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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The following are excerpts from Mary A. Bomar's remarks upon being sworn in as the 17th director of the National Park Service in Congress Hall, Independence NHP:



As I stand here in this wonderful place, I cannot help but think of those who have stood on Independence Square before me ... Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy spoke here ... near this spot, Frederick Douglas spoke on the evils on slavery.... Here in Congress Hall another oath was taken—by John Adams when he succeeded George Washington as president. When Washington entered Congress Hall as a head of state and left an ordinary citizen, he proved that our nation's Constitution worked.

I am in awe of this place, and proud that I was able to have a role in its care. Now I have the awesome task of protecting 389 other sites that are also special—America's national parks. But I am not alone in this task—throughout my career, I have had the support of many friends, colleagues and partners—at Amistad NRA, at San Antonio Missions, at Oklahoma City, at Independence NHP and within the Northeast Regional Office.

I was very proud to lead the Northeast Region—100 sites in 13 states, with over 50 million visitors each year. And many people have told me I was a great regional director, but let me tell you where the credit truly lies. With us today are many of the greatest group of superintendents in the National Park Service. They have made me look good, and I ask them to stand up and be recognized for all you do. Thank you!

I can clearly state my appreciation for the confidence that Secretary Kempthorne and President Bush have shown in me. But how do I begin to say thank you to the wonderful Park Service professionals who have helped me throughout my career? How do I recognize the many friends, volunteers and partners who have worked alongside of us toward our common goal?

Perhaps President Kennedy said it best: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

And so, my friends, I too will express my gratitude in deeds, not words. To our friends and partners, I promise to work with you in the months and years to come, to listen, to learn and to cooperate for the betterment of our parks ... for our volunteers, 150 thousand strong across this great nation, I will not forget your dedicated service to the crown jewels of America ... and for the 20,000 men and women of the National Park Service, I pledge that I will remain true to our mission to preserve unimpaired the special places in America for the generations yet to come.... You truly are the best!

—Mary Bomar

Bomar Named New Director

On Oct. 17, 2006, Mary A. Bomar was sworn into office as the 17th director of the National Park Service by Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. The ceremony took place at Independence Square in Philadelphia.

Bomar reported to Washington on Oct. 18 to begin her tenure. She replaces Fran Mainella, who announced in July she was resigning as NPS director.

Bomar, a career NPS employee, most recently served as director of the NPS Northeast Region since July 2005. From 2003 to 2005, Bomar served as superintendent of Independence NHP. During her tenure, both the Liberty Bell Center and the National Constitution

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George Feder, Top Guns Photography

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, new Director of the National Park Service Mary Bomar and Milton "Bo" Bomar (Mary's husband) during the swearing-in ceremony for Mary on Oct. 17.

Final Signature Event of Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Draws a Crowd



Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Peggy O'Dell, superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Roberta Conner, director of the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute and Dr. Robert Archibald, director of the Missouri Historical Society, during the closing ceremony of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial on the St. Louis riverfront.

By Bob Moore, Historian, and Elisa Kunz, Education Program Specialist, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

From Sept. 20 through 24, the 15th and final national signature event of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Com-

memoration of 2003-2006 was held. The event, entitled "Lewis and Clark: Currents of Change," was presented on the St. Louis riverfront, and drew an estimated 18,000 people. Chairpersons of the event were Peggy O'Dell, superintendent, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Dr. Robert Archibald, director, Missouri

Historical Society and Roberta Conner, director, Tamastlikt Cultural Institute.

Lewis and Clark enthusiasts found many opportunities to learn more about the expedition and the tribes they encountered. "The Stories We Tell: A Symposium" gave patrons the opportunity to hear different perspectives from both native and non-native speakers about the effect of the expedition. Featured speakers included N. Scott Momaday, Carolyn Gilman, Gerard Baker, Roberta Conner, Carter Revard, Craig Howe, Frederick Hoxie, Landon Jones and many others.

Legacy tours were offered, giving crowds the opportunity to explore Lewis and Clark and native sites in the St. Louis region. William Clark's grave, the Nez Perce Monument, the collections of the Missouri Historical Society, the Old Courthouse and Cahokia Mounds were just a few stops on these tours.

People of all ages had the opportunity to visit the historic St. Louis riverfront and to learn about native culture, hear native music, listen to educational talks

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The Future of America's National Parks: Looking Forward to the Centennial and Beyond

In a special message and a memorandum issued on Aug. 25, President George W. Bush directed Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne to establish specific performance goals to help prepare the national parks for another century of conservation, preservation and enjoyment. In honor of the 90th anniversary of the NPS, and with an eye on the upcoming centennial in 2016, President Bush called on the NPS to continue the cooperation necessary for the national parks to flourish for the next 100 years and beyond.

In addition, the president's special memorandum directed the secretary to

identify signature projects and programs that are consistent with these goals and that continue the NPS legacy of leveraging philanthropic, partnership and government investments for the benefit of the national parks and their visitors.

Secretary Kempthorne shared the president's vision at Yellowstone NP at the 90th anniversary celebration and the opening of the new Canyon Visitor Education Center at the park.

"At Yellowstone and Yosemite, Denali and Dinosaur, Grand Canyon and Grand Teton, Shiloh, Shenandoah and other parks, the National Park Service each year welcomes 270 million vis-

itors as they discover America the beautiful, the historical, the cultural," Kempthorne said. "America's national parks were the first in the world to set aside large-scale landscapes."

Kempthorne continued, "National parks preserve majestic natural wonders. They keep watch over battlefields hallowed by red badges of courage. They keep culture alive at sites dedicated to the performing arts, poetry and music. Parks offer recreation and discovery through spectacular backcountry hiking and climbing. They honor great leaders.... As havens of enjoyment,

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Focus on the Parks

• On Aug. 27, **Biscayne NP** celebrated the NPS's 90th birthday with guest of honor Ethel Mikes, who was also celebrating the same milestone. The park's commemoration of the 1916 founding of the NPS began with a glass-bottom boat ride for visitors who were also born in 1916. Four generations of the Mikes family enjoyed a beautiful day on the park's coral reefs. Participants watched a movie about the national parks, opened a piñata shaped like the NPS arrowhead and enjoyed birthday cake. About 60 people participated in the annual celebration. This NPS birthday party was made possible by the Florida National Parks and Monuments Association.

• History was in the air at **Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP** on Aug. 30, as an old canal boat, the *Canal Clipper*, was removed and a new canal boat, the *Charles F. Mercer*, was launched. The new boat is named after the president of the C & O Canal Company, who served from

1828 to 1833. Mercer was a Virginia congressman and a strong canal supporter.

The 57-foot-long *Charles F. Mercer* is a replica of a double-decker "packet type boat" that was common to the canal when it was operational. A park partner, the Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern, raised the \$535,000 required to build the new boat. Significant contributions came from Maryland area students, Montgomery County, Md. and the state of Maryland. Formal christening ceremonies took place on Sept. 9. Park interpretive boat rides began on Sept. 10.

• On Sept. 16 and 17, a free Duneland Harvest Festival was held at **Indiana Dunes NL's** Chellberg Farm and Bailly Homestead. The music, demonstrations and food revolved around a harvest-time theme at a fur-trading post and 19th-century farm.

Visitors tried their hand at old-time crafts and watched sheep-herding and shearing demonstrations. Activities for kids included a "Children's Corner" full of old-fashioned games, cornhusk doll making and candle dipping. Three stages featured performances of traditional music by local artists.

Throughout the festival grounds, area artists and artisans displayed their wares and demonstrated crafts and traditional activities. At the Chellberg Farm, visitors experienced crocheting, quilting, wood-carving, soap making, sorghum and cider pressing and horse-drawn plowing. There were also voyageur and American Indian encampments at the historic Bailly Homestead. The Duneland Harvest Festival was presented in partnership with the Friends of the Indiana Dunes, Inc.

• **Fort Pulaski NM** staff and volunteers took the field Sept. 2 for a historic "Blue vs. Gray" baseball game. The park's staff, representing members of the 48th New York Regiment, took on the 8th Georgia Infantry on the parade ground inside Fort Pulaski. The Blue prevailed, winning 6 to 5 in an exciting finish. The game, which featured 1862 rules, was part of a living history event that included cannon firings, skirmish drills and Civil War medical demonstrations. The event drew large crowds, and proved to be one of the most successful in park history.

Historically, soldiers at Fort Pulaski played baseball to escape the boredom of garrison life. One of the earliest-known photographs of a baseball game was taken inside Fort Pulaski and included members of the 48th New York. After the game, the members of the 8th Georgia vowed that "they would never surrender." A rematch is planned for next year's Labor Day weekend.

• For the ninth consecutive year, **Lincoln Home NHS** and Lincoln Land Community College have partnered to host and administer a Public Land Corps (PLC) summer work program at the historic Lincoln Home neighborhood in downtown Springfield, Ill. The nine students, ranging in age from 16 to 19, worked for nine weeks on a number of deferred maintenance projects including replacement of deteriorated oak boardwalk and painting and exterior repair of historic structures.

The students (from Springfield, River-ton and Morrisonville) selected for the PLC program were required to complete applications and be interviewed. The nine students selected for the program were Thomas Garcia, Devon Graff, Emma Hallam, Jana Held, Chris Jensen, Tamira Johnson, Justin Lumb, Brittney Turner

Edison Partners Contribute to Fund



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: CHARLES EDISON FUND President John Keegan, former NPS Director Fran Mainella and Edison NHS Supt. Maryanne Gerbauckas on the grounds of Thomas Edison's estate, Glenmont, on Apr. 28.

The Charles Edison Fund and the Friends of Edison NHS both recently became contributors to E&AA's Hurricane Relief Fund. Charles Edison Fund President John Keegan learned of the fund during the fundraising auction at the Northeast Region Superintendents' Conference. He and the Charles Edison Fund Board contributed \$8,000 to the efforts of the Northeast Region superintendents, rounding off the superintendents' contribution to \$15,000. Keegan explained that the fund had been searching for an appropriate recipient in the storm-ravaged Gulf

Coast region. When he learned how badly NPS personnel had been affected by Katrina, he knew he had found the right place for the donation.

Upon learning of this donation, Friends of Edison NHS President Mike McDonough followed suit, donating \$1,000 in raffle proceeds from that group's golf tournament.

Edison NHS Supt. Maryanne Gerbauckas commented on how proud she is of both groups, "Extending themselves past the boundaries of Edison NHS is a true indication of how successful partnerships benefit the entire agency." ■

and David Wiant. Lincoln Home NHS Supt. James Sanders praised the PLC students for their accomplishments, saying "I was very impressed with these young people. They were here each day, did a good day's work ... and did a fine job on each of their assignments. We're very proud of their work ethic and the quality of the work they performed."

The Public Land Corps was authorized by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. Funding for the Public Land Corps is derived from fees collected from visitors at NPS units across the nation. Through this program, the NPS expands youth service opportunities to carry out needed repair and restoration projects in national parks. Lincoln Land Community College provides an added benefit for their PLC students—they earn college credit. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/youthprograms.

