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FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope the holidays bring a true season of joy for everyone in the National Park Service family. I know I see much to be thankful for in our professional lives.



I recently celebrated my first anniversary as director, and during the past year have seen the start of a new era for our parks. There is enthusiasm and determination at all levels, from park staffs to the White House, for maximizing the potential in the National Park Service Centennial Initiative.

Last January, the concept of Centennial listening sessions was just being formulated. By April, it was complete. By Memorial Day, we had made our initial report and proposal to the President. Founder's Day saw the release of our first formal project list. October saw the Leadership Summit in Austin bringing together many of the most creative minds and pragmatic managers in modern American philanthropy working on ways to convert plans to action. Kudos to Vin Cipolla, the board and staff of the National Park Foundation for what they accomplished!

It has not been all-Centennial, all-the-time. The year 2007 has also seen an upswing in park visits and completion of important facilities such as the memorial at the African Burial Ground National Monument and the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center at Grand Teton National Park. It has also been a year of rapidly building momentum to stimulate a sedentary generation, to restore children to outdoor living, and to connect with new audiences who should be visitors and participants.

Everywhere I turn, I see opportunity and optimism—and people eager to build on both!

I'm grateful to every one of you. But I must single out one individual for my special thanks. Eastern National President Chesley Moroz has stepped forward time and again to support our parks. When the National Park Service wanted to start a newsletter for employees, Chesley and Eastern National stepped up to the plate. As a superintendent and as a regional director, I knew that whenever I called, Chesley would be there for our parks.

Although she is stepping down in January, I must remind her of my adage about the National Park Service family—just like a family, you can move on, but you never really leave. You are in our hearts forever.

To all of you, employees, alumni and friends of our Service, thank you for a great first year. May you, your families and your friends have a wonderful holiday season!

—Mary Bomar

Little Rock Central High School NHS Commemorates Desegregation Anniversary



Tami A. Hellemann, DOI

THE LITTLE ROCK NINE with NPS Director Mary Bomar (far left), Congressman John Lewis (second man from left) and Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne (far right) at the 50th anniversary commemoration of the desegregation of Central High School and dedication of the new visitor center at Little Rock Central High School NHS.

By *Quantia Fletcher, Park Guide, Little Rock Central High School NHS*

On September 24, Little Rock Central High School NHS commemorated

the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Central High School with a dedication ceremony for the grand opening of a new visitor center. In 1957, Little Rock, Ark. was at the center of the media spotlight as

nine students, later known as the Little Rock Nine, attempted to integrate formerly all-white Central High School. Little Rock was thrust on the front of newspapers and televisions across the world. People watched and read about nine young black Americans being denied their rights to equal education by then Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus. At his command, Arkansas National Guardsmen surrounded the school to prevent the students from entering. Pictures flashed around the globe of the black students being taunted, threatened and spat on by a mob of segregationist protestors.

The Little Rock Nine were kept out of Central High School for almost three weeks. It took the force of the U.S. Army under the orders of President Dwight Eisenhower to escort the nine students into the halls of Central High School. The nine students endured a long and turbulent year filled with harassment and

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New Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center Dedicated at Grand Teton NP

Supt. Mary Gibson Scott and the staff of Grand Teton NP hosted nearly 1,000 people at an outdoor dedication ceremony on Aug. 11 to officially open the new Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center. Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, NPS Director Mary Bomar and U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) served as honored guest speakers.

Each speaker offered words of praise and congratulations to the park's partners—the Grand Teton National Park Foundation and the Grand Teton Association—and their boards of directors and generous donors, who helped make this public-private partnership effort such a

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Grand Teton NP

NPS DIRECTOR MARY BOMAR addresses the audience at the dedication ceremony for Grand Teton NP's new Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center.

Homestead National Monument of America Opens New Homestead Heritage Center

By *Todd Arrington, Historian, Homestead National Monument of America*

On May 20, Homestead National Monument of America celebrated the opening of the new Homestead Heritage Center. The new facility serves as the monument's main visitor center and museum and features modern interpretive exhibits explaining the impacts of the Homestead Act of 1862. May 20 was specifically chosen as the date for the opening since it was the 145th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln signing the Homestead Act.

Approximately 1,000 people attended the dedication ceremony. Distinguished

speakers at the event included NPS Midwest Region Director Ernest Quintana, Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman, Nebraska First Congressional District Representative Jeff Fortenberry and Nebraska U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel. Also included in the ceremony were readings of recollections of African-American homesteaders by Angela Bates. Laura Maricle, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln sophomore and homesteader descendant, spoke of the Homestead Act's meaning to her family and ancestors. Marvin Diamond, chairman of the Native American Church of the Otoe-Missouria tribe of Oklahoma, provided a blessing and

spoke briefly of American Indian displacement that resulted from the Homestead Act and other federal land policies. Lauren Riedesel, president of the Friends of Homestead, talked about the monument and the Friends' work over the past decade to make the Heritage Center a reality. Supt. Mark Engler served as master of ceremonies and called the dedication, "a great day for the monument, for southeast Nebraska and for the American people and all who seek knowledge and information about the vast changes initiated by the Homestead Act of 1862."

The building, which features a very

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Focus on the Parks

• A summary digest of over 200 letters dating from 1776 through 1923 and written by U.S. Supreme Court Justices is now posted on **Morristown NHP's** website at www.nps.gov/morr (look on the home page under "Lloyd W. Smith Collection"). Lloyd, an avid collector of antiquarian books and manuscripts, willed his substantial collection to the park, which received it upon his death in 1955.

"Many of the letters pre- or post-date the Justices' terms and reflect their political and personal opinions on a wide-range of issues," said Jude Pfister, chief of Cultural Resources. "As a result, the collection adds a distinctly personal voice to this nation's legal history. While these manuscripts have long been a part of the National Park Service's Lloyd W. Smith Collection, this is the first time that correspondence from the Supreme Court Justices has been summarized and made public." For further information about the Supreme Court Justice digest or the Lloyd W. Smith Collection, contact Jude at jude_pfister@nps.gov.

• **New River Gorge NR** is conducting a phase one archeological investigation of the Dowdy Creek uplands to inventory and analyze the spatial patterns of its pre-historic archeological sites. Previous archeological studies (Fuerst 1981; Burdin 2004; Pollack and Crothers 2005) indicate that uplands sites in and around the park are associated with specific slope, landform, drainage and rock exposure attributes, and that the correlations between these environmental variables and prehistoric site locations can be used to predict and explain local and regional settlement patterns. The knowledge gained from this study will assist planning efforts of the park and the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and may provide a model for predicting upland archeological site locations in parks elsewhere in the NPS Northeast Region. For further information, contact the park's archeologist and historian, David Fuerst, at david_fuerst@nps.gov.

• **Ka Ho'ola'a o Na Ali'i**, the ceremony of investiture of Hawai'i's Royal Court, took place Aug. 25 at the summit of Kilauea volcano in **Hawai'i Volcanoes NP**. The annual event marks the beginning of Aloha Festivals, a six island celebration of music, dance and history intended to preserve Hawaiian culture.

The investiture rightly occurs at high noon, when the sun is directly overhead and no shadows are cast. The ali'i nui (royalty) and their entourage gather on the rim of Halema'uma'u crater, home of Pele-honua-mea, Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes. Here, the king, queen, prince and princess don their symbols of chiefly status—ahu'ula (feather cloak), amahi'ole (feather-covered helmet) and lei hulu manu (feather lei). Traditionally, the yellow and red feathers of the islands' forest birds were especially prized.

The color and pageantry of the investiture contrast sharply with the harsh volcanic surroundings. Sulfur fumes envelop onlookers and hula dancers in bare feet step lightly over lava rock that is 50 percent silica, or glass. The sound of the pu (spiral sea shell) resonates as the royal procession passes. Its echo proclaims the start of another season of aloha. To learn more about Aloha Festivals, visit <http://alohafestivals.com/v3/index.jsp>.

• On June 24, **Steamtown NHS** hosted the 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Project, a joint effort of The Seeing Eye®, Inc. of Morristown, N.J. and Penn State Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. The mission of The Seeing Eye is to enhance the independence, dignity and self-confidence of blind people through the use of Seeing Eye dogs. It encompasses puppies bred for a special destiny; loving volunteers who nurture the pups for about a year; dedicated instructors who prepare the dogs for their life's work; and blind people who seek increased mobility, dignity, self-sufficiency and self-confidence with Seeing Eye dogs as their companions and guides. Three regional puppy clubs, "Paw Partners," "Pocono Guiding Pups" and "Pawsabilities," brought their canine charges to the park as part of the project, affording the puppies the opportunity to acclimate to loud sounds such as those heard among a historic steam locomotive and railroad rolling stock. For more information about the project, visit www.seeingeye.org.

• On July 14, in the Kinderhook Village square, a new bronze statue of President Martin Van Buren was unveiled. Funds for the statue were

Black-Footed Ferrets Return to Wind Cave NP

After a 30-year absence, black-footed ferrets, one of the rarest animals in North America, have returned to **Wind Cave NP**. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NPS employees released seven animals in the park on July 4. The animals were captured in the Conata Basin near Wall, S.Dak. and transported to the park.

"It has been 30 years since the last sighting of a black-footed ferret in Wind Cave National Park," said Acting Supt. Rick Mossman. "We hope this is the start of a self-sustaining population that will restore a missing link to our mixed-grass prairie ecosystem."

The release follows the completion of an environmental assessment this spring that called for the reintroduction of approximately 20 to 25 black-footed ferrets annually for the next three to five years. The ferrets are being reintroduced under a permit issued under the Endangered Species Act that allows experimental reintroductions to occur within park boundaries and provides mechanisms to ensure that private property interests outside the park are not impacted.



Tom Farrell

WIND CAVE NP Biological Technician Barb Muenchau releases the first black-footed ferret from its artificial burrow into Wind Cave NP.

