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FROM THE DIRECTOR

More than 37 million students and their teachers from across the country visited Carlsbad Caverns NP on April 25, and most of the students never left their classrooms! They visited through an Electronic Field Trip, an incredible and innovative experience, and one of my favorite events of National Park Week 2006.



The Electronic Field Trip, made possible through a partnership with the National Park Foundation and Ball State University, was a 90-minute, live web and satellite broadcast from Carlsbad Caverns NP. In addition to watching online, many people watched on local PBS stations. Students called with questions for the onscreen experts and the interaction created a rich experience for the kids and their teachers. First Lady Laura Bush, Honorary Chair of the National Park Foundation, and I had a wonderful time on the field trip with Boston elementary school students at Boston NHP.

Together we discovered a different world as we went underground with the rangers. We explored life below the surface and learned about the fascinating ecosystem, its geologic processes, the "twilight" zone, the value of water, and animal adaptations to life without sunlight. The Electronic Field Trip is available online at http://ali.apple.com/ali_sites/ali/exhibits/1001737/. Please take a look and discover it for yourself!

This remarkable event epitomized the theme of National Park Week 2006—*Connecting Children to America's National Parks*. With critical support and creative thinking from the National Park Foundation and Ball State University we will continue to use this kind of cutting-edge technology to connect even more children and their families to national parks. Because it's almost impossible to experience all of our country's special places firsthand, the Electronic Field Trips use technology to make the places available and alive!

While nothing replaces the actual experience of wiggling one's toes in White Sands, braving the rapids of New River or hiking the Appalachian Trail, Electronic Field Trips are a great way to expose kids to a wider world of wonders and entice them to experience these places for themselves. So, grab your mouse and monitor, because in 2007 we are looking forward to three more Electronic Field Trips that will take students to examine the birth of America at Independence NHP, discover the unique ecosystems and human culture at Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, and learn about the Japanese internment camp at Manzanar NHS.

See you in the parks this summer, or on a future Electronic Field Trip!

—Fran Mainella

Two New Sites Added to System

In February, the NPS added two new sites, both of which contribute to the African American legacy. The addition of these two new units increases the total number of units from 388 to 390. The new sites are Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in Washington, D.C. and African Burial Ground National Monument in New York City.

"I am very excited to announce the addition of these two sites to the National Park System," said NPS Director Fran Mainella. "During this celebration of Black History Month I think it is both appropriate and admirable that these two sites, equally of great significance, become our newest units."

Carter G. Woodson Home NHS was

established by publication of a notice in the Federal Register on Feb. 27, 2006. The historic site was the Washington, D.C. home of Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The Victorian 1890's red brick row house sits in the middle of the District's Shaw neighborhood, a richly historic area currently undergoing a renaissance. Dr. Woodson was instrumental in establishing African American history as an academic discipline and is best known for establishing Negro History Week in 1926, now recognized as African American History Month or Black History Month. In 1915, Dr. Woodson, a historian trained at Harvard and a D.C. public school teacher, founded the Association for the Study of Life and

History, now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

In June 2002, the NPS issued a special resource study of the Carter G. Woodson Home documenting the significance of the Woodson home and evaluating various options for future management of the site by the NPS. Dr. Woodson's place is secure in American history as a preeminent educator, historian and the father of African American history.

The site of the African Burial Ground NM was designated as a national historic landmark in 1993 and as a national monument by Presidential Proclamation on

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National Park System Advisory Board Scholars Forum Explores NPS Role as Civic Educator



ADVISORY BOARD SCHOLARS FORUM PRESENTERS pictured left to right: Joyce Appleby, Myron Floyd, Eric Foner, Alexander Keyssar, Michael Kammen, W. Richard West, Jr., Patricia Nelson Limerick, William Kornblum and Charlene Mires. (Not shown: John Hope Franklin, Edward T. Linenthal and William J. Cronon).

By Loran Fraser, Chief, Office of Policy, National Park Service

At NPS Director Fran Mainella's direction, over the past several years the National Park System Advisory

Board has been considering ways to broaden public awareness of the powerful learning opportunities offered in national parks. This work by the Board follows release of its report in 2001,

Rethinking the National Parks for the 21st Century, which called on the NPS "to become a more significant part of America's educational system." The Board today believes there is tremendous potential to attract a new level of public interest in and support for national parks by developing and emphasizing their special role in telling America's story. Impressed with the National Park Service's renewed commitment to civic engagement (Director's Order #75A; *Civic Engagement and Public Involvement*), the Board is encouraging the NPS to look to its unique, *place-based* educational and interpretive programming to help advance the broad societal purposes of civic awareness and civic responsibility (see www.nps.gov/policy/civicengagement.pdf).

In furtherance of this goal, the National Park System Advisory Board sponsored a Scholars Forum on Jan. 14 at Independence NHP to consider the role of the National Park Service as "civic educator."

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Virgin Islands NP Prepares for 50th Anniversary

By Don Near, Interpretive Park Ranger, Virgin Islands NP

In August 1956, Laurance Rockefeller donated approximately 5,000 acres of land on St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands to the federal government to establish a national park. In 1962, additional legislation was passed that amended the boundary of the park to include portions of Hassel Island in Charlotte Amalie Harbor, St. Thomas and 5,650 acres of submerged lands around the island of St. John. The park has grown to include over 7,000 terrestrial acres on St. John, which is approximately one half the size of the island.

As America's only national park in the Caribbean, Virgin Islands NP is replete with pristine white powdery beaches and crystal clear seas. Over 20 miles of hik-

ing trails traverse mountainous moist forests as well as some of the largest and most comprehensive dry tropical forests in the region.

In addition to spectacular coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves and other marine features, Virgin Islands NP preserves and protects the island's rich cultural heritage. Historical periods include the Pre-Columbian Era when migrating Native South American tribes established thriving coastal villages, and a later Danish Colonial Period in which a variety of Northern European plantation owners extracted marginal profits from sugar cane, cotton and other commodities, made possible by an enslaved West African work force. The park also showcases the self-sufficiency of the Afro-Caribbean subsistence period when native residents dominated island life from slavery emanci-

pation in 1848 to the advent of modern tourism in the late 1950's.

Virgin Islands NP was the 29th national park established in the National Park System and is the third smallest of all national parks. In 1957, just over 1,100 people visited the park. Fifty years later, annual visitation is nearly a million people. Scientists, both in-park and from other governmental agencies, academia and private institutions, continue to collect data to establish baselines of both natural and cultural resources. This data provides the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding visitor use and management of the natural, scenic and cultural resources within the park. This is crucial for an island the size of St. John, which the park shares with a resident population of over 4,000

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Focus on the Parks

• **National Mall & Memorial Parks** now broadcasts park information on a radio station located at 1670 AM. Radio station KFB 719 broadcasts a wide range of practical, topical and “need to know” visitor information about current park events and programs. Programming on the radio station is pre-recorded and contains no live shows or interviews.

Classified as a “10-watt low power” station, the signal covers a three-mile radius in Washington, D.C. Designed not to compete against any commercial or public radio station, listeners also find information about adjacent visitor attractions in the area and information on how to become a NPS volunteer for the National Mall and Memorial Parks. The NPS operates similar radio stations at Prince William Forest Park and Harpers Ferry NHP.