• Eagle Prairie, a 65-acre plot in the northwest corner of **Mammoth Cave NP** and part of the Great Onyx Job Corps Center, has been converted from a haven for exotics to a prairie lush with native plants. Just three years ago, the land was thick with invasive exotic plants and trees, producing seeds that spread the unwanted growth. Today, native plants exhibit a profuse bloom of black-eyed susans, purple coneflower, bergamot and prairie coneflower.

Funding was gained through a competitive NPS grant program called the Cooperative Conservation Initiative, which required a 50 percent non-federal match. Volunteers from Target Stores, Western Kentucky University interns and Sierra Club supplied the match with hours of in-kind labor. The park contracted with Randy Seymour of Roundstone Seed Company of Hart County, Ky. to

prepare the land, provide native seed and sow it. Roundstone Seed specializes in locally collected and propagated native seed and also donated \$10,000 worth of native seed for the project.

• During the summer of 2006, **Morris-town NHP** trails and boundaries benefited greatly from a Student Conservation Association (SCA) volunteer work crew. "The park's hiking trails have been vastly improved by this year's SCA crew," stated Supt. Randy Turner. "We were lucky to have such a dedicated crew."

The SCA crew included: Kelsey Adams, Jean Baptista, David Bunker, Neala Hurst, Sarah Kinicki and Alexander Terry. They were led by Katherine Jennings and Joshua Morris-Siegel. The crew installed 15 and cleared out 60 dirt water bars; cleared invasive Japanese barberry along a one-mile trail; blazed a trail along Old Camp Road; installed 15 rock and 15 timber water bars; reassembled wood footbridges; and repainted and installed boundary sign posts. The SCA is a nationwide organization that provides conservation volunteers to parks, forests and other open spaces throughout the country to work on projects such as wildlife management, back-country patrolling and building hiking trails.

• On Aug. 25, the Lowndes County Interpretive Center officially opened its doors to the public. The interpretive center is the first of three proposed along the **Selma to Montgomery NHT**. This NPS site is dedicated to those who peacefully marched 54 miles from Selma, Ala. to the state's capital in Montgomery in order to gain the right to vote. This contribution to the trail will serve as a reservoir of information for the events that occurred in Lowndes County during the march.

The museum exhibits will interpret events including the confrontation of

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seminarian Jonathan Daniels; the slaying of Viola Liuzzo, a white woman who assisted the marchers by transporting them to Selma; and the establishment of "Tent City," the temporary dwelling comprised of tents, cots, heaters, food and water, which benefited families dislodged by white landowners in Lowndes County.

• In August, four researchers affiliated with the Cave Research Foundation discovered a significant new cave within **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks** that has been named Ursa Minor for the Little Dipper constellation. The cave features large passages and rooms—many of which are more than 50 feet wide—and beautiful cave formations. These include long and graceful cave curtains, fragile soda straws up to six feet in length and large areas of multicolored flowstones.

Ursa Minor has a cave lake that may be

as much as 100 feet across. Ancient animal skeletons were found in the cave, including one that resembles a bear influencing the naming of the cave. Cave-adapted invertebrates that may be new or rare species have also been seen. Three of the 27 new species recently discovered in parks' caves appear to inhabit Ursa Minor.

Several of the larger passages continue and the actual length of the cave remains unknown at this time. Park staff believe that the cave resources of these national parks are so significant that they alone would justify the inclusion of them as part of the National Park System. In keeping with park policies, this new cave is automatically placed in Management Class 4 from the Park Cave Management Plan. Such caves are closed to recreational visits pending evaluation and scientific study.

Park staff are conducting a series of trips with subject matter experts to create an

accurate and detailed map of the cave; inventory its features; conduct a biological inventory; photo document cave features and formations; and gate the cave entrance to protect it. The new cave was found as part of an ongoing park-approved project managed by the Cave Research Foundation that conducts searches for new caves and cave passages.

• **Upper Delaware SRR** hosted the annual convention of the Zane Grey's West Society (ZGWS) on June 14. Zane Grey, the "Father of the Western Novel," vacationed, fished, lived and began his writing career at Lackawaxen, Pa. from 1900 to 1918. The NPS maintains his home, which houses the Zane Grey Museum. Activities included house tours, fly fishing demonstrations, guided walks and a discussion of Grey's Lackawaxen years with Zane Grey biographer Tom Pauly.

The ZGWS has made numerous donations to the park to preserve the landscape and buildings associated with the famous western author and to interpret his works and his life in Lackawaxen. Recent projects fully funded by ZGWS donations include an upgrade of the museum exhibits, stabilization of Zane Grey's summer kitchen, printing of site bulletins and work to preserve Grey's apple orchard.

The Zane Grey house sustained substantial damage two weeks after the ZGWS visit. Heavy rainfall over the Delaware River Basin caused flash flooding and record flood crests along the upper Delaware River. The house suffered damage to the foundation and the heating, electrical, fire suppression, telephone and water chlorination systems. The Zane Grey Museum will reopen in January 2007 for the annual Zane Grey birthday celebration. ■

Murie Ranch Designated National Historic Landmark

By Jackie Skaggs, Public Affairs Specialist, Grand Teton NP

On June 17, Lynn Scarlett, DOI deputy secretary, and William H. Meadows, president of the Wilderness Society, joined Mary Gibson Scott, superintendent of Grand Teton NP, to commemorate the national historic landmark designation of the Murie Ranch. The Murie Ranch is significant for its association with Olaus, Mardy, Adolph and Louise Murie, whose biological research and advocacy for wilderness changed the way the scientific community and our country studies and manages natural lands and their wildlife populations. The Murie brothers made important contributions to wildlife management and gained prominence as influential wildlife biologists. In addition, the Muries became champions of the American conservation movement. Their dedication to and support of wilderness helped effect passage of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Today, the Murie Ranch is home to the Murie Center, whose mission is "inspiring people to act mindfully on behalf of wild



DEPUTY SECRETARY LYNN SCARLETT (LEFT), Wilderness Society President Bill Meadows and Grand Teton Supt. Mary Gibson Scott unveil the Murie Ranch NHL plaque.

nature." During the ceremony, Deputy Secretary Scarlett noted that, "The Muries saw significance in places untouched or lightly touched by the footprints and handprints of man." Members of the audi-

ence were encouraged to carry forward the values and spirit inherent in the Murie teachings: respect for nature, the importance of wilderness and the need for responsible citizen action. ■

Natchez NHP Presents Junior Ranger History Camp

By Angela M. Lurz, Park Ranger, Natchez NHP

Through generous donations from private individuals, over 75 Natchez businesses, the National Park Foundation, the African-American Experience Fund (AAEF), the Unilever Corporation and Eastern National, Natchez NHP presented a free inaugural Junior Ranger History Camp. For three weeks in June, area students ages 8-12 "sailed through time," immersed themselves in Natchez history and discovered the importance and influence of the Mississippi River.

"The camp was designed to help kids learn about Natchez history and, most importantly, have fun while doing it," said Park Ranger Tim Van Cleave.

The staff designed the camp in a chronological fashion so students could understand and appreciate how multiple layers of history shaped the city they live in today. Curriculum-based educational programs, and subsequent craft activities, examined topics such as Native



CAMPERS ENJOYING the "Unearthing the Truth" activity at the William Johnson House.

American culture, slavery, the Civil War and the creation of the musical genre known as "blues." Park staff also utilized local historical sites, including a trip to

Vicksburg NMP, so students could see firsthand how and why the Mississippi River was important.

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National Park Service Finalizes 2006 Management Policies

On Aug. 31, former NPS Director Fran Mainella announced the release of the final edition of the agency's 2006 Management Policies, culminating an extensive and intense public and internal review process. The NPS received more than 45,000 comments during the review period.

"The 2006 Management Policies set a positive tone and make clear the National Park Service's desire for people to visit and enjoy their national parks," said Mainella. "These policies emphasize the importance of cooperative conservation and civic engagement in our decision making. I want to commend everyone involved—from National Park Service career employees to constituency groups who took time to provide valuable insights into necessary revisions—for the hard work, time and effort that has produced a document I can stand behind and endorse," she said.

Stephen P. Martin, NPS deputy director said, "The final document signed today by the director is essentially the same document that was released to employees for review on June 19. I want to thank career NPS employees for their hard work and dedication and their thoroughness in reviewing these policies."

According to Mainella, "The policies provide guidance for park superintendents and decision makers on a spectrum of issues, including planning, land use, visitor services, personnel recruitment, staff training, facilities operations, fire management, civic engagement and law enforcement. Through their judicious and consistent application, these policies will set a firm foundation for stewardship that will continue to earn the trust and confidence of the American people."

The final 2006 Management Policies edition is available at www.nps.gov/policy/MP2006.pdf. Copies may be purchased for \$18.00 through the U.S. Government Printing Office website (refer to document ISBN 0-16-076874) at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/collections/nparkmgmt.jsp>. ■

Kudos and Awards

WASO Program Receives White House Award



NPS WASHINGTON OFFICE CONCESSION Environmental Management Program recipients of the 2006 White House Closing the Circle Award, pictured left to right (front row): Jen Marson, Sarah Martinez, Christine Chui, Sarah Wolff, Wendy Berhman and Gabrielle McDonald. Pictured left to right (back row): Kurt Rausch, Frank Priznar and Michael Garner.

The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive recently announced that the **National Park Service Washington Office Concession Environmental Management Program (CoEMP)** was among the 20 winners selected from over 200 nominations to receive the 2006 White House Closing the Circle (CTC) Award. The CTC Awards honor programs and individuals in the federal government for environmental stewardship. The award was presented on June 12 in a White House ceremony to recognize the CoEMP for its efforts in developing a program to “green” concession contracts with goals of protecting the environment, encouraging sustainability and preventing pollution.

The NPS Concession Program currently oversees approximately 580 concession contracts that gross over \$800 million annually and provide visitor services such as food, lodging, retail and guide services. These concessioners play a vital role in ensuring opera-

tions are consistent with the NPS mission of protecting park resources, while allowing for public enjoyment.

Through its efforts in contract reform, management oversight and multi-prong training and compliance assistance efforts, the CoEMP has effectively shifted how concessioners are doing business in national parks. Since its inception in 1998, the CoEMP has standardized environmental requirements in concession contracts; educated NPS staff on how to integrate environmental language into contract documents; developed a national concession audit program; encouraged concessioner innovation; and improved concessioner environmental performance. Given that concessioners interact with over 310 million park visitors each year in over 40 percent of national parks, this new business model championed by CoEMP will continue to have a vital and positive impact on environmental management in our national parks. ■

• The NPS recently announced the recipients of its 2006 Environmental Achievement Awards honoring outstanding accomplishments in the preservation and protection of park resources. “The award recipients have demonstrated exceptional achievements in the protection of ecosystems; the increase of solar and wind power; the reduction of solid waste and petroleum use; the design of sustainable buildings; and the purchasing of ‘green’ products,” said former NPS Director Fran Mainella.

