

# Arrowhead

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## Fee parks as free parks?

Last spring, the National Park Service, with support and encouragement from Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, decided to adopt three fee-free weekends in the summer of 2009. We began on Father's Day weekend and concluded with the August 15-16 weekend during which President Obama and his family visited Yellowstone and Grand Canyon national parks.

The fee-free weekends were a gift of the Park Service to America's people in troubled times. We know well how national park experiences benefit physical and mental health; we understand that a park visit can lift spirits as it fills minds. We knew our plan could potentially trim entry-fee revenues nationally by a million dollars a day, but we decided to accept that loss as a suitable price for "Doing the right thing."

Media response to the fee-free weekends began, literally, minutes after we sent out the first news release. A few stories were critical of the decision, but there was a groundswell of positive stories from both large and small media markets. We stopped counting when the number of supportive stories surged past 200.

Did fee-free weekends and related media coverage motivate people to visit national parks this summer? The answer is that fee-free weekends didn't hurt, but also weren't the only explanation for a three percent visitation increase, year-to-date, over 2008.

Helping drive the growth: the price of gas was \$2.50 a gallon, not the \$4.50 a gallon of last summer; the administration's stimulus package, approved by Congress, generated a lot of much-needed work in the parks and attention brought on by that work; the president took his own family on vacation in national parks; a significant buzz preceded the Ken Burns national parks series now running on PBS; and we marked centennials for Zion National Park and Oregon Caves National Monument and the 75th anniversary of the always popular Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The Ken Burns series returns in February, timely for late-winter vacation planning. Congress shares credit for our bright future. Members love national parks, even in difficult budget times, because they and their constituents believe the work we do and the places we keep remain America's Best Idea.

We may soon equal or exceed the record of 287 million national park visits. This will happen because national parks and their varied features and attractions are increasingly part of office and family conversations everywhere. Don't expect that trend to change anytime soon.

—Jeffrey Olson,  
WASO Public Affairs

## Zion NP Observes 100-Year Anniversary of Park's Establishment



GUESTS LISTEN TO SPEAKERS at the Zion NP centennial ceremony on July 31.

On July 31, approximately 300 visitors and invited guests gathered at the old Grotto Museum building in Zion Canyon to observe the 100th anniversary of Zion NP, which dates its origin from its establishment as Mukuntuweap NM on July 31, 1909. Zion NP Supt. Jock Whitworth served as the master of ceremonies, and speakers included Laura Joss, acting Intermountain Region deputy regional director; J.L. Crawford, a 95-year-old former Zion NP ranger, and state and local officials.

The event included recognition of the recent designation of 84 percent of the park as the Zion Wilderness and designation of the Virgin River and many of its tributaries as a Wild and Scenic River—the

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## Centennial Anniversary of Oregon Caves National Monument Celebrated

The words first proclaimed in 1909 by President William Howard Taft were read aloud by Oregon Caves NM Lead Park Guide Dave Thompson as Supt. Vicki Snitzler officially opened the centennial celebration on July 12 at Oregon Caves NM—"Whereas ... the Oregon Caves... are of unusual scientific interest and importance, and it appears the public interest will be promoted by reserving these caves with as much land as necessary for the proper protection thereof, as a national monument...." The weekend's coinciding festivities also included the 75th anniversary opening of the monument's hotel/chateau, the beginning of future restoration projects and the ongoing celebration of the State of Oregon's 150th anniversary.

Cutting the ribbon for the chateau restoration project was Oregon's First Lady, Mary Oberst, who was accompanied by her husband, Ted Kulongoski, the governor of Oregon. Leading the restoration launch was Sue Densmore, president of the Friends of the Oregon



Derek Marohn

CELEBRATING OREGON CAVES NM'S CENTENNIAL are (pictured left to right): Supt. Vicki Snitzler, Acting Pacific West Regional Director George Turnbull and rangers Chelsea Cavin, Roger Thomas, Dave Thompson, Matthew Klozik, Derek Neis and Sandra Gladish.

Caves and Chateau. Many other active supporters of the monument joined in on the activities of the weekend.

Visitors present for the two-day event,

organized by Park Ranger/Centennial Coordinator Matthew Klozik, were treated to anniversary cake, ice cream

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## President Nominates Jonathan Jarvis as Director of the National Park Service

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar praised President Obama's decision to nominate Jonathan Jarvis to be director of the National Park Service. Jarvis, a 30-year veteran of the NPS, is the Pacific West regional director.

"President Obama has made an outstanding choice for director of the National Park Service," Secretary Salazar said. "There is no substitute for experience, and Jon Jarvis has three decades of hands-on experience in our parks that will

be invaluable as we seek to reinvigorate and improve our National Park System in time for its 100th anniversary in 2016."

As regional director of the Pacific West Region, Jarvis is responsible for the 54 units of the National Park System in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands of Guam, Saipan and American Samoa. He oversees 3,000 employees with a \$350 million annual budget.

Prior to becoming regional director

in 2002, Jarvis spent three years as the superintendent of Mount Rainier NP, where he managed the 235,000-acre national park with a staff of 300 and a \$14 million budget.

"President Obama has made a commitment to bring new life into our National Park System, and Jon Jarvis has proven he is the right person to make sure that happens," Secretary Salazar said.

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# Focus on the Parks

• In celebration of island homesteaders and agricultural history, **San Juan Island NHP** is rehabilitating an orchard planted 130 years ago by a pioneer family. Planted in the mid-1870s by Isaac Sandwith, the one-acre orchard is located on West Valley Road just north of the park's south boundary.

Ten years ago, the park invited Susan Dolan, historical landscape architect from the NPS regional office in Seattle, to inspect an ancient pear tree in the orchard (one of the oldest in the country). She was hooked as soon as she blazed the trail through chest-high Nootka rose bushes and snowberry vines to what remained of the old orchard. Thus began a project that would eventually involve taking cuttings from nine surviving trees, tracing the varieties and grafting the cuttings to healthy young seedlings of similar stock. The grafted trees would be planted to recreate a representative sample of the landscape as it existed at the end of the joint military occupation.

Susan believes the Sandwith orchard is particularly significant in island history because the multiple varieties reveal it as a homestead garden. "It was typical of homesteaders to plant orchards with a variety of species to have food for the table throughout the seasons," she said. "This

way a mixture of pears, cherries, apples, apricots and wild plums came into harvest sequentially." To recreate the orchard, saplings were propagated by cuttings from the surviving Sandwith trees and pear and plum trees in other areas of the park.

In order to produce accurate clones of the old fruit trees, the new trees were grown in a nursery for two years before they were planted in the orchard. On March 14, 23 trees—11 pear, four apple, five apricot and three plum—were planted. They will begin to bear fruit in 10 years and will be full grown in about 20.

• The Colonel Barrett House and Farm have been incorporated into **Minute Man NHP**. On April 19, 1775, the opening day of the American Revolution, Colonel James Barrett's farm was a key target of the British expedition to seize arms and ammunition in Concord. Colonel Barrett also gave the orders on that day to advance to North Bridge and challenge the British soldiers, which resulted in the battle known as "the shot heard round the world."

The addition came with the passage of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Once funding becomes available, the NPS can acquire the historic structure and incorporate the story and historic landscape of Barrett's Farm into Minute Man NHP.

• More than 5,000 people, including 2,000 schoolchildren, joined scientists at **Indiana Dunes NL** for this year's Bioblitz. Participants, led by over 150 scientists from all over the country, combed the park, observing and recording as many plant and animal species as possible during a 24-hour period from noon on May 15 to noon on May 16. This event is the third in a series of 10 annual Bioblitzes to be hosted by the NPS and the National Geographic Society leading up to the NPS's centennial in 2016.

The initial species count stood at more than 1,150, with this number rising rapidly as the results were tallied. Several species of mollusks, fungi and beetles that had not been previously documented in the park were identified. The next Bioblitz host park is **Biscayne NP**, where the fourth Bioblitz will take place in 2010.

• **Homestead National Monument of America** recently completed the conversion of the old Mission 66 visitor center into the Homestead Education Center. The center will offer special events, exhibitions, programs to engage the public in homesteading folklife, a living laboratory where students conduct real-world science and a place for visiting schoolchildren. The transformation was celebrated in conjunction with the monument's 73rd birthday, March 19, 2009.

The renovation, which began in October 2008, included the conversion of the former exhibit room into a 600-square-foot multi-purpose room with state-of-the-art audio, visual and lighting systems. Storage spaces and an area for portable science stations, funded by a grant from the National Park Foundation, were added. The building's museum collection storage room received upgrades and a separate lab room was added so conservation of museum objects can be performed on-site.

• Hawthorn Hill, Orville Wright's home from 1914 until his death in 1948, became part of **Dayton Aviation**

## Patrol Bicycles Donated to Gettysburg NMP



Gettysburg NMP photo by Katie Lawhon

**GETTYSBURG NMP LAW ENFORCEMENT RANGERS** test out new donated patrol bicycles in front of the Pennsylvania Memorial. Pictured left to right: rangers John Sherman, Maria Brady and Doug Murphy.

By *Katie Lawhon, Public Affairs Specialist, Gettysburg NMP*

On March 24, Holmes Cycling and Fitness, of Camp Hill, Pa., and Giant Bicycles presented law enforcement rangers at **Gettysburg NMP** with a donation of three bicycles for use in patrolling the Gettysburg battlefield and Eisenhower NHS. The donation also included helmets, water bottles, back racks and

a car/trunk bicycle carrier. Steve Silsley of Holmes Cycling and Fitness made the presentation of the three bicycles to park rangers Maria Brady, Doug Murphy and John Sherman at a brief event held at the Pennsylvania Memorial on the Gettysburg battlefield. The rangers were more than happy to try them out, peddling up and down Hancock Avenue in the beautiful spring weather. ■

**Heritage NHP** in March. The home is open for tours twice a day on Wednesdays and Saturdays through an agreement with park partners Dayton History and the Wright Family Foundation.

One of the first signs that Hawthorn Hill is now part of the National Park System was the recent unveiling of the Passport To Your National Parks® cancellation stamp. During a visit to the site in May, 11-year-old Ariel Georgeff received the first Hawthorn Hill stamp from Amanda Wright Lane, great-grandniece of the Wright brothers, who remarked, "The Passport program in the National Park Service really gets kids involved and interested in their national parks. Every time they get a stamp, they look back and remember the experience."

