan. His wife and daughter are with him. Toby is on a research grant working toward his master's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Utah. Ray will graduate in mechanical engineering from the same university this June.

Junia has enjoyed a variety of community service with the PTA, library board, Sunday school, election boards and hospital auxiliary. An active sportswoman,

she also enjoys bridge, music, reading and sewing.

Although Dan is retiring this May after 23 years of NPS service, the Nelsons will continue to live at 720 Woodland Ave., Kalispell, Montana. At first Junia hesitated about having her Silhouette written. "I consider my Park Service career as being only 'run of the mill' with nothing outstanding," she says. "However, the more I thought about it, the more I felt I would like to impart my gratitude to the fine people of the Service and extend some spark of encouragement to the younger wives coming up."

PROFILE:

Fort McHenry Foreman Is World War 2 Hero

Gerald E. Bemrick is known to personnel and visitors at Fort McHenry National Monument as a man of good humor and keen wits—"a package of knowledgeable interest in the fort," according to a co-worker.



Born in Superior, Wisconsin, Gerry grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, where he still lives with his lovely wife, Betty, and their five children. He entered the Park Service in 1934 as a temporary laborer, after which he was promoted to cashier, tour leader, park guide and to his present position, foreman II—maintenance.

Gerry has served under the supervision of ten superintendents at Fort McHenry and has assumed duties from janitorial work to acting superintendent. He has to his credit an accumulation of 2,500 hours of sick leave. In addition to his regular work, he is deeply concerned about safety and fire prevention and takes great pride in training employees in these fields.

Serving in World War II, Gerry saw action in France, the Rhineland, and Central Germany, and was captured and held prisoner of war for six months. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

People on the Move:

NEW FACES

Ageton, John D., to Pk. Guide, Grand Canyon NP
Brown, Diane K., to Clk., NCP
Bauch, Morris, to Laborer, NCP-North
Collins, William M., to Pk. Ranger, NWRO
Foy, Joan L., to Clk. Typist, George Washington Mem. Pkwy.
Kelleher, William F., to Computer Systems Analyst, WSC
Khalatabari, Mary Ann, to program Ck. Typist, WRO
Lamm, David D., to Pk. Ranger, Albright TC
LE Fevre, John L., to Maintenance Worker, Golden Spike NHS
Lindemann, Marvin G., to Supply Asst., Olympic NP
Magda, Stephanie I., to Clk. Steno., Independence NHP
Peluso, Gene, to Spec. Asst. to the Dir., WASO
Tallerico, Frank, to Welder, NCP
Trosper, Thurman, Asst. to the Dir., WASO
Werito, Cecil, to Maintenance Worker, Chaco Canyon NM

NEW PLACES

Aldorfer, Ronald E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mammoth Cave NP, to same, Cape Cod NS
Banta, Alford J., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Canyonlands NP, Arches & Natural Bridges NM
Barnett, Otha F., from Writer-Editor, NERO, to same, Harpers Ferry Center
Belford, Donald C., from Engineering Equip. Operator, Petrified Forest NP, to same, Canyonland NP, Arches & Natural Bridges NM
Benjamin, Albert J., from Supt., Horseshoe Bend NMP, to Pk. Mgr. (Supt.), Fort McHenry NM
Bradsher, James H., from Gen. Supply Asst., Glacier NP, to same, Canyonland National Park, Arches & Natural Bridges NM
Court, James V., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Big Bend NP, to same, Mesa Verde NP
Dalton, Luke E., Jr., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, DS: Yosemite NP, to same, Catoclin Mtn. Pk.
Dinterman, Robert M., from Constr. Rep., ESC, to same, NCP-East
Dunning, Jimmie L., from Supv. Civil Engr., MWRO, to Pk. Mgr. (Supt.), Dinosaur NM
Gould, Frank A., from Supv. Hist., Colonial NHP, to Supt., Appomattox Court House NHP
Harper, John W., from Admin. Off., Saguaro NM, to same, Vicksburg NMP
Igo, Richard W., from Maintenance Supv., Isle Royale NP, to same, Gettysburg NMP
Illenberger, Henry W., from Pk. Techn., Saint-Gaudens NHS, to same, Saratoga NHP
Milligan, Thelma Lou, from Sec. Steno., Prince William Forest Pk., to Admin. Clk. Typing, Golden Spike NHS
Parkes, John S., from Operator Gen., Bryce Canyon NP, to same, Glen Canyon NRA
Sanders, James A., from Student Trainee, Yosemite NP, to Pk. Ranger, Albright TC
Scheffler, Ernst C., from Landscape Arch., MWRO,

to same, Grand Teton NP
Smith, Evelyn N., from Clk. Steno., ESC, to same, Assateague Island NS
Smith, Joseph W., from Student Trainee, Gettysburg NMP, to Pk. Ranger, Albright TC
Thoman, Ronald G., from Hist., Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP, to Pk. Ranger, Fire Island NS & NYC Group, DS: Federal Hall
George, Murray W., from Landscape Arch., MWRO, to same, Yellowstone, NP
Vickstrom, David E., from Pk. Ranger, Navajo NM, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mesa Verde NP
Virotek, Carol J., from Maintenance Supt., Gettysburg NMP, to Maintenance Supv., Fire Island NS & NYC Group, DS: Statue Of Liberty
Williams, Nancy I., from Voucher Examiner, NCP, to Admin. Clk., ESC
Womack, Lester L., from Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Saguaro NM
Young, Verlin D., from Carpenter, Death Valley NM, to Bldg. Repairman, Whiskeytown NRA

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Hallstrom, Carl T., from Gardener (Landscape), Edison NHS
Johnson, Carrell B., from Laborer, NCP
Kirby, Rita A., from Sec. Steno., ESC
Lamon, Charles R., Jr., from Pvt., Horse-Mounted Off., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP
Merican, Robert, from Sgt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Vacancy Announcements

Civil Engineer, GS-810-9, Virgin Islands National Park, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, CLOSING DATE: May 8, 1970

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If you are interested and have up-to-date Forms 10-180, 10-181, and 10-182 on file in Washington, you may apply by memorandum through channels to the Branch of Employee Evaluation, WASO, Room 3210. If you have not submitted current forms, send them with the memorandum. Applications must reach WASO by the closing date of the announcement.

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