Management actions used to reintroduce ferrets and manage the prairie dog population will be consistent with the park's recently completed prairie dog management plan that limits prairie dogs to a range of 1,000 to 3,000 acres within the park. ■

raised by the Friends of Lindenwald (Van Buren named his estate "Lindenwald"), which donated the statue to Kinderhook Village. Eastern National was one of the early supporters of the project, which encouraged interest and donations from others and the eventual success of the project.

According to the president of the Friends group, Bob Worsfold, it is the

first-ever monument in the nation to honor the president who died in Kinderhook, N.Y. in 1862. The sculptor was Edward Hlavka of Saint George, Utah. **Martin Van Buren NHS** Supt. Dan Dattilio said, "this is a great accomplishment for the Friends of Lindenwald...and I am happy to see Kinderhook receive the national recognition that has so long been absent and that it so much deserves." ■



NPS photo by Morgan Smith

THE NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS and Dr. Hsing-Lih Chou present "Flying Rainbow-Ribbon Dance," a Chinese dance that brings good fortune. This was one of 14 performances by groups celebrating culture, history and diversity as part of Asia Pacific American Heritage Month at Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

In May, **Statue of Liberty NM** commemorated Asia Pacific American Heritage Month in New York City. This event demonstrated diversity and informed the public through wayside exhibits, participatory activities and cultural performances. The NPS was joined by over 140 volunteers who committed the time to show pride in their backgrounds and serve the public. Collaboration with the Asia Society, Thai Links, the Indo-American Arts Council and the New York Institute of Culture and the Arts provided information, films and performances to promote awareness of ethnicity and diversity.

Weekend events enhanced the information that was presented in interpre-

tive display. Displays at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island focused on the topics of liberty, immigration, assimilation and achievements of Americans from Asia and the Pacific Islands. Chinese calligraphy, Thai games and shadow-puppet-making activities were held to educate families. Fourteen groups from Chinatown and other New York and New Jersey communities presented cultural performances, including Japanese Taiko drumming, Filipino dance, Indian music and Chinese martial arts. Over 20,000 visitors viewed the events and the exhibits. Bonds were formed with visitors and the community that will make this annual celebration a tradition at the park. ■

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New Sutler's Store Exhibit Opens at Fort Laramie NHS

By Baird Todd, Museum Specialist,
Fort Laramie NHS

Fort Laramie NHS officially opened a new Sutler's Store exhibit to the public this past summer. First established in 1834 as a small fur trading post, Fort Laramie was purchased by the government in 1849 and grew to become the most important military post on the Northern Plains. Fort Laramie was abandoned in 1890 and sold at public auction. The NPS acquired the site in 1938.

The Fort Laramie Sutler's Store received its first shipment of goods in 1849 and served as social and economic center of the post for 41 years. In the 19th-century military, the sutler store played a role similar to the modern post exchange. Sutlers received political appointments to sell military and personal goods to soldiers on post. At Fort Laramie, the sutler also traded for furs with Native Americans, sold goods to westward immigrants and operated toll bridges, hay contracts and freighting services. The store carried diverse goods including trade beads, boot black, canned lobster and champagne. Customers included Kit Carson, Jim Bridger, William T. Sherman, Philip H. Sheridan, Spotted Tail and Red Cloud.

One of the first structures refurbished at Fort Laramie was the Post Sutler's Store. Designed in 1968, the exhibit represented the store as it stood in 1875. Minor changes made over 30 years resulted in an exhibit that represented the post's entire history. Since 1968, further documentation for the Sutler's Store has surfaced. The two most important documents are the John Dougherty Inventory of 1850 and the Seth Ward Ledger of 1866 - 1871. The Dougherty Inventory includes a complete store account and inventory for October of 1850, while the Ward Ledger includes some 550 pages of sales made at the Fort Laramie Sutler's Store from 1866 to 1871. In addition, NPS staff, volunteers and outside researchers compiled numerous accounts of the Sutler's Store and its contents from various primary sources over the last 30 years. These documents produced a record of the Sutler's Store that encompassed the peak of westward migration, the American Civil War and the 1851 and

1868 Treaty negotiations. This era also included the apex of the Fort Laramie Post Sutler under its most enduring and successful occupant, Seth E. Ward.

In 1994, NPS Historian Jerome A. Greene took up the task of using these primary sources in a new furnishing plan for the Fort Laramie Sutler's Store. The plan, approved in 2001, relied upon a much stronger body of primary source documentation than earlier work and provided a complete list of necessary artifacts with specific locations in the exhibit space. New, quality reproduction items would provide the majority of furnishings.

Funding for the new exhibit became available in 2005. Harpers Ferry Center (HFC) Curator Andrew Chamberlain began acquiring and producing items to stock the Sutler's Store. Until summer 2006, most of the work on the project was done by the staff of the HFC in West Virginia and Colorado. The staff at Fort Laramie began preparation for installation of the exhibit in August 2006.

The space used for the exhibit was the original Post Sutler's Store. This building, along with the Post Bachelors Officers' Quarters, is one of the two oldest, documented structures in the state of Wyoming. After nearly two weeks of packing and documentation by museum staff, the preservation crew at Fort Laramie set to completing 40 years of back maintenance.

On Sept. 11, 2006, Andy Chamberlain and Jerry Greene arrived at Fort Laramie NHS and unpacked and inventoried the new items with the help of Fort Laramie's Museum Aid Debra Parker. Because of the planning and effort that had gone into the 2001 furnishing plan, the actual installation of the exhibit proved to be fast and trouble free. Only a day and a half was required to place and arrange the over 1,000 items acquired for the exhibit.

All the work done in preparation for this exhibit was apparent in the final display. For the first time since 1890, the Fort Laramie Sutler's Store looks like a working store stocked with new items. More importantly, the Post Sutler's Store carries a stock of items from a specific era, the late 1850s and early 1860s, which is supported by a large body of primary source research. ■

Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center

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success. They also acknowledged the public service and unwavering support provided to the NPS by the late Senator Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.) who, throughout his political career, was a strong advocate for national parks in general and Grand Teton NP in particular. Senator Thomas not only secured the federal funding for this new visitor facility, he also consistently supported many other critical national park programs and projects across America. As a token of appreciation on behalf of the NPS, Director Bomar bestowed a special gift—a ranger flat hat—to Susan Thomas, the senator's wife. Mrs. Thomas then took the stage to thank everyone for the love and support that she

and her family have received since her husband passed away (see obituary listing on page 10).

The 22,000-square-foot visitor center's innovative architecture and interactive exhibits were designed to create a premiere facility to welcome visitors to Grand Teton NP. It will serve as a focal point to orient, educate and inspire visitors and to encourage people to form personal connections to the natural world and to contemplate the power of philanthropy and stewardship for America's iconic treasures and national heritage. The Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center is the park's first new visitor center in the past 30 years and is projected to serve the visiting public for the next 100 years. ■

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Kudos and Awards



RANDY FISHER

• On June 7, New River Gorge NR Park Ranger **Randy Fisher** received two special award citations, one from the West Virginia Legislature and one from West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin. Both awards recognized his role in saving the life of a man attempting suicide from the New River Gorge Bridge in September 2006.

"We are extremely proud of Randy's achievements, he is an outstanding ranger and we are fortunate to have him on our staff," said Gary Hartley, New River Gorge NR chief ranger. Randy was joined in the awards ceremony by Sergeant David Kinzer of the Fayetteville, W.Va. police department, who worked with Randy to first talk to, then subdue the man before he might have jumped to his death. Randy is also one of only a dozen NPS rangers who have been selected to serve on the NPS Ranger Honor Guard.

• On Aug. 30, in a ceremony in Washington, D.C., **Bob Mierendorf**, archeologist at North Cascades NP; **Johnnie Powell**, supervisor of the historic preservation crew at Denali NP & PRES; and **Alexa Roberts**, superintendent at Sand Creek Massacre NHS, each received the 2006 Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for Excellence in Cultural Resources Stewardship and Management for their lasting contributions toward preserving and relating the history of their respective parks. Beginning in 2005, Bob explored human prehistory at Cascade Pass, where he directed excavation and made several significant discoveries of nearly 9,000 years of human history at the site—the first documented well-stratified archeological site of its kind in the sub-alpine

environment of the northern Cascades range of Washington and British Columbia. Johnnie has proven himself to be excellent in troubleshooting problems in historic structures; explores better methods for addressing issues like accessibility, ventilation, infiltration, thermal performance and condensation; and his expertise has been tapped for projects elsewhere in the Alaska parks where the historic structures are similar to those at Denali, and skills are limited or non-existent. Alexa has been involved with the Sand Creek Massacre NHS from inception through establishment and dedication, nurturing relationships and coordinating partner involvement, facilitating cultural resource studies, planning for post-establishment public use and successfully negotiating the transfer of Tribal lands.

"Because of their work, we know more about nearly 9,000 years of human history in the northern Cascades range, we have better preserved the historic buildings at Denali and we have ensured that tribal perspectives have been well represented during the planning for and development of Sand Creek," said NPS Director Mary Bomar. The award was established in 1970 and is named for three well-respected, longtime NPS employees: historian Roy E. Appleman, historical architect Henry A. Judd and curator Ralph H. Lewis.

• **Liam Strain**, park ranger at Gateway NRA, received two Environmental Studies fellowships from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University. He completed the Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy Program, a graduate program at SIPA in management and policy analysis, which emphasizes practical skills and is enriched by ecological and planetary science, and received his degree on May 16. This graduate program emphasizes a hands-on approach and trains sophisticated public managers and policymakers from diverse backgrounds who apply innovative, systems-based thinking to environmental issues. This new 21st-century program emphasizes integrated thinking and learning so that graduates see beyond linear and fragmented approaches to coping with environmental problems. The goal is to cultivate a new profession that manages earth systems in more holistic ways that will ensure the long-term viability of life on our planet.