• A display of full-scale artificial sequoia trees and wayside exhibits was dedicated in a ceremony on May 14 at the Fresno, Calif., airport by **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks** Supt. Craig Axtell and city officials. Mayor Ashley Swearingin and Russell Widmar, director of aviation for the Fresno Yosemite International Airport, praised the display as an important tool for focusing attention on a jewel in a region of iconic wild places.

The display consists of four clusters of 25-foot-tall, lifelike sequoias designed and executed under the direction of Gary Hanick, president and co-founder of NatureMaker, creator of museum-quality sculpted trees. Wayside exhibits in English and Spanish tell the story of the national parks and the giants of Sequoia NP. Supt. Axtell said he believed the display would easily accomplish its goal of spreading the NPS message.

• On Aug. 1, over 7,000 people attended Hooverfest at **Herbert Hoover NHS**. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association, a nonprofit support group for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum and the national historic site, produces the annual celebration. Hooverfest began with occasional celebrations of the former president's birthday before his death in 1964. Herbert Hoover, the 31st president and the only Iowan elected to our nation's presidency, was born on Aug. 10, 1874 in the cottage that is now the centerpiece of the historic site. He and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, are buried in the park near his birthplace.

This year's Hooverfest honored veterans and military servicemen and women. One hundred exhibitors from around Iowa showed off the state's many attractions, while park staff swore in 28 new Junior Rangers. The Celebration Iowa Singers and Jazz Band and the U.S. Air Force jazz ensemble The Noteables provided musical entertainment.

Seventeen teams played in the 22nd annual Hooverball National Championships. White House physician Admiral Joel T. Boone invented Hooverball, a combination of tennis and volleyball played with a four- or six-pound medicine ball, to keep President Hoover physically fit. The modern competitive version is somewhat more strenuous than the morning games played on the White House lawn by President Hoover, his cabinet and the White House press corps. The festival concluded with an evening tribute to U.S. veterans and the U.S. military, followed by fireworks set to patriotic music. ■

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## National Park Service Families Need Our Support

The National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund initially was established to accept donations for and provide assistance to members with financing the higher education needs of their dependent children. Later, the Trust expanded its role, creating a disaster relief program to aid individuals who fall victim to major civil or natural disasters and personal calamities.

A family in need as a result of a personal calamity is the family of Jill and Don Hart of Custer, S.Dak. At approximately 8:07 p.m. on Aug. 6, 2007, NPS employee Jill Hart was seriously injured as the victim of a motor vehicle crash in which she was not at fault. Jill was returning home from work after a long day at Mount Rushmore N MEM as a budget analyst for the Black Hills Administrative Group of parks. She was stopped on the highway waiting to make a left turn onto the road to her home when her vehicle was hit from behind by another vehicle that was traveling at a high rate of speed. Jill was critically injured and left fighting for her life. Her husband, Don Hart, a park ranger at Mount Rushmore, was still at work about 25 miles away when he heard information over the radio scanner about the accident. He immediately became concerned because of the location and timing of the crash. His worst fears were confirmed by Don and Jill's then-teenage daughter, Caitlin, who went to the accident scene and saw her mother crushed in the vehicle. Jill was barely hanging on to life, with a devastating spinal cord injury and a serious head injury. In that instant, life changed forever for Jill and Don and their children Caitlin and Cody.

After months of critical care and rehabilitation, Jill has regained her memory, sense of humor and sparkling smile but remains confined to her 600-pound power chair for mobility. She has a small amount of movement in her right arm but is otherwise functionally quadriplegic and requires full-time care. Jill and Don's home required a major addition and other modifications that necessitated major financial obligations. They purchased a specialized van at significant cost. More than two years after the crash, there are still unpaid bills and additional unfunded needs. For example, Jill needs an elevator installed at her home to move from the vehicle access and garage level of the house to the primary living level. She needs a highly specialized standing table to continue her rehabilitation and move to a higher level of self-sufficient functioning.

Jill continues to be an inspiration to family, friends and others in the Service and community by speaking eloquently about the importance of family and taking care of each other. We now have the opportunity through the NPS Employees and Alumni Trust Fund disaster relief program to support an NPS family in the same fashion of which Jill speaks.

To assist NPS families in need, such as the family of Jill and Don Hart, the NPS Employees and Alumni Trust Fund is sponsoring a gala dinner event, which will include silent and live auctions, at the Mount Rushmore N MEM concession dining room on **Saturday evening, Oct. 24, beginning at 6 p.m.** The tax-



Custer Chronicle newspaper

### JILL AND DON HART AT HOME.

deductible donation for the event is \$50.00. Reservations are limited.

Items for both the live auction and silent auction are being accepted and will be appreciated. If you are interested in donating items for the auction, contact Marty Sterkel at (402) 556-8151 or Mike Pflaum at (402) 932-5383. **Donated items can be sent to Mike Pflaum, 4415 Mark Street, Bellevue, NE 68123 and must arrive no later than Oct. 19, 2009.** Marty or Mike can also be contacted about event information.

For anyone who wishes to support the mission of the NPS Employees and Alumni Trust Fund but cannot attend the event, cash donations are also being accepted. **All checks should be made payable to: "NPS Employees and Alumni Trust Fund for Disaster Relief."** Complete the form below, and mail it along with your donation to: **George Minnucci, c/o Eastern National, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.** Or, you may make a reservation for the Oct. 24 event or a cash donation directly online at [www.eParks.com](http://www.eParks.com). The links are located in the lower left-hand corner of the homepage.

Please consider making a monetary donation, donating an item for the auction or attending the event. Our efforts will support our friends and coworkers in a tangible way. All contributions to the National Park Service Employees and Alumni Trust Fund are tax deductible. ■

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# Kudos and Awards

## Take Pride in America® Award Winners Honored



**MEMBERS OF BRIAN O'NEILL'S FAMILY** are shown with Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes and Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk at the 2009 National Take Pride in America® award ceremony. Brian was posthumously honored with a "Spirit of Take Pride" Award at the ceremony. His son, Brent (third from left), accepted the award on his behalf.

On July 17, senior White House and DOI officials honored 16 groups and individuals as the top national winners of the Take Pride in America® awards for outstanding accomplishments by volunteers. The traditional categories for the awards recognize corporate, nonprofit and school volunteers and programs, as well as those at the federal, state and local levels. The NPS-related awardees are as follows.

Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk presented a special "Spirit of Take Pride" Award posthumously to **Brian O'Neill**, who was superintendent of Golden Gate NRA for many years until his death in May 2009. Brian built the park's volunteer program to its present level of 22,000 volunteers and was a nationally noted park leader. The award was accepted by his son, Brent, who is an

environmental protection specialist at George Washington Memorial Parkway.

**Terry Kreidler**, volunteer program manager at Golden Gate NRA, received the Federal Land Manager Award for the National Park Service. The **Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy** received the top Federal Event/Program Award.

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• At the annual Department of the Interior Honor Awards Convocation on May 6, several NPS employees were recognized for outstanding achievements. The DOI Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Department, acknowledged the exceptional career accomplishments of **Marcia D. Blaszak** and **Paul B. Hartwig**. Valor Awards for acts of heroism displaying extreme courage and involving a high degree of personal risk were presented to **Jamie C. Anderson** and **David H. Walker**, Little River Canyon N PRES; **Bryan Bell**, **Scot Bowen**, **Michael Danisiewicz** and **Sanny Lustig**, Olympic NP; **Lee Dennis Buschkowsky**, Buffalo NR; **Tiege A. Downes**, Lake Mead NRA; **Sergeant Russell E. Fennelly** and officers **Angelo D. Herron** and **Michael W. Young**, United States Park Police; **Christopher Lareau Olson**, Mount Rainier NP; and **Jeffrey W. Wilson**, Glen Canyon NRA. Safety and Health Group Achievement Awards for contributions of great value toward the establishment of a safety- and health-conscious culture within the Department were presented to **Al King**, NPS representative on the interagency Serious Accident Investigation Working Group, and Apostle Islands NL Meyers Beach staff: **Christy Baker**, **Jennifer Bouley**, **Jim Dahlstrom**, **Myra Foster**, **Tam Hofman**, **Julie Hosszu**,

**Neil Howk**, **Jason Johnson**, **Steve Kacvinsky**, **Bob Krumenaker**, **Mike Larsen**, **Dylan LeMoine**, **Susan Mackreth**, **Jim Nepstad**, **Damon Panek**, **John Pavkovich**, **Lonnie Pelto**, **Doug Pratt**, **Tom Richardson**, **Randy Ross**, **Chuck Urwiller**, **Julie Van Stappen**, **Katrina Werchouski**, **Dave Wilkins** and **Steve Witt**.

• **Anthony Giannino**, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.) master patrol officer, received this year's Hakim Farthing Award for Excellence in DWI and Traffic Enforcement. The award, named for U.S.P.P. Officer Hakim A. Farthing who was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 10, 2002, was jointly created by the U.S.P.P. and Fraternal Order of Police in 2002.

While assigned to the Central District Station in 2008, Anthony consistently led his squad and station in arrests of impaired operators of motor vehicles, led his squad in the 2008 Smooth Operator campaign, made 90 traffic arrests with 63 of them for DWI/DUI, issued 358 traffic citations and provided assistance to other Force members and law enforcement agencies in the development of their DWI/DUI cases. He was promoted to sergeant in 2009.

• The Wes Henry National Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Awards are presented annually by the NPS's Wilderness

Stewardship and Recreation Management Program to reward both individuals and groups from within the bureau for significant contributions to wilderness preservation. The 2008 winners, who were announced earlier this year, were **Joe Van Horn**, who received the 2008 Individual Award, and **Olympic NP**, which received the 2008 Group Award.

Joe, natural resources manager and wilderness specialist at Denali NP & PRES for over 30 years, developed a decision-making model that integrates social, resource and managerial values associated with the Denali wilderness experience that has been the foundation of subsequent efforts to preserve Denali's wilderness resources and values. Olympic NP's wilderness program is a model of success. Through a profound commitment to training, park employees at all levels are knowledgeable and consistent in their stewardship efforts.

• In March, **Kayci Cook Collins**, superintendent of El Malpais NM and El Morro NM, received a 2008 Southwest agency administrator fire leadership award from the Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG). The SWCG is the

interagency group that coordinates wildland fire and incident management in the southwest geographic area, which consists of Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. The awards are given annually to agency managers who demonstrate commitment to firefighter and public safety, to building interagency incident management team capacity and to fostering interagency partnership efforts in fire management.