Dr. John Portnoy, an ecologist at Cape Cod NS, received an environmental stewardship award. John is leading a multi-agency effort to restore 1,000 acres of the Herring River Salt Marsh—the largest wetland restoration project ever undertaken in New England. **The Jamaica Bay unit of Gateway NRA** received an award for exceptional achievement in the category of sustainable design. The park partnered with the Denver Service Center, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and a local archi-

tectural firm to design and construct a new visitor contact station using sustainable design/green building principles. **Xanterra Parks and Resorts**, a concessioner at Zion NP, received an environmental stewardship award. The company was recognized for pollution prevention and energy and water conservation programs at the Zion Lodge.

Yellowstone NP, Yosemite NP and Doyon/ARAMARK, a concessioner at Denali NP & PRES, received honorable mention recognition for their environmental achievements. The NPS Environmental Achievement Award program is administered by the Park Facility Management Division in the Washington Office.

• Each year, the NPS recognizes employees for outstanding work in the field of park natural resources. The 2005 Director’s Awards for Natural Resource Stewardship single out six NPS employees for their leadership and work on issues such as coral reef monitoring, grizzly bear research, mixed-grass prairie restoration, planning and

integrating resource stewardship into maintenance operations. Though the awards celebrate individual achievements, the award winners call attention to teamwork, professionalism and a shared sense of purpose among park staff—critical qualities in the successful management of national parks.

The winners, the NPS unit where they work and the award follow: **Jason Lott**, integrated resource program manager, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP—the “Trish Patterson Student Conservation Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park;” **Bruce Hancock**, chief of maintenance, Whitman Mission NHS—the “Director’s Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Stewardship through Maintenance;” **Woody Smeck**, superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains NRA—the “Director’s Award for Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship;” **Charles Schwartz**, leader, Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, USGS-BRD Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center—the “Director’s Award for Natural Resource Research;” **Barbara Samora**, biologist, Mount Rainier NP—the “Director’s Award for Natural Resource Management;” and **Jeff Miller**, fisheries biologist, South Florida/Caribbean Inventorying and Monitoring Network—the “Professional Excellence in Natural Resources Award.”

• Former NPS Director Fran Mainella visited Hovenweep NM and Natural Bridges NM this past summer and presented VIP **Charlie Bailey** with both the Presidential Call to Service Award and the Interior Secretarial Award in recognition of the more than 6,000 hours of volunteer service he contributed to the NPS during the past 20 years. The director also read a letter from President Bush acknowledging Charlie’s contributions and those of other volunteers to the NPS and the nation.

Charlie has been volunteering at Natural Bridges NM for the last year-and-a-half, where he assists with the visitor center operation and manages the park’s bookstore for Canyonlands Natural History

Association. In addition to volunteering in four Washington state parks and two California state parks, he has worked seasonally or as a volunteer for Grand Canyon NP, Wupatki NM, Zion NP, Colorado NM, Padre Island NS, Petrified Forest NM and Organ Pipe Cactus NM.

• The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) honored **Jeff Burton**, Manzanar NHS archeologist, with a special recognition award at the JACL’s 39th Biennial National Convention in June. The JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization in the U.S. The award recognizes Jeff and his wife, Mary Farrell, for their work in civil rights as an extension of their efforts in preserving and interpreting the cultural resources associated with the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII.

Jeff began working on the archeology of Japanese American internment sites at Manzanar NHS in 1993, where he recorded features and artifacts associated with the relocation center and Native American, ranching and farming sites that predated WWII. He has also done archeological work at Minidoka Internment NM, prepared a National Historic Landmark nomination for the Tule Lake Segregation Center and co-authored “Japanese Americans in World War II.”

• On Sept. 14, Steamtown NHS Supt. **Harold “Kip” Hagen** received the Take Pride in America National Park Service Federal Land Manager Award. Since 1988, volunteers at Steamtown NHS have contributed over 250,000 hours toward the preservation, interpretation and operation of the park’s museums and historic collection of steam locomotives, rolling stock and infrastructure. Kip’s support for the Volunteers-in-Parks Program continues to ensure that the park can offer a “unique live steam experience and operating experience in a historic railroad yard.” Without these dedicated volunteers, the park would find it difficult to meet its core mission of preserving and interpreting this vital part of our country’s transportation history.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: FORMER NPS NORTHEAST Regional Director Mary Bomar, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP Supt. Rolf Diamant, former NPS Director Fran Mainella and NPS Deputy Director Steve Martin with the NPS Northeast Region Civic Engagement Award presented to Rolf at the NER Superintendents’ Conference in April.

The American Association of State and Local History presented **Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP** a 2006 Leadership in American History Award for the film *Woodstock’s Civil War: A Speakchorus*, produced in partnership with Woodstock Union High School. The 22-minute film was directed and produced by local filmmaker Charles Rattigan for Eastern National. The film captures the experiences of 10 student performers as they use theater

and film to research and interpret local history and, in many ways, reconnect to their community.

Supt. **Rolf Diamant** is also the recipient of the first NPS Northeast Region Civic Engagement Award for his leadership role “connecting the park and the community in a shared exploration of nearly forgotten history.” Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP is the first national park to offer a walking tour devoted to the Civil War home front. ■

Kudos and Awards

• E&AA Life Member **Richard C. Powell**, chief of the Division of Risk Management for the NPS, was awarded the 2006 DOI Safety Professional Service Award. Richard was recognized for his outstanding leadership, professionalism and dedication to the Department's Safety and Occupational Health Program. The DOI Safety Professional Achievement Award is the top recognition to members of the Interior safety and health community who have demonstrated sustained accomplishments in preventing injury, illness and accidents, and have contributed quality service to their bureau, office and the Department during their career.

• **David Thorpe**, branch chief for communications at Yosemite NP, was presented with the Barry Hance Memorial Award by Yosemite NP Supt. Mike Tollefson at a ceremony on June 21. David has worked at Yosemite since 2000. His contributions include managing the Emergency Communications Center for the park. He is credited with saving the park millions of dollars in projects which, without his skill, would have required contracted work.

The Barry Hance Memorial Award is given annually to the park employee that most personifies Barry's hard work, excitement for life, concern for fellow employees and reverence for Yosemite NP. Hance was the Mather District roads foreman when he was killed during snow removal operations on the Tioga Road in 1995.



Vickie Carson, Mammoth Cave NP

EDDIE WELLS

• **Charles E. "Eddie" Wells, Jr.**, Mammoth Cave NP park ranger, was the recipient of a regional 2006 Harry Yount Award for the NPS Southeast Region. "Being a ranger in the National Park Service requires an individual to have effective leadership skills, adaptability to change and a strong work ethic," said Supt. Patrick Reed. "Eddie exemplifies every aspect of an outstanding ranger."

Eddie's citation lists accomplishments, knowledge and skills that are embedded in his typical workday: "He has the uncommon ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of people and put them at ease, even during situations that have the potential to become confrontational. Eddie uses this ability on a daily basis to educate and inform park visitors and employees on issues ranging from emergency medical care procedures, park regulations and law and even the history associated with Mammoth Cave during the War of 1812."

"From felony law enforcement investigations, to emergency medical inci-

dents, to instructing the visitor about the special purpose the National Park System serves, Eddie Wells has proven time and time again that he embraces the ranger ideal," added Supt. Reed. Named after Harry Yount, the first park ranger, the award is the hallmark of recognition as an NPS ranger. Eddie was one of seven regional award recipients.

• **Reed Engle**, from Shenandoah NP, and **Larry Nordby**, from Mesa Verde NP, received the 2005 Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management on Aug. 24 for their lasting contributions toward preserving and relating the history of their respective parks. "The national parks are the very best that America has. Larry Nordby and Reed Engle are the very best that the National Park Service has," said David M. Verhey, deputy assistant secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. "We are proud to recognize their skill, knowledge, professionalism, vision and unwavering commitment to public service with this year's Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award."

Reed, branch chief of cultural resources at Shenandoah NP, has expanded the cultural resource program at the park, fostering an increased awareness and appreciation of the significant resources found in the area by both park staff and the public. He has authored three books on the park's history, two of which have won a first place award from the National Association for Interpretation.

Larry recently retired from a 30-year NPS career where he held a variety of management and research positions. He worked at Mesa Verde NP for the last decade and established the Archeological Site Conservation Program to manage and protect more than 4,700 archeological sites within the park. The program enables NPS staff to better monitor archeological projects, manage site information in a tabular and graphic database and properly catalogue and archive field records and reports.

The Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management was established in 1970. It is named for three well-respected, longtime NPS employees: historian Roy E. Appleman, historical architect Henry A. Judd and curator Ralph H. Lewis.

• **The staff at Stones River NB** was awarded the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for Excellence in Natural Heritage Conservation on June 23. The award was presented by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke.

The park staff developed and executed a comprehensive effort to restore the 650-acre park through innovative natural resource techniques. Park staff and volunteers spent thousands of hours removing invasive exotic species like Chinese privet and bush honeysuckle, and planting native species and building fences to replicate the original battlefield appearance. The end result is a diverse mix of native plants that help maintain the patterns of field and forest that were present at the time of the Battle of Stones River. In addition, the park staff has established native grasses on the earthworks at Fortress Rosecrans and Redoubt Brannan to help prevent the earthen structures from eroding. Landscaping around the visitor center and at the fortress parking areas consists of plants native to middle Tennessee. ■

2006 Freeman Tilden Award Winners Announced

The Freeman Tilden Award, sponsored in partnership by the NPS and the National Parks Conservation Association, is an annual award recognizing outstanding contributions to the public through interpretation by an NPS employee. The award was created in 1982 to stimulate and reward creative work by NPS employees that results in positive impacts upon the visiting public. K. C. DenDooven, Paul Pritchard and Russ Dickenson were founders of the Freeman Tilden Award. Freeman Tilden provided a philosophical basis for interpretation in his book *Interpreting Our Heritage*. Nominees for this award are judged upon their creativity, originality and positive contributions to enhancing the public's understanding of the NPS and the resources it protects.

This year is the 25th presentation of the award. The nominees from each region are: **IMR: Arvid Aase**, park ranger, museum specialist geologist, Fossil Butte NM—for creating "Fishing the Layers of Time: A Community-wide Fossil Hunt" that promotes interest in learning about fossils protected in the park. The booklet becomes a personal diary of a visit to Fossil Butte NM and the community of Kemmerer, Wyo. **PWR: Christie Denzel Anastasia**, education coordinator, Point Reyes NS—for spearheading and developing a multi-faceted immersion-based science education program at the Pacific Coast Science and Learning Center in Point Reyes NS, which is geared towards high-quality science communication to students from middle school to college. **MWR: Myron Freedman**, exhibit specialist, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial—for envisioning and designing "The Creative Spirit of Eero Saarinen" exhibit about

the life and career of Finnish-American architect Eero Saarinen in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Gateway Arch. **AKR: Paul J. Ollig**, park ranger, Kenai Fjords NP—for designing and offering a three-week thematic seasonal training program, including a specifically designed self-assessment evaluation questionnaire, which indicated an increase in the knowledge of resources, audiences and techniques on the part of the 20 seasonal interpreters who participated. **NCR: Scott G. Shultz**, park ranger, Ford's Theatre NHS—for researching, creating and presenting the living history character of Civil War Brigadier General Henry Lawrence Burnett, who was the chief federal investigator of the Lincoln assassination and was one of the three prosecuting attorneys of the Lincoln conspiracy trials. **NER: Robin Snyder**, education specialist, Petersburg NB—for creating the "Color of Money Educator's Guide" exploring the life of a slave through depictions of southern currency. This educator's guide, prepared in conjunction with the "Confederate Currency: The Color of Money" exhibit, challenged over a thousand students from 30 classrooms to explore the life of a slave through a variety of exercises. **SER: Scott Teodorski**, park naturalist, Cumberland Gap NHP—for leading a team of people to create and offer the "Wild Mountain Mania" Nature Fest during Columbus Day weekend, which offered exhibits, hands-on activities and music programs to young and old alike.