• On Sept. 22 and 23, officers from the Horse Mounted Unit of the United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.) competed at the North American Police Equestrian Championships held in Gaithersburg, Md. Officers from across the U.S. and Canada competed in uniform, equitation and obstacle divisions. Several officers of the U.S.P.P. Horse Mounted Unit competed against 105 riders from 29 federal, state and local police agencies across the country. Officer **Brandi Adamchik** was awarded third place in the uniform competition. Officer **Mariea Clowers** placed fifth and Sergeant **Robert Hartnett** placed seventh in the equitation competition.

The North American Police Equestrian Championships, formerly known as the Police Equestrian Competition, dates back to 1982, when Ralph Pfister, U.S.P.P. horse mounted officer, joined with other horse mounted officers to start their own competition. The goal was to highlight the skills of mounted police officers and the trust between the rider and the horse.

• On Aug. 14, NPS Deputy Director Dan Wenk presented **Kathy Ziegenfuss**, Denver Service Center (DSC) management analyst, and **Edie Ramey**, DSC chief, Information Management Division, each with the DOI Meritorious Service Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the man-

agement and protection of the resources of the NPS. The award was established by the DOI in 1948 and is the second-highest departmental honor award that can be granted to a career employee. The awards were presented during an all-employee meeting of Denver Service Center staff.

• **Jennifer Gonsalves**, chief of visitor services, New Bedford Whaling NHP, was awarded the 2006 Hospitality Award this past spring at the Massachusetts Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism. Jennifer was nominated by the Bristol County branch of the Southeastern Massachusetts Convention and Visitors Bureau for improving hospitality and visitor experiences and for her work in community collaborations to promote regional tourism in New Bedford.

• The 2007 Blue Ridge Parkway Employees and Alumni Association Employee of the Year Award was recently presented to Blue Ridge PKWY Highlands District Interpreter **Tina White**. The award was presented to Tina in appreciation for her accomplishments and ability to juggle multiple assignments and positions, while always maintaining a positive attitude. She was nominated for the award by her co-workers in the Highlands District and at park headquarters. ■



Richard Hobbs

THE FORT LARAMIE NHS Facility Management and Historic Preservation Divisions received the 2006 Intermountain Regional Director's Safety Award on May 22. The award reads: "2006 Intermountain Regional Director's Award Recognition for Outstanding Employee Safety and Health Leadership in promoting employee safety and culture change, developing a comprehensive Lead Paint Management Program and working for over five years without a lost time or DART (days away restricted tour) incident at Fort Laramie National Historic Site. Presented to Fort Laramie Facility Management and Historic Preservation Divisions." The Fort Laramie NHS maintenance and preservation crew are pictured left to right: Linda Richards, Mark Vigen, Gaihel Gilchrist, Brandon Lewis, Donald La Deaux, Travis Wolfe, Jerry Thompson, Terry Baker, Cheri Warner, Ray Holdbrooke, Jim Bowsher, Cindy Barth and Trenton Robinson. Not Pictured: Alvin Gabel, Kevin Haberman, Richard Hobbs and John Montoya.

In Appreciation of Those Who Do the "Dirty Jobs"

By *Josette Nassar, Secretary,
George Washington Memorial Parkway*

Ever feel like you are stuck in a dead-end job? Have you combed through the classifieds searching for your next calling? Just remember, whatever it is you do to make ends meet...it could be worse.

Wanted — Roadkill Collector: Must be able to work long hours in the outdoors in all conditions, braving oncoming traffic while picking up creatures of various sizes and breeds and in various states of decay. Benefits include working outdoors. Strong stomach a plus.

In the National Park Service (NPS), we encounter many different occupational

duties that deal with the great outdoors. But it's not all picnics and parades. The maintenance crew on the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) are a 65-member professional work force that performs the difficult and/or messy occupational duties—or "Dirty Jobs," which help make the parkway a better place. These workers give their all despite discomfort from exposure to the weather, crawling into claustrophobic crawlspaces, hazards (being bitten by mosquitoes and snakes, and dodging speeding traffic to maintain the roads and signs) or situations that are just plain disgusting (usually involving garbage and raw sewage).

The "Dirty Jobs" are often forgotten in the Park System.

On one particular day, I followed a road crew as they picked up dead critters from the side of the road. On a typical day, GWMP has anywhere from two to over 20 dead animals along its roadways. Luckily for us, it wasn't a very hot day, as the smell, I am told, can be hard to handle.

The first deer we encountered was frozen so stiff it was hard to lift and manipulate onto the refuge truck. This doe was a bit bloody but again luck was on our side—she wasn't split open. Our next find was a buck along the Clara Barton Parkway. It had been

decapitated AFTER the accident had occurred. Rick Budge, GWMP maintenance worker, explained that there are hunters and collectors who will stop and saw off the head of a male deer because of the number of points on the antler rack on its head. They are trophies to be mounted...regardless of the method in which they were killed.

There are many different "Dirty Jobs" in the D.C. Metro area performed on a daily basis by members of the NPS. Many parks within the System have folks who work behind the scenes on the jobs that average people would never touch. I hope that others can appreciate and respect these people for their hard work. ■

Mount Rushmore N MEM Celebrates American Spirit



NPS photo by Amy Bracewell

HOOP DANCER WAYNE FOX performs a friendship dance with audience members during the 2007 Saturdays in the Park Summer Music Series at Mount Rushmore N MEM.

By Amy Bracewell, Education Technician, Mount Rushmore N MEM

With the echo of an American Indian drum group beating throughout the park, NPS visitors at Mount Rushmore N MEM participated in a

friendship dance on a Saturday evening this past July. Led by Wayne Fox, North Dakota hoop dancer, the audience joined hands on stage to create a long, winding human chain for the dance. As the sun set behind the memorial, this

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Homestead Heritage Center



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HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT of America's new Homestead Heritage Center.

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unique roofline designed to resemble sod being pushed up by a plow blade, was designed by GWWO, Inc. of Baltimore, Md.; Nash Brookes Associates of Frederick, Md. designed the exhibits; and Southern Custom Exhibits of Anniston, Ala. was the exhibit fabricator. Ayars and Ayars, Inc., based in Lincoln, Nebr., was the construction contractor.

Interpretive exhibits touch on all sides of homesteading history and are presented from multiple perspectives. Text, graphics, audiovisuals, original artifacts and interactives are all used to present homesteading history. Even the building's parking lot is an exhibit—it is precisely one acre in size and is marked at all four corners with survey flags to give visitors a visual idea of the size of an acre. The typical homestead was 160 acres in size, so the parking lot exhibit provides perspective on the amount of work required to farm and improve a

homestead. An exhibit called "the Living Wall" runs from near the parking area to the building's entrance and features outlines of all 30 states in which homestead lands were found.

The Homestead Act of 1862 offered up to 160 acres of free public land to anyone meeting basic eligibility requirements. Once the U.S. General Land Office approved a homestead application, settlers were required to live on their homesteads for five years. During that period, the homesteader was required to farm the property and construct a home on it. The federal government transferred ownership of the land to the claimant if all requirements were met at the conclusion of the five-year residency period. Over 270 million acres of land in 30 states were transferred from federal to private ownership through the law, which remained effective until 1976 in the lower 48 states and 1986 in Alaska. ■

NPS Family

Neli Navarrete, maintenance worker, Santa Monica Mountains NRA, and her husband, Everett Perez, announce the arrival of their second child, Avamari Angelique, born March 19. Avamari was six lbs., six oz. and 18 inches long.

Two Shenandoah NP employees, **Tim**

Taglauer, deputy chief of interpretation, and his wife, **Lisa Taglauer**, superintendent's secretary, welcomed their new baby daughter, Katelyn, on May 18. Katelyn weighed five lbs., five oz. and was 17 and three-quarter inches long. ■

Send us your stuff! We welcome news and photos about yourself and our NPS family members. See page 12 for mailing and telephone information.

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Valley Forge NHP Joins with Partner for Preservation



Jerry Giuseffi, NPS Volunteer

SIERRA CLUB and Appalachian Mountain Club volunteers get ready to hike a log up the Mount Misery Trail to the work site.

By Ernestine M. White, Volunteer Program Manager, Valley Forge NHP

Hiking on Valley Forge NHP's 30 miles of trails is one of the most popular activities at the park. Volunteers with the Pennsylvania-Delaware Valley Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), the oldest nonprofit conservation and recreation organization in the U.S., have been a key part of maintaining hiking trails in the park for years. Now, to enhance this partnership work, the park and the AMC signed a 10-year partnership agreement this past summer at the 15th annual National Trails Day event. AMC volunteers and the park will work together on trail maintenance, rehabilitation, stabilization and resource protection projects on the popular Mount Joy and the Mount Misery trail systems.

"Through this agreement, the park looks forward to working with AMC to further engage the community through stewardship opportunities, guided hikes, special events and educating the public about the value of trail preservation," said Valley Forge NHP Supt. Michael Caldwell.

"Volunteers with the Delaware Valley Chapter also maintain trails in other areas of Pennsylvania and bring a solid base of expert skills and experience to trail management and maintenance that will be helpful at Valley Forge," said Heather Clish, AMC director of Trails and Riverways Stewardship. Additionally, AMC will provide volunteer training opportunities to increase involvement in trail stewardship on public lands. This is the first formal partnership for the Delaware Valley Chapter to preserve trails. ■

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David L. Bagozzi, contract specialist, National Capital Regional Office, Aug. 3 after over 35 years.

Mark R. Barnes, senior archeologist, Southeast Regional Office, July 27 after 35 years.

Freddie H. Branham, maintenance mechanic leader, Cumberland Gap NHP, June 30 after 36 years.