• **Pablo Garza**, maintenance mechanic supervisor at Grand Canyon NP, recently received the 2008 Franklin G. Smith Award, the Intermountain Region's highest honor for promoting diversity in the NPS workforce. A 10-year veteran at Grand Canyon, Pablo was recognized for his efforts to nurture and groom prospective employees and guide them into the Park Service workforce. In his years at the park, he has hired more than 50 high school and college students, some of whom have moved on to NPS careers. He was commended for his embrace of the region's "Building A Better Future" program to seek out facilities management interns. He also

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## NPS Honors Outstanding Volunteers

On April 30, the NPS and the National Park Foundation recognized exceptional volunteers in five categories with the 2008 George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service. The awards are named for the late George B. Hartzog, Jr., seventh director of the NPS, who created the National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program in 1970. In retirement, he and his wife, Helen, established a fund to support the program and honor volunteer efforts. Helen was a special guest at the awards ceremony and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers and the volunteer program that continues to grow. Last year, volunteers contributed 5.5 million hours of service valued at \$107 million. The award recipients follow:

• Outstanding Volunteer Service by an Individual: **Sally Maertens**, Florissant Fossil Beds NM. Sally, who has volunteered at Florissant Fossil Beds NM for 13 years, spearheaded a region-wide "No Child Left Inside" weekend that attracted record crowds to the park. She coordinated logistics and funding with 22 partner organizations for an exhibition that showcased outdoor opportunities for youth and families.

• Outstanding Volunteer Service by a Group: **Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation**, Ice Age NST. The Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation is the NPS's primary partner in building, maintaining, protecting and promoting the Ice Age NST. Through its network of 21 local trail clubs, the foundation fielded 1,602 volunteers who provided nearly 42,300 hours of service in 2008. Last year, the group oversaw the construction of 8.3 miles of new trail, the permanent protection of 4.4 miles of existing trail, maintenance projects on hundreds of miles of trail, dozens of outreach and awareness events and the formation and/or strengthening of partnerships.

• Outstanding Service by a Park VIP Program: **Delaware Water Gap NRA VIP Program**. Last year, 823 volunteers contributed to the operations and mission of Delaware Water Gap NRA by

donating 113,678 hours of service. Volunteers presented interpretive programs and living history demonstrations; staffed a visitor center; maintained more than 200 miles of trails; patrolled bike paths; responded to medical incidents and emergency calls; assisted with high angle rescues; cleared debris from the river and its banks; and performed preservation work on historic buildings, structures and grounds.

• Outstanding Service by a Youth Volunteer: **Adam Sackowitz**, Sagamore Hill NHS. Adam, 17, spent about 400 hours last year at Sagamore Hill NHS providing information to visitors, cataloging cultural artifacts and cleaning facilities. He participated in planning events for the Theodore Roosevelt sesquicentennial and conceived a popular commemorative Passport cancellation stamp. He gave lectures at a Civil War roundtable and at his high school about his NPS experiences. He aspires to work for the agency and has spent vacation time volunteering at other parks.

• Enduring Outstanding Volunteer Service: **Rick and Jean Seavey**, Everglades NP. Since 1984, Rick and Jean have contributed more than 34,000 hours managing in-depth research and habitat restoration projects. Their work included research, writing grant proposals, building partnerships and recruiting and supervising volunteers and assistants. They spent 10 years creating a herbarium, collecting and processing more than 2,000 plants and identifying 800 species of trees in the park, including some that were not thought to grow anywhere in the U.S. They led a three-year effort to eradicate 200,000 invasive trees from an area of cultural and natural significance. They directed a seven-year project to remove four problematic invasive species from Cape Sable, a remote sandy beach and coastal wetland ecosystem used by endangered turtles and crocodiles, for which they wrote a successful \$1.4 million grant request that provided the resources needed to remove every invasive plant species along 11.4 miles of the cape. ■

# Kudos and Awards



Mike Quinn

**KIMBERLEY ROBINSON (CENTER)**, the 3,000th student to complete the NPS Fundamentals II course, held at the Horace M. Albright Training Center, celebrates the occasion at a cake-cutting ceremony with Lisa Eckert, Albright Training Center superintendent, and Tom Ferranti, deputy chief of WASO Learning and Development.

The NPS Fundamentals training program celebrated a major milestone when Kimberley Robinson, contract specialist at Glen Canyon NRA, became the 3,000th student to complete the NPS Fundamentals II course, held at the Horace M. Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon NP. This special event was celebrated by staff and students with a cake-cutting ceremony.

Kimberley has been with the NPS family for about three years. She advised all NPS employees to "... come to Fundamentals. You will learn a lot. Be a leader in the NPS!"

The five NPS Fundamentals courses

are typically taken within a one-year period. The target audience is new employees to the NPS; however, all employees are welcome to apply.

When Albright Training Center Supt. Lisa Eckert welcomed the group upon their arrival, she said "NPS Fundamentals training is the foundation of your NPS career. We thank you and your supervisors for allowing you the time to attend. As our agency's centennial approaches in 2016, new leadership must be in place—this means you!" Visit [www.nps.gov/training/fund/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/training/fund/index.htm) for more information about the NPS Fundamentals training program. ■

career contributions to the mission of the NPS over the past 35 years. She began her NPS career as an information receptionist at Indiana Dunes NL in 1973. In addition to her current position, she was also administrative officer at Cape Cod NS, Indiana Dunes NL and Everglades NP and deputy superintendent at the Outer Banks Group.

Chris' influence can be seen Servicewide through her work in developing the initial series of standardized benchmark position descriptions for administrative officers. As one of the instructors of the administration for first-line supervisors course, she has influenced a generation of supervisors and administrative employees. In her current capacity, she actively supports the region's human resources, contracting, property and core operations evaluation programs, while being involved in the issues of human resources reengineering and the restructuring of the contracting function at the Servicewide level.

• **The North Cascades Environmental Learning Center**—a uniquely designed and constructed facility created by the partnership of Seattle City Light, North Cascades NP and the North Cascades Institute—has earned the U.S. Green Building Council's "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" or LEED® Silver certification. LEED Silver certification recognizes a high level of achievement in sustainability and integration with natural systems.

Seattle City Light has three major dams on the upper reaches of the Skagit River. Operating those dams within North Cascades NP, which was designated long after their construction, offers challenges and partnership opportunities. In 1991, as a part of its relicensing efforts for the Skagit Hydroelectric Project, Seattle City Light, the

NPS and the North Cascades Institute came together to create a place where people could experience the possibilities of responsible stewardship and the benefits of a partnership formed around the notion of learning about nature and protecting habitat while enjoying pristine surroundings. The result of that collaboration is the North Cascades Environmental Learning Center.

Designed by HKP Architects and completed by Dawson Construction in 2006, the learning center's 38,500-square-foot residential campus contains 15 buildings, roads and paths on a remote lakeshore within North Cascades NP. The campus includes a main complex of administration, classroom, laboratory and library buildings. North Cascades Institute instructors and staff host field-based educational programs and operate the facility.

To minimize site disturbance, new buildings were located on building pads of previous cabins from an old resort. The previous lakeshore restaurant was renovated to become the dining hall. Designing 15 smaller buildings rather than several large ones minimized excavation and allowed sizeable trees to be preserved to within a few feet of the buildings. The previously disturbed areas from old roads and building pads were restored by volunteers with over 20,000 native plants propagated from seeds and cuttings gathered from the site.

"Buildings are a prime example of how human systems integrate with natural systems," U.S. Green Building Council President Rick Fedrizzi said. "The Environmental Learning Center efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future generations...." ■

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has regularly tapped into the NPS student diversity applicant pool for prospective candidates. Last year, he helped the park set up a comprehensive "job shadow" program for 18- to 24-year-old Navajo young people through the neighboring Navajo Tribe Workforce Enhancement Office.

• The United States Park Police Lifesaving Award was recently presented to **Timothy Ryan**, U.S. Park Police aviation rescue technician/officer. On Nov. 15, 2008, Officer Ryan responded to a two-car crash involving serious injury on the Baltimore Washington Parkway. He was directed to an ambulance to render assistance to a patient with an injury described as an "isolated arm injury." Officer Ryan instantly realized that his patient might be suffering from two collapsed lungs that were filling with blood. He upgraded the man's status to Priority One—the most serious classification, indicating injuries that are immediately life threatening.

Officer Ryan inserted a needle into the patient's chest cavity to relieve internal pressure on the lungs. Almost immediately, the man's oxygen levels rose and he said that he had far less difficulty breathing. This procedure, a needle decompression thoracostomy, is rarely performed in the field, let alone in the stressful chaotic environment of a vehicle crash on a highway. Officer Ryan looked beyond obvious injuries and

identified and effectively treated a condition that could have had dire consequences for the patient.

• The United States Park Police Lifesaving Award was recently presented to Officer **Scott Huther** and Sergeant **Todd Roth** of the U.S. Park Police San Francisco Field Office. On Feb. 19, Officer Huther came upon a vehicle stopped on the Golden Gate Bridge. The woman who had been driving the vehicle had exited the car and climbed over both the guardrail and the pedestrian rail, apparently intending to jump. He followed the woman onto the walkway, calling to her not to jump. The woman climbed over the guardrail to the outer girders and told him that she would jump if he came any closer. Officer Huther continued to talk to the woman, attempting to calm her.

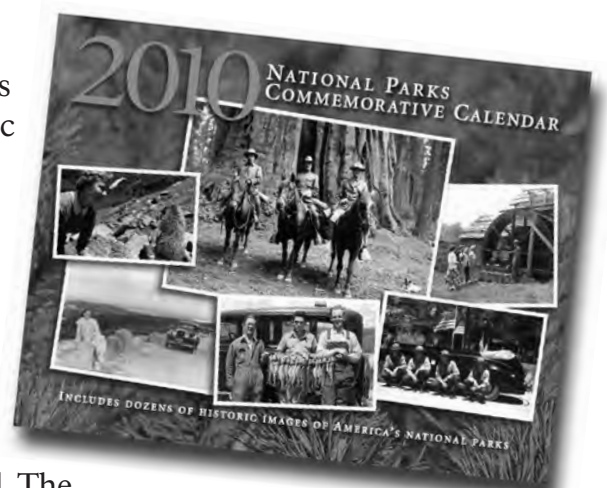
Sergeant Roth, a crisis negotiator, arrived to assist, established a rapport with the woman and moved to a position near her to continue the dialogue. He persuaded the woman to come back over the guardrail, where trained bridge crewmen, secured with safety tethers, pulled her to safety. The two men demonstrated alertness, highly effective communication skills and split-second timing to prevent a tragic loss of life.