The 2006 national Freeman Tilden award winner, who was chosen from the above regional winners, is **Arvid Aase**. He received his award on Nov. 9 at the National Association for Interpretation Convention in New Mexico. ■

Natchez Junior Ranger History Camp

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"The camp really connected the children to the significance of Natchez and the NPS as a whole. Rangers Angie Lurz, Stacy Speas, Tim Van Cleave, Jessica Coffman and Nathan Hatfield did a masterful job of engaging the kids," said Supervisory Park Ranger Jim Heaney. "We also created seven new and exciting curriculum-based educational programs that we can present to school groups starting this fall."

Two programs, "Unearthing the Truth" and "Join the Army," received donation monies from the AAEF. "Unearthing the Truth" examined the life of William Johnson, a free black barber and diarist, who lived in antebellum Natchez. The students became architects, historians, archeologists and detectives who pieced together the life of this unique and significant individual. A CD-ROM of the narrated diary entries as well as a curriculum guide will be produced for the local schools.

The "Join the Army" program examined what life was like for United States Colored Troops (USCT's) in the Union army. The campers enlisted,

drilled and marched as soldiers, and engaged in battle just as the USCT's did. In fact, a small skirmish between USCT's and Confederate soldiers took place just across the river in Vidalia, La. The USCT's fired a few volleys and drove the Confederates out of the town. To aid in the authenticity of the program, Park Ranger Kate Morris recreated a flag presented to the USCT soldiers by the citizens of Natchez.

Through promotional materials and visits to local schools, the Junior Ranger History Camp reached over 60 students in its first year. The staff at Natchez NHP sees many opportunities to build upon the success of the camp—one goal being to reach a wider audience.

"There was such a demand for something like this and we, unfortunately, even had to turn students away. With the success of this camp, we are looking at ways to expand and continue to increase our numbers. There are so many school-age kids in the area and this is such a great opportunity to educate, inspire and instill appreciation and stewardship in every one," said Park Ranger Nathan Hatfield. ■

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Donn Allen, carpenter, Carlsbad Caverns NP, July 31 after 10 years of service.

James Angel, motor vehicle operator, Catoctin Mountain Park, June 2 after over 21 years of service.

Scott Arnsbrak, park ranger, Lands Resources and Planning, July 1 after over 31 years of service.

Jeff Ballard, roads and trails foreman, Zion NP, Aug. 3 after 39 years.

Jeff came to work for Zion NP in 1966 as a student aid. He started as an NPS laborer two years later. He was promoted to roads and trails foreman in 1991 and has supervised projects from rebuilding Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, to removing 700-ton rocks from steep switchbacks.

Paul Barnes, maintenance worker (MVO), Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Sept. 1 after over 32 years.

Craig Bates, curator of ethnology, Yosemite NP, July 8 after 33 years.

Craig began his career at Yosemite in 1973, where he did research of Native American culture and built related exhibits. He was especially interested in the techniques used to make native basketry and regalia including topknots, feathered capes and quill headdresses. He became widely recognized as an expert in native cultures involved with Yosemite, including the seven tribes associated with the park, publishing some 120 articles and books.

Craig's expertise in native basketry was represented in the book he co-authored in 1990 with Martha Lee (currently superintendent of Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front NHP), entitled *Tradition and Innovation: A Basket History of the Indians of the Yosemite Mono-Lake Area*.

Craig suffered a stroke in 2002. He was approved as a medical leave recipient and received tremendous support, which helped him throughout this period. Craig will reside in Sonora, Calif. with his wife, Sheila, and plans to continue his craftsmanship and scholarship.

Joseph Blair, maintenance worker, Lake Mead NRA, July 31 after 18 years.

E&AA Member **Wallace C. Brittain**, supervisory outdoor recreation planner, Southeast Regional Office, June 3 after 33 years.

Kenneth Brooks, tree worker supervisor (MVO), George Washington Memorial PKWY, June 3 after over 38 years.

Russell T. Brown, park ranger (interpretation), San Juan NHS, June 30 after 33 years.

E&AA Member **Susan Buchel**, museum curator, Kalaupapa NHP, Aug. 1 after 31 years.

Anna Ruth Clark, budget analyst, Big South Fork NRRRA, June 30 after 28 years of service.

Judy Coleman, supervisory secretary, Harpers Ferry NHP, June 30 after 23 years of service.

Earl Coppersmith, buildings and utilities foreman, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Sept. 1 after 22 years.

Steve Danford, photographer, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Aug. 31 after over 15 years of service.

John H. De Sarno, gardener (MVO), National Mall and Memorial Parks, June 23 after over 29 years.

Joe Evans, acting superintendent, Chiricahua NM and Fort Bowie NHS, Oct. 2 after 32 years of service.

Joe began his NPS career as a seasonal interpreter at Yosemite NP in 1974. His first permanent NPS position was at Petrified Forest NP in 1978 as a park technician. Subsequent assignments included patrol supervisor at Grand Canyon NP; backcountry district ranger at Hawaii Volcanoes NP; and then West District ranger at Yellowstone NP. During the 1988 fire season, he worked as the agency liaison on the North Fork Fire. In 1991, Joe was selected as chief ranger for Rocky Mountain NP, and in 1996, he was elected to be the first chair of new Rocky Mountain cluster ranger activities group.

In 2003, Joe accepted a split position between the Intermountain Regional Office and Rocky Mountain NP to work on fee and transportation issues. During this period, Joe served details as superintendent of Tonto NM, Coronado NM and finally Chiricahua and Fort Bowie. Over his career, Joe received awards for his supervisory and management skills, including two quality step increases, a legends award in 2001 and Rocky Mountain NP's stewardship award in 2003.

Joe and his wife, Caroline, will be moving to Australia in January. Caroline is participating in an international teacher exchange program. They will spend a year there before returning to Estes Park. They can be contacted at joecakeinaussieland@gmail.com.

Robert Ewing, park ranger, Great Basin NP, Aug. 5 after 20 years.



PETER FITZMAURICE

E&AA Life Member **Peter Fitzmaurice**, chief ranger, Canyonlands NP, Aug. 3 after almost 30 years of service.

Peter began with the NPS as a seasonal backcountry ranger at Zion NP and then became a backcountry ski ranger at Badger Pass. He then joined the Yosemite Valley Horse Patrol as a seasonal and was hired into a permanent position and moved to Yosemite Valley. He was in the second group of graduates of the new Park Medic program conducted in Fresno. Following this, he went to Crater Lake NP, then to Lassen Volcanic NP.

As supervisor of the now dismantled Lassen Park Ski Area, he instituted a program for avalanche hazard evaluation. He remained active as a park medic, established an EMT intermediate program and was also chief of the Lassen Park Fire Brigade. In 1988, he became chief ranger

of Kenai Fjords NP. Peter also spent a summer at Yukon-Charley Rivers NP on a detail as acting superintendent.

Peter's last assignment as chief ranger of Canyonlands fulfilled a career-long dream to return to the red rock canyon and river country. He and his wife, Shannon, and kids Skyler, Lauren and Nicholas are relocating to the upper reaches of Washington State's Methow Valley, in the shadows of North Cascades NP.

Mary Foreman, telecommunications specialist, Pacific West Regional Office, Oakland, Aug. 31 after 16 years.

Stephen Frye, superintendent, Katmai NP & PRES, June 10 after 31 years.

Lynn Griffiths, supervisory mining engineer, Alaska Regional Office, July 31 after 30 years.

E&AA Life Member **Leslie Starr Hart**, program director, Presidential Partnerships Program, Intermountain Region, Aug. 3 after over 34 years.

Leslie began her early NPS career at Yosemite NP (1972 to 1975); followed by the Denver Service Center (DSC) Western/Pacific Northwest/Alaska team (1976 to 1980); chief of cultural resources, Alaska Region (1981 to 1989); assistant regional director - Washington Liaison (1990 to 1991); WASO Congressional and Legislative Affairs - Alaska Liaison (1991); and chief of professional and employee development, DSC (1992 to 1995). She became superintendent of Lyndon B. Johnson NHP from 1995 to 2004, followed by special assistant to the regional director, Intermountain Regional Office from 2004 to 2006.

During her career, Leslie participated in many initiatives including early consultation and coordination of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, shaping the multidisciplinary cultural resources program for the "new" Alaska Region and international assignments in India and the former Soviet Union. Her Alaska and international work led to her selection as an American Political Science Association Federal Fellow, with Foreign Fellow distinction, for the 101st Congress (1989 to 1990).

Additional career highlights include coordinating production and publication of the *Guiding Principles of Sustainable Design*, which received a 1994 Professional Award and chairing the DOI/Reinventing Government Lab to improve the review processes at DSC, which received Vice President Al Gore's Hammer Award and for which she received a DOI Honor Award for Superior Service.

During retirement, Leslie is enjoying spontaneous travel and unplanned days. She can be reached at starrhart@earthlink.net.

E&AA Life Member **Heather Huyck**, chief historian, Northeast Region, July 3 after 35 years.

Heather grew up visiting parks with her journalist mother, Dorothy Boyle Huyck, who became the third woman to be named an honorary park ranger for her journalism and history of NPS women. Heather began her NPS career in 1971 as a junior historian at George Washington Birthplace NM. Later, for eight-and-a-half years, Heather worked for the House Subcommittee on National Parks, organizing the "endangered ranger" hearing and working on

major historic preservation legislation. She was involved in the passage of 82 enacted laws under Chairman Bruce Vento. She recently worked on Jamestown's 400th anniversary.

Since 2002, Heather taught and worked on NPS projects at the College of William and Mary, including the American Colonial experiences website. She has joined the WM Sharpe Program on Community Scholars, where she will be teaching history and trying to save Maggie Walker's bank in Richmond. She can be reached at huyckclapper@earthlink.net

E&AA Life Member **JoAnn M. Kyrall**, superintendent, Mississippi NRRRA, Aug. 22 after 38 years.

Nick Leos, auto worker, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Sept. 14 after 22 years.

E&AA Life Member **Fran Mainella**, National Park Service Director, Oct. 15 after six years of service.

Mainella, the 16th NPS director, announced in July that she would be leaving her position to devote more time to her family. In her resignation letter, she wrote, "Thank you, Mr. President for allowing me to serve you and the American people as the director of the National Park Service. Thank you for your support and confidence in my ability as the first woman to serve as director. Now, in my sixth year as director, it is time for me to pursue opportunities that will allow me more time to spend with my family, including my parents and in-laws who have been having health issues...."