Joseph A. Bunch, park ranger, USS Arizona Memorial, June 1 after 25 years.



U.S.P.P. Officer Karel Blackmore

PAMELA DATCHER

Pamela A. Datcher, deputy chief, Services Division, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Aug. 31 after over 27 years.

Pamela started her U.S.P.P. career in 1980. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, she went on to patrol positions in the New York Field Office, on the National Mall and at Rock Creek Park, followed by the U.S.P.P. Communications Section. In 1990, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant and reassigned to the Central District Station in Washington, D.C. She was later reassigned to the Training Branch. In 1993, she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and in 1994, was assigned to the Shift Commanders Office and as the station commander of the Anacostia Station.

In 1996, Pamela was promoted to the rank of captain and reassigned as the regional law enforcement specialist in the Southeast Region. In 1998, she returned to Washington, D.C. to become the commander of the West District, which encompasses the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Rock Creek Park.

In 2000, Pamela was promoted to the rank of major and assigned as commander of Inspectional Services, executive advisor to the Chief of Police and as a member of the chief's executive command staff. In 2003, she was selected to head up the merger of the Training Branch and Personnel Office and in 2005, after serving as acting commander, Services Division, she was promoted to the rank of deputy chief.

E&AA Life Member **John Demer**, staff curator, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Aug. 31 after 30 years.

John began his NPS career as chief of the Branch of Historic Furnishings at HFC. He and his team conducted research; developed historic furnishing plans; developed "buy lists" of original objects and reproductions when needed to supplement existing park collections; and produced finished exhibits. In 1982, he became chief of the Division of Conservation and managed a staff of some 35 people doing extensive conservation



NPS photo by David T. Gilbert

JOHN DEMER

work on park collections across the Service. From 1990 to 1994, he served as special assistant to HFC Manager Dave Wright, overseeing the center's involvement in America's Industrial Heritage Project, a multi-year federal initiative to develop historic sites in southwestern Pennsylvania. In 1994, he returned to the Division of Historic Furnishings, which subsequently became the HFC Office of Planning and Research.

Anthony S. Donaldson, architect, National Mall and Memorial Parks, June 1 after over 35 years.

Dona Dougherty, secretary, Bandelier NM, June 22 after seven years.

E&AA Life Member **Reed Engle**, cultural resource specialist, Shenandoah NP, July 31 after 24 years.

Paul H. Eubank, chief of resource management, Lake Meredith NRA and Alibates Flint Quarries NM, July 29 after 32 years.

In 1974, Paul began his NPS career at Padre Island NS as a law enforcement park technician. In 1977, he went to Carlsbad Caverns NP and returned to Padre Island NS in 1980, first as a law enforcement ranger, then transferring to resource management in 1990, where he managed the non-federal oil and gas program. In 1999, he transferred to Lake Meredith NRA and became the park's chief of resource management in 2005.



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TOM FAIR

Tom Fair, printing specialist, Information Management Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), Sept. 1 after 40 years.

Tom started his NPS career in 1967 as a mail clerk in the mail room of the Western Service Center in San Francisco and

transferred to the DSC when the NPS Eastern and Western Service Centers merged in 1971. His positions throughout the years included microphotographer, photo draftsman and branch chief prior to becoming printing specialist. Tom was a key leader in implementing innovative technologies, including video teleconferencing, scanning, digital printing and contract management services. He received the 2006 DSC Director's Award, which cited him for his outstanding customer service. During retirement, his plans include golfing, sports fishing, model railroading, community service with the Kiwanis Club, home improvement projects and overseas travel.

Theresa Fisher, contract specialist, Pacific West Regional Office - Oakland, July 1 after 37 years.

James H. Garnett, park ranger, De Soto N MEM, July 21 after eight years.

William L. Gibson, maintenance mechanic supervisor, National Mall and Memorial Parks, June 2 after over 33 years.

Larry Gilmer, maintenance worker, Carlsbad Caverns NP, Sept. 29 after over 16 years, all at Carlsbad Caverns.

Pat Grediagin, chief ranger, Redwood National and State Parks, June 30 after over 27 years of federal service.

Dave Hajdik, district ranger (law enforcement), Natchez Trace PKWY, July 31 after over 22 years.

Dave began his career with the NPS as a seasonal ranger at Yellowstone NP in 1984. During his career, he also worked at Morristown NHP, Death Valley NP and Yosemite NP. At Yosemite, he served as a field training ranger, acting Valley shift supervisor and bicycle patrol ranger for eight years. He has been at Natchez Trace PKWY since 2002, where he has served as the Leipers Fork district ranger in Tennessee. His awards include the DOI Medal of Valor. Dave started a new career in August at Tennessee Tech University.

Lou Hansen, facility manager, Gateway NRA, Sept. 30 after 42 years of federal service, 32 of them with the NPS.

In 1974, Lou joined the NPS at Gateway NRA, Sandy Hook Unit, in maintenance. In 1979, he became the engineering equipment operator foreman and was selected as the permanent facility manager in 1992.

Steven Hyman, preservation specialist, San Francisco Maritime NHP, Aug. 31 after 26 years.

Oliver S. Johnson, maintenance mechanic supervisor, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Aug. 3 after over 15 years.

Donna Kalvels, director, DOI Center for Competitive Sourcing Excellence, Aug. 3 after over 20 years with the NPS.

Prior to her appointment in Washington, D.C. with the DOI, Donna was the chief of contracting for the NPS. In addition, she worked for the Denver Service Center, serving as branch chief and chief of contracting services, and also served as administrative officer at Mount Rushmore N MEM.

David L. Keener, maintenance mechanic leader, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, June 2 after over 29 years.

Randy E. Lindauer, motor vehicle operator, Oregon Caves NM, July 25 after six years.

Mike Mayer, management assistant, Glen Canyon NRA/Rainbow Bridge NM, Oct. 3 after 33 years.

Mike's NPS career includes seasonal work at Platt NP and positions at Guadalupe Mountains NP, Yosemite NP and Everglades NP.

E&AA Member **Scot McElveen**, fee manager, Devils Tower NM, Aug. 3 after 25 years.

Scot joined the NPS in 1982 as a seasonal park aid at Great Smoky Mountains NP. He became a permanent employee in 1983 at Natchez Trace PKWY. He has worked at Gulf Islands NS, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Pictured Rocks NL, Assateague Island NS, Canyon de Chelly NM, Death Valley NP, John Day Fossil Beds NM, Harpers Ferry NHP, Mount Rushmore N MEM and Devils Tower NM. Positions Scot held included district ranger, district operations supervisor, assistant chief ranger and chief ranger. He also served as acting superintendent at Fort Scott NHS in 2006.

Scot received special achievement awards at Great Smoky Mountains, Death Valley and Harpers Ferry NHP. In 2000, he received a Crystal Owl team award for his work on the NPS Servicewide Compass Training Program. In January, Scot will begin a three-year term as president of the Association of National Park Rangers.

E&AA Life Member **David Nathanson**, librarian, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), March 30 after 32 years.

David came to HFC in 1974 as the center's first professional librarian. During his 32-year tenure at HFC, David managed library services, archival services and graphics research. He served as curator for the NPS History Collection, managed the NPS Historic Photograph Collection and served as HFC's information management coordinator. He served on the National [Museum] Catalog Steering Committee, the NPS Archives Advisory Council and the NPS Library Advisory Council. Also during his tenure, the library collections grew from about 8,000 volumes to over 33,000 catalogued items. David has catalogued the records of key programs and events that have shaped the NPS. His "Publishing History of *The Courier*" catalog indexes this NPS employee newsletter from 1977 until publication was discontinued in 1993.

One of David's most memorable accomplishments has been "Sunshine and Shadows: A Catalog of Civil War Unit Histories and Personal Narratives in National Park Service Libraries." With the assistance of other park archivists and librarians, he assembled and published this catalog in 1986 where none had previously existed. Now this catalog, which today contains over 4,900 records, is available as a searchable web application on the HFC website. David plans to remain in the Frederick, Md. area.

E&AA Life Member **Carl Newman**, chief ranger, Bandelier NM, Aug. 3 after 30 years.

Carl began his NPS career in 1976 as a seasonal patrol/fee ranger at Badlands NM for two seasons while attending the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the South Dakota State Academy. He worked the next two seasons at Glen Canyon NRA, becoming an NPS diver, an emergency medical technician and a boat operator. Between those seasons, he spent the winter at Indiana Dunes NL as a seasonal law

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enforcement ranger. After a brief stint with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he became a permanent protection park technician at Curecanti NRA and was soon appointed to the Rocky Mountain Regional SET team.

After three years, Carl transferred back to Glen Canyon NRA as the sub-district ranger and graduated from the first Servicewide park medic class. In 1986, he moved to Olympic NP for seven years, then became chief ranger at Bandelier NM for the last 14 years.

Dominic A. Noe, marine equipment mechanic, Biscayne NP, Aug. 2 after 30 years.

Irvin Pinckney, maintenance worker, Fort Sumter NM, June 30 after 14 years.

Richard W. Ramsden, supervisory architect, Southeast Regional Office, June 1 after 28 years.

Samantha Richardson, public affairs specialist, Denver Service Center (DSC), Aug. 18 after five years.

Samantha provided support for both internal and external communications at DSC and developed a quarterly publication, *DSC@Work*. She will pursue freelance writing and public relations in the private sector.

E&AA Member **Ron Roos**, interpretive media designer, Harpers Ferry Center (HFC), Aug. 2 after 30 years.

Ron has worked at HFC for his entire NPS career. From 1977 to 1987, he was an exhibits specialist, managing the production of museum and visitor center exhibits and contributing to their design development. In 1987, he became a visual information specialist/exhibit designer for HFC's Division of Exhibit Planning and Design. During this period, he served a detail as chief, Division of Conservation.

