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FROM THE DIRECTOR

For more than a half-century, folk singers have been repeating the Old Testament advice: "To every thing there is a season." This is a season of change and a season of celebration.



Most of the world's religions recognize the lengthening days that follow the winter solstice as a time of hope and possibility. For us in the northern hemisphere, that time is now.

With an election just past and a presidential inauguration just ahead, we know that change will be part of the future of government, including the future of the National Park Service. It has been my privilege for the last two years to help lay a foundation for what I believe will be a better, stronger Service in the years ahead. Our challenges are great—and growing.

We have made progress. We have set in motion a process to supplement our tax-supported budget in a sustained way through the Centennial Challenge program, which holds promise for a sound second century of parks. We have begun rebuilding our human resources, especially through expanded seasonal employment. We have begun rebuilding our infrastructure, with a series of visitor centers and other facilities designed to meet, even exceed, rising standards of energy efficiency and environmental compatibility.

There is much yet to be done. We worry about tomorrow. Anyone who has been paying attention has seen the decline in youth engagement with nature and history—and a related slide in physical fitness.

We manage America's touchstones of inspiration and information. Our first job, always, is the protection of the parks. We must assure that these special places are maintained so that future generations can know and understand what we valued enough to keep and pass on.

Our next job, only marginally less needed than the first, is as educators who must compete effectively for the minds and hearts of America's youth. As the keepers of a great nation's legacy, we must teach the next generation how to share the values and to appreciate the symbols of that legacy.

There are real challenges to convincing the insulated and the isolated that we have something better. That goal is the central gift our parks and programs offer in our next hundred years.

This is the season to look back with pride and ahead with hope. Best wishes to the entire National Park Service family for a wonderful holiday season and many new years of happiness.

—Mary Bomar

National Parks Second Century Commission Established

NPS Director Mary A. Bomar has hailed the establishment of the National Parks Second Century Commission, a nonpartisan citizens group that will provide recommendations for the future of the National Park System. The commission first met in August at Santa Monica Mountains NRA and will meet in four additional national parks by June of next year, including Yellowstone NP, Gettysburg NMP, Lowell NHP and Great Smoky Mountains NP. The commission will hear from a range of subject-matter

experts, park managers and the general public over the course of their 12-month effort, culminating in a report with recommendations in the fall of 2009.

Former United States senators Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R-Tenn.) and J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. (D-La.) announced the formation of the National Parks Second Century Commission on Aug. 12. The commission is made up of close to 30 national leaders, experts and thinkers drawn from a broad range of backgrounds, including scientists, historians,

conservationists, academics, business leaders, policy experts and retired NPS executives. The commission is led by former senators Baker and Johnston.

"As the National Park Service looks ahead to our centennial in 2016," said Director Bomar, "we appreciate that public-spirited citizens step forward to help chart the course of our parks for another century."

In a letter thanking the commission members for their service, Director

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Denali NP & PRES Holds Dedication Ceremony for New Visitor Center



NPS photo by Kent Miller

VISITORS TO THE DEDICATION CEREMONY for the new Eielson Visitor Center at Denali NP & PRES listen to keynote speaker DOI Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Lyle Laverty at the podium.

Denali NP & PRES's new Eielson Visitor Center was officially dedicated during a ceremony on Aug. 12. Park staff hosted the dedication event at the visitor center, which is located at Mile 66 of the Denali Park Road. The ceremony included addresses by invited dignitaries, with DOI Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Lyle Laverty as the keynote speaker. A ribbon cutting was immediately followed by an open house. The event was open to the public, who reached the remote facility via the park's shuttle-bus system.

The new 7,400-square-foot visitor center features large indoor and outdoor viewing areas, an indoor dining area and an alcove for indoor ranger presentations. The total cost of the building and its exhibits was \$9.2 million.

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Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center Opens at Grand Teton NP

By Jackie Skaggs, Public Affairs Officer, Grand Teton NP

Grand Teton NP Supt. Mary Gibson Scott and the staff of Grand Teton NP, the family and associates of Laurance S. Rockefeller, former Assistant Secretary of State John Turner and approximately 175 guests joined together on June 21 for a dedication ceremony to mark the grand opening of the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center. NBC News Correspondent Pete Williams served as emcee for the special event.

The Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve—the former JY Ranch, which served as a longtime summer retreat for the Rockefeller family—is a reflection of Mr. Rockefeller's lifelong commitment to making areas of natural scenic beauty accessible to the public. Laurance strongly believed that nature has the power to

restore and sustain the human spirit. It was his hope that, by experiencing this spiritual and emotional renewal, visitors to the preserve would become aware of the importance of nature in their own lives and acknowledge their roles in acting as good stewards of the land. The new interpretive center, a Platinum-level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building, offers visitors a distinctive opportunity to learn about the natural world. The center and restroom buildings were designed and constructed to be a model NPS facility by using the latest environmental technologies and sustainable techniques.

During the ceremony, Lucy Rockefeller Waletzky said her father thought of "mind-body-spirit as one word," because people would be "physically and emotionally renewed at the same time." Clayton W. Frye, longtime senior associate of

Rockefeller, stated that Laurance was the "intellectual father" of the preserve, and that he prioritized "removing the hand of man" to return the preserve to its natural condition. John Turner told of floating on the Snake River with Laurance and Mary Rockefeller "on a beautiful fall day with blazing colors," and having Rockefeller hint at his desire to return the JY Ranch to its natural state and make it available to the general public. Turner went on to say, "Laurance hoped people would restore their spirits in the wilderness setting." Intermountain Regional Director Mike Snyder commented, "Seeing this amazing place in person, I have to say that the value of this gift is absolutely priceless."

The Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center is situated to capture views of the Teton Range, and the interpretive

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Focus on the Parks

• In September, over 21 tons of old tires were removed from Hurricane Ridge in **Olympic NP** thanks to a creative partnership between the U.S. Coast Guard, the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and Olympic NP. The tires were placed at the lower end of the ski area Poma lift in the early 1980s to help contour the slope for skiers trying to get onto the lift. Tires are known to generate hazardous byproducts that can leach into surrounding soil and water. Ten Coast Guard crewmembers and 10 NPS employees helped with the tire removal. The 500-plus tires were loaded into a DOE-supplied truck for transport to a recycling facility.

• On Sept. 6, about 250 people gathered at **Devils Tower NM** to enjoy the opening of the new interpretive site—Tribal Connections. The centerpiece of the new site is *Wind Circle*, a world peace sculpture donated to the NPS by Japanese sculptor Junkyu Muto. The peace sculpture is the third of nine to be placed at significant sites throughout the world. The first was placed at the Vatican in

2000 and the second in Buddha Gaya, India in 2005, where the Buddha attained enlightenment. Devils Tower is the location where the White Buffalo Calf Woman delivered the sacred bundle to the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota nations. Along with the sacred bundle, she taught the people how to perform the seven sacred ceremonies and to live in a good and humble way.

The crowd was entertained by various dance, drum, storytelling and music performances, including several entertainers who traveled from Japan to celebrate the unveiling of the world peace sculpture. Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19th generation keeper of the sacred bundle delivered by the White Buffalo Calf Woman, spoke of his world peace and prayer day efforts, and the consul general for Japan in Denver, Kazuaki Kubo, spoke of the importance of the day's activities.

• **Help Wanted at Gateway NRA:** Must be light on feet, have skill in eradicating non-native species, not be afraid of heights, work well with others, be patient with visitors, be photogenic, not be allergic to poison ivy and be respectful of boundaries. No driver's license necessary. Free room and board and 24-hour buffet provided.

Does that sound too good to be true? Not if you are a goat. Gateway NRA building and utilities employee Carol Thompson knew that goats feed on many plants, including problematic non-native, invasive species like poison ivy. She also knew that the historic batteries at Fort Tompkins were in need of some grooming. So, the park's chief of cultural resources, Kathy Foppes, placed an ad in area newspapers and, thanks to the ad, the park contracted with a local goat herder and the goats got to work.

This is the second year that goats have been enlisted for "active duty" at the fort. "The goats take about three man-hours a week to take care of, so we're saving a lot of money and effort," said Staten Island Unit Assistant Supt. Dave Taft. Visitors seem to enjoy seeing the goats at work. Signs not only educate visitors about this low-impact and effective grazing, but also warn them that these working animals are not part of a petting zoo. Since the goats feed primarily on poison ivy, the toxic plant oils are all over them.

• From Aug. 29 to 31, **Women's Rights NHP** hosted a multimedia program entitled *The Ghosts of Seneca Falls*, which consisted of images projected within the Wesleyan Chapel that depicted people and events associated with the 1848 Women's Rights Convention. The soundtrack was composed of interviews with people in San Francisco explaining what they do or do not know about this convention. The program was created by Cassandra Sobieralski, an artist working with video projection as an art medium. Her work has appeared in the Berkeley Art Center and the Start SOMA Gallery in San Francisco. She hopes the project will raise awareness of this important event in American history, as well as help those who view the program gain an appreciation for the rights women enjoy today.

• On Sept. 27 and 28, **Jefferson National Expansion Memorial** welcomed 13,750 visitors to the first annual ParkPalooza event on the grounds of the Gateway Arch. Interactive venues incor-

Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center



GRAND TETON NP SUPT. MARY GIBSON SCOTT addresses the audience at the dedication ceremony for the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center.

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experience within the building has been carefully choreographed to make visitors more aware of natural elements found on the preserve. Visitors move through a series of sensory experiences linked with a poem by esteemed nature writer Terry Tempest Williams. These visual, auditory and tactile explorations include recordings of Rockefeller speaking

about conservation, high-definition nature videos, large-scale photography and a soundscape room with nature recordings from the preserve. There is also a resource room that provides a place for visitors to relax and explore books, albums and maps. The new preserve center will be open from June through mid-October, while the trail system can be enjoyed year-round. ■

porated outdoor experiences like fishing, rock climbing, cycling and archeology, as well as historical interpretation, music, dance, art and technology. Among the many activities, children were able to make crafts from recycled materials, set up a tipi, serve on a cannon crew, meet "Thomas Jefferson" and "Teddy Roosevelt," help create an oil painting, listen to Native American music and participate in folk dances.