• **Chris Bernthal**, Midwest Region's associate regional director for administration and information technology, received the DOI Superior Service Award on March 19. Chris received the award in recognition of her leadership and lasting

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E&AA Life Member **Deanne L. Adams**, regional chief of interpretation and education, Pacific West Region (PWR), Aug. 31 after 32 years.

Deanne started her NPS career in the Alaska Regional Office in 1972, then transferred to Denali NP (then Mount McKinley NP) in 1977, where she met her husband, Tony Sisto. After their marriage, she joined Tony (retired NPS) in Yellowstone NP, where she worked for the concessionaire, managing hotels for the next five years. They returned to Alaska, and Deanne returned to the NPS when she transferred to Fairbanks as the first manager of the Alaska Public Lands Information Center. Following this, she became chief of interpretation at Shenandoah NP.

Deanne has been in the regional chief of interpretation and education position for 15 years, starting in the old Pacific Northwest Region - Seattle in 1994, then moving to the San Francisco area in the new combined PWR in 2000. She was involved with the establishment of the Interpretive Development Program and Peer Review Certification Program.

Deanne has been an active volunteer with the Association of National Park Rangers, serving four years as president from 1995 to 1998. She's currently serving with the International Ranger Federation as the vice president. She and her husband plan to return to Alaska next year and live in Anchorage near Deanne's siblings, their kids and all the grandkids. They have five grandnephews and nieces under the age of five. Deanne says, "How can you resist that?"

**Michael Allison**, facility manager, Lake Mead NRA, April 30 after 30 years.

**Alfred Augustine**, firefighter, Lava Beds NM, April 30 after 28 years.

**Barbara "Barb" Bean**, administrative officer, Petrified Forest NP, June 1 after over 36 years.

Barb began her federal service at the Central Intelligence Agency. She began her NPS career as an administrative clerk and soon progressed to administrative officer. Barb plans to remain in Holbrook, Ariz.

**Carl Bethea**, mail and file supervisor, Associate Regional Director's Office for Administration, National Capital Region, Feb. 3 after over 28 years.

**Philip "Phil" Campbell**, unit manager, Obed WSR, April 1 after over 39 years.

Phil started his career working as a summer seasonal employee with the USDA Forest Service in Idaho and the NPS in Colorado. His first permanent position was in Washington, D.C., followed by assignments at Delaware Water Gap NRA, Lake Chelan NRA, Niobrara NSR, Missouri NRR and, finally, Obed WSR.

**Mary R. Davis**, data management specialist, Risk Management Division, WASO, Dec. 31, 2008 after over 23 years.

Mary started her NPS career at Grand Canyon NP in 1970, then moved to the National Capital Region. In 1974, she joined Gateway NRA, working at the park's headquarters for several years. She then worked outside of the NPS for 12 years.

Mary and her husband, Gentry, moved back to the East Coast in 1990. Gentry became the superintendent of National Capital Parks - East and then went on to become deputy regional director for the

National Capital Region. Mary returned to the NPS as a secretary for the Associate Director for Administration, a program analyst for the Ranger Activities Division under Visitor and Resource Protection and, finally, a data management specialist in the Risk Management Division.



**JOHN P. DEBO, JR.**

E&AA Life Member **John P. Debo, Jr.**, superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley NP, July 3 after 33 years.

John began his NPS career in 1976 at Acadia NP and subsequently worked in positions at Fire Island NS, Lowell NHP, WASO and Boston NHP. He has served as superintendent of Cuyahoga Valley NP for 21 years, having assumed this position in April 1988. During his tenure, major park developments have included park visitor centers, the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad stations and infrastructure, the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail and dozens of historic building rehabilitations. John points to the Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Initiative, involving an innovative approach to preserving historic farmsteads and agricultural tradition in the Valley, and his work in helping foster the growth and development of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), the park's nonprofit friends group, as among his most important contributions to the park's mission.

John received high recognition for his work over the course of his career. His awards include the DOI Meritorious Service Award, the National Park Service Sequoia Award for Interpretation and Education, the NPS Director's Appleman-Judd Award for Cultural Resources Management and the Legends Award from the American Recreation Coalition.

John began work in August as the chief development officer for CVNPA. He will be responsible for raising funds for CVNPA and Cuyahoga Valley NP projects. In addition to major fundraising, he will oversee CVNPA's membership program, community relations and outreach activities.

**Douglas Demmon, Jr.**, supervisory park ranger, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 31 after over 11 years.

**James Erickson**, electrician, Lake Mead NRA, May 1 after 37 years.

**Frank Faragasso**, historian, National Capital Parks - East, Feb. 28 after over 15 years.

**Thomas Fernanders, Jr.**, budget analyst, Rock Creek Park, Jan. 3 after over 34 years.

**Oscar Goodman**, facility manager, Rock Creek Park, Jan. 3 after over 20 years.

**Larry Harris**, deputy superintendent, Yosemite NP, May 1 after over 34 years.

Larry began his NPS career at Yosemite NP in 1974, where he worked in a variety of positions within facilities management, including custodial work in the campgrounds, plumbing and the warehouse. He then moved into the supervisory ranks and attended the Facility Managers Development Program at Grand Canyon NP in 1991.

In 1992, Larry became the chief of maintenance at Pinnacles NM. He then moved to Golden Gate NRA in 1995 as the facility manager for the Marin Headlands District. From 1996 to 2001, he served as the chief of maintenance at Point Reyes NS.

Larry returned to Yosemite NP in 2001 as the branch chief for design and engineering in the Facilities Management Division. He moved on to Mojave NP in 2003 as deputy superintendent, then returned to Yosemite NP in 2005, where he served as the administrative officer and, finally, as the deputy superintendent. Larry and his wife, Ann, will continue to reside in the Yosemite area.

**Alan "Al" Henry**, chief ranger, Upper Delaware SRR, June 1 after 32 years.

Al began his NPS career in 1977 working both front and backcountry as a seasonal ranger naturalist at Rocky Mountain NP. After two seasons there, he continued his seasonal time at Delaware Water Gap NRA as a river ranger. In 1979, he moved to Upper Delaware SRR as a seasonal park technician.

In 1980, Al accepted a permanent park technician position at Upper Delaware SRR. Through the years, he held positions such as park ranger, assistant district ranger, district ranger and, finally, chief ranger—a position he held for 10 years.

During his career, Al contributed his services as an instructor with Team Resources, the Service Health and Readiness Program (SHARP) and search and rescue. He was the park's dive officer and a member of the Northeast Region and the National Dive Control Board. He served with the U.S. Army Reserve, 300th Field Hospital, as a combat medic from 1983 to 1989 and has served as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician.

**Mike Ing**, law enforcement ranger, Haleakala NP, June 30 after 33 years.

Mike began his career in 1976 as a volunteer building fence to keep out invasive species. He subsequently began and managed the fee program at Haleakala NP. Through the years, Mike has been a major supporter and contributor to philanthropic activities, such as the Special Olympics. During the Troy Barboza Memorial Torch Run to benefit Hawaii Special Olympics on May 2, he was recognized publicly for his 20 years of volunteer service to the Special Olympics. In addition to the public recognition, Mike received a framed medal as a token of appreciation for his valuable contribution.

E&AA Life Member **Joy Jamison**, contract specialist, Denver Service Center (DSC), May 29 after 22 years of federal service, over 15 of them with the NPS.

Joy worked at the U.S. Air Force Academy, then joined the NPS in late 1993 after following her husband, E&AA Life Member Lynn Jamison, to Washington, D.C., Mount Rainier NP, the NPS San

Francisco design office, Bighorn Canyon NRA and Chickasaw NRA. She started with the DSC as a planning clerk, was a temporary secretary and then became administrative specialist for the landscape architects. She became a contract specialist in 2000 and has supported projects in the Pacific West, Alaska, Midwest and Intermountain regions.

Although Joy has retired from full-time NPS employment, she has continued working as a part-time contractor for the DSC as a contract specialist for the Contract Services Division. With her extra time off, she anticipates more reading, gardening, hiking, service projects in national parks with the Sierra Club and involvement in social justice issues. She can be reached by email at [Joy\\_Jamison@contractor.nps.gov](mailto:Joy_Jamison@contractor.nps.gov).



**KATHY JOPE**

**Kathy Jope**, chief of the regional natural resource program, Pacific West Region, April 3 after over 30 years.

Kathy began her NPS career in 1976 at Glacier NP as a secretary in the Research Division. From there, she entered graduate school at Oregon State University (with NPS scientist Ed Starkey as her major professor) working on a project for Glacier on grizzly bears and hikers. She returned to the NPS as a seasonal bio-tech at Denali NP & PRES, where she was hired by John Dalle Molle, one of the pioneers in resource management, and Frank Singer, then a wildlife scientist for the Alaska Region, to undertake a study on grizzly bears and backcountry campers.

Kathy then moved on to Katmai NP, where she entered the Resource Management Training Program as the park's first resource specialist (natural and cultural). Her next stop was the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office - Philadelphia as a resource management specialist, and then on to Seattle in the Pacific Northwest Region as a resource management specialist in the Ranger Division.

A reorganization in the early 1990s resulted in the establishment of the Natural Resource Division, and Kathy became its first division chief. A later reorganization led to Kathy being selected as natural resource program chief for the entire Pacific West Region.

E&AA Life Member **Carol Kruse**, interpretive specialist, Flagstaff Area National Monuments, April 24 after 40 years.

Carol began her NPS career at Great Smoky Mountains NP as a seasonal naturalist. She worked five seasons in the Smokies before getting a permanent job there. She continued working in interpre-

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tation at Big Bend NP and Canaveral NS. Her career then took a detour into park management at Fort Union NM, Tonto NM and Chiricahua NM/Fort Bowie NHS. She became an interpretive specialist at the Flagstaff Monuments in 1996. Carol will stay in Flagstaff, Ariz., and can be reached at ckruseaz@yahoo.com.

**Michael Mallen**, maintenance mechanic, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Jan. 2 after over 30 years.

**Daniel McClarren**, supervisory operations specialist, George Washington Memorial Parkway, March 2 after over 24 years.