Ron's exhibit and museum work received numerous design awards. In 1996, he joined the former Division of Wayside Exhibits and has designed or directed the design of hundreds of waysides for parks over the past 11



RON ROOS

years. The most recent of many projects that he created for Great Smoky Mountains NP, "Oconaluftee River Trail Wayside Exhibits," is the 2007 recipient of the Southeast Region's Keeper of the Light Award for Interpretive Media.

Ron plans to continue to develop interpretive and educational media and devote time to public art projects, painting and alpine skiing. He and his family will continue to reside in

Frederick, Md. He can be reached at ron.roos@comcast.net.

E&AA Life Member **Wilma Johnson Rose**, supervisory contract specialist and director of contracting, U.S. Army at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., March 31 after over 41 years of federal service, 14 of them with the NPS.

In 1965, Wilma started her career as a clerk-typist at the Cumberland Gap Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Cumberland Gap NHP. When the Job Corps Center closed in 1969, she transferred to National Capital Parks - North in Rock Creek Park. She subsequently worked at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts and the Contracting and Property Management Division in WASO, where she became a contract specialist.

In 1979, Wilma transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Washington, D.C. In 1984, she began working for the U.S. Army at Fort Monroe in Virginia. She and her husband moved to Fort Huachuca, Arizona in 1989. She graduated in 1994 from the Army Management Staff College and in 1997, was designated a National Contract Management Association Fellow.

Wilma, her husband, Dan, and her mother, Rachel, will continue to live in Sierra Vista, Ariz. She may be reached at dwr2@cox.net.

Thomas N. Rutledge, supervisory park ranger, Biscayne NP, Aug. 2 after 31 years.

Tom began with the NPS in 1976 as an entrance station supervisor at Swift Run Gap in Shenandoah NP. He transferred to a backcountry ranger position and became an emergency medical technician and wildland and structural firefighter. In 1981, he transferred to Fort Jefferson NM (now Dry Tortugas NP) and became a firearms instructor. In 1986, he joined the Resource Management Division at Biscayne NP, then transferred to the Resource and Visitor Protection Division at the park. In 1994, he was promoted to his most recent position as supervisory park ranger.

Dave Shaver, chief of the Geologic Resources Division, Natural Resource Program Center, July 1 after over 31 years of federal service, 28 of them with the NPS.

Larry Stafford, park ranger (law enforcement), Lake Mead NRA, July 31 after 31 years.

Captain **Kelcy M. Stefansson**, regional law enforcement specialist, Northeast Region, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Aug. 31 after over 23 years.

Kelcy's career with the U.S.P.P. began in 1984 as a recruit at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Following this, she was assigned as a patrol officer on the National Mall, Rock Creek Park, the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. In 1988, she became the first female motor officer and provided police escorts to the President of the United States, other heads of state and officials.

In 1993, Kelcy was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was selected for the Violent Crime Task Force, working within the District of Columbia with the Metropolitan Police Department. She attained the rank of lieutenant in 1997, with assignments to the Shift Commanders Office, back to the Violent Crime Task Force, as the station



KELCY STEFANSSON

commander of the George Washington Memorial Parkway Station, as the executive officer to the Chief of Police and finally, as the commander of the Special Protection Detail for Interior Secretary Gale Norton. During her time as lieutenant, she attended the FBI National Academy. In 2006, Kelcy was promoted to captain and took her final assignment as the regional law enforcement specialist for the Northeast Region.



JOHN TORDOFF

John T. Tordoff, facility manager, Colorado NM, June 30 after 27 years of federal service, 23 of them with NPS.

After working with the USDA Forest Service, John transferred to the NPS in 1984, serving as facility manager at Badlands NP. In 1986, he moved to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office and worked in the Construction and Maintenance Division until 1994, when he joined Colorado NM as facility manager. While at the monument, John was instrumental in securing funding for a contract with the Federal Highway Administration, Kiewit Western and the NPS to repave Rim Rock Drive and repair its drainages. John and his wife, Lynne, plan to stay in Fruita, Colo. and look forward to spending more time with their family and friends.

William M. Townsend, environmental protection specialist, Fort Sumter NM, June 30 after 16 years of service.

David L. Vecera, park ranger (protection), Cabrillo NM, June 30 after over 23 years.

Dave began with the NPS in 1984 as a seasonal at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL. His law enforcement career began there and continued at Amistad NRA. In 1986, he moved to Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, then transferred to Everglades

NP in 1987, followed by Big Bend NP in 1992, then back to Everglades NP. In 1999, he joined Redwood National and State Parks. He was selected for a law enforcement position in 2004 at Cabrillo NM, where he ended his NPS career. During retirement, Dave plans to fix up his sailboat and sail it, travel, attend family reunions and spend time with his wife, Linda, and their dog, Butch.

Diane Wohlwend, realty specialist, Alaska Regional Office, June 1 after 15 years.

Gregg Yarrow, administrative officer, Rocky Mountain NP, July 3 after over 33 years.

Gregg began his NPS career in 1973 at the Denver Service Center. In 1974, he transferred to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office. From 1975 to 1978, he was administrative officer at Custer Battlefield NM, followed by administrative officer at Apostle Islands NL from 1978 to 1981. From 1981 to 1987, he was administrative officer and assistant superintendent for Administration and Mainland Operations at Isle Royale NP. He then moved to Rocky Mountain NP and served there for over 17 years as administrative officer, as well as a stint as deputy superintendent for Operations and Administration. Gregg's awards include the Superior Service Award and Meritorious Service Award.

Ernest D. Young, lead interpretive park ranger, Pu'ukohola Heiau NHS, May 1, 2006 after over 30 years of federal service, 23 of them with the NPS.

Ernest joined the NPS in 1983 as a seasonal laborer in the Maintenance Division at Pu'uhonua o Honaunau NHP. He became a permanent park ranger in 1984 and had assignments in law enforcement, interpretation, fire fighting and collection management. He transferred to Pu'ukohola Heiau NHS in 1987 as a park ranger with assignments in law enforcement, interpretation and fire fighting. He also served as an equal employment opportunity counselor and museum curator. In 1999, he became lead interpretive park ranger. Ernest received numerous awards during his career and was nominated for



ERNEST YOUNG

the Freeman Tilden award in 2002 and 2003. He played a key role on the planning team for Pu'ukohola Heiau's first permanent visitor center.

Ernest and his wife, Geraldine, will eventually relocate to Jefferson, Tex. His retirement plans include drawing, painting, playing his Native American flute, traveling and visiting family and friends. He can be reached at edavisyoung@aol.com. ■

Alumni News

It is with great sadness that the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) announces that **Chesley Moroz**, president since January 1996, will step down in early 2008 for health reasons. Chesley will continue to serve the E&AA as president until a successor is named in early 2008.

"It is difficult to express how much Chesley has done for [E&AA] and the National Park Service," said E&AA Board Chair Dr. John E. Cook. "She has been a prominent figure serving the National Park Service and System. During her career, Chesley demonstrated strong commitment to enhancing the experience of the visiting public. She has always been guided by a strong desire to help the National Park Service. She is a dedicated park partner, who has always approached her work with good humor, and inspired many with her obvious dedication to serving the National Park Service and its millions of visitors."

Chesley states, "I have decided to step down from the E&AA early next year so I can focus on my health, and it just breaks my heart. E&AA has so many exciting opportunities in the future, and I so much wanted to be a part of them. But on the advice of my family and doctors, it is time for me to focus on myself, reduce as much stress from my life as possible and continue to fight my disease. I have so many wonderful memories. However, the thing that sticks out in my mind and heart the most is the NPS people. You are wonderful! Thank you for all of your support, the concern and support

you have shown since I became ill has made each day a little easier."

E&AA Life Member Stuart Snyder, national Kowski Golf Tournament chairman, provided the following **32nd Annual Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament 2006 Results**—Tom Belcher of North Cascades NP was the national champion of the annual Kowski Golf Tournament for the second year in a row. Second low net was recorded by E&AA Life Member Peter Thompson, retired superintendent of Kalaupapa NHP. Third low net went to Frank Sannino, supervisory cartographer for the Pacific West Region - Seattle. Tom shot a net 72, while Peter and Frank each recorded net 75.

Rob Bringardner, spouse of Tricia Welles in the Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle, captured low gross honors for the sixth straight year with a raw score of 76. Congratulations Rob! E&AA Life Member Gayle Hazelwood, superintendent of National Capital Parks - East, claimed the title of most accurate golfer. She was closest to the pin with a shot just 26" from perfection. Frank Sannino also claimed the longest putt, holing a monster from 55'2".

Again in 2006, the scramble teams from the Denver Area/Intermountain Region and WASO Area/NCR Region went tooth and nail before the WASO team of Rob Aspen, Jimmy Garvin, Paul Killebrew and Byron Terrell claimed victory in the scramble format. Two-hundred-and-sixty-four entrants gathered last year to

play some golf, to have a great time and to raise money for the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program. A check for \$5,750.25 has been forwarded to E&AA on behalf of all these caring and competitive co-workers and friends.

"Recently," E&AA Life Member **Don Dayton** writes, "[I] was surprised to receive a phone call from Joe Williams, the victim of a terrible grizzly bear attack in the Many Glacier area of Glacier National Park 48 years ago. [I] was the area ranger at Many Glacier on June 18, 1959 when concession employee Joe Williams and a companion were hiking on Mount Altyn. About sunset, Joe was viciously attacked and his companion ran down the mountain to the ranger station to sound the alarm. Fortunately, [I] was present and with [my] personal rifle, [I] climbed the steep mountain to the attack site where [I] found the grizzly on top of Joe chewing on his legs, head and scalp. In the waning hours of daylight, [I] carefully aimed to avoid hitting Joe and killed the bear with the third shot. This was the first known grizzly attack in the park at that time. Since then, there have been many.