• March may bring early spring in parts of the country, but in Alaska the lengthening days and late winter snowpack make it prime time for exploring the winter side of Alaska’s parks. The Iditarod Sled Dog Race began the first weekend in March, with mushers and dog teams going 1,049 miles to Nome—also the headquarters for **Bering Land Bridge N PRES**. Cross country skiers and mushers were out in **Denali NP & PRES**, using the trails heading out into the park from the headquarters area. Denali has the only working sled dog team in the NPS—a tradition that stretches back to

the establishment of the park in 1917. In April, mountaineering season in the Alaska Range and Denali NP began. More than 1,200 climbers are expected to try for the summit of Mount McKinley, America’s tallest peak, before the season winds down in July.

• **Cane River Creole NHP** and The African American Experience Fund of the National Park Foundation presented “Building on Tomorrow: A Symposium on African-American Culture in the South,” on Feb. 15 and 16 at the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training in Natchitoches, La. Speakers covered a range of topics in African American studies.

This symposium was the third in a series discussing various aspects of the African American experience, and was in conjunction with Cane River Creole NHP’s celebration of Black History Month. Cane River Creole NHP is one of many sites in the NPS that celebrates African American heritage. “These symposiums have highlighted the contributions of people of African descent from the Colonial times through our recent past,” stated Supt. Laura Gates. “The speakers have continued to enlighten us about the tremendous accomplishments of these people despite the extreme circumstances they often endured, and we have gleaned a greater understanding of the depth and meaning of these contributions to American culture. We thank the African American Experience Fund of the National Park Foundation for supporting this series the past two years.”

• A three-year study of the subterranean life found in caves culminated in January in an announcement by biologists and NPS staff of the discovery of at least 27 new species in the caves of **Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks**. The discoveries, all previously unknown to science, included spiders, millipedes, centipedes and pseudo-scorpions. During the course of the three-year study, park staff and contract biologists from Zara Environmental in Austin, Tex. visited 30 caves in the two parks.

Zara Environmental specializes in work with cave animals. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have 238 known caves. Previous work in park caves had revealed other specialized organisms including white and eyeless animals adapted to the ever-dark cave environment. Because of their sensitivity to the environment, cave-adapted invertebrates can act as indicators of environmental problems or changes. If park cave animals decline, it may point to other problems in the park environment.

Some of the newly discovered animals appear to live only in a single cave, while others are found exclusively in the caves of the two parks. Park staff will use the new information to monitor and study the health of these rare animals in an attempt to learn more about them and to determine if populations are healthy. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/seki/snrm/geology/cave_karst.htm.

• Florida Power & Light Company (FPL), **Biscayne NP** and the South Florida Water Management District teamed up in a partnership to transfer more than 300 acres of wetlands from FPL to the park and the South Florida Water Management District. The land is located in Miami-Dade County, Fla.



IN JULY 2005, MIKE MELVILLE, the pilot of SpaceShipOne, visited Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP. On Oct. 4, 2004, SpaceShipOne rocketed into history, becoming the first private manned spacecraft to exceed an altitude of 328,000 feet twice within the span of a 14-day period, thus claiming the \$10 million Ansari X-Prize. SpaceShipOne stopped overnight in Dayton, Ohio while making its last flight. The ship was on its way to Washington, D.C. to be donated to the National Air and Space Museum. Pictured left to right: Park Guide Christina Baker; Park Guide Mandy Murray; Chief, Education and Resources Management Ann Honious (all of Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP); and Mike Melville.

The celebration marking the transfer took place Feb. 17 at Biscayne NP’s Dante Fascell Visitor Center. “Land transfer is a perfect example of how private industry, state and federal government are working together to make ecosystem restoration land transfers in South Florida a success,” said Linda Canzanelli, former superintendent of Biscayne NP.

Canzanelli and her staff participated

in the power plant expansion certification process. The land transferred to the South Florida Water Management District is within the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project area, which is part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. The project will help restore wetlands and re-establish the historical creek network feeding Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County, enhancing the ecological health of Biscayne NP. ■

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NPS Director Tours Little Rock Central High School NHS



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Associate Director for Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers, and Outdoor Recreation Christopher Jarvi; Midwest Regional Director Ernie Quintana; Little Rock Central High School NHS staff: Park Ranger Spirit Trickey, Education Specialist Lea Baker, Park Ranger Tarona Armstrong, Park Ranger Alyssa Warrick, Park Ranger Christian Davis, Park Ranger Julie Jackson, Chief of Interpretation and Cultural Resources/Historian Laura Miller, Administrative Officer Jan Lee and Superintendent Michael Madell; and NPS Director Fran Mainella.

By Spirit Trickey, Park Ranger,
Little Rock Central High School NHS

NPS Director Fran Mainella met with staff and toured **Little Rock Central High School NHS** (CHSC) on March 6. The director was accompanied by Associate Director for Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers, and Outdoor Recreation Christopher Jarvi, Midwest Regional Director Ernie Quintana and Hot Springs NP Supt. Josie Fernandez. The director was in Little Rock, Ark. to deliver a speech at the annual Association of Partners for Public Lands meeting.

NPS Director Fran Mainella met Central High School Principal Nancy

Rousseau and students and faculty of the high school. Principal Rousseau introduced the director and asked the students, “What’s the only functioning high school to be included in the boundary of a National Park Service site?” The students responded in unison saying, “Central High School.”

After leaving CHSC, Director Mainella attended a reception in her honor and met with Congressman Vic Snyder, Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey, staff for the offices of Senators Lincoln and Pryor and other key supporters of the site. She also met one of the Little Rock Nine, Minniejean Brown Trickey, who gave a keynote address at the APPL Conference earlier that morning. ■

2006 E&AA Reunion—Sign Up Now!

Open to E&AA members and their guests. See old friends and enjoy the festivities! Oct. 5 through 8, 2006 at Grand Canyon National Park.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006

Arrival at Grand Canyon NP

2 - 5 p.m. - Registration

6 - 9 p.m. - Welcome Reception and Campfire Program.

Friday, Oct. 6, 2006

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Hermits Rest Tour (two hours) and

tour of the Albright Training Center. Lunch at

Maswick Cafeteria. Dinner on your own.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Desert View Tour with four stops at

popular points that may include Moran Point, Lipan Point and Desert View. Boxed lunch at campgrounds.

5 p.m. - Reception at Kolb Studio.

6:30 p.m. - Rim Condor Talk.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006

Depart

Please secure your reservations by mailing the registration form below to Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, Attn: Veronica Manley, E&AA Reunion 2006, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Registration deadline is Sept. 1, 2006. To download an additional registration form, go to www.eandaa.org.

Registration fee is \$185 per person for E&AA members, \$235 per person for non-members.

The registration fee covers the cost of two lunches, two receptions, two dinners and two tours: Hermits Rest/Albright Training Center and Desert View, plus bus transportation to scheduled events.

Registration fee does not cover the cost of airfare, overnight accommodations, ground transportation to and from the airport to the training center, or breakfast.

For further information, please visit www.eandaa.org or call Veronica Manley at (215) 283-6900, ext. 135.

*Please note: E&AA will only reimburse registration fees if cancellation is received prior to Sept. 15, 2006.

Please register and return to us by Sept. 1, 2006

Yes, I (we) will attend. Enclosed is my registration fee for

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Please return this form with your registration fee(s) by Sept. 1, 2006. Payment may be made by check, money order or credit card. Checks should be made out to the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA).