**Angela F. Nava**, editorial assistant, Western Archeological and Conservation Center (WACC) - Tucson, Ariz., April 10 after 18 years.

Angela began her NPS career at WACC in 1991, working for the division of archeology. She prepared, routed and filed hundreds of cultural resource compliance documents for parks in the old Western Region and, later, for the Pacific West and Intermountain regions. Angela and her husband, Pete, will continue to reside in Tucson, where they will enjoy spending time with family.

**David D. Robbins**, contract specialist, Lassen Volcanic NP, May 30 after 11 years.

**Richard Roeler**, carpenter, Catoclin Mountain Park, Jan. 3 after over 30 years.

**Karen Ross**, law enforcement security assistant, Division of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO, June 3 after over 39 years of federal service, over 37 of them with NPS.

Karen's first full-time job was as a clerk typist for the National Historic Landmarks Program. During the Carter Administration, she worked for the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, then returned to the NPS. Prior to her current position in Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, she worked as a secretary for several programs and offices, including Visitor Services, Park Operations and Education and Visitor and Resource Protection. According to Karen, one of the many highlights of her NPS career was being part of the Operations Evaluation Program.

Karen moved to Florida at the end of June. Her plans include traveling and being spontaneous.



**GLEN ROTHELL**

E&AA Life Member **Glen Rothell**, construction manager, Yosemite NP, May 31 after 37 years.

Glen began working for the NPS as a seasonal laborer in Yosemite NP while attending the University of California,

Davis, where he was working on obtaining a B.S. degree in natural resources management. Upon graduation, he continued working in seasonal positions until he obtained a permanent position with the navy in the San Francisco Bay area. Subsequently, he transferred to Golden Gate NRA, Sequoia NP, Mount Rainier NP and, finally, back to Yosemite NP.

Except for a year spent as the facility manager at Apostle Islands NL, Glen has worked at Yosemite NP since 1981. As part of a reorganization, he became Yosemite's first district maintenance supervisor. When this was successful, he was promoted to general foreman and asked to reorganize the rest of the park buildings, utilities and grounds maintenance into district operations. In later years, he became the facility manager for buildings and grounds. When Yosemite was damaged by flooding in 1997, he became a project manager for flood recovery and, finally, the park's construction manager, managing over \$200 million worth of construction projects involving buildings, utilities and roads.

Glen was a member of the Pacific West Region All Risk Management Team as a logistics chief and an operations chief before becoming the team's incident commander. His two daughters work at Yosemite—Devon is a compliance manager for the park concessionaire, and Ansley is the park's lead fire dispatcher.

**Allen Somers**, auto mechanic supervisor, Shenandoah NP, Jan. 3 after 30 years.

**Sari Stein**, human resources specialist, El Malpais NM and El Morro NM, March 28 after 33 years.

Sari began her NPS career in 1976 at Fort Union NM while in college on a cooperative education appointment. Her first permanent position was as an interpretive park ranger at Bandelier NM in 1978. She then switched to administration/human resources at Bandelier NM in 1985. In 1990, she transferred to Lassen Volcanic NP as a human resources assistant, then joined the Southwest Regional Office - Santa Fe as a human resources specialist in 1991.

Sari returned to the field as a park ranger (interpretation) at Aztec Ruins NM in 1995. She transferred to El Malpais NM and El Morro NM into a newly created position for both parks as a human resources specialist in 1996, where she stayed until retirement. Sari continues to live in Grants, N.Mex., where she loves gardening.

**Michael Summerlin**, supervisory architect, Office of the NPS Liaison to the White House, Jan. 2 after over 29 years.

**Kirby Weaver**, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Mesa Verde NP, May 31 after 27 years.

Kirby spent his entire NPS career at Mesa Verde NP, where he began as a seasonal employee with the stabilization crew and eventually became the park electrician. He has been maintenance mechanic supervisor since 2000. In 2008, he went on a three-month detail to Denali NP & PRES as a project manager. Kirby plans to spend his retirement hunting, fishing and visiting Alaska.

**David Webster**, maintenance mechanic supervisor, National Capital Parks - East, Jan. 3 after over 32 years.

## Retirees Join Fort Davis NHS Restoration Project



Regina Heiner

**RETIRED SUPERINTENDENTS** and others who volunteered at Fort Davis NHS to finish the hospital restoration project, on the steps of the 1876 post hospital. Front row, from left to right: Neil Mangum, Roger Siglin, Jerry Yarbrough and Dale Thompson. Back row, from left to right: James King, Linda Hill, Mike Hill, Dennis Ditmanson, Mike Fleming and John Morlock.

When Jerry Yarbrough was superintendent at Fort Davis NHS (1992-2003), he initiated the project to restore the post hospital. He encouraged the Friends of Fort Davis NHS to find funding, which resulted in procuring a hefty Save America's Treasures grant—and work began.

The project to restore the 1876 hospital had been on the books since Fort Davis became part of the NPS in the early 1960s. "Restoring the post hospital was a dream many people had when I came to Fort Davis," Jerry commented. "It was a long-standing goal—actually part of the park's 1962 Master Plan."

After Jerry retired, work on the post hospital continued in earnest, primarily with the volunteer help of locals and graduate students from the University of Vermont. Recently, with the project nearly done but lacking some critical elements, staff at Fort Davis NHS contacted Jerry—a master carpenter—and asked him to ramrod the effort to get it finished. He agreed.

He inspired five other retired superin-

tendents to join him. "Even though we're retired," said Jerry, "we have great esprit de corps. We help each other and continue to care about the NPS." The six superintendents, joined by two current superintendents in their off-duty hours, together had over 250 years of federal service. They volunteered 200 hours on the project, installing 767 square feet of wood ceiling in the hospital's north ward as well as flooring to connect the post surgeon's office and hospital steward's room.

The retired superintendents were Jerry, Dennis Ditmanson, Mike Hill, Neil Mangum, Roger Siglin and Dale Thompson. The current superintendents were Bill Wellman and John Morlock. Mike Fleming, retired natural resources specialist, also helped. The superintendents' effort jump-started a push that resulted in 13 other volunteers finalizing work on the door trim, molding and windows.

"What an outstanding effort!" remarked current Fort Davis NHS Supt. Morlock. "We have NPS employees still giving, even long after hanging up their flat hats." ■

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) Online Auction**—A hike in the Smokies High Country or in colorful Red Rock Canyon, the solitude of Zion NP or Yellowstone NP in winter or a Grand Canyon NP family adventure can be yours when bidding begins Oct. 1 for the APPL online auction items. A dozen vacation experience packages and an equal number of gift baskets will be offered during a special online auction.

To preview the auction items, visit <http://appl.cmarket.com>. The auction promotes the quality interpretive programs and products of APPL's member organizations and the incredible diversity of the parks and public lands they serve.

Members of APPL affiliated organizations, park and public lands alumni and staff and their families and friends can join the bidding, which will close on Oct. 16. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the educational programs of APPL and its member organizations. All purchased items will be fulfilled by the donating member organization, ensuring personal

follow-up. Some restrictions, such as date availability for travel, may apply.

**Glacier NP** celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2010. The park is supporting a team of volunteers to help plan and implement a community-based Centennial Program to take place throughout the latter half of 2009 and run through the celebration year of 2010. On Aug. 19, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts held a performance entitled "Face of America: Glacier National Park," and there was a "Picnic in the Park Centennial Kick-off Celebration" at Glacier NP on Aug. 23.

Upcoming centennial activities include a Glacier Centennial Exhibit opening on Nov. 5 (this is a yearlong exhibit) at the Montana Historical Society Museum in Helena, Mont., and the Belton Chalet Centennial New Year's Eve Celebration on Dec. 31 at the Belton Chalet in West Glacier. For more information regarding upcoming activities and how to get involved, visit [www.glaciercentennial.org](http://www.glaciercentennial.org), or contact Centennial Coordinator Kass Hardy at [Kassandra\\_Hardy@nps.gov](mailto:Kassandra_Hardy@nps.gov). ■

# Requiescat in Pace

E&AA Life Member **Benjamin H. Biderman**, 78, May 22, in Maryland, due to kidney failure.

Benjamin was a retired NPS architect who had worked at the Eastern Office of Design and Construction and the Denver Service Center (DSC). He attained a bachelor's degree of architecture from University of Texas and a master's degree in architecture from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Following service as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy "Sea Bees" (Construction Battalion), he joined the NPS in 1963 as an architect in the Eastern Office of Design and Construction in Philadelphia.

Benjamin's projects included the "Benji" comfort stations on the National Mall, the White House Visitor Center, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, reconstruction of the Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, the Antietam NB Visitor Center, Harpers Ferry Center, the Shenandoah NP Byrd Visitor Center and the Salt Pond Visitor Center at Cape Cod NS. He retired from the NPS in 1993 as an architect at the DSC following 30 years of service.

Benjamin's hobbies included cooking, watercolor painting, drawing, reading, watching mysteries and the History Channel and bird-watching. He was the husband of the late Barbara Biderman for 44 years. He is survived by his daughter, Belinda Biderman. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104.

E&AA Member **John P. Bowdler**, 83, April 19, at the Idaho State Veterans Home.

John was a retired NPS fire management specialist. He enlisted in the army in 1943 and served in the 1274th Combat Engineers, which was attached to General Eisenhower's headquarters in England. The outfit later moved on to France and Belgium.

After the war, John obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Indiana State University in 1951. He joined the NPS in 1952 as a park ranger at Crater Lake NP. Subsequent positions included supervisory park ranger at Morristown NHP (1962) and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks (1966) before joining what was then the Boise Intera-gency Fire Center in 1973 as a fire management specialist. John retired from the NPS in 1987 after 35 years of service. He and his wife, Dee, then owned and operated the Homewatch Home and Pet Sitting Service for 13 years.

John's survivors include his wife, Dee; his children, Jay, Reg, Scott and Becky; Dee's children, Linda, Tim and Tom; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Idaho State Veterans Home, 320 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702. Condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookid=6549951608128](http://www.legacy.com/gb2/default.aspx?bookid=6549951608128).

**David D. Champine**, 40, March 6, at the Oregon Health and Science University Hospital in Portland, Oreg., due to complications associated with surgery to treat a congenital heart defect.

David earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science from Unity College in Maine in 1990. Following graduation, he worked for seven years as an interpreter at the National Mall. He moved to Oregon in 2000, where he also worked as an interpretive park ranger for

the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges.