"Joe was in critical condition and [I] rushed him to the nearest hospital at Cardston, Alberta Canada. Here, he received excellent care by Canadian doctors. Local schoolchildren visited the hospital and sang to him under his window. After a two-week stay, he was air evacuated to his home in the East. That was the last that [I] had heard from or seen him until [this past August]. It took several

years of further surgery to deal with his almost fatal wounds.

"On August 21, Joe flew to Santa Fe from his home in St. Louis to visit with [me] and [my] wife Nancy, who handled communications at the ranger station when the attack occurred 48 years ago. It was a very emotional time for us to be together again and discuss the events of that tragic day. Joe's sister is writing an account of her brother's life from that moment up to today. He still has scars all over his head and body.

"[I] retired from the NPS in 1990 after 35 years of service. [Nancy and I] remained in Santa Fe where [I] was deputy regional director of the (then) Southwest Region for nine years prior to retirement. In the spring of 1960, [I] received the U.S. Department of the Interior Valor Award in ceremonies in Washington, D.C."

Loan Deadline Reminder

The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program offers interest-free educational loans to E&AA members' dependent children and grandchildren. The maximum loan amounts are \$2,500 per year for up to four years, \$10,000 maximum per child, \$20,000 maximum per family. Deadline for these loan requests is March 1. For further information, contact E&AA Membership Coordinator Bonnie Stetson at (215) 283-6900, ext. 131 or bonnie.stetson@eandaa.org, or visit the E&AA website at www.eandaa.org.

NPS Expert Brings Wit, Wisdom and Safety to Katrina Recovery Operations

By Dave Harris and Larry Gleeson, Public Affairs Specialists, Louisiana Recovery Field Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers not only brings its experts and veterans from around the world to a disaster recovery, but also a network of agencies who contribute their talents. When the Hurricane Katrina-driven surge of salt-water plundered thousands of Orleans Parish trees, the Corps was assigned the FEMA mission of removing these damaged trees from the public right of way and, in some parishes, private property.

Dead trees are hazards that threaten lives and property whenever a strong wind blows or the tree falls victim to normal decay. The trees are like landmines left behind after battles. They also represent a tremendous hazard to workers unfamiliar with working on and around dead and struggling trees.

Only a tree sage matching the wisdom of Daniel Boone could discern which trees clung to life—or pronounce dead those for whom all hope was lost. And only an experienced logger with a lifetime of recognizing and dodging the dangers could turn inexperienced crews into sawyers in a matter of minutes. The Corps successfully recruited mission arborists from across America to find a seasoned woodsman and, in early 2007, added a modern-day Johnnie Appleseed to this crucial interagency crew. The man for the job was working for the NPS in logger country: northern Michigan.

David Paavola is a tree expert with a

physician's eye for a tree's vital signs and a wary radar for looming hazards. A maintenance worker from Isle Royale NP, Dave came alongside arborists and sawing crews (sawyers) to spare the living and identify and assure the risk-managed removal of the dead. Dave always arrived well before the crews to research and prepare for the morning quality assurance safety meeting. A giant of a man in his knowledge of the ways of nature and earthy resourcefulness, Dave's wiry frame and quick, discerning mind fear no one when it comes to his trees. He takes on behemoth bureaucracies and beefy sawyers to make sure gnarled, majestic trees, living or dead, get the respect and skilled care they deserve. "I worked in logging for over 25 years starting when I was 16. I know how to cut trees because I've cut trees," Dave said. "If a crew doesn't have the proper equipment or know how to wedge a tree, they're not going *anywhere*. Every day I spend time researching safety-related topics to keep these crews out of harm's way. I try to find job-specific topics. I give them verbal instructions. I tell them about the remarkably low Corps accident rate. I give them handouts."



DAVE PAAVOLA (far right) gives contract team leaders their daily instructions before he releases them to tree work.

During his tenure, there wasn't a single lost-time accident. He loves working in the field, and he can spot impending danger in a tree that others may miss. "My best days," he says, "are when the workload is a little above average, when things are happening and a smile breeds a smile—when I can say I've earned my money today."

After half a year in Louisiana, Dave returned home to Michigan to icy days with spring snow. "It's wonderful," Dave concludes with a hint of a Scandinavian accent, recalling his work with trees and sawyers and his heritage at home. "I'm blessed. Good fortune rides on me and falls into my lap." And the recovery team agreed with Dave's basic life philosophy, based on their experience with him.

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joyful celebration brought American culture and heritage alive at a monument dedicated to this same American spirit.

During the 2007 Saturdays in the Park Summer Music Series, music, dance and storytelling provided avenues for telling the American story. Folk, gospel, blues, rock and roll and American Indian hoop dancing are a few examples of the diverse music highlighted during this year's series.

Visitors not only experienced the rich musical heritage found here in the Midwest, but personally participated in many of the concerts. During one performance, Jack Gladstone, Blackfeet singer and storyteller, taught the audience Blackfeet sign language, which they used during the songs to explain traditional American Indian stories.

Music and dance have been at the center of American culture throughout our history. As we continue to expand and evolve as a nation, music reflects on where we have been and where we can go as a united country into the future. Music not only embodies the spirit of this nation, but reaches to the very core of everyone who hears it. Mount Rushmore's summer music series provided an opportunity for visitors to reflect on the spirit of American music. Used as an interpretive tool, song and dance connects the audience to the performer, the message and to the culture embodied in the music. Telling the American story through a variety of musical traditions celebrates the diversity found within this nation.

Requiescat in Pace

Matthew "Matt" Albright, 51, July 20, in Seattle, Wash., due to cancer.

Matt was nursery manager at Olympic NP for the past 19 years, specializing in wilderness revegetation. He was a pioneer in Northwest native plant propagation and taught hundreds of employees and volunteers to propagate native plant species, care for them and successfully transplant them in wilderness.

Survivors include five children: Abraham, Margaret Anne, Joseph Demetri, Annie Maria and Elizabeth Patricia. For information about memorial donations in Matt's name, contact Ruth Scott at (360) 565-3071 or ruth_scott@nps.gov.

Abner Bradley, 77, June 21, at T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow, Ky.

Abner was a retired associate regional director for the National Capital Region. He worked for 18 years with the NPS. Survivors include his wife, Edna; daughter, Gaynelle; two sons, Daryl and Randall; and four grandchildren.

Brad Cella, 55, Sept. 15, outside of Star, Idaho, due to a stroke, while skydiving.

Brad had close to 30 years of distinguished service with the NPS. He worked primarily in fire and natural resource management fields, serving the last 25 years in the Alaska Regional Office, most recently as regional fire management officer. He had recently accepted the job of budget and planning chief for the NPS Branch of Wildland Fire at the Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.



U.S.P.P. Archives

JAMES DEELY

James Patrick Deely, Jr., 71, July 17, in Manahawkin, N.J., due to complications from lung cancer.

James served during the mid-1950s in the U.S. Navy and in 1958, joined the United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.). He was commander of training and held the rank of major upon his retirement from the U.S.P.P. in 1979. He then joined the security team at the Energy Department and in 1986, joined the Smithsonian Institution as a criminal investigator. He retired from the Smithsonian in 1997. James is survived by Eleanor, his wife of 50 years, four daughters, one son and six grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member **James Robert "Bob" Johnson**, 86, June 17.

Bob was a retired Shenandoah NP district ranger. He joined the U.S. Army in 1942, was promoted to staff sergeant and served as an engineer and gunner on B-17 bombers over Europe. Following his discharge, he began his NPS

career as a seasonal ranger in 1946. From 1950 to 1953, he attended college and earned a B.S. degree in forestry and wildlife conservation. During the summers of these years, he continued to work at Shenandoah NP as a seasonal



Johnson Family Photo

BOB JOHNSON

ranger and, after graduation, resumed his temporary full-time employment at the park as a seasonal park ranger and fire control aid.

In 1957, Bob became a permanent park ranger at Shenandoah. He subsequently became district ranger at the park and held that position for 25 years until his retirement in 1985. Following retirement, he became an elected board member of the Shenandoah National Park Association for the next 22 years. He served as president and chairman of the board from 1991 to 1994. Bob and his wife, Stella, helped Shenandoah host the very first reunion of the Employees and Alumni Association of the NPS at Skyland in 1986.

Survivors include two sons, James and Dennis. He was predeceased by Stella, who died six years ago. Memorial contributions may be made to the Luray Lions Club, Sight and Hearing Fund, 357 Parkview Estates Road, Luray, VA 22835.

Darwin Lambert, 91, Feb. 11, due to cancer.

Darwin became the first employee of the newly established Shenandoah NP on March 1, 1936. He was a writer and an advocate for wilderness preservation and wrote *Beautiful Shenandoah*, the first guidebook to the park, which was published in 1937. He also began to publish various natural history and travel periodicals.

Following service in WWII, Darwin became a newspaper editor and in 1955, while serving as editor of the *Ely Daily Times* in Nevada, he became an advocate for the establishment of Great Basin NP, writing editorials in support of the park. Later, he went to Washington to testify before Congress on the movement to establish Great Basin. In the 1960s, Darwin became a freelance writer and later wrote *Administrative History of Shenandoah National Park* at the request of the NPS and *The Undying Past of Shenandoah National Park* among other books. He published eight books and over 80 articles and book chapters during his lifetime.

Patty Lien, 46, June 1, due to a lingering illness.

Patty was a human resources assistant at Redwood National and State Parks who started her NPS career at Redwood almost 20 years ago. Patty requested

that anyone wishing to donate on her behalf be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Thomas R. "Rodney" Lowe, 70, July 17, at home in Luray, Va.