Funding was provided by an NPS Centennial Challenge grant matched by park partners Jefferson National Parks Association and Metro, with a significant donation from the Mississippi River Trail, Inc. The event was successful in large part because of the partnerships forged with dozens of local, state and national organizations, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the NPS Midwest Archeological Center, Ulysses S. Grant NHS, Nez Perce NHP, Wilson's Creek NB, Mississippi NRRRA and New Orleans Jazz NHP.

ParkPalooza was structured so that it can be presented in other parks across the country. Its major purpose was to provide insight into the mission of the NPS. The event encouraged visitors to appreciate and become stewards of public lands nationwide. For more information and to see photographs of the event, visit www.parkpalooza.org or www.nps.gov/jeff.

• A half-mile-long series of aquatic murals painted under the direction of acclaimed artist Wyland were unveiled Sept. 30 at the **National Mall and Memorial Parks**. The murals, promoting environmental awareness of oceans, lakes, rivers and wetlands, were first displayed in Beijing, China for the 2008 Olympic Cultural Festival and Green Olympics. NPS Director Mary Bomar welcomed Wyland to the park and praised his efforts to raise awareness of

ocean stewardship through the exhibit entitled *Hands Across the Ocean*. Wyland painted the exhibit with the assistance of 3,000 children from 110 countries. During the event, Wyland and 100 area schoolchildren, as well as government and environmental officials created a new 450-square-foot mural of the Potomac River watershed.

James Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, conceived the idea of displaying the murals on the Mall to coincide with the opening of the new Sant Ocean Hall in the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History across the street. The panels embarked on a nationwide tour after leaving the National Mall on Oct. 3.

• Aug. 27 marked the centennial of President Lyndon B. Johnson's birth, and **Lyndon B. Johnson NHP** celebrated this milestone by opening his home, known as the "Texas White House," to the public for the first time. Hundreds of invited guests, park visitors, former members of the U.S. Secret Service Johnson protective detail, family staff and NPS retirees were present. Following a graveside wreath-laying ceremony to honor the late president and remarks by dignitaries and President Johnson's daughter, Luci Johnson, the presidential office was officially opened for public viewing.

The office, furnished as it was during Johnson's presidency (1963-1969), is the first room in the home to open to the public, with additional rooms scheduled sequentially until the entire downstairs is available for public touring by the end of 2010. Also opening to the public for the first time on Aug. 27 was the historic LBJ Ranch airplane hangar. The hangar will become an interpretive staging area for tours of the Texas White House, with exhibits and films showcasing family life on the LBJ Ranch and the overall Johnson legacy. ■

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The Arrowhead Store is Open for Business

By Chick Fagan, Chief,
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Although it has been in existence for more than 12 years, most National Park Service employees and alumni have not yet visited the Arrowhead Store. This shopping venue is the place to buy quality products featuring the official National Park Service Arrowhead symbol.

The Arrowhead Store is administered by Eastern National at the NPS's request to "...nurture the pride and spirit that is the hallmark of those who have made the National Park Service a leader in the fields of conservation and preservation." Arrowhead products may be viewed and ordered online at www.ArrowheadStore.com.

The Arrowhead product line has varied over the years based on level of sales

and ideas for new products. Among the current merchandise selection is a sports bag, polo shirt, travel mug, bolo tie and backpack. Eastern National procures and markets Arrowhead products after they've been selected by the Arrowhead Pride Committee, which is composed of field and central office employees. If you have an idea for a new item, email it to chick_fagan@nps.gov for consideration by the committee.

Arrowhead products are not available for purchase by the general public, but may be purchased by our partners, such as cooperating association employees and volunteers, who help us protect park resources and serve the public. Articles of clothing available through this program are not to be worn with, or as a substitute for, the official NPS uniform. ■

Carl Sandburg Home NHS Celebrates Educational Grant



Official Photograph - The White House by Shealah Craighead

NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION Honorary Chair Mrs. Laura Bush and Senator Elizabeth Dole visit with youth during the education celebration at Carl Sandburg Home NHS. Park volunteers Gwyneth Noble (far left) and Barbara McCraw (far right), along with Supt. Connie Backlund, joined in the celebration activities.

By Connie Backlund, Superintendent,
Carl Sandburg Home NHS

Asheville's *Citizen-Times* newspaper reporter Nanci Bompey captured the essence of the day best of all as she talked to Jasmine Greene from the Boys and Girls Club of Hendersonville, N.C. Jasmine was savoring a hug from First Lady Laura Bush, and she wasn't letting anyone else embrace her at the time. When asked to describe her day, she said, "It felt like a fairy tale." I concur completely; it was magical indeed.

It all began simply by returning a phone call from the National Park Foundation a few days before the Fourth of July. During most of that initial conversation, Jamie Patten, their senior vice president for communications and corporate relations, didn't even tell me who the very special person was who may be presenting the grant to us to enhance our park's growing youth education program. Eventually Jamie determined I probably had guessed, and she shared with me that the presenter may be their Honorary

Chair Mrs. Laura Bush. At that very instant, I was sworn to secrecy.

Sharing only that on Monday, July 28 we would be hosting the National Park Foundation, work began in earnest. In particular, invitations were extended to all the girls and boys who participate in the park's volunteer program at the barn, as well as some of the youth from our Boys and Girls Club. We added one of the winners from this year's student poetry contest and the apprentices from the Flat Rock Playhouse to perform a short rendition of Carl Sandburg's *Rootabaga Stories*. These invitations included no reference to Honorary Chair Mrs. Bush coming, but rather included phrases like, "I assure you, you will not want to miss this." The results were amazing, and they didn't even know the full story!

Per protocol, the White House would announce the visit. I knew that most likely it would be issued as a statement to the news media on the Thursday before the Monday event. That was the same day the White House advance team would be arriving in the

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Kudos and Awards

• On Sept. 3, NPS Director Mary Bomar presented 2007 Appleman-Judd-Lewis Awards to **Monika Mayr**, **Edwin Colón** and **Rosie Pepito**. Monika Mayr is superintendent at Vicksburg NMP, where her active leadership and inspiration resulted in significant projects that preserve and interpret cultural resources associated with the Civil War battle at Vicksburg. Edwin Colón is facility manager at San Juan NHS, where he draws on 25 years of experience in park facilities management for the preservation of Spain's largest masonry fortifications in the New World. Rosie Pepito is chief of cultural resources at Lake Mead NRA, where she leads interagency preservation efforts at Lake Mead, Grand Canyon-Parashant NM and the NPS Submerged Resources Center, as well as at partnership bureaus throughout southern Nevada.

The Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award, which honors excellence in cultural resource management, is named for three well-respected, longtime NPS employees: historian Roy E. Appleman, historical architect Henry A. Judd and curator Ralph H. Lewis. The award was established in 1970.



SAM WHITTINGTON

• Denver Service Center (DSC) Director **Sam Whittington** received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the management and protection of the resources of the National Park Service. On Aug. 20, Steve Whitesell, associate director of Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, presented the award to Sam during an all-employee meeting at the DSC. The award cited, among other things, Sam's role in leading the realignment of the DSC and his leadership and guidance in improving cost estimating for federal design and construction projects.

• **Cuyahoga Valley NP** recently received the National Park Service Midwest Region Hartzog Award for Exceptional Volunteer Program for 2007. The award is named for George B. Hartzog, Jr., seventh director of the National Park Service, who is credited with formalizing the Volunteers-In-Parks Program in 1970.

Competing with 56 other NPS units, Cuyahoga Valley NP's volunteer program had over 2,000 volunteers in 2007 who gave over 74,000 hours to the park. The park received the award for the diversity of volunteer positions and the commitment of the volunteers themselves. Some of the volunteer positions

in 2007 included the park's Trailblazer volunteers, visitor center assistants, boundary survey volunteers, invasive species workers, program assistants, interpretive volunteers and trail workers.

"We are pleased to receive this regional award for one of our greatest assets in the park. We could not accomplish our mission without the enthusiastic efforts of the many volunteers," said Park Volunteer Manager Travis White. For information about volunteering at the park, call (440) 546-5996, or visit www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm.

• On June 24, Glen Canyon NRA chief pilot **Tug Kangus** received the 2007 Intermountain Regional Director's Award for Employee Safety and Health Achievement for his years of incident-free flying and dedication to safety. Tug has been the chief pilot and certified aircraft mechanic at Glen Canyon NRA for over 25 years and a pilot with the NPS for over 36 years. He has played a primary role in one of the safest, most effective aviation programs in the NPS and a key role in enabling the smooth operation of Glen Canyon NRA.

• On Sept. 24, over 75 guests attended the National Capital Region's 11th annual Excellence in Interpretation awards ceremony. NPS Deputy Director Lindi Harvey joined Acting Regional Director Lisa Mendelson-Ielmini in recognizing all the nominees and winners. Eastern National sponsored the event.

The 2008 award winners are as follows. **Dwight Madison**, supervisory park ranger, Rock Creek Park, was selected as the 2008 regional Freeman Tilden Award winner for Rock Creek Park's first children's book project—*Why Are There No Bears In Rock Creek Park?* Three regional interpretive awards were presented. **The Prince William Forest Park's 1930s Heritage Days Team** received the Interpretive Teamwork Award. This event commemorated the 75th anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs. **Carl Lennartson**, park ranger at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, received the Sustained Interpretive Services Award. Carl blends music, humor, showmanship, visitor interaction and an easygoing style to help visitors experience life on the 1870s canal and explore the importance of preserving a piece of it. **The Williamsport Trolley Barn Exhibit Support Team** from Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP received the Support to Interpretation Award. This group provided a variety of services to prepare the Trolley Barn to receive the National Canal Museum traveling exhibit, *Building America's Canals*. The Trolley Barn was cleaned up, painted and renovated for accessibility, and the team provided additional exhibit work and technology components for the exhibits.