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Limited apartments are available at the Horace Albright Training Center on a first-come, first-served basis. Apartments consist of a bedroom, living room/study area, full bathroom and kitchenette. Please call (928) 638-7981 to secure your reservations.

Mail your registration check to: Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, Attn: Veronica Manley, E&AA Reunion 2006, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite One, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

Renewal Seen at Gulf Islands NS After Hurricane

By Adam C. Prato, Park Ranger,
Gulf Islands NS

Wind and waves are always rearranging barrier islands. If you've ever stood on the beach at the edge of the water and watched the sand sloshing around your feet in the waves, you've seen it in action. On breezy days you can feel bits of the island blowing by in the form of sand against your face. Hurricanes are the most radical versions of this constant movement. When Katrina's giant storm surge washed across the barrier islands of Gulf Islands NS, it leveled their dune systems, scoured out new channels and washed away sand flats at the islands' extremities. It also swept away and drowned plants and animals.

In February, I rode out to the islands with our park biologist to take photos. The islands looked pretty bleak. Little of the massive dunes of Horn Island are left: eroded rumps clustered around broken trees. The trees that stood up to the surge are gray and dry, and only sun-bleached and leafless stems remain of many of the smaller plants that covered the islands' interiors.

But I didn't go to take pictures of destruction. If you're like me, you're probably tired of looking at the devastation. I was looking for signs of natural renewal, and evidence that Katrina might even have been beneficial to the islands or to the life they host. After all, these islands have survived hurricanes since the first day of their existence.

The first living thing I noticed when I went ashore on Petit Bois Island was a

small indestructible mustard plant called sea rocket. Sea rocket lives on the margins of the habitable island. It is found on the bare, infertile sand of the upper beach—the part of the beach that is closest to the water, but doesn't get wet during most high tides. It lives exposed to extremes of summer heat and windy winter cold, to the frequent pelting of airborne sand and the occasional pounding surf. It lives there because it is the best adapted plant at doing so. It has tenacious roots that soak up scarce fresh water during rains and thick rubbery leaves that lock in moisture against evaporation. (Sea rocket is one tough plant. I once found one growing on a beach in New York, its tiny purple four-petal flowers blooming in defiance of the howling, sub-zero winter day.)

It turns out that sea rocket can grow anywhere on the island. The storm surge moved a lot of things around the Mississippi Sound: refrigerators, roofs, casinos, etc. But it also moved sea rocket around the islands. I found sea rocket growing in an unusual place: in the middle of Petit Bois Island, under the shade of some pine trees, through a heavy litter of pine needles. It is growing there now because it took hold ahead of the island interior's usual inhabitants. Those other plants may come back later, fed by nutrients washed ashore by the storm, and push the sea rocket back to the beach.

Signs of natural renewal are everywhere on the barrier islands. Besides the amazing sea rocket, beach grasses are now poking through the sand, and saw palmettos and

prickly pear cactuses are re-sprouting. Around the island's brackish ponds and marshes, plants like cord grass and black needle-rush that live partly submerged during high tides are doing just fine. A close look at a stand of yaupon holly reveals new growth. Even many of the slash pines, reddened by the initial burn of wind or salt water then fading to a drab gray, are showing a little green these days.

Island animals are clinging to these little bits of green. Dragonflies still buzz around the ponds and marshes. There are monarch butterflies and song sparrows in the bushes, and footprints of herons and raccoons around the tidal pools. A pair of bald eagles is already nesting in a tree on East Ship Island. This spring we'll be looking for ospreys,

skimmers and terns to return to their island breeding grounds.

You can see it all for yourself. Ferry service to West Ship Island resumed on April 14, though amenities on the island are very limited. If you have your own boat, you can also visit Petit Bois, Horn, East Ship and Cat Islands. You can help the islands recover by being a low impact visitor. Stay off the dunes and steer clear of osprey nests and ground-nesting shorebirds.

The hardest thing for us—park staff and visitors—to cope with out there will be the loss of our facilities and the damage to our monuments. Work and money will heal those wounds. If we let nature take its course on the islands, their plants and animals will take care of themselves. ■

Off the Press



Skar's Picnic ... A Bear's Tale

Story and Illustrations by
Vicki Redenbaugh
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Skar's Picnic ... A Bear's Tale, Eastern National's first pop-up, lift-the-flap adventure book, will engage and entertain readers of all ages. Join Skar, a large black bear, as his sense of smell leads him to his own private picnic. But look out—the campers are returning to their site! What will Skar do now? Learn from Skar's adventures why campers should store food properly and keep a clean campsite, and how you can help keep safe and protect wildlife in the wild.

Available from Eastern National at www.eParks.com (Item No.: 2-48096) or by calling (877) NAT-PARK. ■

Kudos and Awards

NPS Employees Recognized for Hurricane Response



Tami Heilemann, DOI

NPS AND DOI EMPLOYEES at recognition ceremony pictured left to right: Gordon Wissinger, Judy Forte, Skip Willoughby, Brenda Ritchie, Natalya Karamyshev, Gale Norton, Edy Williams-Rhodes, Sara Wolf, Keaton Wright, Pam West, Dan Pontbriand, P. Lynn Scarlett, Matt Hogan and Fran Mainella.

On Jan. 26, DOI Secretary Gale Norton honored hundreds of Interior employees for their extraordinary efforts in helping Gulf Coast residents respond to last year's devastating hurricanes and rebuild their communities and lives. "The men and women we recognize today served others at great cost. They are true heroes," said Norton. "We honor your courage, your dedication and your sacrifice. With grateful hearts, we salute you."

The NPS honorees represented the more than 1,500 NPS employees that were mobilized to provide assistance to storm-damaged national parks and to FEMA. Members of the NPS' Museum Emergency Response Team worked with FEMA at the Joint Field Office in Baton Rouge, La. where they advised museums, archives, universities and historic property owners on the condition assessment and treatment of historical and cultural artifacts and archives.

More than 6,000 Interior employees contributed to the Gulf Coast recovery effort, providing emergency management and scientific, engineering and law enforcement assistance under the National Response Plan, and carried out the Department's substantial responsibilities for the public lands and facilities it manages in the area. Because of their training and preparedness, not a single Interior employee was killed or injured by Katrina. More than 200 Interior employees continue to provide assistance to Gulf Coast communities.

Representing the contributions and achievements of the NPS and all its employees in response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma were Judy Forte, Brenda Ritchie, Gordon Wissinger, Skip Willoughby, Dan Pontbriand, Natalya Karamyshev, Edy Williams-Rhodes, Keaton Wright, Pam West and Sara Wolf. ■

• **Clara Barton NHS** announced its recent reaccreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM). In recognizing this honor, the AAM citation states: "Accreditation is national recognition of a museum's commitment to

accountability and public service, its high professional museum standards and its excellence in education and stewardship." According to the AAM, out of the nearly 16,000 museums in the U.S., only about 750, or five percent, are accredited. Clara

Barton NHS was first awarded this distinction in 1995. AAM accreditation ensures that Clara Barton NHS, as a steward of public and private resources, is fulfilling its public trust responsibilities.

• **Natchez Trace Parkway** has been selected a "Best Practice" in Southern Tourism by the Southern Governors' Association (SGA). A publication will be produced highlighting the selected 16 "Best Practices," one representing each SGA state and territory. "The piece will highlight a tourism destination, attraction, agency or organization demonstrating innovation in research, funding, professional development, information dissemination, advocacy, web marketing and/or sustainable tourism," said Dr. Rich Harrill, director of the International Tourism Research Institute at the University of South Carolina, School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management. SGA commissioned Harrill to identify a series of best practices in Southern tourism as part of SGA Chairman Gov. Sonny Perdue's (Ga.) Soul of the South tourism initiative.