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne applauded her strong leadership of the NPS. In a letter, Kempthorne wrote to her, "You wrote history in helping to create the Great Sand Dunes and Lewis and Clark National Parks. You led the effort to get 6,000 park improvement projects started or completed. You helped create the Natural Resource Challenge that has invested more than \$450 million to protect national parks. You tripled cyclic park maintenance funding. Perhaps your most important contribution, one that will endure long past your tenure as director, is your effort to foster a culture of partnership within the National Park Service. Thanks to your leadership, today virtually every national park works in partnership with state and local officials, local residents and friends groups."

Before becoming the 16th director of the NPS in 2001, Mainella served 12 years as director of Florida's Division of Recreation and Parks. Before assuming her State post, she was executive director of the Florida Recreation and Park Association, a statewide professional organization for those working in public and private park and recreation programs and facilities. Mainella has served terms as president of both the National Recreation and Park Association (1996-97) and the National Association of State Park Directors (1997-99).

The Connecticut native obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and her master's from Central Connecticut State College. She will join Clemson University's faculty in January as a visiting scholar in the department of parks, recreation and tourism management (PRTM). At Clemson, she will lead seminars for graduate students in the PRTM program and help raise funds for a research and training center in park management. In a letter to NPS employees, she said "My next stop in life involves serv-

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FRAN MAINELLA

ing as a visiting scholar at Clemson University in South Carolina. My full-time home will be in Florida in the same town where my parents reside. As a citizen, and through my work at Clemson, I pledge to you my continued support of the National Park Service mission and the work you do every day."

Timothy R. Manns, chief interpreter, North Cascades NP, July 29 after 35 years of service.

Alan Marsh, cultural resource management specialist, Andersonville NHS and Jimmy Carter NHS, June 24 after over 20 years.

Alan began his NPS career in 1985 at Ocmulgee NM as a park ranger. In 1992, he became a park ranger/historian at Andersonville, and in 1996, he became cultural resource specialist for both Andersonville and Jimmy Carter NHS.

Alan was closely involved in the planning of the Plains High School Visitor Center, which opened in 1996, and in the development of the Carter Boyhood Farm, which opened in 2000. He also helped in the planning, design and construction of the National Prisoner of War Museum, which opened in 1998.

Alan also played an important role in conducting oral histories of former POWs. The Andersonville POW oral history project is the most ambitious project of its type in the history of the NPS, with over 1,000 oral histories recorded. Alan personally conducted more oral histories than anyone else on staff. He also began a partnership between Andersonville and the History Department of Georgia Southwestern State University.

Richard V. McCollough, program manager, Southeast Regional Office, Aug. 3 after 36 years.

Rebecca B. McCune, resource management specialist, Southeast Regional Office, July 1 after 29 years of federal service, 10 of them with the NPS.

Rogelio Mendoza, plumber, Lake Mead NRA, Aug. 31 after 30 years.

Ken Mueller, administrative officer, WASO Division of Training and Employee Development, Aug. 19 after over 10 years.

Ken started his NPS career with the Servicewide Intake Trainee Program and worked at the Stephen T. Mather Training Center, Bent's Old Fort NHS, the WASO Budget Office and the WASO Training and Development Program. Ken decided to pursue other adventures on the west coast in California. He joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Aug. 21.

Douglas W. Ostapack, administrative officer, Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, July 28 after 30 years of service.

E&AA Member **Bill Pierce**, superintendent, Redwood NP, Aug. 18 after 40 years.

Bill began his NPS career as a seasonal landscape gardener at George Washington Memorial PKWY in 1966. He was also a seasonal ranger at Crater Lake NP before heading to Albright Training Center in 1968. His intake park was Natchez Trace PKWY, where he and his wife, Nadine, set up the first of their 20 homes in the parks. They had a two-year break while he served in the U.S. Army and came back to set up homes in Glacier NP, Everglades NP, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Point Reyes NS, Shenandoah NP, Devils Tower NM, Capitol Reef NP, Olympic NP, Katmai NP & PRES, Lake Clark NP & PRES, Washington, D.C., Glen Canyon NRA and finally Redwood NP.

Bill and Nadine will head to Prescott Valley, Ariz. and plan to spend time with their four grandchildren, hike, travel and be active in their community.

Albert C. Pu, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Kalaupapa NHP, Aug. 31 after 27 years.

Ed Queen, maintenance mechanic, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Aug. 3 after 34 years.

Ella S. Rayburn, curator, Steamtown NHS, Aug. 3 after 33 years of service.

Ella began her NPS career as a park technician at Fort Union NM. She worked at Independence NHP, Petersburg NB and then William Howard Taft NHS, where she worked as part of the team that restored the president's birthplace. She then became the first curator at Steamtown NHS and set up the Cultural Resource Management Program. Ella participated in the design and development of the large museum complex at Steamtown.

In 1988, Ella received the Midwest Regional Director's Award for Environmental Resources Management in addition to a number of other awards and recognition during her NPS career. She holds a BA and MA in history from Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kans., and has published a number of articles on historical topics.

Ella's future plans are to use her museum management and interpretation knowledge to advance the Lackawanna Historical Society. She intends to remain in Scranton and engage in several forms of local-level activism. Cards and letters may be sent to Ella c/o Bill Nalevanko or Suzanne Rozdilski at Steamtown NHS, 150 South Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503.

Denise Rose, administrative assistant, Lava Beds NM, Aug. 19 after 19 years.

Stephen Schwarz, facility operations specialist, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Aug. 18 after over 34 years.

Richard Sirstad, engineer equipment operator, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Aug. 31 after 17 years.

Ronald Smith, maintenance worker supervisor (MVO), George Washington Memorial PKWY, July 31 after over 28 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Scott Sticha**, fire education/prevention/information specialist, Rocky Mountain NP, Aug. 5 after 23 years with the NPS. Scott is leaving to become public affairs specialist for the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip Field Office.

Sara Stone, archivist, Museum Resource Center, June 30 after over five years.

E&AA Life Member **Philip Swartz**, park ranger, Cape Hatteras NS, Aug. 31 after 24 years.

Over his NPS career, Phil worked at Blue Ridge PKWY from 1982 to 1984, Ninety-Six NHS from 1984 to 1986, Blue Ridge PKWY from 1986 to 1991, Canaveral NS from 1991 to 1995, Vicksburg NMP from 1995 to 1999, Yosemite NP from 1999 to 2002 and Cape Hatteras NS from 2002 to 2006. Phil, his wife, Sally, and dog, Dexter, will be spending their retirement years in Asheville, N.C.

Mike Tetreau, resource management specialist, Kenai Fjords NP, Sept. 16 after almost 20 years.

Mike has decided to pursue other adventures on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington.

Judy Thompson, park ranger (interpretation), Saguaro NP, Aug. 31 after over 16 years.

Having been raised in a small rural town in Oklahoma, Judy was unaware of national parks until her husband, Dale, swept her away in 1968 for a summer at Carlsbad Caverns NP, where he was a park guide. The next summer they explored Mount Rainier NP and fell in love with the NPS. At that time, it was common for families to accompany men to their seasonal jobs (there were few female rangers). Housing was provided and wives stayed home with the kids.

It was 10 years later, when their son Kendell was 15 and daughter Lacey was 13, that Judy began her career with the NPS as a volunteer in interpretation at Mount Rainier NP. Kendell also began his career as a volunteer at the same time and is now site manager for the Arlington House. Since then, Dale and Judy have lived and worked in 13 parks.

Judy is pleased to be free to enjoy retirement with Dale (an E&AA life member), who has been retired for the past two years.

JR Tomasovic, II, supervisory park ranger, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), July 1 after 30 years.

JR began his career as a seasonal park ranger at Shenandoah NP. His first permanent position was at Independence NHP, followed by Glen Canyon NRA and Yosemite NP. He then served as assistant chief ranger at Golden Gate NRA and Death Valley NP and as chief ranger at Gulf Islands NS.

His final position was as the first manager of the Law Enforcement Field Training Program at FLETC. This was a newly established program to provide field training for recent graduates from the basic law enforcement academy.

In 2004, JR received the Crystal Owl Award for the development and implementation of the Field Training Program. The award is given annually to a recipient showing excellence in the field of training—a fitting recognition for his career-long efforts to improve equipment and

training for law enforcement and emergency service employees of the NPS.

Upon retirement, JR will continue his career as project manager for a Florida-based law enforcement software company.

E&AA Member **Bob Van Nortwick**, special agent, WASO, Northeast Region, Delaware Water Gap NRA, June 30 after 32 years.

Ghraydon Wallick, exhibits specialist, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Aug. 31 after 10 years of service.

John R. Wilkins, supervisory park ranger, Christiansted NHS, June 30 after 15 years.

Marvin Yost, painter (MVO), George Washington Memorial PKWY, June 3 after over 17 years. ■

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and visit with federal agencies. Some federal agencies that were featured included the NPS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the USDA Forest Service and the National Guard. This was the final stop for the NPS's traveling exhibit Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future and its "Tent of Many Voices." A touching closing ceremony was held on Sept. 24.

Several public ceremonies, including a statue dedication; a reenactment of the landing of the explorers on the St. Louis riverfront; a tribal flag procession that included representatives of over 40 Native American nations; a keynote address by Chief James Roan Gray of the Osage Nation; an original poem by Carter Revard; singing by Nikko Smith; and addresses by various federal dignitaries also occurred over the weekend. On Saturday evening, visitors enjoyed musical performances by Martha Redbone and Indigenous and a fireworks display over the Mississippi River at the base of the Gateway Arch.

Sunday, on the Eads Bridge, an emotionally charged ceremony featured the Osage Nation and other native tribes speaking about the sacredness of the water, which gave the audience an opportunity to participate in an age-old ceremony. The weekend was filled with emotion, giving all the attendees the opportunity to hear perspectives from many voices—it was truly an appropriate ending to the bicentennial. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Karen Beppler-Dorn, Carol Borneman, Jack Boucher, William Burke, Felice Ciccione, Rebecca Cole-Will, Betsy Crawford-Gore, Karissa DeCarlo, Chris Derman, Charles Dorn, Hugh Duffy, Frank Elliott, Norbert Erickson, Dick Hingson, John Howell, Heather Huyck, Dan Kimball, Jennifer Langel, Jerry Lee, Martha Lee, Alan Levitan, Francis Noe, Dawn O'Sickey, Jennifer Panko, Robert Panko, Robert Van Nortwick, Rosie White and Travis White.

Alumni News



Loretta Neumann

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: National Capital Regional Director Joe Lawler, E&AA Life Member Dave Linderman, E&AA President Chesley Moroz and E&AA Board Member Dan Brown during the 1916 Society celebration of Founders' Day at the National Capital Regional Office on Aug. 25.

E&AA Life Member Ken "Krabbie" Krabbenhoft turned 94 on June 27, and would really enjoy cards, letters or old photographs from his friends and colleagues. Ken's home address is 9715 Rockbrook Road, Omaha, NE 68124.