Rodney served in the U.S. Army and with the Army National Guard. He joined the NPS at Natchez Trace PKWY in 1962 as a civil engineer. He transferred to Everglades NP as a hydraulic engineer in 1966. In 1967, he joined the Southeast Regional Office as a civil engineer and, after several months, moved to Shenandoah NP as chief of maintenance, and remained at the park until his retirement in 1993. Rodney is survived by his wife, Sybil; two sons, Robert and Michael; daughter, Elizabeth; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Joe McMahan, 82, June 11.

Joe was a longtime NPS volunteer. He began volunteering at Saguaro NP during the winters after he moved to the Tucson area in 1988. In addition, he volunteered at other national parks during the summers, including North Cascades NP, Grand Canyon NP and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Joe is survived by Sandra, his wife of 31 years; daughter, Cindy; son, Jeffrey; and two grandchildren. Donations may

be made to Friends of Saguaro National Park, P.O. Box 18998, Tucson, AZ 85731-8998.

Guy Nichols, 86, June 11, in Fort Smith, Ark.

Guy worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years and served 20 years in the U.S. Navy as an aviation instructor. After his military retirement, he began a career with the NPS. He was one of the first park employees at Fort Smith NHS and was present when Lady Bird Johnson officially dedicated the site in October 1964. He worked at the site for 30 years and retired in 1994.

Guy received recognition in Washington, D.C. for his 50 years of federal service. Towards the end of his career, he enjoyed giving programs to the grandchildren of people he had known as children. Though not a trained researcher, Guy wanted to ensure that the material he presented to visitors was accurate. He pored through research materials, books and articles to unravel some of the myths and legends that surrounded Judge Parker and the federal court and sift out the truth.

In retirement, Guy remained a valuable resource for the park, always willingly and cheerfully answering questions

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Remembering Lady Bird

All the media have been crowded with obituaries and appreciations of Lady Bird Johnson, who died in July at age 94. I saw no negative word in any of the coverage. She deservedly was not only the First Lady of a president whose stature, despite Vietnam, is looming larger in the appraisal of historians, but also the First Lady of the Environment. Her legacy is rooted in a commitment to natural beauty so deep that she steered her husband toward all the environmental advances embedded in his Great Society and in inspiring public interest and action in advancing environmental causes. Drawing on a concept I learned during a six-week fellowship in Japan, I once inscribed a book to her as our "Living National Treasure." She could not grasp the meaning, but indeed she was that both in the White House years and for 38 years after she moved back to the LBJ Ranch at Stonewall, Tex.

I first shook hands with Lady Bird in a reception line at the White House in 1968. She had played a crucial role in the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and hosted a reception for the newly appointed Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Even a handshake communicated the charm and grace that were hallmarks of her entire life.

I came to know Lady Bird better in 1969. Before Lyndon Johnson left office, Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall appointed her to the Secretary's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments (now known as the National Park System Advisory Board). She took her membership very seriously, and after the board named her chair of the History Committee, she studied all the nominations for National Historic Landmarks until she could speak to them in detail. I was then chief historian of the National Park Service, and before her scheduled presentation to the board,

she met with me over lunch at the Madison Hotel to make sure she had done her homework thoroughly. She always had.

I took early retirement in 1980 and thereafter followed my wife, Melody Webb, through the rest of her career with the National Park Service. A highlight for us both was her superintendency of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Texas, 1989-92. Lady Bird often invited us to dine with her at the ranch. These were memorable events, marked by a gracious hostess presiding over a table enlivened by sparkling conversation. I suspect she did not remember our earlier relationship, but she vividly remembered Director George Hartzog (1964-72). She spoke of him repeatedly with fondness and admiration. Another of her cherished friends was Southwest Regional Director John Cook; once, over a couple of glasses of wine, she remarked, "Mr. Cook, you so remind me of Lyndon." Her residence in a national park only enhanced her longtime affection for the National Park Service.

After we left the park, Melody and I flew to Texas for Lady Bird's birthday parties at the LBJ Library in Austin. When Melody took early retirement in 1996, we moved back to the Texas Hill Country and became active in the Friends of the LBJ Library. Even as impaired vision and speech overtook Lady Bird, she always greeted us warmly at library receptions and barbecues at the ranch.

We paid our last respects to Lady Bird as she lay in state in the Great Hall of the LBJ Library. We shall always cherish her not only as a Living National Treasure, but also as one of the most admired friends in our life.

—Robert M. Utley,
Retired NPS Chief Historian
and E&AA Life Member

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GUY NICHOLS

and providing support for the interpretive staff. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Kathleen Nichols, at 4909 S. 18th Terrace, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

E&AA Life Member **Charles H. "Chuck" Odegaard**, 79, July 9, in Seattle, Wash., due to complications from a stroke.

Chuck served during WWII, and became director of the Parks and Recreation Department for Marinette, Wis. in 1952 after graduating from the University of Wisconsin. He was a district representative for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for the five western states and the three western provinces of Canada from 1958 to 1963. From 1963 through 1979, he was director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Recognized around the world for his experience in partnering and park management, he lectured extensively and co-authored *A Comprehensive Introduction to Park Management*.

Chuck joined the NPS as Midwest regional director and, after 18 years, retired in 1997 as regional director, Pacific Northwest - Seattle. In 1985 and 2006, his lifelong interest in parks and outdoor recreation was recognized by the NRPA when they presented him with their Distinguished Professional Award.

Chuck survived by his wife of 31 years, Evelyn; sons, David, John and Bill; stepchildren, Steven, Brooke and Susan; and 10 grandchildren. Contributions may be made in memory of Charles H. Odegaard to the Washington Parks and Recreation Association Endowment Committee at 4405-7th Avenue SE, Suite 202, Lacey, WA 98503.

Robert Adams Ritsch, 75, July 17, at Capital Hospice in Arlington, Va., due to cancer.

Robert retired from the NPS in 1986 as the NPS's associate director of recreational resources after working for the DOI for 18 years. During his federal career, he also worked for the Bureau of Land Management. He received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1978. Robert is survived by Margaret, his wife of 54 years; two sons, Robert and William; and two grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" Rydgig, 77, Aug. 15, at Anacapa Island, Channel Islands NP, due to a heart attack, following a dive.

Bob was a dedicated, long-term volunteer for Channel Islands NP and Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. He had been an active participant

in the Channel Islands Naturalist Corps since 2001, contributing over 1,500 hours of his time to the corps. As a naturalist, he shared the wonders of the marine environment of the islands with thousands of visitors who accompanied him on whale watch trips. Bob also represented the sanctuary and park at community events. He dove at the Channel Islands for over 50 years and was a founding member of a Los Angeles area dive club, an active volunteer for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation and a past dive instructor. Bob is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Gary Salamacha, 56, July 2, at home, due to cancer.

Gary was a park ranger who worked at Arches NP for the past 18 years. Survivors include his wife Sharon Brussell, who works in the park's Division of Interpretation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peregrine Fund, 5668 West Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709.

E&AA Life Member **Terrie R. Savering**, 71, July 28, 2006.

Terrie retired in 1995 as assistant superintendent at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP. During her 22-year NPS career, she was also the assistant superintendent at National Capital Parks - East. She is survived by her sister, Shari Plis; an aunt, Dorothy Savering; three nephews, Mark Slezak, Eric Savering and Corey Plis; a niece, Beth Grant; and two sisters-in-law, Elaine and Gerri Savering.

Donald L. Schulze, 54, Aug. 4, in a single car accident west of Corinne, Utah.

Don was a maintenance worker at Golden Spike NHS. His first NPS job was as a laborer at the site during the summer of 1998, becoming a permanent maintenance worker in 1999. He received a number of awards, including a Special Act Service Award in 1998. Don is survived by his wife, Fay; son, Travis; three daughters, Shanon, Meggan and Jenny; and six grandchildren.

Charles William Snell, 86, July 8, in Silver Spring, Md.

Charles was an NPS historian from 1948 to 1984. In 1948, he became historian at Saratoga NHP. Three years later, he was transferred to Roosevelt-Vanderbilt national historic sites. In 1957, he joined Harpers Ferry NM, heading a team of research historians, architects and archeologists whose work led to the development of the park.

From 1960 to 1973, he was one of five historians who participated in the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings. He was first stationed in the Western Regional Office in San Francisco, where his work focused on the Far West. In 1968, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., where his work extended to the entire U.S. From 1973 to 1984, he worked for the Denver Service Center, remaining stationed in Washington, D.C. Major surveys included a six-week tour of historic sites and buildings in Alaska in 1961, the first comprehensive survey of sites ever made in that state.

Charles received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1970. He was also the recipient of three Superior Performance Awards—for the "History of Harpers Ferry" (1959), "History of Conservation" (1963) and "Survey of Colonial Architecture" (1970). His last project was to prepare documented troop movement maps and historical

base maps of the Battle of Guam for War in the Pacific NHP, then a new park that was being established. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Julie Kamerer Snell; three children, Nancy Anselm, Mark Snell and Scott Snell; and five grandchildren.

Senator **Craig Thomas**, 74, June 4, due to leukemia.

Senator Thomas of Wyoming was a leading advocate for national parks in the Senate and served as the chairman of the National Parks Subcommittee. He championed many issues for the NPS and regularly spearheaded funding letters for national park operations. His 1998 National Parks Omnibus Act authorized improvements to the way the NPS monitors natural resources, issues concessions contracts, studies new units and trains employees to be leaders. He believed in the significance of national parks as fundamental to American life.

As chairman of the National Parks Subcommittee, Senator Thomas authored landmark legislation to provide critical funding and management reforms to protect America's national parks into the 21st century. On Aug. 11, the new Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center (named in Thomas' honor) officially opened at Grand Teton NP (see story, front page).

Michael Watts, 51, Aug. 16, at the Baltimore Washington Medical Center.