The Natchez Trace Parkway was nominated by Craig Ray, executive director of Mississippi's Division of Tourism. "The scenic Natchez Trace Parkway is renowned for its unspoiled natural beauty. This is truly a national scenic route to experience 'getting back to nature' and one reason it attracts millions of visitors each year," said Ray. "I'm pleased to offer this Mississippi treasure for consideration by the Southern Governors' Association as a Best Practice entry." The publication is expected to be ready for distribution by the end of 2006.

• On Jan. 14, **Dennis Vasquez**, superintendent of Brown v. Board of Education NHS, was honored at an awards banquet in Topeka, Kans. with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Action Award. The banquet was part of Topeka's 21st annual week-long Living the Dream Celebration. The organizers of the celebration, Living the Dream, Inc., honored Dennis for his contributions in making a positive difference in the community. He was recognized for his numerous contributions to the community of Topeka, Kans. as superintendent of Brown v. Board of Education

NHS and for his community volunteer efforts. In addition, Dennis was chosen by Governor Kathleen Sebelius as one of three delegates to represent Kansas at the U.S. Summit on Cultural and Heritage Tourism in Washington, D.C.

• **Cumberland Gap NHP Chief Ranger M. Charles "Charlie" Chadwell, Jr.** was honored with the DOI Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his three decades of outstanding commitment and accomplishment. The award was presented to Charlie by Cumberland Gap NHP Supt. Mark Woods.

Charlie's career began at Cumberland Gap NHP in 1971. He rose to the chief position and supervised all law enforcement and fire protection staff. He was recognized for his skills in emergency response, his knowledge of all areas of the park and his excellent relationships with area law enforcement and fire organizations. The award was presented upon Charlie's retirement in late December. (See page 6 for his retirement information.)

• In March, NPS Director Fran Mainella presented the Director's Award for Excellence in Interpretive Media and the James V. Murfin Award for Partnerships in Little Rock, Ark. The Media award was presented to the **Point Reyes National Seashore Association** for their project "Extreme Makeover." This program produced a new branding and graphic identity for the organization. The Murfin Award for Partnerships was presented to **Chesley Moroz**, president of Eastern National—the largest cooperating association working with the NPS. Chesley has been a leader in the creation of positive relationships between the NPS and cooperating associations.

"I am pleased to be able to present these awards to the Point Reyes National Seashore Association, and to Chesley Moroz," said Director Mainella. "I applaud the association and Point Reyes National Seashore for turning the association's new look into increased support for the park and its programs, and I thank Chesley for all she has done for the national parks. She reflects the vision and the concern for others that Jim Murfin

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Honoring the WWII Generation at the World War II Memorial

By Michael A. Balis, Park Ranger,
National Mall and Memorial Parks

The word memorial means something that keeps remembrance alive. A team of National Mall rangers told the story of the final months of the war during four special events at the World War II Memorial that started in February and ran through September 2005.

Park Rangers Mark Ragan, Tom Downs and Steve Price used authentic equipment to recreate the scene of the flag raising at Iwo Jima. For VE Day, Rangers Ragan, Downs, Eric Pominville, Mike Kelly, Sandy Tennyson, Kristi Thiel, Jason Martz, Brad Berger, Terry Brown and Steve Price wore period uniforms and answered questions. A dance group called The Paper Dolls danced to period music.

Rangers delivered the following programs: Mike Rose, "Rural America During the War;" Gil Lyons, "Why Did the Japanese Attack Pearl Harbor?;" Tim Olling, "Wake Island Prisoners of War;" Brad Berger, "MacArthur and Nimitz in the Pacific Theater" and "The European Theater;" Steve Brown, "Technology and World War Two;" Mike Balis, "The Battle of Iwo Jima;" Jennifer Morrell, "Women Airforce Service Pilots;" and Tammi Skalitzky, "The Rosies and the Wendys During World War Two." These rangers reminded WWII veterans that their stories will be remembered and passed on to future generations.

This is the beginning of a yearly commitment from the National Mall and Memorial Parks of time, resources and personnel, to continue these special events at the World War II Memorial. ■

Virgin Islands NP 50th Anniversary

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inhabitants. The park maintains a strong involvement with community activities and works with local schools to provide educational programs and opportunities for St. John's leaders of tomorrow.

Various special events and activities throughout 2006 will highlight the park's past and present achievements. A New Year's Eve fundraising party organized by the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park raised nearly \$20,000 to support park programs. In November, a conference will be held on St. John, entitled "Virgin Islands National Park 50th Anniversary Conference on Marine and Terrestrial Scientific Research." The conference will be an opportunity for those scientists that have conducted research in the park to come together collectively for the purpose of sharing information and devising a strategy for future use of research material by the park.

On Dec. 1, 2006, planned activities

include presentation of a play commemorating the history of the park, and the unveiling of a permanent exhibit to highlight the role that philanthropy has played in the establishment of parks in the NPS. There will also be a dedication ceremony for a new boat to be named *In the Line of Duty* to honor those NPS employees who have lost their lives while supporting the mission of the Service. Similar to the dedication ceremony in 1956, the park will invite the residents of St. John to a community picnic.

Guest speakers at the 50th anniversary ceremony tentatively will include top-level NPS officials, Virgin Islands Territorial officials, the Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress and other dignitaries. Celebrations will culminate on Dec. 2 with a grand gala held at the renowned Caneel Bay Resort for present and past employees of the park, Friends of Virgin Islands NP and members of the St. John community. ■

Teaching a Moment in History at Ford's Theatre NHS

By Donna Birchard, Park Ranger Interpretation, Ford's Theatre NHS

Engaging students and adults in history can be challenging. Ford's Theatre NHS routinely uses living history as a teaching tool to challenge visitors to embrace and enhance their experience. According to Site Manager Rae Emerson, "Living history productions add another dimension to the visitor experience—these productions give wings to the words that rest passively on a page.... This extraordinary place is an ideal venue for just such an undertaking."

On Feb. 27, "A Moment in History" was staged at the theatre. Deputy Site Manager Claudia Anderson, who created this Tilden Freeman regional award-winning program, coordinated the efforts of park rangers, NPS volunteers, school children and community groups to give visitors a broader understanding of the sensitive issues faced by the African American community during the Civil War. The play takes biographical information of historical characters and places it in a series of theatrical vignettes to show the interpersonal and social dynamics in the African American com-

munity and the relationship of this community to President Lincoln.

Record numbers of visitors came to the program. During the 90-minute performance, African Americans worked in the White House, asked President Lincoln for advice and brought their concerns before him. The audience watched as Frederick Douglass argued against the inequality that African American soldiers faced in the Union Army; William de Fleurville brought his plans as a land surveyor to President Lincoln for advice and review; and Elizabeth Keckley waited on Mary Todd Lincoln and other customers in her dress shop.