Chuck Rinaldi, E&AA life member, sent the *Arrowhead* newsletter the following information:

"Many of you will remember me as serving as director of the NPS Land Acquisition Program or as the project manager for the Appalachian Trail Project Office. In all, I served 34 years in the NPS, which I really enjoyed, prior to retiring in 1989. Subsequently, I worked 10 years for the South Florida Water Management District as deputy director of the Construction and Land Management Department before retiring in June 1999.

"My wife, Hazel, worked nearly three years in the land acquisition office at Cape Cod NS and then in the Division of Concessions in the Washington Office for two years prior to her leaving the NPS to give birth to our son, John. On June 6, John successfully won the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Congress in California's 52nd District of San Diego

County. He received approximately 39 percent of the votes with the balance divided among four opponents. We had the privilege of being in San Diego for the Primary. I walked a precinct to hand out campaign literature and was present at one of the polls on Election Day to solicit votes for John. Hazel did telephone canvassing. We were present during election evening for the election returns and experienced firsthand the atmosphere of this great event.

We are proud of John and his achievement. We invite you to visit his website, <http://rinaldiforcongress.org>.

Editor's Note: John came in second in the voting on Nov. 7 to incumbent Congressman Duncan Hunter, with 32 percent of the vote.

Volunteer Opportunity: Yellowstone Heritage & Research Center—The NPS is seeking current and retired librarians, archivists and museum professionals to complete project work at the Heritage & Research Center in Gardiner, Mont. during the fall and winter months. Housing is provided. For information, please contact Carol Shively at (307) 344-2663 or carol_shively@nps.gov. ■



Photo courtesy of Tug Kangus

W.B. "TUG" KANGUS (FAR RIGHT) sent the *Arrowhead* newsletter this photo of himself with E&AA Life Member Joe Miller (far left) and E&AA Life Member Dave Thompson, Jr. (center). Tug wrote: Joe Miller and his wife, Sheila, along with Dave Thompson, Jr. and his wife, Fay, visited Tug Kangus and his wife, Joann, in Arizona recently. Tug is currently employed as a pilot/mechanic for Glen Canyon NRA. Joe retired in 1992 as associate regional director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, while Dave retired as superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in 1980. The wives had a nice visit with a cool drink in hand in air-conditioned comfort, while the guys worked in a hot hangar on the Kangus' Cessna 182. We all had a great time and wish the NPS family well.

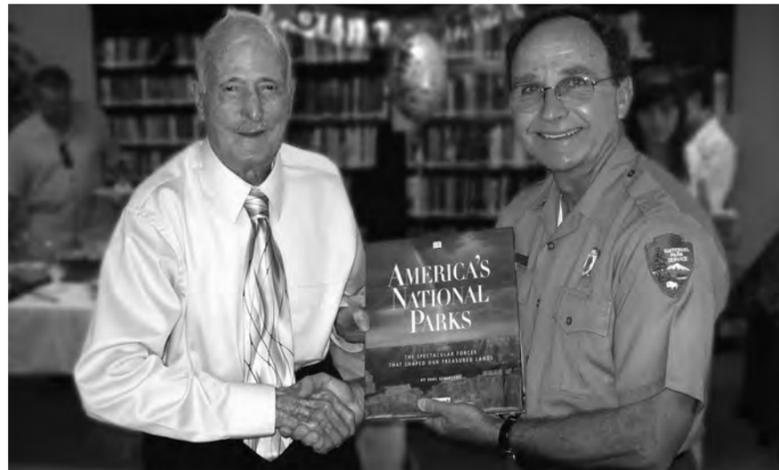
Former Ranger Turns 100

E&AA Life Member and NPS pioneer **Dr. Irving Townsend** celebrated his 100th birthday on Aug. 2. Irving is one of just a handful of park rangers alive who predate the 1916 establishment of the NPS and might very well be the oldest living park ranger. Family and friends gathered around Irving to commemorate his centennial on Aug. 5.

Irving cut a dashing figure in his NPS uniform as evidenced by a 1929 photograph of him available at www.nps.gov/pub_aff/refdesk/100thBirthday.jpg. He is a link to the early days of the Service. He began his career as a seasonal park ranger at Yosemite in 1929 and remembers patrolling the park via motorcycle,

arrival that many of the ancient structures were in dire need of stabilization and repair. Three kivas and 39 rooms had been undermined by extensive water damage; many roofs, including the Great Kiva's, leaked and some had exposed roof timbers; and several walls had collapsed. Irving undertook the construction of a complex deep trench drainage system to protect the resource. The 17-month-long task was hampered by mechanical breakdowns, labor shortages and cave-ins. Irving even operated some of the heavy equipment himself to successfully complete the elaborate project.

Irving was a pilot and traveled by plane to keep in touch with family members when separated by work. He



Townsend Family Photo

DR. IRVING TOWNSEND receives a birthday gift from the NPS presented by Cabrillo NM Supt. Terry DiMattio during Irving's 100th birthday party on Aug. 5.

horseback or skis, depending on the season. Some summers the family home was a tent along the Merced River. Housing was even an issue when he was named superintendent of Aztec Ruins NM in 1944. He recounts, "Our house was not ready when we arrived at Aztec.... We ate out of a tent that was placed somewhere back of the museum...."

Many of Irving's favorite memories are from the years he spent as a seasonal in Yosemite. He spent seven years as a temporary employee before obtaining his first permanent NPS position at Hot Springs NP in 1936. The following year, he transferred to the newly created Boulder Dam NRA in Nevada. He returned to Hot Springs NP as the chief ranger in 1939, becoming superintendent of Aztec Ruins NP in 1944.

Irving made a lasting impact at Aztec Ruins NM. He discovered upon

and his family also loved road trips. His son said, "I believe that we toured every national park and monument in the western United States."

Irving remained at Aztec Ruins NM until 1953 when he retired from the NPS to pursue a teaching career. He received his MA and ED from the University of New Mexico. He taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Albuquerque and became dean of the graduate school before retiring from his second career in 1973.

Throughout his life, Irving has continued to explore different parts of the country and the world, including trips to Australia, Europe, Libya, Japan, Russia and Africa. He now resides near San Diego, Calif. and fondly recalls his time in the ranger ranks, saying "The 20 years I spent with the NPS were most inspiring—I always tried to do my best for the Service." ■

Bomar Named Director

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Center opened in the park on Independence Mall as part of the largest urban revitalization project in the nation.

Also during her tenure, the NPS reopened the park's Second Bank of the United States after a two-year utilities project and installed a new exhibit, "The People of Independence." Concurrently, the park managed a \$5.2 million rehabilitation of Independence Square, the site of Independence Hall. Spurred by the

new construction, park visitation surged by 35 percent.

Previously, Mary Bomar served as the first superintendent at Oklahoma City N MEM, the first NPS Oklahoma State Coordinator, acting superintendent at Rocky Mountain NP and assistant superintendent at San Antonio Missions NHP. Her NPS career began in the financial arena at Amistad NRA, where she served as chief of administration. Prior to joining the NPS, she worked in a managerial capacity at the Department of Defense. Raised in Leicester, England, Bomar became a U.S. citizen in 1977. ■

Requiescat in Pace

Kenton Russell “Kenny” Acord, 36, June 30, at home in Flagstaff, Ariz., following a year-long battle with cancer.

Kenny was first employed at Navajo NM as an archeological technician in a student career employment position in 2004. Upon completion of his master’s thesis in May 2005, in which he earned top honors, he was converted to a permanent archeologist position for the monument. Two months later, he was diagnosed with biliary cancer.

Kenny was a photographer, an outdoors enthusiast and loved music, reading and sports. He is survived by his partner, DeeAnn Tracy; parents, Bobby and Anna Acord; and his sister and her husband, Leanna and “Chip” Willard. Donations in his memory may be made in his name to Johns Hopkins University for Biliary Cancer Research, c/o Dr. Pedram Argani, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Weinberg Bldg./Room 2242, 401 N. Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231-2410.



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STANLEY ALBRIGHT

E&AA Life Member **Stanley “Stan” T. Albright**, 74, Aug. 18, in West Linn, Oreg., after a long illness.

Stan is the nephew of Horace Albright who, with Stephen Mather, founded the NPS in 1916. He devoted 42 years to the NPS. Following service in the army during the Korean War, Stan graduated with a biology degree from UCLA in 1958. His first job out of college was at Inyo National Forest. Throughout his early career, he worked on the ski patrol in Yosemite NP; was a park ranger at Devils Postpile NM and at Hawaii Volcanoes NP; managed the business and concessions management aspect of Grand Canyon NP; was the superintendent of Bandelier NM; and served as associate regional director for Operations in the Pacific Northwest Region.

By the 1970’s, Stan was shepherding the planning process for new parks and land management in Alaska as the state director. He left Alaska to accept the donation of the valley and mountain area known as Mineral King for Sequoia NP and served as the superintendent for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in the mid 70’s. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1977 as the associate director for Management and Operations, and returned west in time to dedicate Great Basin NP in 1987. He served as the western regional director, stationed in the San Francisco Bay Area, for 10 years as the park budgets flattened, the call for more parks mirroring the face of a diverse America sounded and the California Desert Protection Act passed creating Death Valley NP, as well as Mojave N PRES and Joshua Tree NP. He also developed relationships with park

systems in Japan, China and Italy, traveling to those places to sign agreements and create opportunities for rangers.

In 1997, Stan moved to the Yosemite Valley as Yosemite NP superintendent to begin the planning process to rehabilitate the visitor services. He retired in 2000.

Stan is survived by his wife, Kristine; his son, Sean; her son, Jon Finney; his sister, Dawn Howard; and nephews and a niece. Donations may be made to the Stanley T. Albright Scholarship at Yosemite Institute, which will be used to bring underserved youth to the parks, (www.yni.org) and the Willamette Falls Hospice in Oregon City, Oreg.

E&AA Life Member **Troy F. Carr**, 79, June 26, at Baptist Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Troy retired from the NPS in 1985 as chief of maintenance for Great Smoky Mountains NP (1974 to 1985). He had a variety of assignments with the NPS over his 40-year career, which began at Natchez Trace PKWY and included the old Eastern Office of Design and Construction and the Denver Service Center supervising construction in the field. He also worked at parks including Yellowstone NP, Grand Teton NP, Virgin Islands NP, Shiloh NMP, Blue Ridge PKWY, Acadia NP, Everglades NP, Ozark NSR and Cape Hatteras NS.

Following his retirement from the NPS, Troy worked for 21 years with Balock Construction Company, retiring in March 2006. His civic service included 27 years as chairman of the Pigeon Forge Planning Commission.

Troy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lorene Taylor Carr, and extended family. For information on the designated charity, visit www.atchleyfuneralhome.com (click on “Obituaries”).

E&AA Life Member **C. Gordon Fredine**, 96, Aug. 8, of cancer, at home in Bethesda, Md.

Gordon was a wildlife conservationist with the NPS. He graduated in 1932 from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., where he earned a B.S. in biology. He did graduate work in zoology at the University of Minnesota from 1932 to 1935, and was an assistant professor of wildlife at Purdue University in the 1940’s.