An avid military history enthusiast, David participated in WWI reenactments while living in Washington, D.C., and was an active member of the Cascade Civil War Society in Klamath Falls, Oreg., where he portrayed a Modoc War-era soldier in an annual living history event at Lava Beds NM. Memorial contributions may be made to the State of Vermont Agency of Human Services, Children with Special Health Needs, 108 Cherry Street #101, Burlington, VT 05402.



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**ANN ELDER**

**Ann Schaffer Elder**, 50, March 31, due to complications from emergency surgery.

Ann was chief of resource management at Colorado NM. She began her NPS career in 1984 at Fossil Butte NM as a park technician, then joined Dinosaur NM as a geology technician, paleontologist and museum curator. Ann worked in the field and lab for 16 years as a paleontologist and made countless contributions to the field through excavations, publications and presentations at interagency and professional society meetings.

Among her many contributions, Ann and a coworker were credited with the discovery and excavation of a new species of meat-eating dinosaur. As the first full-performance museum curator at Dinosaur NM, she set up guidelines and planning documents to ensure the collection would be managed appropriately in the future, helped catalog nearly one million cultural and natural history items and facilitated a web-based exhibit of the park's fossils.

Ann became chief of resource management at Colorado NM in 2008. Among her accomplishments at the monument, she enhanced the protocols for the museum collection and archives; networked with adjacent parks to achieve archeological surveys to enable project work to move forward; collaborated with the Western Archeological and Conservation Center and other parks on projects and records management; and helped manage a dart, trapping and collaring operation for the park's desert bighorn sheep.

Ann's expertise was called upon by other parks and government agencies. She conducted museum program assessments and paleontology surveys at parks including Curecanti NRA, Grand Teton NP and Fossil Butte NM. Ann also aided the FBI in the seizure of a tyrannosaurus rex from a commercial collector, helped ensure its safe preservation and provided support during the resulting court trial.

Among her honors, Ann received an award in 1993 for her work as the co-chair for the Third Conference on Fossil Resources in the NPS and the Intermoun-

tain Region Appleman-Judd Award for Cultural Resource Protection in 2004. Colorado NM Supt. Joan Anzelmo presented a DOI Superior Service Award posthumously to Ann on behalf of Acting NPS Director Dan Wenk on April 18. The award was presented to Ann's husband, Tom Elder, at the conclusion of Ann's memorial service. The award citation noted several of Ann's nationally significant contributions to the field of paleontology and museum collections curation.

In addition to Tom, her husband of 20 years, Ann's survivors include her mother, Becky Schaffer; sister, Sue; brother, Gary; numerous nephews and nieces; and her Aussie shepherd, Cedar, and English cocker spaniel, Stikine, who were also very much a part of her life. There is a memorial website for Ann that will be available for the coming year to post stories and memories at [www.sympathytree.com/annschaffereider1958](http://www.sympathytree.com/annschaffereider1958). There is also a tab, "Charities and Gifts," that links to the family's wishes for an Ann Elder camper scholarship.

**John Evans**, 54, April 28, due to injuries sustained in a fall in Snowdonia NP, near his winter home in Wales.

John was a former Denali NP & PRES mountaineering ranger. He had a long-time connection to the Alaskan military and mountaineering communities beginning in the period from 1986 to 1989, when he was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base as a rescue technician and paramedic with the U.S. Pararescue Squadron. Throughout the 1990s, he worked internationally as an instructor in survival skills, wilderness studies and emergency medicine. He was a professional guide leading expeditions on Mount McKinley with Genet Expeditions and Mountain Trip. From 2000 to 2007, he was a mountaineering ranger at Denali NP & PRES.

During his combined guiding and ranger careers, John participated in a total of 25 mountaineering expeditions on Mount McKinley. His extensive rescue skills, emergency medical expertise and cooperative nature were highly valued at Denali, and he occasionally extended his season by working as a park ranger stationed at the Toklat Road Camp.

After his final season with the NPS in 2007, John returned to the Alaska Range as a mountaineering instructor with the Talkeetna-based Alaska Mountaineering School (AMS) in 2008. He was scheduled to return to Talkeetna on May 1 to work another season as an AMS instructor. John's survivors include his partner, Lynn; son, David; and daughter, Rhiannon.

**Cheryl Farmer**, 49, April 6, following a battle with breast cancer.

Cheryl was a district ranger at North Cascades NP. She started her NPS career in 1989 at Grand Teton NP. She worked more than one assignment at Grand Teton NP, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and North Cascades NP. Her career included positions as a fee collection officer, communication center dispatcher, protection ranger and both subdistrict and district ranger. Members of her staff will fondly remember the delicious breakfast "meetings" they attended.

Cheryl was admired for her creative talents with knitting and beading. Her creations were recognized at juried art shows. Her love of shoes was only challenged by limited closet space in NPS housing units. Donations may be made in Cheryl's name

to the Inland Empire Golden Retriever Rescue ([www.iegrr.org](http://www.iegrr.org)) or to the Breast Cancer 3-Day (Susan G. Komen for the Cure) at [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org).

**Regina Rae "Sunny" Franks**, 77, March 29, at Willow Tree Manor Nursing Home in Charles Town, W.Va.

Sunny worked as an editorial assistant in the Division of Interpretive Planning at Harpers Ferry Center and retired from there in 1990. Survivors include Sunny's three cousins: Sean Rehe, Joyce Owens and Patricia O'Hara. Condolences may be made online at [www.eackles-spencerfuneralhome.com](http://www.eackles-spencerfuneralhome.com).



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**MEG HAHR**

**Margaret "Meg" Hahr**, 41, June 21, due to injuries sustained in a mountain biking accident on a trail on the outskirts of Marquette, Mich.

Meg was chief of science and natural resources at Pictured Rocks NL. She graduated from Rutgers University in 1992 and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa (1994-1996). Meg began her NPS career in 1998 as a seasonal wildlife technician at Glacier NP while completing her master's degree at the University of Montana. Subsequently, she served as natural resources program manager at Klondike Gold Rush NHP and ecologist at Kenai Fjords NP before her most recent position at Pictured Rocks NL.

Meg was always one to fully engage in the act of living life. Her kindness was infectious, and her energy and spirit was inspirational. Survivors include Meg's husband, Sidney Shaw; her parents, Arthur and Barbara Hahr; and her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Neil Weidner. A fund has been established with The Nature Conservancy in Meg's name. Memorial donations to this fund may be sent to: The Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 6020, Albert Lea, MN 56007, Account #: 12005888, or call (800) 628-6860. Please indicate that the donation is in Meg's name.

**Donald E. "Don" Hovland, Sr.**, 91, April 5, due to congestive heart failure.

Don was a retired historical architect, who had worked at the Denver Service Center (DSC). He was originally hired by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1940, then joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1943 and worked on projects in Mobile, Ala.; Fort Lincoln, N.Dak.; Omaha, Neb.; and the Garrison Dam in North Dakota. He received his certification as an architect in 1965 while he was in the corps.

In 1967, Don joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Denver and then



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joined the NPS in 1973 as an architect at the DSC. While with the DSC, he worked on projects that included those at Boston NHP, William Howard Taft NHS, Castle Clinton NM and North Cascades NP. He retired in 1977 after 37 years of government service.

Don was predeceased by a son and daughter and, in less than two days, by his wife, Gladys. Survivors include two daughters: Sonja Brown and Karen Roe; son, Paul; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member **Peggy Lee Justice**, 80, April 19, at home in Carlsbad, N.Mex.

Peggy was a retired personnel officer for Carlsbad Caverns NP and Guadalupe Mountains NP. She started work for Carlsbad Caverns NP as a cashier in 1960. Over the next 35 years, she held various administrative positions and retired in 1995.

Following retirement, Peggy continued to help the parks as a volunteer. She worked closely with park historian Bob Hoff (now retired) compiling items of historic importance from decades of superintendents' reports and transcribed oral histories. As part of the park's 75th anniversary in 1998, Peggy organized an employee reunion and tried to contact everyone who had worked at Carlsbad Caverns. From this reunion, she created a "memory book" containing photographs and employees' personal stories and memories.

Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, and daughter, Lynne. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Elmore, who is the administrative support assistant for Carlsbad Caverns NP's superintendent and resource management offices; son, Rick; daughter-in-law, Sheila; and granddaughter, Shelley. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Cat's Meow in Carlsbad, N.Mex.

**Bob La France**, 76, March 17, in Corpus Christi, Tex., of complications due to surgery.

Bob was a 38-year employee of the NPS. He began his NPS career at Sequoia NP, where he spent 18 years. He then transferred to Lincoln Home NHS as the park's first chief of maintenance. From there, he went to Bandelier NM, Hot Springs NP, Valley Forge NHP, Big Bend NP, the Midwest Regional Office as maintenance management system coordinator and Padre Island NS. Prior to joining the NPS, Bob served in the U.S. Army and was a Korean War veteran.

Survivors include Bob's wife, Sherry, who retired from White Sands NM in 2007 as administrative officer; daughter, Michelle Deuley; and two grandsons: Justin and Jordan.

**Bobby Matthews**, 71, May 25.

Bobby served in the NPS for over 30 years. He took over the position of chief of maintenance at Natchez Trace Parkway in 1979 and retired from there in 1995. Survivors include Bobby's mother, one daughter, three sons, six grandchildren and the mother of his children, Maxine Matthews.

**Ralph Davis Maxwell**, 86, March 25, in Williamsburg, Va.

Ralph was a former chief ranger at Colonial NHP who had a 32-year career with the NPS. During WWII, he served in Europe with the 1st Army's 184th Anti-

aircraft Battalion, then in Patton's 3rd Army, where he earned six battle stars.

His NPS career also included working in positions at Everglades NP, Mammoth Cave NP and Natchez Trace Parkway. His work for the 1981 national bicentennial celebration in Yorktown was cited in the *Congressional Record*. He was active in the community, serving with the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America and the James City County Historical Commission. He was a member of the Royal Palm Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. As a Life Scout, he attended the first National Boy Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C., in 1937.

Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife, Jane, and his son, John. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Nan; son, David, and his wife, Sally; stepchildren, Peter, Sarah, David and Paul, and their spouses; sister, Catherine; two grandsons; five step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168 Street, New York, NY 10032 or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

**Suzanne "Sue" Nulty**, 59, May 31, suddenly, at Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sue was the facility support assistant for the Maintenance Division at Castillo de San Marcos NM. Previous to her most recent position, she served as an administrative assistant, a visitor use assistant and a volunteer at the park. Prior to that, she was an Eastern National employee.