Students from local elementary schools donned period costumes and performed as actors in the cast as did members of The Golden Theatre Players of Fort Stevens Senior Center and employees of the Downtown Business Development District. Choirs from Ketchum Elementary School, Potomac High School and the Caanan Baptist Church sang songs of freedom and redemption during each one of the three performances that day. For more information about other programs at Ford's Theatre NHS, call (202) 426-6924, ext. 229. ■

Two New Sites Added to System

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Feb. 27, 2006. President Bush signed the Proclamation under the Antiquities Act of 1906, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary of enactment this year. The site was rediscovered in 1991, when construction began on a federal office building in lower Manhattan. Building planners were aware that the site once held a cemetery, but assumed there would be no vestige of the past still to be found. Instead, 20 feet below the surface lay the remains of free and enslaved Africans, and in October 2003, the remains of 419 were reinterred. Archeologists confirmed the site to be of unprecedented national and international historical significance. The African Burial Ground is part of an original, seven-acre site containing the estimated remains of

approximately 15,000 people, making it the largest and oldest African cemetery excavated in North America.

In September 2003, the NPS entered into an Interagency Agreement with the General Services Administration (GSA) to prepare a report on alternatives for the future management, operations and interpretation of the African Burial Ground, as well as selecting an appropriate memorial design. The draft report was released in September 2005, and the public comment period concluded in November. In April 2005, the NPS and GSA formally announced Rodney Leon as the designer who will create the African Burial Ground permanent memorial. He was selected from five designers from the 61 applicants who submitted proposals in 1998. ■

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prized so highly. It is a privilege to present these awards." The NPS Director's Award for Excellence in Interpretive Media and the James V. Murfin Award for Partnerships are presented biannually.

• Joshua Tree NP Park Ranger and Special Agent **Todd Swain** has been named this year's recipient of the Harry Yount National Park Ranger Award for excellence in "rangering." The award was presented on April 26 by NPS Director Mainella at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. This award is the hallmark of recognition as a NPS ranger and is presented annually. The award

seeks to recognize and honor outstanding rangers; encourage high standards of performance; foster a responsive attitude toward public service; enhance the public's appreciation of the park ranger profession; and further the art and science of "rangering."

Todd's peers nominated him for the award. According to them, "Without exception, Park Ranger and Special Agent Todd Swain walks among the legendary professionals in resource protection, search and rescue and ranger skills, not only within the NPS, not only within the Department of Interior, but among resource protection professionals internationally." ■

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Advisory Board Scholars Forum

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The roundtable discussion was designed to explore ideas about how park narratives can highlight the fundamental importance of—and encourage—active citizen participation in America's civic life. Held in conjunction with the January meeting of the National Leadership Council, the Forum was received enthusiastically by an audience that included Director Mainella, all members of the NLC and Advisory Board, and the NPS National Education Council. Twelve prominent American historians and social scientists presented views and exchanged ideas with the NPS participants on trends in civic engagement and historical literacy, and the role of the national parks in nurturing an informed citizenry.

Key themes that emerged from the discussion were: there is a growing public appetite for civil discussion and exchange, and national parks should be places to offer such opportunities; NPS place-based learning has enormous value in supporting formal education; ignorance of U.S. history and declining civic participation are national problems and the NPS should play a larger role encouraging interest in our history and fostering citizenship; the NPS should not be afraid of the controversy that interpreting history involves, as controversy means people care; the Service should learn more about underserved audiences in the parks and why, historically, that has happened; youth should be a major focus of outreach; the NPS must offer an inclusive narrative, not simply to attract new audiences (the underserved minorities), though that is an important outcome, but because it is the story that must be told if we are to interpret honestly and faithfully the American experience; creative use of technology should supplement NPS interpretive programming; and, finally, the NPS should find multiple ways to evaluate its programs, systems and organizational culture.

To engage employees across the Service in the dialogue sparked by the

Scholars Forum, the NPS has planned a series of TEL NET interactive broadcasts beginning in June. A DVD program of the Forum is also planned for distribution this summer. Fundamentally, this is a discussion about evolving national park purposes and prospects, about the role of the National Park Service in American society as we look to the future. It's a discussion that supports the thinking we want to encourage as we begin to plan for the NPS Centennial in 2016 and our second century as a great American institution.

The participating scholars included: **Joyce Appleby, Ph.D.**, Professor Emerita, University of California, Los Angeles; **William J. Cronon, Ph.D.**, Frederick Jackson Turner and Vilas Research Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin at Madison; **Myron Floyd, Ph.D.**, Professor in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, North Carolina State University; **Eric Foner, Ph.D.**, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Columbia University; **John Hope Franklin, Ph.D.**, James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History, Duke University; **Michael Kammen, Ph.D.**, Newton C. Farr Professor of American History and Culture, Cornell University; **Alexander Keyssar, Ph.D.**, Matthew W. Stirling, Jr., Professor of History and Social Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; **William Kornblum, Ph.D.**, Chairpersons of the Center for Urban Research, City University of New York; **Patricia Nelson Limerick, Ph.D.**, Professor of History and Environmental Studies and Chair of the Board, Center of the American West, University of Colorado at Boulder; **Edward T. Linenthal**, Editor, *Journal of American History* and Professor of History, Indiana University; **Charlene Mires, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of History, Villanova University; and **W. Richard West, Jr.**, Founding Director, National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution. ■

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William Banks, theater specialist, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Jan. 3 after over 10 years.

John Bannister, gardener, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after 37 years of service.

James G. Barnwell, electrician, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, Dec. 31, 2005 after 30 years.

Patsy Bates, park secretary, Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, Jan. 31 after 21 years.

Patsy has been at Lincoln Boyhood N MEM, intermittently, since 1974. Beginning her career as a park aid in interpretation, she later became a park technician and then a park ranger. In 1991, she became an office automation clerk and then park secretary. During her career, she also served as the park's Federal Women's Program coordinator, president of the LIBO Employees Association and has been an EEO counselor since 2002.

Patsy's retirement plans include working with her church, enjoying a life of leisure, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Robert W. Blythe, historian, Southeast Regional Office, Jan. 13 after 13 years.

Gary Boone, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Prince William Forest Park, Jan. 3 after more than 35 years.

Gary's first temporary position was a laborer at the General Services Administration in 1969. In 1970, he accepted a temporary job at Prince William Forest Park as laborer, and was hired permanently in 1973 as a maintenance worker. Other positions he held in the park were electrical worker and electrician. In 1996, Gary became the park's maintenance mechanic supervisor.

Harold Brackett, welder, National Mall and Memorial Parks, March 3 after over 28 years.

Steven Byrd, automotive mechanic, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Feb. 24 after over 38 years.

Jim Capps, interpreter, Colorado River District, Rocky Mountain NP, Jan. 2 after 37 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Frank A. Catropa, Jr.**, superintendent, Martin Luther King, Jr., NHS, Jan. 3 after 40 years of federal service, 32 of them with the NPS.

Since 1973, Frank held a variety of management positions in the Southeast Regional Office, including chief of staff, associate regional director for administration, associate regional director for park operations and personnel officer. In 1998, he became superintendent of Martin Luther King, Jr., NHS. He spearheaded establishment of the Historic District Business Association for merchants along Auburn and Edgewood Avenues.

In 2005, Frank was the recipient of Central Atlanta Progress' "Community Leadership Award" granted annually by the downtown Atlanta economic engine, which cited his leadership of numerous initiatives with civic impact, including the \$5 million restoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s home church; the exhibition of "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America;" and commissioning of a transportation feasibility study for Atlanta tourist attractions. He resides with his wife, Linda, in Decatur, Ga.



M. CHARLES CHADWELL, JR.

M. Charles "Charlie" Chadwell, Jr., supervisory park ranger (law enforcement), Cumberland Gap NHP, Dec. 31, 2005 after 36 years of service.