Gordon began with the NPS in the summer of 1934 at Yellowstone NP, where he was a seasonal ranger-naturalist. From 1943 to 1946, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. His first permanent NPS appointment was in 1955 as principal naturalist-biologist for the NPS in Washington, D.C. Subsequent positions, all in Washington, D.C., included principal park planner, (1960 to 1962); chief, Division of Extension Services, (1962 to 1964); and chief, Division of International Affairs, (1964 to 1971), retiring in 1973 as staff director, Second World Conference on National Parks. He received the DOI’s Distinguished Service Award.

Gordon is survived by Edith, his wife of 72 years; two children, Jack Fredine and Patricia Ann Narro; and four grandchildren.

Arthur J. “Art” Hayes, 80, March 12, in Reno, Nev., after a 20-year battle with myolitis, a muscle virus.

Art served as a marine in WWII in the South Pacific and was called back to the Marine Corps in Korea and fought as one of the Chosin Few at the Chosin Reservoir. He attended Colorado A&M

in Fort Collins, where he studied veterinary medicine.

While in college, Art’s career with the NPS began at Grand Teton NP as a seasonal park ranger at Moran Junction. In 1956, he became a permanent ranger at Yellowstone NP. He spent several summers at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and at Larmer Ranger Station during the winters.

In 1963, Art was promoted to chief ranger at Lava Beds NM. In 1965, he became chief ranger at Mount McKinley NP. One of his duties was to use his veterinary medicine skills to keep the sled dogs in good health. He flew with the famous bush pilot Don Sheldon to patrol the park for poachers and mountain climbing accidents. In 1968, Art received a transfer to Joshua Tree NM as chief ranger. In 1972, he was chosen to start a law enforcement division for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Riverside, Calif., and then moved to Reno, Nev. with the BLM in 1982. Art retired from the DOI in 1990 after 41 years.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rosalie, and daughters Connie Hohmann and Kathleen Schori and their spouses, as well as four grandchildren.

Audrey Justis, 81, June 7, in Mountain Home, Ark.

Audrey was a longtime employee of Buffalo NR who worked as the ranger activities clerk and later as a personnel clerk from 1983 until her retirement in 1997. Prior to joining the NPS, she began her career with the Civil Service Commission in 1944, followed by positions at the Veterans Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the USDA Forest Service and a return to the Corps.

Audrey continued to volunteer at the park up until a month before her death, contributing a total of 4,739.5 hours. She was often recognized for her volunteer efforts.

Jack D. MacDonald, 76, May 12.

Jack was the former chief appraiser for the Division of Land Resources, Western Region. During his 25-year career with the NPS as a staff and chief appraiser from 1970 to 1995, over 3,000,000 acres were added to park units in the former Western Region. He was actively involved in securing and reviewing appraisals for the majority of the properties that were acquired during this period of park expansion. In particular, Jack made significant contributions to the land acquisition efforts at Kaloko-Honokohau NHP, Haleakala NP and Golden Gate NRA.

Jack served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Korean War. He was an avid golfer, a Mason and a member of the Elks Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and daughter, Kristy.

Steven P. Medley, 55, Oct. 5, in a single vehicle automobile accident, while traveling to work in Yosemite NP.

Steve has served as president of the Yosemite Association since 1985. During his time at the association, he edited and produced over 50 publications. Many of his books have been recognized with awards and his *Complete Guidebook to Yosemite* has sold almost 100,000 copies.

Prior to joining the Yosemite Association, Steve worked as an attorney in private practice and also worked for the NPS as a park naturalist, research librarian and museum curator. Overall, he worked in the park for 35 years.

Steve received a B.A. in film and

broadcast from Stanford University, a master of library science from the University of Oregon and a law degree from the J.D. King School of Law at the University of California at Davis.

Steve is survived by his wife, Jane, and three sons, Andy, Joe and Charlie. Donations made to the Yosemite Association in Steve’s memory will be designated by the board of trustees for uses that honor his legacy of stewardship for Yosemite NP.

Mollie M. O’Kane, 84, July 4, in Olympia, Wash., following surgery.

Mollie was the wife of E&AA Life Member David O’Kane. They married in 1953, and they started with a honeymoon tour surveying the Canyon Campground at Yellowstone NP that summer.

When the Washington Office of Design and Construction was formed in San Francisco in late 1954, David became a civil engineer and his first assignment was at Yellowstone NP. From here, Mollie accompanied David through 71 different NPS areas, several more than twice, serving as a volunteer. She worked a summer in the Grand Canyon Post Office and a winter in the Lake Mead headquarters.



David O'Kane

MOLLIE O’KANE

Then there were VIP tours at Grand Canyon and Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, plus managing libraries in Shadow Mountain, Colo., Grand Canyon and Yosemite. She was also co-editor of the Grand Canyon *Calliope* in the late sixties.

David retired from the NPS as civil engineer for the PNRO in Seattle in 1986 and the couple had the opportunity to travel to the U.K, France, New Zealand and throughout the U.S. David did NPS construction projects until 2001 and Mollie continued volunteer work.

Donations in Mollie’s memory may be made to PC/C.A.R.E. (Panorama City/Convalescent and Rehabilitation Enrichment—a volunteer nonprofit group—c/o David at 2210 Beta Street, S.E., Lacey, WA 98503.

John Osborne, 48, Aug. 4, due to being struck by a vehicle, while attempting to cross Highway 101 near Salinas, Calif.

The accident occurred after 9 p.m. and John was pronounced dead at the scene. John was a maintenance employee in buildings and utilities at Pinnacles NM. He spent 16 years at Pinnacles and a total of 23 years in federal service, including time at Point Reyes NS and Lassen Volcanic NP and in the U.S. Marine Corps.

E&AA Member **Dale Scheier**, 56, June 17, unexpectedly.

Dale was chief of facility management

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and ranching at Lyndon B. Johnson NHP. He worked for the NPS for over 30 years, having served as facility manager at Wind Cave NP and Fort Davis NHS, in addition to tours in maintenance, interpretive and protection positions at Great Sand Dunes NP & PRES, Pipe Springs NM, Sequoia NP, Joshua Tree NM, Walnut Canyon NM and Grand Canyon NP.

Dale was a second-generation NPS employee and was a graduate of Northern Arizona University and FLETC. He served in the U.S. Army as a medical corpsman in Vietnam and was the recipient of numerous NPS achievement awards, including sharing in several IMR Garrison Gold awards for excellence in interpretation. He provided leadership for many years as a member of the IMR maintenance advisory group.

Condolences may be sent to the Scheier family in care of Dale's wife, Patrice Scheier, at 214 Meadowlakes Drive, Marble Falls, TX 78654.

Leo G. Willette, 78, July 30, following a long illness.

Leo retired from the NPS Radio and Television Office of Public Affairs. He

worked with the NPS for 20 years. Leo served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and graduated from the University of Alabama. He then became a reporter and feature writer for the *Birmingham News*. He later became TV news director for WBRC-TV, Birmingham and news director for WLOS-TV, Asheville. From 1961 to 1965, he was a staff announcer on WWL-TV in New Orleans before joining the NPS.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Hannah Elizabeth; son, Leo James Willette; daughters, Linda Cecile Cuthbert and Rebecca Diene Robins; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Donations in his memory may be made to the Foothills Humane Society, P.O. Box 126, Tryon, NC 28782.

Kirby Yocum, 24, Aug. 31, in a car accident.

Kirby worked as a seasonal fee collector in the entrance station at Halls Crossing at Glen Canyon NRA. This was his first job with the NPS. The accident took place around 3 a.m., when Kirby and friends were returning to Halls Crossing after a weekend trip to Aspen, Colo. The vehicle rolled over at a steep curve on Utah Highway 95 near Blanding. Kirby was riding in the passenger seat. ■

Future of America's National Parks

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recreation, learning and personal renewal, national parks must endure."

In his message, the president wrote: "Americans take great pride in our country's natural and historic treasures, and the National Park Service plays an important role in ensuring our rich heritage is preserved and enjoyed for generations to come."

The president continued, "I call on all Americans to help in these efforts and to enhance our parks as we get ready for the National Park Service's centennial celebration." He further encouraged the NPS to invite and receive suggestions from those who desire to preserve the scenic, cultural, historical, geological and recreational values of our national parks.

"We are calling this effort the National Park Centennial Challenge," said Kempthorne.

During the last five years under the leadership of President Bush, the NPS has built a strong foundation of improving parks, with 6,000 park improvements completed or underway. The president requested that the NPS fur-

ther improve national parks during the next decade leading up to the 2016 centennial celebration. He requested that in the development of performance goals, the NPS integrate the assessments of the past five years used in monitoring natural resources and improving the condition of park facilities.

At Yellowstone, the grand opening of the new facility marked the first major visitor center development in the park in three decades. Its state-of-the-art, interactive exhibits will help visitors learn about and understand the geology of Yellowstone and the "Supervolcano" that lies beneath.

The center will serve more than 600,000 visitors a year. Some \$8.6 million of the \$10.5 million used to fund the project came from entrance fees collected from the 20 million people who visited the park between 1997 and 2005. More than \$1 million was donated by the Yellowstone Association. Other important contributors to the project include the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation and Canon U.S.A., Inc. ■

NPS and Portland State University Partner for Field School



NPS Photo by Sarah Shine

THE INAUGURAL PUBLIC HISTORY FIELD SCHOOL at Fort Vancouver NHS included Portland State University graduate students (pictured left to right) Libby Mendenhall, Val Ballestrem, Tony Summers, Dane Bevan, Duane Barringer and Greg Shine, PSU course instructor.

This past spring, the first Public History Field School began at Fort Vancouver NHS. The school is a partnership program between Portland State University (PSU) and the NPS through the park's Northwest Cultural Resource Institute (NCRI). Throughout April, May and June, graduate students at PSU earned course credits in an exciting new hands-on program.

The upper-division course, available to graduate students in the PSU public history program, was designed to build on the context of their introductory coursework by providing a focused, hands-on immersion into how history is promulgated by one of the leading stewards of the nation's history—the NPS. For 11 weeks at Fort Vancouver NHS, these graduate students actively applied knowledge gained through group discussion, directed readings, research, practical exercises, peer review and class instruction to crafting programs for the public.

Throughout the course, students

worked within the NPS Interpretive Development Plan (IDP), the leading program for the professionalization of historical interpretation. IDP was created to help park rangers develop effective interpretive skills to facilitate meaningful visitor experiences and encourage stewardship of park resources.

"This program is incredibly exciting," explained Fort Vancouver NHS Supt. Tracy Fortmann, "and is a first for the site. It builds on the strong tradition of the site as a regional learning and research center. Along with the site's highly regarded Archaeology Field School, this new Public History Field School demonstrates the site's leadership in cultural resource stewardship."

With the vision, guidance and support of Dr. William Lang, professor of history at PSU, the course was designed by Greg Shine, the park's chief ranger and historian and an adjunct faculty member at PSU. Greg also serves as the course's instructor.