• On May 30, **Grand Canyon NP** Supt. Steve Martin issued a summer Safety Challenge to park employees. In a memo outlining the challenge, Supt. Martin stated, "I want to challenge all managers, supervisors and employees to take specific actions in keeping employees safe this season..." He asked all employees to complete a risk assessment form and to double their efforts in conducting safety walk-arounds. Over 290 employees responded to the challenge, which culminated in early August with an all-employee meet-

Park Staff Recognized as "Federal Team of the Year"



THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NHS "Federal Team of the Year" for 2008, pictured left to right: Crystal Mercer, Spirit Trickey, Taronia Armstrong, Jan Lee, Rob McKelvey, Alyssa Warrick, Christian Davis and Quantia Fletcher. Not pictured: Julie Jackson and Laura Miller.

At its annual awards luncheon on June 12, the Federal Executive Association of Arkansas formally recognized the staff of **Central High School NHS** as "Federal Team of the Year" for 2008. Supt. Mike Madell, who nominated the park team for the award, stated, "This is a hardworking group of individuals who continually demonstrate the amazing accomplishments that are possible through commitment, teamwork and a shared vision. It has been, and continues to be, my honor to work with every one of them."

The team served as participants, organizers and leaders in the planning and implementation of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School special events and programming. This included the dedication of the park's new visitor center, which serves as a place to educate current and future generations about the Little Rock desegregation crisis, the Little Rock Nine and civil rights in America. The facility also serves as an anchor in a neighborhood that has suffered from years of disinvestment. Through its work, the team supported the vision of the Little Rock mayor's 50th Anniversary Commission to "...reflect on the past, examine the present and promote future reconciliation and growth."

In addition to the opening of the visitor center and supporting the 50th anniversary commemoration, the team maintained a high quality of service in fulfillment of the agency

mission and park purpose. During 2007, team members conducted 50 outreach programs throughout the Little Rock community, presented 349 formal interpretive programs and hosted 42 on-site special events. Park staff developed a Junior Ranger Program for patients at Arkansas Children's Hospital; worked in partnership with Coca-Cola and youth from InnerCity FutureNet (ICFN) to sell anniversary memorabilia to benefit both the site and ICFN programs; and collaborated with the Center High Alert Center and Little Rock Museum Consortium respectively to cosponsor National Night Out and Big Boo!seum (an alternative Halloween night experience).

The team partnered with the NAACP to sponsor events supporting the Daisy Bates Education Summit; partnered with two local radio stations to produce and broadcast a series of more than 100 educational vignettes; worked with the Museum of Discovery to arrange a grant to develop an exhibit on black education in Arkansas; partnered with the Little Rock School District to obtain a grant to fund the first phase of a landscape restoration project at Central High School; collaborated to support World Fest by developing programs to highlight human rights issues around the world; and worked with Ball State University and others to sponsor an "electronic field trip"—two live education programs that broadcast the story of Central High School via satellite to more than 50,000 students in classrooms in 47 states and four foreign countries. ■

ing and appreciation barbecue. Individual employees and divisions received monetary rewards for their outstanding contributions to the program, and all employees who were actively involved developing risk assessments and conducting walk-arounds received time-off awards for their efforts.

"Based on the number of risk assessments and walk-arounds that were completed this summer—the Safety Challenge was a huge success," stated Supt. Martin. "I want to commend everyone who participated in the program, making this a

safer place to live and work in. By participating in the program, employees also contributed in making Grand Canyon a safer place for park visitors."

The Safety Challenge was a fun learning experience and was well received by employees, according to the park's safety officer, Don Singer. "We're looking forward to an even better Safety Challenge next summer as we continue to strive to make the park a safer place to work and a safer place to visit," he said. ■

George Minnucci Appointed E&AA President

In September 2008, the Board of Directors of Eastern National (EN) and of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) named George J. Minnucci, Jr. to serve as president and chief executive officer of both EN and E&AA. George reenters the position of chief executive officer and president with a strong background and experience with the National Park Service and Eastern National. He has been associated with Eastern National since 1977 and has previously served as EN's president and board chair. He has also previously served as a board member and board chair of the E&AA.

Prior to his affiliation with Eastern National, George served in a financial and executive management capacity for a manufacturing conglomerate, and he also held an executive-level position for an import-export company. He is active in local government and community nonprofit organizations, such as Scouting, professional organizations, nursing homes, religious institutions and youth sports organizations.

When former EN/E&AA President Chesley Moroz's health deteriorated, the board called upon George to act as

interim president to assume responsibility for the daily operation of EN and E&AA while an in-depth executive search could be conducted for a replacement.

EN/E&AA Board Chair Dr. John E. Cook said, "We are so pleased that George has agreed to stay on and continue the excellent work he has done after assuming the role under such unfortunate circumstances." Board Vice Chair Bill Schenk agreed with Dr. Cook, and added, "We look forward to his capable leadership ability as we move forward with our efforts to assist with the National Park Service's educational and interpretive programs."

National Park Service Director Mary Bomar was not surprised at George's appointment, and said, "Eastern National has a long and proud tradition of serving the visitors and the needs of the parks. I am confident that he will continue that tradition."

George was happy to be of assistance to the EN/E&AA Board of Directors during this time and is looking forward to being a part of the future of both associations. "I am excited about helping to secure a solid future for the E&AA and Eastern National, its employees and its partners." ■

Alumni News

E&AA Life Member Stuart Snyder, national Kowski Golf Tournament chairman, provided the following **33rd Annual Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament 2007 Results**: A total of 207 golfers participated in the 2007 tournament. Tom Belcher, maintenance chief at North Cascades NP, won the national championship (72) for the third year in succession in the Callaway format. Runner-up in the net division was Gary Bickford of Fort Vancouver NHS, with a 74. Steve James of North Cascades NP was third.

For the seventh straight year, low gross honors went to Rob Bringardner (spouse of Tricia Welles, Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle), who shot one under par 71. Rob also garnered closest-to-the-pin honors with a shot 8'3" from the flagstick. Frank Sannino, of the Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle, sank the longest putt.

The Intermountain Region and the National Capital Region (NCR) held their annual dogfight in the scramble division last year. NCR came out victorious with a score of 12 under par. Members of the winning team were Charles Borders, Bill Bowdring, Howie Bowdring and Chris Kuhn. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all the local tournament coordinators and participants.

Stu also adds, "All the participants of the local Kowski tournament were saddened by the passing of Elroy Bohlin (see page eight). Elroy, for years, was a presence at the Columbia Cascades annual event, bringing along 8 to 10 of his retired cronies to add color and 'up the ante' to the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program. We will miss

his unfailing good humor and positive outlook. He represented all that is good about the Park Service and the E&AA."

Call for Volunteers—This year, E&AA Life Member **Stuart Snyder** is stepping down after 16 years as the national chairman of the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program. If you are willing to take on the challenge, or can suggest anyone who might be interested in this rewarding volunteer position, please contact E&AA Membership Coordinator Bonnie Stetson at bonnie.stetson@eandaa.org. Our heartfelt thanks go to Stu for his support over the years!

E&AA Life Member **Karen Garrison Reyer** wrote to the *Arrowhead* newsletter to report that her husband, E&AA Life Member **Eldon Reyer**, who retired from the NPS in 1989 as associate regional director of the Southwest Region - Santa Fe, was the 2008 recipient of the American Horse Council national annual Marjorie Van Ness award. Eldon received the award at the 2008 American Horse Council National Issues Forum in Washington, D.C. on June 17. The award recognizes the recipient for their support and promotion of the horse and horse-related activities through education and informational programs to benefit all equine interests and promote the welfare of the horse community.

Eldon has been involved with horses and mules for over 50 years—since his first summer job with the NPS in Yellowstone in 1957. After retirement, he returned to his love of horses and pack-

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Employees and Alumni Association News

Giving Opportunities—There is still time to join the distinguished group of individuals that includes former NPS directors and other leaders in the business and education community who are dedicated to furthering the mission and programs of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA). The **Arrowhead Society** was formed to provide individuals and corporations the opportunity to become part of the NPS and E&AA family legacy. To become a **founding member**, individuals are asked to make a commitment of \$1,000—payable over a two-year period.

Membership in the Arrowhead Society is open until Founders' Day Aug. 25, 2009. The contributions from all founding members will be used to build a permanent endowment fund that will provide continued support for E&AA programs. Additional ways to support the mission of the E&AA include contributions to The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program (interest-free education loans to

dependent children and grandchildren of E&AA NPS members) and The Chesley Moroz Disaster Relief Fund (assistance for NPS employees affected by great hardships such as natural disasters).

Loan Deadline Reminder—The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program offers interest-free education loans to E&AA NPS 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. **Applications need to be postmarked no later than March 1. Faxes and email transmissions are acceptable. Any applications received that are postmarked or dated after March 1 will not be approved for the current cycle.** ■

ing, and continues to enjoy his saddle and pack horses in New Mexico and to volunteer for equine-related committees and organizations. He organized and led the 2005 Senate Ride in the Chama River Wilderness for the Continental Divide Scenic Trail Alliance, and is an avid trail advocate. In 2007, he was appointed to the New Mexico Recreation Trails Pro-

gram Advisory Board. Since 1992, Eldon has been president of the Northern New Mexico Horseman's Association. He is a consultant for counties developing emergency planning for equine evacuation in time of disaster. Karen and Eldon retired from the New Mexico Girls Ranch staff in 2006 after 14 years of service to the ranch. ■

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Leon Barnett, Sr., preservation worker, National Mall and Memorial Parks, June 27 after over 17 years.

William R. Bazar, III, park ranger (interpretation), Fort Donelson NB, June 30 after 20 years.

E&AA Life Member **Marcia Blaszk**, regional director, Alaska Region, May 3 after 39 years.