Charlie began his career with the NPS in 1971 at Cumberland Gap NHP as a park aid. Throughout his career, he served in a variety of positions including park technician, park ranger and supervisory park ranger. He was designated chief ranger in 1999.

During his career, Charlie oversaw changes in the quality and quantity of the law enforcement program at the park. He also served as a division supervisor for the Southeast's Red Incident Command Team and, as a result, responded to fire and hurricane emergencies across the nation. Upon retirement, he was presented with the DOI Meritorious Service Award. (see page 4, Kudos and Awards).

Lillian Cobb, administrative technician, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 32 years of service.

Sherrie Collins, deputy chief ranger, Grand Canyon NP, April 1 after more than 30 years of service.

Sherrie began her NPS career as a seasonal fee collector at Zion NP in 1975, and later worked seasonally at Joshua Tree NP. In addition, she attended the seasonal law enforcement academy and paramedic school.

During her career, Sherrie worked at Sequoia NP, Redwood NP and the Western Regional Office in San Francisco. She then moved on to Grand Canyon NP as the branch chief of Emergency Services and later deputy chief ranger, directing operational oversight to the Division of Visitor and Resource Protection.

In 2003, Sherrie was detailed to WASO to develop a visitor risk management and injury prevention program. She also served as incident commander for the NPS' Central Incident Management Team.

Derrick Cook, resource planning and compliance program planner, Northeast Regional Office, July 9, 2005 after 31 years of service.

Derrick started with the NPS in 1974 at Independence NHP as a supervisory park ranger. Other positions he held included acting interpretive specialist, National Capital Region; site manager, Frederick Douglass NHS (1984-1987); a detail as management assistant, National Capital Parks-East; superintendent, Hopewell Furnace NHS (1988-1996); and development assignments as assistant superintendent at Chattahoochee River NRA and

Gettysburg NMP. He had been at the Northeast Regional Office in Philadelphia from 1997 to 2005.

Pete Cowan, chief ranger, North Cascades NP, March 31 after 34 years.

Pete began his NPS career as a seasonal campground ranger at Acadia NP in 1972. He worked seasonally at Acadia until 1977, spending one winter at Cape Hatteras NS.

Pete's first permanent assignment was at Fire Island NS in 1977, followed by eight years as Colter Bay subdistrict ranger at Grand Teton NP. In 1991, he moved on to North Cascades as Skagit district ranger and law enforcement specialist. Since 1994, Pete served as chief ranger for North Cascades NP and the two adjacent national recreation areas, Ross Lake and Lake Chelan.

John Daugherty, superintendent, Fort Scott NHS, May 3 after 31 years of federal service, 28 of them with the NPS.

John began his career with the NPS in 1977 as a historian at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver, Colo. He transferred to Grand Teton NP in 1980, serving as historian and district interpretive ranger. In 1991, he became chief of interpretation and visitor services at Saint Croix NSR. John became superintendent at Fort Scott NHS in 2000. He and his wife, Susan, will make their home in Lander, Wyo.

Tyler M. Davis, cartographic technician, Land Acquisition Project Office, Dec. 30, 2005 after 15 years.

Sandy Dayhoff, outreach/education coordinator, Everglades NP, May 3, after 35 years of service.

Sandy has been with the Everglades education program since its inception in the 1970's. The majority of her career has been spent teaching students, teachers, coworkers and supervisors about the wonders of the Everglades.

Tomasita Docena, office automation assistant, Pacific Regional Office, Oakland, Dec. 31, 2005 after 14 years.

Kelly Donley, administrative officer, Oregon Caves NM, Jan. 21 after 25 years.

Walter A. Ducker, maintenance mechanic, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, Dec. 30, 2005 after 29 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **John Duran**, assistant regional director for strategic planning, National Capital Region, Jan. 3 after 38 years of federal service, 26 of them with the NPS.

John became the Servicewide energy coordinator for the NPS energy conservation program in 1979. In 1992, he began work as the general manager (superintendent) of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. In 1994, when the Kennedy Center was legislatively removed from the NPS, he assisted in the transition of the property and the personnel.

Later in 1994, John became the special assistant to then Deputy Regional Director Terry Carlstrom and represented the NCR on the Service's reorganization task force. In 1996, he began his most recent position and also served as the regional coordinator for the NPS Performance Management (GPRA) program under three regional directors, retiring under NCR Regional Director Joe Lawler. In retirement, John plans to manage his

investments and spend time with his wife and two daughters in northern Virginia.

Alphonzo Dyer, Sr., tractor operator supervisor, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after 37 years of service.

Gloria J. Fenner, staff curator, Western Archeological Conservation Center, Jan. 3 after 23 years of service.

Ray Fishel, maintenance worker leader, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, Jan. 3 after over 32 years of service.

Michael Fitzpatrick, forestry technician, Pacific Regional Office, Oakland, Jan. 3 after 26 years of service.

Don Fox, park landscape architect, Yosemite NP, Feb. 3 after over 39 years of federal service.

Don began his NPS career in 1970 in Washington, D.C. at the Eastern Office of Design and Construction. He worked at the Denver Service Center on several bicentennial projects for parks such as Castillo de San Marcos NM, Fort Caroline N MEM, Arkansas Post NM, Jamestown NHS, Morristown NHP and George Washington Birthplace NM to name a few.

Don spent most of his career at Yosemite NP involved with planning, design and compliance projects. In addition, he served as the park accessibility coordinator and project manager for a park way-finding and sign system that served as the prototype for the NPS sign "UniGuide." For the last seven years, he also served as PWR accessibility compliance coordinator.

During his career, Don completed projects at Pinnacles NP, Death Valley NP, Devils Postpile NM and Point Reyes NS. He is a founding member of the California Forum on Accessibility and received the 2000 Certificate of Honor for Superior Service for his achievements in improving accessibility to NPS programs, and the 2001 NPS National Accessibility Leadership Award. In retirement, Don is working as a consultant with park and recreation managers to improve facilities and programs for persons with disabilities.

Melvin "Mel" Fripp, assistant regional director for equal opportunity and diversity programs and acting human resources officer, Southeast Regional Office, April 1 after 35 years of service.

Margaret Garvin, administrative officer, Everglades NP and Dry Tortugas NP, Jan. 3 after over 34 years of federal service.

Margaret's tenure with the NPS included working as a secretary and administrative technician at New River Gorge NR; a contract specialist at Cape Hatteras NS; and an administrative officer at Edison NHS, Natchez Trace Parkway, Boston NHS, Shiloh NMP, White Sands NM, Petersburg NB and Everglades NP.

Keith Harmon, park ranger (interpretation), National Capital Parks-East, Dec. 31, 2005 after over 19 years of service.

E&AA Member **Jane Harvey**, writer-editor, Intermountain Regional Office, Feb. 28 after 33 years of service.

Jane joined the NPS at the Western Museum Laboratory in San Francisco during the mid-1960's. She then transferred to the Western Regional Office as an archeologist, followed by the Western Service Center as writer-editor, and then moved to the newly created

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Denver Service Center as supervisory writer-editor.

After four years, Jane became writer-editor in the Southwest Regional Office planning division and then freelanced for three years. During this time, she was invited to spearhead and complete the parkwide wayside exhibit project at Redwood NP. Later, she became museum exhibit planner/writer followed by wayside exhibit planner/writer for Harpers Ferry Center. Jane spent the last years of her career working with the Southwest Regional Office, and subsequently with the Intermountain Regional Office in Denver.