**Donroy "Dino" John Shangreaux, Jr. Robinson**, 59, April 27, at home, due to a heart attack.

Dino was a maintenance worker who worked at Timpanogos Cave NM for 30 years. He traveled six years for the Historic Preservation Training Center with historic preservation crews and had been a mentor in the preservation and skills training program for two classes. Dino was renowned for his skills in masonry—his work can be seen in some of the park's rock walls.

Survivors include Dino's wife, Sandra; three sons: Jason, Patrick and Trenton; mother, Gloria; brothers, Lynn, Barth and Reed; sister, Susan; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Donroy John Shangreaux, Sr.; his stepfather, Fred L. Robinson, who had worked at Timpanogos Cave; and his brother, Jimmy. Dino's wife works at Timpanogos Cave; his brother, Reed, is chief of maintenance at Olympic NP; and his son, Trenton, is on the historic preservation crew at Bandelier NM. Condolences may be posted online at [www.wingmortuary.com](http://www.wingmortuary.com).

E&AA Life Member **Irving Dinsmore Townsend**, 102, April 27, peacefully, in Baker City, Oreg.

Irving graduated from University of Southern California in 1931 and married Mary Elizabeth "Virginia" MacNair that same year. He held seasonal ranger positions at Yosemite NP (1929-1936) and was a temporary ranger at (then) Carlsbad Caverns NP in 1930. His first permanent NPS position was as a park ranger at Hot Springs NP in 1936, followed by Boulder Dam Recreation Area (now Lake Mead NRA) in 1937. He returned to Hot Springs in 1939 as chief ranger. In 1944, Irving and his family relocated to



IRVING DINSMORE TOWNSEND

New Mexico, where he served as superintendent of Aztec Ruins NM until he retired from the NPS in 1953.

Irving's second career was as an educator. He earned his master's degree and his doctorate in education from the University of New Mexico. He taught high school science, was a school principal and then became a professor and dean of the graduate school at the University of Albuquerque. In addition, he served as a consultant with the University of Libya.

Irving retired from his second career in 1973, and he and Virginia moved to Reno, Nev., to be near their son, then moved to Baker City, Oreg., where they lived until Virginia's death in 1985. He then relocated to Carlsbad, N.Mex., followed by San Jose, Calif., where he married Irma Sanders in 1986. Upon Irma's death in 1990, he moved back to Carlsbad, then in 2004, moved to La Mesa, Calif., and, finally, back to Baker City in 2008. Irving enjoyed travelling and did so extensively.

Irving's survivors include his daughter, March Townsend Miller; son, Irving MacNair Townsend and his wife, Susan; four grandchildren and their spouses; and numerous great-grandchildren.

E&AA Life Member (**Sarah**) **Katherine McClintock Wilcox**, 101, April 11, in Tucson, Ariz.

Katherine was the widow of Millard Waldo Wilcox, who retired from the NPS as a civil engineer in 1975 from the Denver Service Center (DSC). The couple married in 1935. Waldo's most notable accomplishment was being the engineer in charge of the sourcing, design and construction of the Grand Canyon NP Trans-canyon Waterline (1963-1971). In addition to the DSC and Grand Canyon, he also worked at Zion NP, Bryce Canyon NP and the San Francisco Service Center.

Katherine completed her associate of arts degree at William Woods College in 1928, then received her bachelor of science degree at Kansas State College in 1931. In 1968, she obtained her master's degree from Northern Arizona State. She was an English teacher at Grand Canyon National Park High School for 10 years and also taught at several other locations in Kansas.

Because of her husband's engineering positions with the U.S. Army, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and, finally, the NPS, Katherine had the opportunity to live in and visit many unique places. She loved to travel and ultimately circumnavigated the globe. The pinnacle of her journeys was visiting Britain and Ireland

when she was 90 and then again when she was 93. She found some of her McClintock cousins in County Donegal, Ireland, which was a life highlight for her.

Katherine has been buried beside her husband in the Pioneer Cemetery near the South Rim in Grand Canyon NP. She is survived by her three sons: Martin Waldo, Lynn Frederick and Allison Clay; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. ■

## Zion NP Anniversary

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first in Utah. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Joss dedicated the recently rehabilitated Grotto Museum building, the oldest extant building in the park, for its future use as the home of the park's new Artist-In-Residence Program and as a research facility. The building was then opened for public viewing.

Following the ceremony, invited guests attended an awards luncheon for partners who have worked with the park in planning and conducting centennial events throughout 2009. Following the luncheon, a cultural program on Southern Paiute dance and songs was presented on the Zion Lodge lawn, and the Postal Service provided special Zion centennial postmarks at the Zion Canyon and Kolob Canyons visitor centers. Throughout the day, special interpretive and Junior Ranger programs were offered. An evening chamber music concert on the Zion Lodge lawn brought the day's events to a close.

Zion NP centennial events will continue through October, with the last planned event being an employee reunion from Oct. 16 to 18. Registration is available at [www.zionpark.org](http://www.zionpark.org). For more reunion information, contact Karen Mayne at [Karen\\_S\\_Mayne@nps.gov](mailto:Karen_S_Mayne@nps.gov). ■

## President Nominates NPS Director

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In the 1990s, Jon Jarvis served as superintendent of Craters of the Moon NM and Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES. A trained biologist, he also served as chief of natural and cultural resources at North Cascades NP, where he was the chief biologist of the 684,000-acre complex. He is the co-leader of the Children in Nature taskforce with the National Association of State Park Directors. He is proud of his work with the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor in an effort to provide a quality visitor experience to the USS *Arizona* Memorial and associated sites. A native of Virginia, Jarvis has a B.S. in biology from the College of William and Mary and completed the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Program in 2001.

Director designate Jon Jarvis testified at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 28. ■

# Alumni News

E&AA Life Member **Richard E. "Dick" Wonson** and his wife, Polly, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Dick wrote to the *Arrowhead* newsletter to report the following:

Richard E. and Polly F. Wonson celebrated 50 years of marriage on Nov. 27, 2008, with a family dinner at the home of their son, David, in Fort Myers, Fla. The family gathered from all over the country. Dick and Polly have three children and one grandson.

Dick, who also recently celebrated his 80th birthday, is retired from the NPS with 36 years of federal service. He served in the U.S. Army for over 12 years and spent a little over a year in Germany. He is a life member of the VFW. He was employed by the U.S. Navy, then transferred to the NPS in 1966 and served at Sanford National Recreation Area (now Lake Meredith NRA), Alibates Flint Quarries NM, Tumacacori NM (now NHP), the Denver Service Center, the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Grand Teton NP and Devils Tower NM. He retired in December 1989 from (then) Edison NHS.

Polly is a retired schoolteacher who has gone back into the schoolroom at Hobbs Middle School in Milton, Fla., as a teacher's assistant in the Exceptional Student Education Department. Dick also volunteers at the school. Both have been cited as valuable employees of the school system—Polly as the "School

Employee of the Year" 2007-2008, while Dick earned third place as "Senior Volunteer of the Year" for the school district the same year.

The couple are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Milton Chapter #189. Dick is a member of Santa Rosa Lodge #16 and Pensacola Scottish Rite - Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Also, they are members of the Milton Amateur Radio Club and are Extra Class radio operators—AE4AU for Polly and AC4KA for Dick. Both are members of The Old Old Timers Club, American Radio Relay League, Volunteer Examiners and Amateur Radio Emergency Services.

They are longtime (50-year) members of the Civil Air Patrol. They are members and past presidents of the Pensacola Volksmarch Club. Dick has held a Florida Volkswalk Association (state) office. They have volkswalked several times in every state, every state capital and old Mexico and clear across Canada, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, including Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

They have been active in square dancing, dancing at the advanced and challenge levels, and were members of the Canoe Squares Club in Milton. Recently, they enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas and to Alaska and a second trip to Hawaii. When not busy working or visiting family members, they enjoy coin collecting, reading and working around the yard. ■

## Oregon Caves NM Centennial

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and a host of ranger programs, which included storytelling and a music presentation. Community partners and organizations, including the Illinois Valley Fire Department, Siskiyou Field Institute, Illinois Valley Arts Council, USDA Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management, had individual educational and informational tables to provide additional activities for visitors.

To mark the event, descendants of the first-known person to find and enter the cave, Elijah Davidson, also attended the reading. Davidson found the caves

while hunting in the rugged mountains of southwestern Oregon in 1874. Thirty-five years later, concerned citizens throughout southwestern Oregon and Northern California lobbied President Taft to draft and sign the proclamation to protect the caves from vandalism and promote tourism in the region.

Thanks to their efforts 100 years ago, this special place of "unusual scientific interest" can celebrate its centennial. Through "proper protection" over the next 100 years, we can provide a future generation the opportunity to celebrate the bicentennial. ■

## NPS Family

**Logston U. "Mac" Breland** celebrated his 90th birthday on April 5 with a large gathering of family and friends at his home in Mathiston, Miss. "Mac," as he is known to his Park Service friends, started his NPS career in 1957 as a fire control tech in the Natchez Trace Parkway's Dancy District.

In 1972, Mac became a law enforcement ranger. While serving in this position, he became skilled in resource management, fire management and

emergency medical services. He left a lasting legacy. The parkway still occasionally gets inquiries about Ranger Breland, who retired from the park in May 1986.

**Shannon Reilly**, telecommunications equipment operator, Shenandoah NP, and her husband, Paul DiPalma, welcomed an addition to their family on Jan. 6. Aodhan Reilly DiPalma was born weighing in at six lbs., 11 oz. and was 19 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.*

## White House Trust Honors George B. Hartzog, Jr.



Brenda Fike

**MRS. HELEN HARTZOG** accepted a plaque inscribed with the resolution establishing the "George B. Hartzog, Jr. White House Acquisition Trust" at a ceremony on Jan. 28. Attendees at the ceremony were (pictured left to right): Rev. George B. Hartzog III; Mr. Edward Hartzog and son, Dietrich; Mrs. Helen Hartzog; Mr. Henry Dudley, Jr., White House Historical Association (WHHA) board chairman; Rev. Nancy Hartzog; and Mr. Neil Horstman, WHHA president.