Marcia began her NPS career in the Western Regional Office in 1968 as a clerk-typist. Throughout her career, she served in a variety of locations, including administrative positions at Point Reyes NS and Golden Gate NRA, and as budget officer at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and administrative officer at Yellowstone NP, Shenandoah NP and Lassen Volcanic NP. Marcia moved to the Alaska Region in 1994 as the associate regional director for administration. She served as the superintendent of the Alaska Support Office prior to becoming deputy regional director in 2001. She served as the regional director for the Alaska Region since August 2003.

During her career, Marcia also served as a team leader for the Administrative Payment Teams and as the finance section chief for the first NPS All Risk Type I Incident Management Team. In those capacities, she worked in Yellowstone NP during the 1988 fires and supported employees and managers of the South Florida parks after Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Marcia received the DOI Meritorious Service Award in 1998 and the DOI Distinguished Service Award upon her retirement. She and her husband, Bob, will remain in Alaska and are building a home north of Anchorage.



VAN BROWER

Van Brower, digital printing specialist, Information Management Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), Aug. 3 after over 37 years.

Van began his NPS career as a GS-1 machine operator at the Eastern Service Center in Washington, D.C. After moving to Colorado for the October 1971 opening of the DSC, Van was assigned to Micrographics. Originally a micrographics trainee, he later worked as a photo draftsman and a digital printing specialist. Van was the last of the original 1971 DSC employees still working at the Denver offices of the DSC. He is also a second generation NPS employee. His father, Frederick "Fritz" Brower, retired from the DSC in 1977 after 37 years of service. (Fritz lives in Hyde Park, N.Y. and is doing well.) Van is grateful to the NPS for "a great career and many special friendships."

David Buccello, chief ranger, Acadia NP, April 30 after over 29 years.

David began his NPS career in 1978 as a seasonal fire fighter/rescue technician at Grand Canyon NP. After serving briefly with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he returned to the NPS as a permanent backcountry ranger at Grand Canyon NP. By 1985, David had transferred to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks as a patrol supervisor. In 1987, he transferred to Yosemite NP, where he supervised the fee operation, served as a park medic and had protection duties. The job provided many opportunities to work with wildlife. He and his wife, E&AA Life Member Patricia Buccello, were the only two wildlife capture technicians in a district with very active black bear problems.

In 1989, the couple transferred to Zion NP, where David served as the assistant chief ranger. Here, he developed partnerships with the outside communities in fire, emergency medical services (EMS) and search and rescue. Pat and David were the first EMS advanced life support medics to operate in Southern Utah. David also taught at the annual NPS technical rescue classes at Canyonlands NP.

In 1999, David became chief ranger at Acadia NP, where he developed a strong resource protection program, including ranger bike and horse patrol programs. He became one of the first paramedics on the Southwest Harbor/Tremont Ambulance Service in Maine, where he continues as assistant crew chief. During retirement, he is sure to stay busy in EMS, put miles on his bike and do lots of gardening.

E&AA Member **Donald W. "Don" Campbell**, superintendent, Harpers Ferry NHP, July 3 after 41 years.

Don joined the NPS in 1967 as a park planner in the Western Service Center, Office of Environmental Planning and Design in San Francisco, Calif. While there, he led a number of new area and wilderness area designation studies and fulfilled two summer assignments at Yellowstone NP. In 1972, he transferred to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office - Seattle as planning chief, where he worked on new area studies. In 1975, he became Pacific Northwest Region liaison officer for Alaska Affairs, where he coordinated the new Alaska park proposals for the region. In 1978, he entered the DOI Departmental Manager Development Program, and was appointed superintendent of Harpers Ferry NHP in 1979.

Don was the recipient of the 2007



DONALD W. CAMPBELL

Stephen T. Mather Award from the National Parks Conservation Association. He and his wife, Sandy, will stay in Shepherdstown, W.Va. to be near their children and grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member **Gary J. Candelaria**, associate regional director for cultural resources, Midwest Region, July 31 after 35 years of government service, over 32 of them with the NPS.

Gary joined the NPS in 1975 as an intake ranger at Saratoga NHP, then moved in 1977 to Ozark NSR as assistant chief of interpretation. In 1979, he became chief ranger at Sitka NHP, where he worked on the Russian Bishop's House restoration project. In 1990, Gary became superintendent at Fort Laramie NHS. In the ensuing years, he served as NPS Director Roger Kennedy's aide-de-camp in the Washington Office, as "acting everything" at Santa Monica Mountains NRA and as superintendent at Pinnacles NM. In 1999, he returned to Alaska as superintendent at Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, where he served until 2004. While at Wrangell-St. Elias, he confronted threats to the park posed by the "Pilgrim Family" and their supporters. He received the 2004 Stephen T. Mather Award from the National Parks Conservation Association for his work on the Pilgrim issue.

Gary was assistant manager at Harpers Ferry Center until moving to his most recent position in 2006. In retirement, he plans to study Greek and Latin, follow the football fortunes of the "Fighting Beavers" of Oregon State and write the definitive history of the WWII destroyer, USS *Monaghan* (DD-354).

Arthur B. Cash, engineering equipment operator foreman, Big Bend NP, Aug. 3 after 40 years.

David Cavalier, maintenance worker, Harpers Ferry NHP, June 30 after over 28 years.

Betty G. Clark, supervisory human resources specialist, Southeast Regional Office, Aug. 3 after 26 years.

Don Coelho, chief, Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO, July 3 after 33 years of federal service, 31 of them with the NPS.

During his years of service, Don worked in almost every ranger specialty, including law enforcement, criminal investigations, search and rescue (SAR), emergency medical services and structural and wildland fire. He worked in field law enforcement management positions at Yosemite NP and Grand Teton NP and also served as a special agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. At WASO, Don oversaw numerous national programs, including SAR, law enforcement policy and commissioning, investigative services, professional responsibility, security and intelligence, emergency services, incident management and background investigations.

Paul Dettman, Jr., engineering equipment operator, Yosemite NP, Sept. 3 after 41 years of federal service, 38 of them with the NPS.

Following military service in the army, Paul took a laborer job with Yosemite Park & Curry Company in 1966 that led to an offer of a temporary truck driver position with Yosemite NP three years later. After working on a seasonal basis over the next few years, he was selected for a permanent position in 1973. The

job eventually evolved into his engineering equipment operator position.

Throughout the years, Paul worked and lived in the Yosemite Valley, the Wawona and Mather districts (including the Tuolumne Meadows subdistrict) and Hodgdon Meadows. Paul and his wife, Ruth Ann, are retiring to Columbia, Calif. He may be reached at alpinflo@juno.com.

Roger Dillard, chief of maintenance, Ozark NSR, Aug. 15 after over 37 years.

After a stint in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Roger began his NPS career as a seasonal maintenance employee at Ozark NSR in 1971. He has also worked in maintenance at Yellowstone NP, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, Rocky Mountain NP and Buffalo NR. Roger attended the second NPS Facility Managers Training Course at the Horace M. Albright Training Center in 1990 and later served as an instructor for the intake program there. He retires to his farm in Eminence, Mo.

Ely Edquid, chief park ranger, Cabrillo NM, June 30 after 36 years.

E&AA Life Member **Betty W. Frantum**, administrative officer, Padre Island NS, June 28 after 34 years.

Juan Gonzalez, maintenance mechanic, Amistad NRA, June 30 after 39 years.

Margie Griffith, custodial worker, Harpers Ferry NHP, July 31 after over eight years.

Robert Hartman, program manager (deputy superintendent), Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, July 3 after over 30 years.

E&AA Life Member **Jacob "Jake" Hoogland**, chief, Environmental Quality Division, WASO, Aug. 1 after over 30 years.

Jake started his NPS career as a seasonal interpreter at Mesa Verde NP (1975 to 1977). After graduating from law school and working with the Bureau of Land Management, he returned to Mesa Verde in 1978, eventually accepting a permanent position on the interpretive staff. In 1979, he joined the Legislative Compliance Division at the Denver Service Center (DSC). He moved to the Western Team at DSC and spent several years working on 106 and NEPA compliance for a variety of planning, design and construction projects in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest and Western regions. Except for a two-year period when he served as a special assistant to the assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Jake has been chief of the Environmental Quality Division in Washington, D.C. since 1988.

Jake, his wife, Ruth Ann Storey, and their son, Noah, will remain in the Washington, D.C. area. Jake plans to pursue work as a consultant in the private sector and stay active with national park issues.

E&AA Life Member **Elizabeth A. "Betty" Janes**, assistant superintendent and administrative officer, Mesa Verde NP, Sept. 3 after 33 years.

Betty spent most of her NPS career with the Denver Service Center. In 1982, she became the chief of planning for the Western Team and was involved in planning for the new parks in Alaska. From 1990 to 1995, she was chief of planning for the Eastern Team, then became a project manager for projects in the Washington, D.C. area in 1995. In 2000, she joined the WASO Office of Park Planning and Special Studies. Since

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2002, Betty has been the assistant superintendent and administrative officer at Mesa Verde NP. Her awards include the DOI Superior Service Award. She and her husband, Eric, plan to stay in the Mancos Valley outside of Mesa Verde and visit their daughters and granddaughter in the Pacific Northwest.

John Javor, general maintenance operational supervisor, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Sept. 2 after 34 years.

E&AA Life Member **Darryll R. Johnson**, social scientist, Pacific West Regional Office - Seattle, July 1 after 30 years.

Diane Jung, partnerships program specialist, Alaska Regional Office, Sept. 2 after 33 years.

Gwyneth A. Kroiss, administrative technician, Lake Roosevelt NRA, July 31 after 28 years.

James Lathon, road sweeper operator, George Washington Memorial Parkway, June 30 after over 27 years.

Joseph M. "Joe" Lawler, regional director, National Capital Region (NCR), Aug. 2 after 33 years.

Joe began his NPS career as a temporary park technician in 1972. After two summers, he joined the NCR's special events office in 1974. In 1975, he became a park ranger at President's Park, followed by site manager for Ford's Theatre NHS in 1978 and chief of interpretation and visitor services at Wolf Trap NP for the Performing Arts in 1979. He became assistant superintendent at Rock Creek Park in 1984.