E&AA Life Member **Wallace A. Hibbard**, deputy regional director, Southeast Regional Office, Dec. 31, 2005 after 28 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Sandra K. Hodges**, supervisory park ranger, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, Jan. 3 after 32 years.

Henry Holman, management assistant, Mammoth Cave NP, Jan. 3 after 35 years of service.

Henry started at Mammoth Cave as a summer cave guide and was hired as a permanent after college graduation in 1973. Shortly thereafter he became a "split ranger"—dedicating four months per year each to the cave, to resource management and to law enforcement. When the splits were phased out, Henry settled into law enforcement and resource management.

In 1999, Henry was promoted to management assistant. In 2003, he received the NPS Honor Award for Superior Service. Henry and his wife, Susan, plan to travel and spend time with their two daughters and granddaughter.

Dr. Robert J. "Rob" Hommon, archeologist, Pacific West Region, Honolulu, Sept. 30, 2005 after 22 years of federal service, 12 of them with the NPS.

After working as an archeologist with the Department of the Navy, Rob began with the NPS in the Pacific Area Office in Honolulu in 1993 as the Pacific Area archeologist for the 11 park units spread across the Pacific Basin. In this capacity he provided oversight for a variety of cultural resources programs, handled compliance and consultation issues, field assessments, monitoring and archeological survey projects and served as a science advisor for cultural resources for the Pacific West Region.

Rob retired in Pacific Grove, Calif. and is currently working on a book for the NPS about the cultural resources of the state, county and national parks throughout Hawaii and the Pacific.

Stephen Hoover, pipe fitter supervisor, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after more than 24 years of service.

Melvin Hudson, small engine mechanic, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after more than 38 years.

Jerry Hughes, electrician, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Feb. 3 after over three years of service.

Lela P. Johnson, supply technician, Southeast Regional Office, Dec. 31, 2005 after 21 years of service.

Sheldon Johnson, metal fabricator, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 31 after 32 years of service.

Betty Keller, fee program manager,

Golden Gate NRA, Jan. 3 after 29 years of federal service.

After beginning her career with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Betty later joined the NPS in the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, then relocated to WASO, the Presidio of San Francisco and finally Golden Gate NRA.

Mervin Knotts, maintenance mechanic leader, Harpers Ferry NHP, March 3 after 27 years of service.

Penny Knuckles, chief of resource management, Theodore Roosevelt NP, Feb. 3 after 30 years of service.

Penny's career included service in 13 parks with positions in interpretation, law enforcement and resource management. The majority of her career was spent in Alaska at Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Katmai NP & PRES, Yukon-Charley Rivers N PRES, Denali NP & PRES and Lake Clark NP & PRES. Other parks where she had assignments include Jewel Cave NM, Joshua Tree NP, Grand Teton NP, Rocky Mountain NP, Big Cypress N PRES, Zion NP and Hawai'i Volcanoes NP.

George Leone, safety officer, Fire Island NS, April 1 after 31 years of service.

George started his NPS career with seasonal assignments in 1974 at Minute Man NHP and in 1975 at Cape Cod NS. His first permanent position was at Fire Island NS in 1976, followed by Channel Islands NP, Sequoia NP and then Acadia NP. In 2001, he returned to Fire Island NS and served as district ranger, followed by safety officer. Messages can be sent to George at georgeleone@yahoo.com.

Edwin D. Lettsome, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Virgin Islands NP, Jan. 3 after 30 years of service.

Donald J. Long, park ranger (interpretation), Guilford Courthouse NMP, Jan. 3 after 33 years.

E&AA Life Member **Richard A. "Rick" Lorange**, maintenance worker supervisor, Lake Roosevelt NRA, Jan. 3 after 30 years of service.

Rick began his career at John Day Fossil Beds NM as a carpenter. He also worked at Richmond NBP, Golden Spike NHS and Cape Cod NS. Rick and his wife, Linda, reside in Davenport, Wash.



LANCE W. LUDWICK

Lance W. Ludwick, major, U.S. Park Police, commander, San Francisco Field Office, Jan. 7 after over 32 years.

Lance joined the U.S. Park Police in 1973. Upon graduation from the academy, he was assigned to Gateway NRA in

1974, and in 1975 he was assigned to Rock Creek Park, serving as a patrol officer. Later in 1980, he became administrative and special events officer. The 1990's brought promotions to the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and captain. As sergeant, Lance worked in Anacostia Park, followed by an assignment to the U.S.P.P. Communications Branch.

In 1992, Lance was promoted to lieutenant and served as a patrol shift commander and, in 1995, he was assigned to the Central District (National Capital Parks) as the administrative lieutenant. Lance was promoted to captain in 1997 and served as law enforcement specialist, Intermountain Region, Santa Fe. He returned to Washington, D.C. in 1999 to serve in the Chief's Office as commander of audits and evaluations. After 9/11, he was assigned as the commander of the Internal Control Unit (ICU). In 2002, Lance was promoted to major and became commander, San Francisco Field Office. He will retire in Arlington, Va.

Joanne R. Marean, budget analyst, Pinnacles NM, Dec. 31, 2005 after 32 years.



KEITH MORGAN

Keith Morgan, interpretive planner, Harpers Ferry Center, Jan. 3 after over 38 years of service.

Keith started his NPS career at Mammoth Cave NP in 1963 as a seasonal park guide. From there, he worked as an interpreter and eventually chief ranger at parks including Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP, Cumberland Gap NHP, Richmond NBP and George Washington Birthplace NM.

For 14 years, Keith has worked as an interpretive planner with Harpers Ferry Center, mostly in the Denver office. He also worked as a visitor experience planner on general management plans. Keith and his wife, Vel, also an NPS alumna, live in Richmond, Va. He can be reached at coloradokbarv@aol.com.

Jim Morris, superintendent, Craters of the Moon NM & PRES, June 3, 2005 after 33 years of federal service.

Jim transferred to the NPS as chief ranger at John Day Fossil Beds NM after working with the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. He was appointed superintendent at Craters of the Moon in 1995. During his tenure, the park expanded in size from 53,400 acres to over 750,000 acres, with much of the new land jointly managed with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Jim worked closely

with BLM on a jointly prepared General Management Plan.

Samuel Nichols, Jr., maintenance mechanic supervisor, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 31 years.

E&AA Member **Kurt Oliver**, district ranger, Rocky Mountain NP, Dec. 24, 2005 after more than 29 years of service.

Neller A. Panos, administrative support assistant, Southeast Regional Office, Feb. 3 after 27 years of service.

J. Anthony Paredes, anthropologist, Southeast Regional Office, March 3 after eight years of service.

Linda C. Pearce, information technology specialist, Outer Banks Group, Jan. 31 after over 32 years.

Linda began her NPS career in 1974 as a temporary clerk-typist, advancing to a permanent position and then became a park ranger-interpreter at Wright Brothers N MEM and Fort Raleigh NHS. In 1986, she became budget assistant at park headquarters and then became the parks' housing management specialist, followed by information technology specialist for the last 10 years. In retirement, Linda plans to travel and to visit with friends and family.

Thomas Penny, engineering equipment operator leader, National Capital Parks-East, March 3 after 33 years.

Gary Pieruccioni, supervisory program analyst, National Capital Region, Division of Contracting, Jan. 31 after 27 years with the NPS.