*By James I. McDaniel, former NPS White House Liaison (retired)*

At a ceremony on Jan. 28, the family of the late George B. Hartzog, Jr., former NPS director, joined with the board of directors of the White House Historical Association (WHHA) to honor the memory of NPS Director Hartzog with the establishment of the "George B. Hartzog, Jr. White House Acquisition Trust." Funded with the proceeds of an earlier trust established through the efforts of Mr. Hartzog, the renamed George B. Hartzog, Jr. White House Acquisition Trust will provide a dependable source of non-public funding to acquire art and antiques for the White House Museum Collection in perpetuity.

In conjunction with the establishment of the WHHA in 1961, Mrs. John F. Kennedy expressed her hope that someday acquisitions and conservation of the White House Museum Collection would be free from dependence upon appropriated funds. Fundraising for a White House museum endowment began during President Jimmy Carter's term. When Mr. Hartzog brought the WHHA into the effort, the endowment fund grew rapidly. During the administrations

of George H. W. Bush and William J. Clinton, Mr. Hartzog worked tirelessly and astutely with the White House, Congress and private philanthropists to achieve the \$25 million goal.

The successful venture was celebrated at a White House State Dinner in 1998, with five presidents in attendance. From this date, the care and enhancement of the White House Museum Collection was no longer dependent on appropriated funds. Mr. Hartzog was thus instrumental in realizing the earlier dream of Jacqueline Kennedy.

Mr. Hartzog crafted the legal structure and operating guidelines for the endowment, which he divided into two trusts—one for conservation and maintenance and the other for acquisition of art and museum objects. He carefully watched over expenditures and investments. The George B. Hartzog, Jr. White House Acquisition Trust has been used in recent years to acquire china service for state dinners, period furniture, ceramics, portraits of First Ladies and American art. ■

*Note: Jim McDaniel, an E&AA life member, currently serves as an officer of the WHHA.*

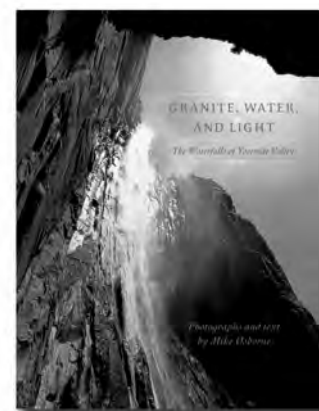
## Off the Press

### *Granite, Water, and Light: The Waterfalls of Yosemite Valley*

By Mike Osborne  
Yosemite Association and  
Heyday Books, 2009  
ISBN 978-1-59714-099-7  
87 pp; \$12.95

This book by Mike Osborne, former Yosemite NP park ranger and special agent, is a photographic and interpretive anthem to Yosemite's majestic waterfalls. Along with more than 70 color photographs illustrating the iconic as well as the seldom noticed and "ephemeral" falls, the text explains their geologic structures and discusses how watersheds and weather affect their appearance. The falls are eloquently portrayed using descriptions from John Muir and others.

Millions of visitors each year find inspi-



ration and delight viewing the falls. This is a book that will open minds to knowledge and eyes to wonder.

*Granite, Water, and Light* is available from the Yosemite Association at (209) 379-2648 or [www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org). ■

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# New Places & Faces

**Stephen E. "Steve" Adams**, from superintendent, Lewis and Clark NHT, to associate regional director for cultural resources, Midwest Regional Office.

**Barbara Alberti**, from chief of natural resources and fire management, Whiskeytown NRA, to superintendent, War in the Pacific NHP and American Memorial Park.

**Michelle Bogart**, to visitor use assistant (fees), Shenandoah NP.

**Bill Bolger**, from National Historic Landmarks program manager, Northeast Region, to project manager, Paterson Great Falls NHP.



FRED BOYLES

**Fred Boyles**, from superintendent, Andersonville NHS, to superintendent, Cumberland Island NS.

**Mike Clayton**, to Human Resources Operations Center manager, WASO - Lakewood, Colo.

**Charlotte Draemer**, to wastewater treatment plant operator, Shenandoah NP.

**Tom Dyer**, from chief, Northeast Region (NER) Office of Park Partnerships, to division chief, Park Cultural Resource Management Programs, NER.

**Dr. Steven Fancy**, from National Monitoring Program leader, to chief, Office of Inventory, Monitoring and Evaluation, NPS Natural Resource Program Center.

**Pete Fonken**, from law enforcement ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to law enforcement ranger (emergency medical services/search and rescue coordinator), Pinnacles NM.

**Jason Freeze**, to wastewater treatment plant operator, Shenandoah NP.

**Giasone "Jason" Gigliotti**, to law enforcement ranger, Pinnacles NM.

**Tommy Gochenour**, from maintenance worker, to tractor operator, Shenandoah NP.

**Timothy S. "Tim" Good**, from management assistant, Midwest Regional Office, to superintendent, Ulysses S. Grant NHS.

**Kevin Hendricks**, from chief ranger, Olympic NP, to chief ranger, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

**Nancy Hendricks**, from environmental protection specialist, Olympic NP, to environmental protection specialist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

**James R. Hill, III**, from coordinator for the national Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, Midwest Region, to superintendent, Agate Fossil Beds NM.

**Scott Hill**, from park ranger (interpretation), to supervisory park ranger, Thomas Stone NHS.

**Greg Jackson**, from manager of the Advanced Law Enforcement Training Program (with additional duties of managing the Physical Fitness Program and the Honor Guard), Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, to deputy chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, WASO.

**Linda Jeschke**, from park ranger (interpretation), to chief of interpretation, Western Arctic National Parklands (Bering Land Bridge N PRES, Cape Krusenstern NM, Kobuk Valley NP and Noatak N PRES).

**Rich Kagiya**, to project manager, Western Team, Design and Construction Division of the Denver Service Center.

**Pam Koenig**, from cultural resources training manager, to NPS Fundamentals training manager, Horace M. Albright Training Center.

**Jason Lott**, from superintendent, Casa Grande Ruins NM, to superintendent, Bandelier NM.



DAVE LUCHSINGER

**David "Dave" Luchsinger**, from superintendent, Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES and New Orleans Jazz NHP, to superintendent, Statue of Liberty NM.

**Tim Mabes**, from visitor use assistant, Shenandoah NP, to park guide (interpretation), Natchez Trace Parkway.

**Norah Martinez**, from chief ranger, Outer Banks Group (Cape Hatteras NS, Wright Brothers N MEM and Fort Raleigh NHS), to chief ranger, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES.

**Monika Mayr**, from superintendent, Vicksburg NMP, to deputy superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway.

**Linda Melnick**, to administrative support assistant, Western Team, Design and Construction Division of the Denver Service Center.

**John Morlock**, from fire management officer, Big Bend NP, to superintendent, Fort Davis NHS.

**Jon Pierce**, from major, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), to regional law enforcement specialist, Southeast Regional Office. Jon retired from the U.S.P.P. on May 24 after 22 years of service. His final assignment was as the commander of the Special Forces Branch and the Icon Protection Branch.

**Samantha Richardson**, to public affairs specialist, Information Management Division of the Denver Service Center.

**Toby Rodriguez**, to project manager, Eastern Branch, Design and Construction Division of the Denver Service Center.

**Peter Samuel**, from community planner, Northeast Region (NER), to National Heritage Areas program coordinator, NER.



VIVIEN SCHUH

**Vivien Schuh**, from buildings and utilities supervisor, Cape Cod NS, to facility manager, El Malpais NM and El Morro NM.

**Cameron H. "Cam" Sholly**, from deputy associate director and chief of staff for the NPS Visitor and Resource



CAMERON SHOLLY

Protection Program, WASO, to superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway.

**Darla Sidles**, from deputy superintendent, Independence NHP, to superintendent, Saguaro NP.

**Timothy Sims**, from park ranger, to chief of interpretation and resource management, Booker T. Washington NM.

**Christine Smith**, from deputy chief of interpretation, George Washington Birthplace NM and Thomas Stone NHS, to management assistant, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

**Steve Stinnett**, from assistant chief ranger, to chief ranger, Blue Ridge Parkway.

**Brian Sweatland**, from recreation planner, to chief of planning, compliance and external affairs, Glen Canyon NRA.

**Steve Thede**, from chief of interpretation and cultural resources, Whiskeytown NRA, to deputy superintendent, Badlands NP.

**Patrick Walsh**, from compliance section supervisor, Transportation Division of the Denver Service Center, to chief, Environmental Planning and Compliance Branch of the Environmental Quality Division, WASO - Lakewood, Colo.

**Christine Whitacre**, from cultural resource specialist, Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, to program manager, Heritage Partnership Program, Intermountain Region - Denver.

**Carla Whitfield**, from park ranger (interpretation), Selma to Montgomery NHT, Tuskegee Institute NHS and Tuskegee Airmen NHS, to superintendent, Booker T. Washington NM.

**Tammy Whittington**, from deputy chief, to chief, Environmental Quality Division, WASO - Lakewood, Colo.

**Jason Wu**, from captain, Pacific West Region - San Francisco, United States Park Police (U.S.P.P.), to major, San Francisco Field Office, U.S.P.P. ■

## Benefactors

The following donations were received this quarter. Thank you for your support.

Barrett Brooks  
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Robert J. Murphy  
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Robert Winiarski

## E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Patricia Bringardner; Barrett Brooks; Susan Celaya; Douglas Comer; Jill and Curt Edlund; Don and Jill Hart; Glenn Knight, CIG; Carol Kruse; Martin Sterkel and Sandy Poole; Doug Walter; and Karen Warren.



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EN will pay the photographer \$500 for the winning photograph in each category. If the winning image is an NPS slide or transparency, or was taken on government time, EN will donate \$500 to the photographer's park to support that park's interpretive program. All submissions must be reproduction-quality color originals, as a 35mm slide, color print, 4" x 5" transparency or 300 dpi tiff file. Inkjet prints and low-resolution files are not acceptable. All submissions must be clearly labeled, stating: the park name and image location; the photographer's name; photographer's status as an NPS employee or VIP; current park assignment; category (which Passport region); and photographer's mailing address, telephone number and email address. EN will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos, slides or transparencies.

Submissions must be received by Eastern National by October 30, 2009. Send submissions to: Eastern National Passport Photography Contest, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Photography will be accepted for all 10 of the Passport regions. (Note: Passport regions are based on tourist/geographic regions, not NPS administrative regions). Contest winners will be announced in February 2010. For further information, contact Eastern National at (215) 283-6900, ext. 158. ■

### E&AA Membership Application

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