"Greg Shine has crafted a program that provides students with a superior working

knowledge of professional work opportunities in history outside of academia," said Dr. Doug Wilson, the reserve archaeologist, associate professor at PSU and director of the Northwest Cultural Resources Institute. "[The students] have developed in-depth knowledge, via a case-study format, of how history-based programming is created and presented to the public at a unit of the National Park System. They also received practical training one would not normally receive in the traditional history classroom setting."

The class culminated at the park's annual Brigade Encampment special event in June. "For their final project, the students developed an interpretive talk and presented it to the public as part of Brigade Encampment," noted Greg. "Instead of sitting inside taking a traditional final exam, the students had a final presentation that the public could observe! We encouraged the pub-

lic to visit Fort Vancouver on the day of the event to see the future of historical interpretation—which is what these students and their programs represented."

Fort Vancouver's Public History Field School has gained notoriety throughout the Pacific Northwest, as well as the National Park System. It is also aiding the establishment of similar programs in other NPS units. "I've received requests from interested NPS managers at parks as diverse as Stones River NB, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve and Martin Van Buren NHS, and I'm happy to share our experiences and help craft similar programs," exclaimed Greg. "National parks are ideal sites for programs like this, and I hope that more NPS units are able to partner in a similar fashion with academia in the future." The Field School is scheduled to resume again in spring 2007. ■

Anza Trail Foundation Receives Donation

The Juan Bautista de Anza NHT began as a sinuous line on a historian's map. Support from trail partners is turning that line into a continuous trail on the ground. With southern Arizona's huge development boom, now is the time to ensure the trail is incorporated into county plans and becomes a part of housing developments. Many developers see the value of a historic tie to the area's past. One company that understands this is Pulte Homes.

On June 2, Pulte Homes donated \$10,000 to the Anza Trail Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation that supports work on the Anza Trail. The money will help create a volunteer group in Pinal County and create interpretive exhibits, which will help the NPS keep pace with the fast-growing population and developments planned for Pinal County.

Pulte worked with County Commis-

sioner Mary Aguirre-Vogler, the sole Pinal County member of the Anza Trail Coalition (ATC). She knows that Pinal is one of the fastest growing counties in Arizona and wants to make sure the developers know about the historic trail. An important part of the Anza Trail management strategy is establishing a trail on the ground with the cooperation of the developers building near the trail corridor.

Pulte Homes' Red Rock Village community, near Picacho Peak State Park, is a planned development that will include a two-mile recreation trail through the area. The NPS Anza Trail staff will help provide interpretive signs about the Anza Expedition along the trail. Many of the streets will feature names from people who joined Anza.

—Jeff Axel, Park Ranger,
Juan Bautista de Anza NHT

New Places & Faces

Treff Alexander, from landscape architect technician, Glacier NP, to project specialist/field landscape architect, Transportation Division, Denver Service Center.

Scott Brown, from chief ranger, Devils Tower NM, to chief ranger, Capitol Reef NP.

Sandy Corbett, from associate regional director, Northeast Region, to deputy superintendent, Boston NHP.

Nathaniel M. Deutsch, to chief, Office of Human Resources, WASO.

George Dickson, from team manager, Geographic Information Systems and Information Resources, Alaska Region, to director, Natural Resource Program Center, NPS.

Joe Davis, from maintenance worker supervisor, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, to elevator mechanic, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Judy Forte, from acting superintendent, to superintendent, Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS.

Meg Hahr, from natural resource program manager, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, to ecologist, Kenai Fjords NP.

Denise A. Henderson, from human resources assistant, Valley Forge NHP, to human resources specialist, Employee Relations, Independence NHP.



CHUCK HUNT

Chuck Hunt, from management assistant, Big Thicket N PRES, to superintendent, Fort Davis NHS.

J.D. Lee, from chief ranger, Gulf Islands NS, to regional chief ranger, Intermountain Region.

Greg Litten, from North Rim assistant district interpreter, Grand Canyon NP, to park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Jason Lott, from program manager for resources management, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, to superintendent, Casa Grande Ruins NM.

Marie Marek, from chief of interpretation and visitor services, Nez Perce NHP, to chief of interpretation and education, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Mark Mendonca, from supervisory forestry technician, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to prescribed fire specialist, Big Cypress NP.

Roger Moder, from superintendent, Navajo NM, to superintendent, National Park of American Samoa.

Tara Morrison, from project manager, African Burial Ground Technical Assistance Project and special assistant to Deputy Director Don Murphy, WASO, to superintendent, African Burial Ground NM.

Monica Norval, to project specialist, Design and Construction Division's Western Team, Denver Service Center.

Barry Oost, from visitor use assistant, Grand Canyon NP, to park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

James Perry, from superintendent, Fort

Stanwix NM, to museum curator and Jamestown site manager, Colonial NHP.

David Roemer, from GIS specialist/biologist, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to biologist, Bryce Canyon NP.

Jerry Simpson, to assistant director, Human Capital, NPS.

Gary Somers, from chief of natural and cultural resources, Shenandoah NP, to superintendent, Nez Perce NHP.

Tracy Swartout, from leader of the NPS Business Management Group, Office of the Comptroller, WASO, to superintendent, Congaree NP.

Virginia Tavarez, from maintenance worker, Guadalupe Mountains NP, to work leader, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Dave Thomas, from park guide, to park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

David M. Verhey, from associate solicitor, Division of Parks and Wildlife, DOI, to deputy assistant secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, DOI.

John R. "Russ" Whitlock, from chief of staff for NPS Director Fran Mainella, WASO, to superintendent, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP. ■

Groundbreaking Held for New Little Rock Central High School NHS Visitor Center

Arkansas Senator Mark Pryor and Congressman Vic Snyder joined Midwest Regional Deputy Director David Given, Little Rock Central High School NHS Supt. Mike Madell and others on May 20 in the ceremonial groundbreaking for Little Rock Central High School NHS's (CHSC) new permanent visitor center. Two of the Little Rock Nine, the nine African-American students who desegregated Central High in 1957, also attended the ceremony.

The NPS partnered with the City of Little Rock for the groundbreaking and commemoration of the 500-day countdown for the 50th anniversary of the school's desegregation in 1957. The city's 50th Anniversary Commission, made up of volunteer representatives from the community, is planning events to coincide with the anniversary.

As part of the ceremony, Howard Hurst, president of Tipton Hurst florists (the company that originally owned the property where the new facility will be constructed) donated 500 flowering plants to InnerCity Future Net, a neighborhood organization that works to transform vacant lots in the area into community garden spaces.

The new CHSC visitor center will provide significantly expanded space for interpretive and educational programming, special events, the storage and preservation of historic archives and museum objects and work areas for NPS staff. "This is going to be a state-of-the-art facility where visitors can learn about the stories of the Little Rock Nine, the desegregation crisis and civil rights," said Supt. Madell.

Visitation at the current visitor center has more than doubled since 2001 (the year the NPS assumed operation of the

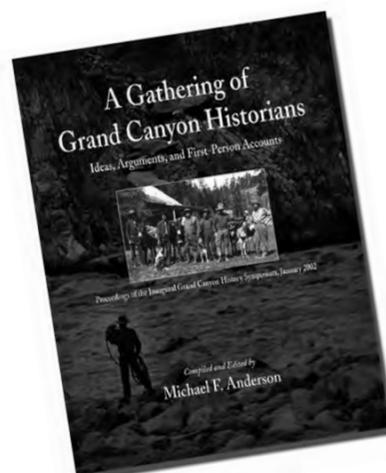
visitor center) from 21,084 to 44,293 in 2005. The new visitor center will have about 3,000 square feet of exhibit space, almost six times more space than the current visitor center, to accommodate the high increase in visitation and adequate exhibit space to interpret more of the stories related to the 1957 desegregation crisis and civil rights.

"The visitor center will not only provide for enhanced learning opportunities, it will also function as a gateway to the neighborhood. This historic site is unique in that it includes a still functioning high school, and is within a living neighborhood," said Supt. Madell. "We want visitors to walk the sidewalks and to reflect on the events and emotions that filled the school and neighborhood just 50 years ago."

The new visitor center is designed to be environmentally friendly and energy efficient. A primary energy-saving feature of the building will be a ground-source heat pump mechanical system. This system will use the earth as a source of heating and cooling—no fossil fuels will be consumed for these purposes. Outside the building, the landscape will consist of species that are primarily native, drought tolerant varieties that tend to require less maintenance. Water will be applied with an efficient irrigation system.

Construction of the new visitor center began this summer. The grand opening is anticipated in September 2007, which will mark the 50th anniversary commemoration of the desegregation of Central High School. The new visitor center's opening in 2007 will allow the NPS to convert the current visitor center, which is housed in the historic Mobil Gas Station, into an education center. ■

Off the Press



A Gathering of Grand Canyon Historians: Ideas, Arguments, and First-Person Accounts

Compiled and edited by Michael F. Anderson
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In January 2002, nearly 200 historians, witnesses to history, park employees and others with a passion for Grand Canyon history gathered on the South Rim for the inaugural Grand Canyon History Symposium. The resulting presentations, discussions and storytelling sessions generated lively discussions among the attendees.

In an effort to bring the ideas, arguments and first-person accounts from that event to a larger audience, historian Michael F. Anderson, Ph.D., assembled *A Gathering of Grand Canyon Historians*, a collection of essays based on the presentations at the history sym-

posium. The book will challenge your thinking, while filling your mind with miners, historic boats, CCC laborers and tourists who traveled to the canyon more than a century ago. It will fascinate anyone interested in the history of the Southwest and of America's national parks.

A Gathering of Grand Canyon Historians can be ordered by calling 1 (800) 858-2808, ext. 7030 or visit www.grandcanyon.org.

Mall-hopping with the Great I AM

By Ed Zahniser
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E&AA Life Member Ed Zahniser is the senior writer/editor with Media Services at Harpers Ferry Center. This is his third full-length book of poems.

The book's narrator goes to shopping malls, discount stores and other venues with YHWH, God, the Unpronounceable, El Shaddai, the Lord. Both narrator and companion speak throughout the series of poems. "God has mixed feelings about how Creation plays out," Ed says of the poems, "and as you might imagine expresses those feelings in various voices." The book's endnotes identify quotations, allusions and biblical references in the poems that may not be familiar to readers.

Mall-Hopping with the Great I AM can be ordered by check or money order from: Somondoco Press, P.O. Box 190, 952 Frederick Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Make checks payable to Somondoco Press. (Md. and W.Va. residents please add applicable sales tax.). The book is also available at www.Amazon.com. ■

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON NHP EMPLOYEES with the "Safety Chain" they made as part of their participation in the NPS safety stand down this past spring. Park Ranger Alison Bullington (front row, fourth from the left) developed this idea, which emphasizes that park safety is only as strong as the weakest link. The chain enabled each employee to write their thoughts about safe practices on the job or at home on each individual link, thereby keeping safety in the forefront of everyone's mind. The park received a Certificate of Achievement from former NPS Director Fran Mainella on June 30 in recognition of one year of operation without an employee lost time injury in 2005.

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