After three years in the private sector, Joe returned to the NPS in 1988 as general manager at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He returned to Wolf Trap as park director in 1992. In 1994, he was appointed the NCR associate regional director for operations, and he became the NCR Support Office superintendent in 1996. From 1997 until 2004, Joe served as the NCR deputy regional director and had been regional director since January 2005.

Joe completed both the NPS Mid-Level Management Development Program and the DOI Senior Executive Service Federal Candidate Development Program. He has received many awards, including the DOI Meritorious Service Award for fostering partnerships and the Alice Ferguson Foundation's first Potomac Champion award. He was recognized by the Ford's Theatre Society Board of Trustees, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Capital Concerts, Inc. and the U.S. Congress. Joe and his wife, Libby, will remain in the Washington, D.C. area.

E&AA Life Member **Dwight Madison**, supervisory park ranger, Rock Creek Park, July 3 after 31 years.

Kent Mecham, structural fire chief, Grand Canyon NP, Aug. 30 after 35 years.

During his NPS career, Kent has worked as a park ranger and structural fire specialist. He worked at Death Valley NP and Leman Caves (now Great Basin NP) before joining Grand Canyon NP, where he has been the structural fire chief for the past 18 years. Kent received the NPS Exemplary Act Award for saving a hiker's life in Death Valley in the middle of the summer, as well as commendations and awards for



KENT MECHAM

his fire investigations—one of which helped to apprehend a serial arsonist at the Grand Canyon.

Kent is retiring to his home in the California Sierra Nevada Mountains with his wife, Nancy. He has plans to be a docent at local historical museums and to continue his pursuit of knowledge in structural fire and history.

Jess Mercado, maintenance worker, Haleakala NP, Aug. 30 after 27 years.

E&AA Life Member **Stephen T. "Steve" Miller**, superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie N PRES, Aug. 2 after over 35 years.

Steve started his NPS career in 1972 as a seasonal park technician on the Lightship *Chesapeake*. After college, he continued at the lightship, where he conducted environmental education programs for area schools and colleges. In 1975, he joined the Kringle Environmental Resource Center in Rock Creek Park as site manager, where he was involved in regional environmental education programs. He was detailed to President's Park in 1977 as a supervisory park ranger. Steve became the supervisory park ranger at El Morro NM in 1978, and became superintendent at Navajo NM in 1980.

In 1986, Steve became superintendent at Fort Davis NHS. During this time, he helped to complete the restoration of the enlisted men's barracks. In 1988, he became superintendent at Fort Scott NHS. During this time, he also served as the state coordinator and started work on a proposed new park—Tallgrass Prairie N PRES. In 1996, after Congress established Tallgrass Prairie N PRES as a unit of the NPS, Steve became the park's first superintendent.

E&AA Life Member **Jack R. Morrison**, seasonal lead interpretive park ranger, Sunrise Visitor Center, Mount Rainier NP, September 2007 after 38 summers.

Jack began his seasonal NPS career in May 1965. He worked during the summers, mainly at Mount Rainier, but with a short stint at Yellowstone NP. During those seasons, he was a backcountry ranger, fire-control aid/lookout, campground ranger and entrance station and interpretive ranger. In 2006, Jack retired from a 40-year teaching career. He taught mostly high school biology.

Jack and his wife, Sally, have moved to Prineville, Oreg. They are enjoying hiking, canoeing and exploring the natural history of the high desert and mountains of central Oregon.

Allen Moyer, welder, Shenandoah NP, Sept. 2 after 36 years.

Charles "Chuck" Nail, officer, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), Aug. 30 after 23 years.

Chuck began his U.S.P.P. career in 1985. After graduating from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga., he was assigned to patrol duties covering National Capital Parks - East, the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Staten Island, N.Y. In 1991, he became a horse mounted officer. He was briefly assigned to the Fort Hunt stables, then finished his career patrolling the National Mall and surrounding parks. During his time on the National Mall, Chuck was involved in many historical events, including providing law enforcement assistance for the Million Man March, the Promise Keepers rally, anti-war demonstrations, NFL on the Mall, the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and three presidential inaugurations.

Chuck competed in police horse riding competitions and took first place in Virginia and Maryland events. On a national level, he placed several times in the top 10 for obstacle courses—placing second in a Virginia Beach competition in 1999 and third in a Canadian competition in 2004.

Chuck is a first sergeant in the New York Air National Guard stationed in Virginia. He was deployed to Iraq as part of his unit after 9/11. Although he is retiring from police work, he will continue his military service.

Olav V. Olsen, information technology specialist, Administration Information Technology, Intermountain Regional Office - Santa Fe, Aug. 2 after 34 years.

Rob Ryan, project specialist and landscape architect, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), July 3 after 31 years.

Rob joined the DSC's Planning Division as a co-op student. After graduating from Iowa State University in 1977, he returned to the Planning Division, where he developed graphics for general management plan (GMP) projects, including the GMPs at Grand Canyon NP, Channel Islands NP and Lake Mead NRA. In 1983, he transferred to the Design and Construction Division, where, as a landscape architect, he worked on projects at over 30 NPS sites, including Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Acadia NP, Sitka NHP and Petrified Forest NP.

Steven M. Seven, supervisory park ranger, Big South Fork NRRRA, July 3 after 31 years.

Charles R. Slaven, engineering equipment operator, Big South Fork NRRRA, Aug. 3 after 16 years.

Lisa Smith, maintenance worker supervisor, Pinnacles NM, Sept. 1 after 31 years.

E&AA Life Member **Stuart "Stu" Snyder**, chief appraiser, Columbia Cascades Land Resources Program Center, Dec. 31, 2007 after over 25 years of federal service, 22 of them with the DOI.

Stu started his NPS career in 1985 as an appraiser with the Land Resources Division of the old Pacific Northwest Region in Seattle, later becoming the chief appraiser for the Alaska Region in 1995. He returned to Seattle as the chief appraiser in 1996 and served in that capacity until all Interior Agency appraisers were reorganized into a single Departmental unit called the Appraisal Services Directorate in late 2003. Stu has served as the national chair for the Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament,

which benefits the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program, for 16 years (see page five, Alumni News). Stu and his wife, Ellie, continue to reside in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Hattie L. Squires, administrative officer, Moores Creek NB, Sept. 3 after 35 years.

Hattie served her entire NPS career at Moores Creek NB and was the longest serving employee in the history of the park, starting there in 1973 as a park technician. She oversaw the park's budget and personnel transactions for over three decades and was instrumental in building partnerships with area groups.

Hattie served a few stints as acting superintendent, including a period of time in 1980 and from 1994 to 1995. Her awards include a special achievement award (1980), a letter of commendation from the regional director (1984), the Southeast Region's Eastern National Superior Performance Award (1992), a special achievement award for sustained outstanding performance of duties (1993) and, most recently, the DOI Service Award.

Joseph Swann, automotive equipment mechanic, National Capital Parks - East, Aug. 2 after over 29 years.



LOIS THIEME

Lois Thieme, purchasing agent, Grand Teton NP, July 3 after over 37 years of federal service, 27 of them with the NPS.

Prior to joining the NPS, over the years Lois served in the U.S. Army Special Services in Germany; worked as a freelance artist in Jackson, Wyo.; was a procurement clerk for the Teton National Forest (now Bridger-Teton National Forest); was a program director responsible for the United Service Organizations operation on Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand; was the administrative assistant for the Intelligence Center at the U.S. Embassy's Defense Attaché Office in Vientiane, Laos; was a continuing education director at the U.S. Naval District Dental Center; and was administrative assistant and contracting officer at the Naval Sea Support Center Pacific Detachment.

Lois began her 27-year tenure at Grand Teton NP in 1981. In addition, she has supported nine other national parks by providing purchasing and contracting assistance. She plans to continue to live in Jackson, Wyo. and write books on her family history and overseas adventures. Letters of congratulations may be sent to: Lois Thieme, c/o Thayne O'Brien, Grand Teton National Park, P.O. Box 170, Moose, WY 83012.

Anna Womack, secretary, George Washington Memorial Parkway, July 5 after eight years. ■

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Kenneth G. "Kenny" Adams, 51, Aug. 5, while on duty at Mammoth Cave NP, due to an apparent heart attack.

Kenny began his NPS career at Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES in 1990 as a maintenance worker. He joined Padre Island NS in 1991 as a motor vehicle operator. He had been employed at Mammoth Cave NP as a ferryman and small craft operator since 1994.

Survivors include Kenny's wife, Debbie, and four sons: Brandon, Curtis, Cody and Kenneth, Jr. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Kentucky Chapter, 2908 Brownsboro Road, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40206-3506.

Martin "Marty" Benham, 81, Aug. 11, in Fort Collins, Colo.

Marty was born in Princeton, N.J. and attended Princeton University. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and then graduated from the University of Illinois.

Marty's NPS career began at Grand Teton NP as a climbing ranger. He then served at Yellowstone NP, Mount Rainier NP, Craters of the Moon NM and Everglades NP. He completed his federal service as a planner with the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Marty retired in 1984, at which time the family moved to Fort Collins.

Marty is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bertie, two sons and two grandchildren. The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Wilderness Society, c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

E&AA Life Member **Elroy W. Bohlin**, 90, July 17, while listening to the waves at the shore of his Hansville, Wash. home, due to the effects of a stroke.

Elroy served in WWII as a B-24 pilot and began his NPS career as a seasonal park ranger at Olympic NP in 1948 and 1949. His first permanent appointment was in 1950 as a park ranger at (then) Hawai'i NP. He served as a supervisory ranger at Olympic NP in 1955 before becoming chief park ranger at Mount McKinley NP (now Denali NP & PRES) from 1958 to 1962. He then served as a supervisory ranger for the North District of Yellowstone NP, followed by park manager at Big Hole NB. He finished his NPS career as superintendent at Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, from where he retired in 1974.