Michael was a dispatcher for the United States Park Police for 10 years. In addition, he spent 32 years with the Riviera Beach Volunteer Fire Department, where he reached the rank of lieutenant. Michael is survived by his wife, Anne; stepson, Ethan and stepdaughter, Deana.

E&AA Life Member **N. Doyal Yaney**, 81, June 26.

Doyal, who retired from the NPS in 1984, was a seasonal park ranger at Yellowstone NP for 23 years. He also taught chemistry, was a research chemist and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Survivors include Pat, his wife of 57 years; three daughters, Janice, Joan and Joyce; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to Habitat for Humanity (www.habitat.org) or the American Friends Service Committee (www.afsc.org).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saguaro NP's 75th Anniversary Celebration—On March 1, 1933, President Herbert Hoover signed a proclamation creating Saguaro NM. There have been many changes since then, including a second monument unit (in 1961) and park status in 1994. The park will celebrate its 75th birthday with a series of historical tours, lectures and program events during this year's main visitor season, November 2007 through March 2008.

A day-long series of events at both the East and West units of the park will take place on March 1, 2008. Programs will be offered hourly throughout the day and a celebratory cake and refreshments will be available at both visitor centers. Saguaro NP alumni are invited to stop by either visitor center that day to sign a memory book and reminisce with current staff. For more park information, visit www.nps.gov/sagu.

Pinnacles NM Centennial Roll Call—Pinnacles NM will celebrate its centennial anniversary in 2008. There will be a rededication ceremony held on the east side of the park on Jan. 16, 2008. From March 28 through 30, 2008, there will be a Pinnacles Centennial Celebration and on March 29 an all-employee centennial alumni reunion will be held. The alumni reunion dinner location and cost are to be determined.

If you are a former employee of Pinnacles NM, or know someone who is, contact Michael Rupp [see contact information below] to RSVP, to pass on current contact information, to let the park know how you would like to be a part of these events or to learn about other events. If you don't wish to participate in these functions, but would still like to be in contact with the park, reply to the address below to let them know how you would like to be involved. In addition, let the park know if you have any old photographs or memorabilia that you would be willing to share during the centennial events or to donate to the park's museum. Michael may be reached at Pinnacles National Monument, 5000 Highway 146, Paicines, CA 95043, (831) 389-4486, ext. 243, or by email at michael_rupp@nps.gov.

Little Rock Central High School NHS

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abuse to become the first black students to desegregate the school.

The dedication ceremony for the new facility began with the Little Rock Nine being escorted onto the stage by current members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. Members of the Arkansas National Guard served as color guard, while the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Freedom Singers performed the national anthem. Honored guests and participants included Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor, U.S. Representative Vic Snyder and NPS Director Mary Bomar. Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned poet, author, activist and educator, gave a poetry reading. Cyrus Bahassa, current Central High School student body president, spoke about the future of Central High School students and their responsibility to carry on the legacy of the Little

Rock Nine. The keynote speaker was Congressman John Lewis, former Freedom Rider and member of SNCC, who urged those in the audience to continue the fight for equality. The program concluded with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting by the Little Rock Nine.

The new center provides 3,000 square feet of exhibit space with interactive displays that interpret the story of the 1957 desegregation crisis and its role in the larger civil rights movement. It also offers visitors a chance to learn more about the ongoing struggle to include all citizens as part of "We the People."

Today, Central High School remains a fully functioning public high school within the Little Rock School District. The remarkable courage, strength and endurance of those who demanded equality for all fifty years ago leaves a legacy for past, present and future students and serves as a history lesson visitors will not soon forget.

New Places & Faces

Susie Bates, to aviation branch chief, NPS Division of Fire and Aviation, Fire Management Program Center, National Interagency Fire Center.

Karen Beppler-Dorn, from chief of natural/cultural resources management and collections, Petrified Forest NP, to superintendent, Seattle unit of Klondike Gold Rush NHP.

Tokey Boswell, to program analyst, Park Planning and Special Studies Division, WASO.

Susan Boudreau, from chief of resources and research, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, to superintendent, Klondike Gold Rush NHP.



Photo courtesy Diane Chalfant

DIANE CHALFANT

Diane Chalfant, from chief of interpretation, Yellowstone NP, to NPS assistant associate director for visitor experience, WASO.

Justine Chorley, from Communications Center manager, Big Bend NP, to Communications Center manager, Shenandoah NP.

Carol Cook, from community planner, Park Planning and Special Studies Program, Northeast Region, to program analyst, Park Planning and Special Studies Division, WASO.

Vidal Davila, from chief, Division of Science and Resource Management, Big Bend NP, to superintendent, Wind Cave NP.

Constantine J. "Costa" Dillon, from superintendent, Horace M. Albright Training Center, to superintendent, Indiana Dunes NL.

Teresa Edmonson, from fee supervisor, Joshua Tree NP, to telecommunication operator, Shenandoah NP.

Mike Eissenberg, from mechanical/electrical engineer, Facility Management Division, Intermountain Regional Office, to general engineer, Technical Branch of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Mike Finken, from civil engineer, Office of Facility Management, Intermountain Regional Office, to project manager, Eastern Team of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Abby Sue Fisher, from chief of museum, archives and historical services, Keweenaw NHP, to supervisory curator, Golden Gate NRA.

Joann Garcia, to park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP.



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GERRY GAUMER

Gerry Gaumer, from NPS public affairs specialist, to deputy chief of communications and public affairs for the NPS, WASO.

Tree Gottshall, from chief of maintenance, Fort Frederica NM, to chief of maintenance, Dry Tortugas NP.

Patrick Gregerson, from chief of planning and Geographic Information Systems, National Capital Region, to chief, Office of Park Planning and Special Studies, WASO.

Martha G. Hahn, to Science Center director, Grand Canyon NP.

Mark Hardgrove, from deputy superintendent, Outer Banks Group (Cape Hatteras NS, Wright Brothers N MEM and Fort Raleigh NHS), to superintendent, Virgin Islands NP and Virgin Islands Coral Reef NM.

Kevin Hendricks, from deputy chief ranger, to chief ranger, Olympic NP.

David T. Humphrey, from chief, Technical Assistance and Professional Services Division, Cuyahoga Valley NP, to branch chief of history, architecture and landscapes, Resources Management and Science Division, Yosemite NP.

Robert Jennings, to biological science technician, Mid-Atlantic Exotic Plant Management Team, hosted at Shenandoah NP.

Kate Jensen, from crewmember, to field team leader, Mid-Atlantic Exotic Plant Management Team, hosted at Shenandoah NP.

Robert Karotko, from chief, Visitor Services Division, National Mall and Memorial Parks, to deputy superintendent, Delaware Water Gap NRA.



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DARLENE KOONTZ

Darlene Koontz, from superintendent, Bandelier NM, to superintendent, Lassen Volcanic NP.

Patricia A. Lendvay-Humphrey, from administrative assistant, Interpretation, Education and Visitor Services Division, Cuyahoga Valley NP, to human resources assistant, Yosemite NP.

Greg Litten, from park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to park ranger (education), Everglades NP.

Tim Mabes, to visitor use assistant, Shenandoah NP.

Alden Miller, from chief of interpretation, education and visitor operations, Sitka NHP, to superintendent, Sand Creek Massacre NHS.

Dennis Milligan, from park ranger (protection), Carlsbad Caverns NP, to park ranger (protection), Bandelier NM.

Kevin Mohr, to park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Kandace Muller, from museum curator, Andersonville NHS, to museum specialist, Shenandoah NP.

Peggy O'Dell, from superintendent, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, to superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Rick Potts, from chief, Wilderness Stewardship and Recreation Management Division, to chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division, WASO.

John Reeves, to park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Dennis R. Reidenbach, from superintendent, Independence NHP, to regional director, Northeast Region.

Jan Reitsma, to executive director, John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and superintendent, Roger Williams N MEM.

Nate Riegelmayr, from park ranger (protection), Carlsbad Caverns NP, to park ranger (protection), Point Reyes NS.

Dr. Alexa Roberts, from superintendent, Sand Creek Massacre NHS, to superintendent, Bent's Old Fort NHS and the Southeast Colorado Group.

Desiree Ross, from secretary, Land Resources Division, to administrative assistant, Park Planning and Special Studies Division, WASO.

David R. Schuller, to safety officer, Northeast Region.

Kim Sikoryak, from interpretive specialist, to branch chief, Office of Interpretation and Education, Intermountain Regional Office.

Edith Sparks, from human resources officer, Big Cypress N PRES, to human

resources specialist, Office of Human Resources, WASO.

Harold L. "Hal" Spencer, from WASO facilities liaison, to structural fire branch chief, NPS Division of Fire and Aviation, National Interagency Fire Center.

Dr. Robert K. Sutton, from superintendent, Manassas NBP, to chief historian, NPS.

David Szymanski, from Bevinetto Fellow, NPS Director's Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs, to superintendent, Lewis and Clark NHP.



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BARCLAY TRIMBLE

Barclay C. Trimble, from recreational fee manager, Intermountain Region, to deputy superintendent of business services, Grand Canyon NP.

Laurie Tuohy, to park guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Nathan Wender, to biological science technician, Mid-Atlantic Exotic Plant Management Team, hosted at Shenandoah NP.

Mary Beth Wester, from recruitment coordinator, Midwest Regional Office - Omaha, to superintendent, Fort Frederica NM.

Connie Wilson, from administrative assistant, to budget analyst, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Palma E. Wilson, from superintendent, Flagstaff Area Monuments, to deputy superintendent of operations, Grand Canyon NP. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

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NPS DIRECTOR MARY BOMAR speaks at a press conference unveiling National Park Centennial projects at Yosemite NP on August 23. During the press conference, over 200 centennial proposals were unveiled by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne to be undertaken in national parks. The full list of centennial challenge-eligible proposals, as well as other information regarding the National Park Centennial Initiative, is available at www.nps.gov/2016.

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