Elroy was an avid golfer (see page five, Alumni News) and gardener. He also performed as a member of the Windjammers Musical Group (accordion and vocals). He traveled extensively and was very active in his local community, where he will be deeply missed. Elroy devoted his long life to the American legacy of conservation and community service. He donated land to the Kitsap Land Trust for a wetlands nature preserve at Lofall, Wash. Above all, he appreciated parks.

Elroy was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Peggy. He then remarried and is survived by his wife, Marcy, and two daughters: Janice Ceridwen and Debbi Avery.

Al Capasso, 94, Aug. 31, at a hospice facility in Hawaii.

Al was a retired United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.) sergeant. He entered duty with the U.S.P.P. in 1942. During his career, he was a patrolman in the National Capital Region. He worked many historical events, including the Navy Day Parade in October 1944,

the inaugural detail for Franklin D. Roosevelt in January 1945 and General Eisenhower's and General Wainwright's details for their arrivals at the conclusion of WWII.

Al was promoted to sergeant around 1950. He became involved in the administrative side of the Force and was instrumental in the passage of legislation to improve retirement benefits for members of the U.S.P.P. covered by the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter's Retirement System. He was also instrumental in helping the U.S.P.P. take control of purchasing and procurement for uniforms and equipment.

Al was elected president of the Police Association of the District of Columbia and also taught new recruits. In addition, he was assigned as a motor sergeant in the Motorcycle Unit. He retired in 1963. Al is survived by his wife of 68 years, Rosalie; daughter, Barbara Jean; brother, Lou (who retired from the U.S.P.P. in 1960); and two sisters: Rita and Velia.

E&AA Life Member **John H. Flister**, 90, June 1, in Florida.

John retired from the NPS in 1980 as superintendent of Andersonville NHS. He joined the NPS as a construction representative in 1962. In that capacity, he worked on projects for seven years at Virgin Islands NP, Manassas NBP, Shenandoah NP, Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine, Everglades NP, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Harpers Ferry NHP, Castillo de San Marcos NM, Assateague Island NS and Statue of Liberty NM. In 1969, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he was a park planner, then was later assigned as facility manager for the National Visitor Center project at Union Station. He moved to Andersonville NHS as superintendent in 1974.

As an officer in the U.S. Army and veteran of WWII, John was laid to rest at Andersonville National Cemetery in Georgia alongside his wife, Jeanne, who preceded him in death.



BOB FRAUSON

Robert "Bob" Frauson, 84, June 20.

Bob was a distinguished veteran of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division and served in the mountains of Italy during WWII. He began his NPS career at Devils Tower NM, then worked for over 10 years as a Longs Peak climbing ranger at Rocky Mountain NP. In 1962, he joined Glacier NP. As a ranger, he was invaluable in emergency services and resource protection for the east side of the park. He taught countless rangers the skills and attributes necessary to serve in the alpine environs of Glacier. He retired in 1982 as Glacier's Hudson Bay District ranger.

Survivors include Bob's wife of 50

years, Ann, and his two daughters: Deb and Karen, who both work at Grand Teton NP. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Search and Rescue Fund, Glacier National Park, P.O. Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936.



Grano Family Photo

FRANCISCO RIVERA GRANO

Francisco "Frank" Rivera Grano, 85, June 30.

Frank served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He served as a rifleman with the 7th Division on Okinawa Island and in Korea. At discharge, he was a private first class, Company E, 17th Infantry, 7th Division.

Frank worked at Big Bend NP from 1954 to 1986. When he retired, he was the carpenter for the Building and Utilities Division at the park. "Grandpa," as he was affectionately known, will be greatly missed by all who knew and worked with him. Survivors include his wife, one son, four daughters, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to the Grano family at: Box 313, Marathon, TX 78942.

Gordon H. Keller, 63, Aug. 9, at home, due to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

After earning a B.A. degree from the University of Denver, Gordon became a certified gemologist and worked in the fine jewelry industry for 30 years. Upon retiring from the jewelry industry, he began volunteering at Bandelier NM. He was hired as a seasonal employee, then decided to pursue a second career in federal contracting. For 13 years, he worked as an NPS contracting officer in Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Denver.

Following his retirement from the NPS in April 2006, Gordon and his wife, Betty, immediately struck out on their lifelong dream of traveling full time in their RV and exploring the United States, Canada and Mexico. He was diagnosed with ALS in November 2007.

Betty, Gordon's wife of almost 42 years, survives him. He requested that donations for research be given to the ALS Association. Details may be found at www.alsa.org.

Tadgh D. McNamee, 58, June 10, at Staten Island University Hospital in New York, following a short illness.

Tadgh was a security and intelligence manager for the NPS Northeast Region. Prior to coming to the NPS, Tadgh had a career in the New York Police Department (NYPD), which he joined in 1967. He spent his entire NYPD career in Brooklyn, retiring as a sergeant in 2000. He was a member of the Fraternal Order

of Police, Saint Columcille Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the NYPD Emerald Society and the Honor Legion of the New York Police Department. Tadgh is survived by his wife, Melanie; his son, John C.; his daughter, Heather Ross; and two grandchildren.

Sandy J. Meyer, 57, June 14, at home in Hot Springs, S.Dak., due to pancreatic cancer.

Sandy was the administrative assistant to the superintendent at Wind Cave NP. During her 10-year government career, Sandy worked two years for the U.S.



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SANDY MEYER

Geological Survey before joining the NPS at Mount Rushmore N MEM in 1999. She transferred to Wind Cave NP one year later.

Survivors include Sandy's husband, Richard; son, Nicholas; two daughters: Erica and Lorraine; and grandson. Donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at www.pancan.org.

Dale Nuss, 82, June 20, peacefully in his sleep, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, Mont.

Dale served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe during WWII, where he was a waist gunner in a B-24, flying numerous missions over Germany. After the war, he attended Colorado State University and worked as a seasonal fire control aid and park ranger at Yellowstone NP from 1947 to 1952. In 1953, he became a permanent park ranger at Shenandoah NP, then returned to Yellowstone that same year and remained there until his retirement in 1980.

During his long career at Yellowstone, Dale worked at many locations, serving as district ranger in the West, South and North Districts, as assistant chief ranger and as a specialist in forestry, fire and bear management. He supervised the elk/bison management programs and developed and designed A-frame cabins, four of which still stand as a continuing monument to his innovation. He was a supervisory park ranger upon retirement.

Survivors include Dale's wife of 53 years, Bunny; two daughters: Lori and Cara Lee; and granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his son, Stuart. Memorial gifts are being accepted at the Yellowstone Park Foundation, 222 East Main Street, Suite 301, Bozeman, MT 59715, in support of the Ranger Fund.

Andrew Jackson "Andy" Palmer, 18, July 25, due to injuries from being struck by a falling tree, while clearing trees in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in northern California.

Andy was a 2008 graduate of Port

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Townsend High School. He was hired in June as a wildland firefighter at Olympic NP and was assigned to an engine crew stationed in Port Angeles, Wash. His four-person engine crew was dispatched July 22 to the Eagle fire, part of the Iron Complex of fires in Shasta-Trinity National Forest. July 25 was their first day on the fire line.

Andy is survived by his parents: Bob and Janet; two brothers: Rob and Henry; grandparents: Bob and Ina; and several aunts and cousins. In lieu of flowers, an Andy Palmer Memorial Scholarship fund has been established. Donations to the fund may be sent to the Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation, 538 Calhoun Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Donations may also be made to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, <http://wffoundation.org>.

Eugene "Gene" Parker, 61, Aug. 16, at home in Bedford, Va., following a battle with cancer.

Gene, a retired supervisory park ranger, was well known throughout the Service for his contributions to tracking and woodland operations training. He spent his entire career in the Peaks of Otter Station on the Blue Ridge PKWY. Gene was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam and an active leader in his community.

E&AA Member **Joseph G. "Joe" Shannon**, 76, July 30, due to injuries sustained from a collision with a bus, while riding his bicycle near his home in Long Beach, N.Y.

Joe worked for over 14 years as a seasonal park ranger (interpretation) at Sagamore Hill NHS during the summers and volunteered at Fort Matanzas NM during the winters. He was a combat veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include Joe's wife of 54 years, Joan, three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. Donations may be

made to St. Gerard's Campus, P.O. Box 4382, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

E&AA Life Member **Bob Steinholtz**, 74, Aug. 18, in Lakewood, Colo.

Bob began his NPS career at the Denver Service Center (DSC) in 1969. His first assignment was to develop trails for Guadalupe Mountains NP. He designed a stock trail to the summit of the 8,750-foot Guadalupe Peak—the highest peak in Texas.

Bob was a gifted designer who was particularly adept at creating solid, bidable design documents. As a landscape architect, he was a project leader who was instrumental in directing the development of trail and campground projects throughout the NPS, including at Big Bend NP, Sequoia NP, Isle Royale NP and Rocky Mountain NP. In the 1980s, he developed and taught training courses for trail building. Bob often traveled to parks and spent considerable time in the backcountry working on trail construction and providing hands-on training in trail-building techniques to many young professionals.

After retiring from the NPS as a landscape architect at the DSC in 1996, Bob started Bristlecone Trails, a trail consulting office. He continued to provide trail-planning and design expertise and to teach trail building. In 2003, the Professional Trailbuilders Association presented the Harvey Bell Memorial Award to Bob for his long career in advancing trail design on all fronts and especially in rustic, yet sustainable bridges and wet-area crossings.

Bob loved the parks and understood the importance of the visitor experience and resource protection. Park visitors who hike trails designed by Bob experience a special gift that lives on for future generations.

Bob is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jan; two daughters: Patti and Linda; son,

John; and two grandchildren: Hannah and Cameron. Donations in Bob's name may be made to: American Trails, Attn: Pam Gluck, P.O. Box 491797, Redding, CA 96049-1797. These donations will be used for scholarships to conferences and training events.

Jack Sweitzer, 70, Aug. 2.

As a volunteer at the park for over five years, Jack was a part of the Chattahoochee River NRA "park family." He worked hard and enthusiastically, maintaining park trails, removing invasive plants, supporting all of the major park events and maintaining park bulletin boards. Letters of condolence may be sent to Chattahoochee River NRA headquarters at 1978 Island Ford Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30350, and will be forwarded to the family.

Mary Vocelka, 60, June 1, in a Reno, Nev. hospital, due to cancer.

Mary was a longtime employee of Yosemite NP. She is best known for her years of work in the Yosemite Research Library and as the school librarian at Yosemite Elementary School. Mary is mentioned in hundreds of publications for her diligent research. A natural artist, autodidact and bibliophile, her interests ranged from Lewis and Clark and the western expansion to John Muir, Vietnam and Wisconsin natural history.

Mary is survived by her husband of 40 years, Derrick; daughter, Sarah; son-in-law, Mitch Hendrickson; and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Manzanar NHS or The Yosemite Fund in her memory. Further details can be found at www.mary.vocelka.org, or by contacting Yosemite's public affairs officer, Scott Gediman, at (209) 372-0248.

Relis "Rico" Woods, 57, Aug. 17, at home, due to natural causes.

Rico was a retired United States Park



RICO WOODS

Police (U.S.P.P.) sergeant. After serving in the U.S. Army as a medic in Korea and being honorably discharged from the military, he went on to graduate with honors from George Mason University with a degree in criminology.

Rico began his career with the U.S.P.P. in 1979. He served as a patrol officer throughout the National Capital Region. In 1987, he became an instructor assigned to the Training Branch. After a promotion to sergeant in 1992 and a short return to the Patrol Branch, he returned to the Training Branch as a firearms/physical skills supervisor. He then moved to the administrative side of training as the Force training sergeant, where he was responsible for the recruit programs in the Washington metropolitan area.

Rico helped to establish a field training program for new recruits and was instrumental in its success. He retired from the U.S.P.P. in 2006. Survivors include Rico's wife, Renea, and his children and grandchildren. ■

Remembering Terry Wood—An Integral Part of the History of the E&AA

E&AA Life Member **Theresa G. "Terry" Wood**, 81, passed away due to congestive heart failure on Oct. 15, 2008 at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va.

Terry began her NPS career in 1948 at Castillo de San Marcos NM as a temporary clerk-stenographer in her hometown of St. Augustine, Fla. She became a permanent clerk-stenographer at the park one year later in 1949. In 1953, she transferred to the NPS Washington Office (WASO). She spent the next 30 years at WASO except for a period of time at the DOI from June 1963 to late 1965, when she served as a secretary in the DOI Secretary's (Stewart Udall) Immediate Office, Congressional Liaison. Throughout her years at WASO, she held various positions, including personnel clerk (1953); clerk-stenographer in the Division of Design and Construction (1954); congressional liaison assistant (1966) and then congressional liaison specialist (1967)—both in the Office of Congressional Liaison; and then legislative liaison specialist in the Office of Legislation (1979).

In 1979, she began serving as a volunteer with the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA), beginning as WASO representative and Education Trust Fund officer, then becoming executive secretary until her retirement from the NPS in 1983 as legislative specialist in the Office of Legislation at WASO after 35 years of government service. She was instrumental in creating and furthering the goals of the Education Trust Fund. Terry continued to volunteer full time as the executive director/president of the E&AA following her NPS retirement, overseeing the educational loan program. She was well-known throughout the NPS because of her involvement with the E&AA, and participated in as many regional Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournaments as she was able. She remained E&AA president until 1996.



RUSS DICKENSON, Terry Wood and George Minnucci at the transfer of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service to Eastern National in 1994.

Terry was also active in the 1916 Society, which annually celebrates the enactment law that created the NPS on August 25, 1916. The 1916 Society honored her with a plaque for her years of untiring service to the organization.

When Terry retired from the E&AA, she began volunteering with the auxiliary board of the Inova Alexandria Hospital. The auxiliary board ran the hospital's gift shop and donated about \$500,000 to the hospital during the 10 years that Terry served with the auxiliary.

Terry loved to play bridge, especially with a group that met at each other's homes and at Rehoboth Beach, Del.

in the summer. She also played with groups from Skyline Sports Club (where she was a member of the water aerobics group and had many friends) and at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Most of all, Terry liked people. She made many friends everywhere that she went. She will be sorely missed.

According to E&AA President George Minnucci, "If it wasn't for Terry Wood, the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service would not exist as the organization it is today. It was thanks to her expertise, cooperation and guidance that the E&AA was able to continue through Eastern National." E&AA Life Member Bill Everhart, former chairman of the board of Eastern National, says, "Walking into the Interior building one day in 1953, while transferring from Vicksburg to be a member of the seashore survey, I encountered Terry Wood. Surmising I was in need of help, she swept me into her office. In the course of a few hours, she solved all of my immediate problems. It was the beginning of a lifetime friendship."

Terry had an adoring family, including her sister, Rose Mary Colehower; five nieces: Gretchen Colehower Schwartz, Beverly Colehower, Mary Colehower Benavides (Joseph), Caroline Colehower Church (David) and Sarah "Sally" Colehower; nephew, Jeffery Colehower; two grandnieces: Jill and Rosemary Schwartz; grandnephew, James Schwartz (Jennifer); great-grandniece, Jackie Schwartz; and great-grandnephew, Anthony Schwartz. She also leaves numerous friends, including close friend, E&AA Life Member Maureen Hoffman. Donations in Terry's memory may be made to: the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034. ■

Off the Press

Legacies of Camelot: Stewart and Lee Udall, American Culture, and the Arts

By L. Boyd Finch

Foreword by Tom Udall

University of Oklahoma Press, 2008

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208 pp; \$24.95

Selected as Secretary of the Interior by President John F. Kennedy, Stewart Udall had the idea to invite Robert Frost to take part in Kennedy's inauguration. Frost's unforgettable performance at that event set in motion cultural initiatives that led to the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap Farm Park, the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities and the revived Ford's Theatre.

In *Legacies of Camelot*, E&AA Life Member L. Boyd Finch (who retired from the NPS as associate regional director of the Southeast Region) describes the growing partnership between government and the arts during the Kennedy-Johnson years. A friend and associate of the Udalls, Boyd offers an insider's view of their roles in American cultural life,

telling how they brought their western heritage to Washington and, through their tireless efforts on behalf of artists both famous and unknown, helped to spark a cultural renaissance in America.

Legacies of Camelot is available from online booksellers and in bookstores, or from the University of Oklahoma Press at www.oupres.com.

If You Were a Bear

By Rachel Mazur

Illustrated by Sarina Jepsen

Sequoia Natural History Association, 2008

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36 pp; \$7.99

This new book by Rachel Mazur, wildlife biologist for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, explores what it is like to be a bear and shows kids how cubs need food, shelter and safety—just like we all do. The book also shows young readers how they can help to keep the bears wild.

If You Were a Bear is available from the Sequoia Natural History Association by calling (559) 565-3759, or visit www.sequoiahistory.org. ■

NPS Employee Organizations

For the information of our readers, here is a brief descriptive summary about three membership organizations that have involvement with NPS employees and/or retirees. The **Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service** (E&AA) is a membership organization dedicated to promoting the values and ideals of the National Park Service family. E&AA was organized in 1955 at a superintendents' conference and incorporated in 1957. Since then, the association and its members have

worked to create and nurture a bond between current and past NPS employees. E&AA members are dedicated to the mission of the NPS and its work. The E&AA membership is a diverse group of current employees, alumni, volunteers and other interested people who see the NPS and their Park Service friends as important parts of their lives. Visit www.eandaa.org for more information.

The **Association of National Park Rangers** (ANPR) is the association for all NPS employees and partners. For 31 years, ANPR has communicated for, about and with NPS employees; promoted and enhanced its professions, spirit and mission; supported management and the perpetuation of the National Park Service

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Zion NP celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2009. The final event for the celebration will be an employee reunion held Oct. 16 through 18, 2009 for present and former employees of Zion NP, including the NPS, the Zion Natural History Association, Parks Transportation, Inc. and park concessioners—both past and present.

The reunion will reunite friends and coworkers and celebrate their accomplishments and the events that have taken place in the 100 years since Zion NP was first established as Mukuntuweap National Monument by President William Howard Taft. Reunion events will take place both in the park and in Springdale, Utah. There will be opportunities for former employees to record oral histories of their memories of working at Zion NP.

Participants will be required to register for the reunion. Details on the registration and planned events are being finalized and will be posted on the park's website at www.nps.gov/zion. Former employees who are interested in being included on the mailing list to receive information about the reunion should contact Karen Mayne, Centennial Program Coordinator, at karen_s_mayne@nps.gov or (435) 772-0210. ■

NPS Family



KAREN BENDER

Karen "Petey" Bender, exhibit specialist at the Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC), is scheduled to deploy

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The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service would like to thank the Western National Parks Association for their generous \$5,000 donation to The Chesley Moroz Disaster Relief Fund in memory of Chesley Moroz.

to Iraq in January. Petey, a chief warrant officer with the 56th Stryker Brigade based out of Philadelphia, has accrued 23 years of service with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Her unit began training on Sept. 19 in preparation for a Jan. 3 deployment to Iraq.

Petey has over 15 years of service as a mason with the HPTC. In 2005, she successfully competed for a three-year HPTC Exhibit Specialist Training Program trainee position and completed the program in July 2008. Over the last two years, she has served as project leader on several large-scale, complex masonry preservation projects at Castillo de San Marcos NM and at President's Park.

On Aug. 19, Shenandoah NP Purchasing Agent Cary Price welcomed the arrival of new baby, Elijah Alexander Price. Arriving almost six weeks early, Eli weighed in at five lbs., three oz. and was 17.5 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.

Denali NP & PRES

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construction period, park managers made sustainability a primary goal, striving for the highest standards under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. The building recently received the Platinum LEED certification.

The Eielson Visitor Center opened to the public on June 8 and was open through Sept. 15. It will reopen in June 2009. Additional park information is available at www.nps.gov/dena. ■

The 2008 National Park Service Director's Report is now available online at www.nps.gov/2008/DirectorsReport

New Places & Faces

Glen Anderson, from assistant chief ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to special agent, Office of Professional Responsibility, Division of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO.

Frank Archuleta, to exotic plant management team leader, National Capital Region.

Scott Bentley, from superintendent, Assateague Island NS, to superintendent, San Antonio Missions NHP.



MARTHA BOGLE

Martha Bogle, from deputy superintendent, Blue Ridge PKWY, to superintendent, Shenandoah NP.

Andrew Callens, from facility operations specialist, Tuskegee Institute NHS, Tuskegee Airmen NHS and Selma to Montgomery NHT, to chief of facilities management, Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS.

Jerry Case, from chief of regulations and special park uses, WASO, to superintendent, Bighorn Canyon NRA.

Denise Claybaker, from secretary to the Denver Service Center (DSC) director, to administrative specialist, Information Management Division, DSC.

Sue Cowen, to wastewater treatment operator, Shenandoah NP.

Paul DePrey, from chief of resources management, Joshua Tree NP, to superintendent, USS *Arizona* Memorial.

Kym M. Elder, from site manager, Clara Barton NHS and Glen Echo Park, to superintendent, Ford's Theatre NHS.

Bernard "Chick" Fagan, from deputy chief, to chief, Office of Policy, WASO.

Erica Foss, from park ranger, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, to park ranger, Haleakala NP.

Dan Foster, from chief of resource management, Wind Cave NP, to superintendent, Niobrara NSR.

Jay Grass, from occupational safety and health manager, Glacier NP, to occupational safety manager, Intermountain Region.

Barb Harris, from administrative specialist, Information Management Division, Denver Service Center (DSC), to management analyst, DSC.



RICK HARRIS

Richard "Rick" Harris, from general superintendent, Chamizal N MEM and Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, to associate regional director for natural resources and science, Northeast Region.

Lance Hatten, from deputy chief of visitor services, to chief of visitor services, National Mall and Memorial Parks.

Wendy K. Janssen, from chief of interpretation and education, Santa Monica Mountains NRA, to superintendent, Hagerman Fossil Beds NM and Minidoka Internment NM.

Barbara J. "BJ" Johnson, from branch chief, to chief, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

Wayne A. Johnson, from sergeant, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), to medical standards program coordinator, Risk Management Division, WASO. Wayne retired from the U.S.P.P. on July 19, following over 22 years of honorable service.

Pat Kenney, from project manager, to branch chief, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

Dave Kreger, from technical specialist for Natural Resources Compliance and section chief for the Transportation Compliance Group, Denver Service Center (DSC), to branch chief, Planning Division, DSC.

Matt Kutch, to project specialist, Eastern Branch of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Wendy Lauritzen, from superintendent, Washita Battlefield NHS, to superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie N PRES.

Brandie Litreal, from office assistant, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center, to program assistant, Intermountain Regional Director's Office.

Glen H. Livermont, from supervisory park ranger, to superintendent, Pipestone NM.

Dottie Marshall, from associate regional director for administration, National Capital Region, to superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Dina Martinez, from administrative support assistant, to administrative specialist, Information Management Division, Denver Service Center.

Michael K. May, to occupational safety and health program director, Risk Management Division, WASO.

Tom Nichols, from deputy chief, to chief, NPS Division of Fire and Aviation Management, National Interagency Fire Center.

Sarah J. Polzin, from staff exhibits specialist, carpentry team of the Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC), to supervisory exhibits specialist, masonry section at HPTC.

Martha Raymond, to national coordinator for heritage areas, Cultural Resources, WASO.

Beth Sciumeca, from program manager, to executive director, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

Amy Sebring, to project specialist, Eastern Branch of the Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center.

Bob Sloop, from park ranger (law enforcement), Denali NP & PRES, to park ranger (law enforcement), Shenandoah NP.

Sandra Snell-Dobert, from chief of interpretation and education, Klondike Gold Rush NHP, to chief of interpretation, Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP and Curecanti NRA.

Chris Soller, from acting chief, National Partnership Office, WASO, to superintendent, Fire Island NS.

Edith Sparks, from senior human resources specialist, WASO, to chief of human resources, Southeast Region.

Christopher Stein, from chief of interpretation and education, Yosemite NP, to superintendent, Saint Croix NSR.

Jesse Van Horne, to landscape architect through the Student Career Experience Program, Parks Roads and Parkways Section of the Transportation Division, Denver Service Center.

Faye Walmsley, from supervisory park ranger (interpretation), Mississippi District of Gulf Islands NS, to chief of interpretation, education and cultural resources management, Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS.

Michael M. Ward, from superintendent, Ulysses S. Grant NHS, to superintendent, Voyageurs NP.

Mark Weaver, from community planner, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, Midwest Region, to superintendent, Nicodemus NHS.

Pete Webster, from district ranger, Glacier NP, to deputy chief ranger, Shenandoah NP.

Jim Wofford, to wildlife biologist, Shenandoah NP. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Ethel Ashley, Donald Campbell, Ronald Eilefson, Royce Harmon, Delpha Maunders, Joseph Ries, Katherine Rohde, Thomas Schaff, Ken and Sheila Till, Anne Wolley Vawser and Annette Willis.

Carl Sandburg Home NHS

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afternoon. The day before, on Wednesday morning, I briefed the staff with the full details and explained that the next several days would be like no other in the life of this park. Savor every moment!

Our region's public information officer joined us to assist with the media coverage and law enforcement rangers from the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Henderson County Sheriff's Department assisted the Secret Service. I suspect I am the only person the Secret Service has worked with who wanted to know if the dog performing the final check of the Main House would stay on the carpet runners as he sniffed for explosives. ■

The park team was tremendous in ensuring everything was accomplished, and the entire day ran like clockwork. The children were the stars—with each becoming a Junior Ranger, one of the park's youth education activities.

The First Lady, along with Senator Elizabeth Dole, visited the barnyard and the many children and young volunteers there, toured the Main House and then proceeded to the amphitheater for the program portion of the visit. It was my sincere pleasure to accept on behalf of the entire park team the \$50,000 grant from the National Park Foundation and Unilever to continue the work with our Junior Ranger Program, student poetry contest and on-site educational programs.

As the motorcade pulled away, the magic remained. Like Jasmine Greene, I am savoring the "warm embrace" of the entire month of July and especially of one wonderful afternoon! ■

National Parks Second Century Commission Established

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Bomar said, "In our report to the president on the future of America's national parks, we outlined five broad goals for a second century of service: stewardship, environmental leadership, recreational experience, education and professional excellence. I hope the Second Century Commission will consider all these goals and provide your insight on ways to attain them, not for ourselves, but for the American people." Director Bomar pledged the support of the NPS for the commission's work and thanked former senators Baker and Johnston for convening the commission.

Commission Co-Chair Johnston, for-

mer chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, said, "Never before has a group of this caliber, independent and non-partisan, convened to conduct a comprehensive examination of the state of the national parks today, and their potential for the future. I'm honored to serve with my colleague Senator Baker and this extraordinary group of commissioners."

The commission is being convened by the nonprofit, non-partisan, National Parks Conservation Association. For more information on the commission, please visit www.VisionForTheParks.org. For more information on the National Park Centennial Initiative, please visit www.nps.gov/2016. ■

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Date: _____

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Years with NPS: _____ Year retired (if applicable): _____

I would like to become a(n): (check your choice)

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Single \$350 _____ with Spouse \$500 _____

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(an individual who has served at least 500 hours with the NPS)

Associate Individual Member:

Annual \$40 _____ Life \$400 _____

(individuals interested in advancing the mission of E&AA)

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Submit information, stories and photos to E&AA *Arrowhead*, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or emailed to jennifer.allen@eandaa.org. Photographs are welcomed. On the back of the photograph please identify who is in the photo, who took the photo and a SASE if you would like the photo returned. Please include, if possible, a summary of the event at which the photo was taken, news release or other important information. We will use as many submissions as possible on a space-available basis. Time-sensitive materials and those received first will receive priority. We may hold submissions for use in a later issue.

Next submission deadline: winter edition, Friday, Dec. 26. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (215) 283-6900, ext. 136.

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and the National Park System; and provided a forum for social enrichment. Visit www.anpr.org for more information.

The **Coalition of National Park Service Retirees** (CNPSR) monitors trends in the NPS and in units of the National Park System—from budgets and fees, to policies and their implementation, to specific issues on individual parks. If actions seem counter to laws and policies or potentially precedent-setting, the coalition takes a stand to protect park values. The coalition also seeks ways to use its reputation to help the NPS educate the public about parks. Through a Collaborative Corps Initiative, it also seeks ways for its members to directly help carry out the NPS's work. Finally, the coalition provides a vehicle for retiree voices to be heard in the Park Service about needs and priorities. Visit www.npsretirees.org for more information. ■

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IN SEPTEMBER, 87 NPS EMPLOYEES from the National Capital and Northeast regions (pictured) attended a joint workshop in Atlantic City, N.J. on "Partnering to Protect Our Cultural Resources." The class was coordinated by Northeast Regional Chief Ranger Jill Hawk, U.S.P.P. Captain Charlie Guddemi and Branch Chief Stephen M. Clark (LE Emergency Operations, Northeast Region); Northeast Museum Services Center Director Sara Wolf; and Museum Resource Center Director Pam West. Attendees were from disciplines across the board who have a vested interest in protecting and/or responding to cultural resource emergencies. The workshop featured speakers from the FBI's Art Crime Team, the J. Paul Getty Trust and the Smithsonian Institution. U.S.P.P. Detective Jon Crichfield and NPS Fire and Emergency Manager Don Boucher were also featured speakers. In addition, Pam West presented a session on emergency response.

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