Gary started his NPS career as a park technician and ranger at Grand Canyon NP in 1974 and moved to Moores Creek NB as protection ranger in 1975. In 1977, he became a supervisory park technician at George Washington Memorial Parkway, assigned to Great Falls Park as an assistant site manager. Gary later served as supervisory park ranger and chief of visitor services at the National Visitor Center until the center closed in 1981. He left government employment in 1986, and returned to the NPS in 1991 as a contract specialist with the NCR's Division of Contracting.

In 1994, Gary became facility manager at Virgin Islands NP. In 1996, he returned to the NCR as a contract specialist in the Division of Contracting, becoming supervisory program analyst in 2002.

Thomas E. Prezelski, maintenance worker, Western Archeological Conservation Center, Dec. 31, 2005 after 12 years.

Chuck Rafkind, natural resource manager, Colonial NHP, Jan. 31 after 33 years.

Chuck is a graduate of the NPS natural resource management training program. Prior to his current position, he was chief ranger at Richmond NBP.

During his time at Colonial NHP, Chuck developed the park's natural resource and geographic information system program. He served on the NPS Northeast coastal and barrier network science advisory board and was co-author of the first NPS air quality and GIS management plans. He has participated on several Servicewide natural resource management initiatives.

During retirement, Chuck plans on restarting his photography business, trav-

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eling and getting involved in new educational and volunteer opportunities. He can be reached at rafkindc@yahoo.com.

E&AA Member **Douglas Ridley**, trails specialist and off-highway vehicle program manager, USDA Forest Service, Jan. 3 after 29 years of federal service.

Doug joined the NPS in 1974, as an interpreter in Yosemite Valley. His first permanent NPS assignment was in 1980 as a ranger at Canaveral NS. In 1981, he transferred to Lassen Volcanic NP, followed by tours at Grant Village and Bechler in Yellowstone NP from 1985 to 1992.

Doug served as the Fall River district ranger in Rocky Mountain NP from 1993 to 2003, with brief acting assignments as the law enforcement specialist and chief park ranger. His federal career concluded with a two-year assignment directing trails and off-highway vehicle operations for the Forest Service in South Lake Tahoe.

Tom Ross, assistant director for recreation and conservation, National Center for Recreation and Conservation, Feb. 21 after 27 years of service.

Tom joined the Heritage Conservation Recreation Service in 1979 as it was being merged into the NPS. For seven years he assisted the Land and Water Conservation Fund and then moved on to trails and greenways. Between 1988 and 1997, he helped develop *Trails for America: A National Trails Agenda*, a state trails system initiative, a nationwide trails inventory process, the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and the NPS National Trails System Program.

Tom provided assistance to two NPS Advisory Board projects: *Rethinking the National Parks for the 21st Century* (2001) and the current Committee on Recreation and Health (2005). Tom became the NPS assistant director for recreation and conservation in 1997, overseeing programs such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance, National Trails System, Heritage Areas, Federal Lands-to-Parks and Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Roberta Samuel, park ranger, George Washington Birthplace NM, March 3 after 32 years of service.

Carolyn Sherrod, supervisory management assistant, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after over 35 years.

E&AA Life Member **Geraldine Smith**, superintendent, Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES, Jan. 3 after 42 years.

Geraldine began her NPS career in the NPS Office of Policy in Washington, D.C., first serving as special assistant to two deputy directors and later as chief. She became superintendent of Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES in 1996 and during her tenure, the park headquarters and French Quarter Visitor Center moved to newly renovated space and the Barataria Preserve added approximately 4,000 acres.

Geraldine initiated the 1998 conference "African Americans: From Slavery to Contemporary Times" in New Orleans and in 2000, "The African-American Military Experience: A Glorious History, A Dream Deferred" conference in Tuskegee Ala. She also supported the project, "A

Cultural Memory Re-Emerges," which gathered oral histories from descendants of Fazendeville, an African American community located on the Chalmette Battlefield site 1867-1964. Her special details and task force assignments have taken her to Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Sierra Leone, Portugal, Ireland and Spain.

Sally Snyder, procurement technician, Denver Service Center, Contracts Branch, Feb. 3 after over 36 years.

Sally began working for the Eastern Service Center in Washington, D.C. in 1969, where she worked as an office assistant, and transferred to the DSC when it was established in 1971. After receiving her degree in urban studies at Metro State University, Sally became a planning technician. She received recognition for her contributions to the Yellowstone General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment, and the Crater Lake Housing Study. Sally has worked in the Contracts Branch as a procurement technician since 1999.

Kenneth Starnes, park ranger, Harpers Ferry NHP, Feb. 3 after 34 years.

Donald Steiner, park ranger (interpretation), National Capital Parks-East, Jan. 3 after 33 years of service.

Sam Stokes, chief, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, National Center for Recreation and Conservation, Feb. 28 after 30 years of federal service, 16 with the NPS.

Sam began his land conservation career in 1976. He joined the NPS in 1990, first as program manager for State River Conservation, then as chief, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA). He led a staff of nearly 100 in WASO and throughout the U.S. in sharing ideas, developing new techniques and achieving on-the-ground results in conservation. Under his leadership, RTCA has helped protect 5,482 miles of rivers and establish 10,716 miles of trails.

E&AA Member **Fred Suarez**, chief of land resources, Midwest Regional Office, Jan. 31 after over 35 years of service.

Fred began his career in 1972 with the Army Corps of Engineers as an attorney advisor. His last 34 years have been with the NPS. He served in various positions at the Midwest Regional Office including attorney advisor, paralegal specialist, chief of concessions and chief of land resources.

E&AA Life Member **Michael D. Tennent**, superintendent, Fort Frederica NM, March 3 after over 36 years.

Mike began his career as a cooperative education student at National Capital Parks in 1967. His first permanent NPS assignment was at Manassas NBP in 1972. After attending the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Ga., he served at George Washington Carver NM, Statue of Liberty NM (chief ranger) and Castillo de San Marcos NM before being selected for Fort Frederica in 1990.

Mike has completed nine Ironman Triathlons, numerous shorter triathlons, six marathons and dozens of other races. He plans to do his tenth Ironman next year. His wife, Toni, is also a runner and they will be running marathons together in various cities.

Terry Terrell, science officer, Rocky Mountain NP, Jan. 2 after 29 years of federal service.



TIM TUNISON

Tim Tunison, chief of resources management, Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Jan. 3 after 32 years of service.

After working with the USDA Forest Service, Tim started his NPS career in 1973 as a seasonal employee. In 1984, he started at Hawai'i Volcanoes NP as a botanist, eventually becoming chief of resources management.

Tim received the 2000 Director's Award for his outstanding contributions in natural resources management. The award recognized his effectiveness in restoring native ecosystems ravaged by alien plant infestations. He discovered and practiced techniques to control formerly uncontrollable alien plants in the park. In 2005, he received the Hawaii Conservation Alliance Distinguished Service Award.



TOM VAN ZOEREN

Tom Van Zoeren, protection ranger, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Jan. 3 after 28 years of service.

Tom began his career in 1975 with the USDA Forest Service. He later joined the NPS as a seasonal YCC camp director at Zion NP. He also worked seasonally at Pictured Rocks NL before becoming a permanent interpretive ranger at Saint Croix NSR in 1980, where he worked for five years before transferring to his current position at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL in 1985.

Tom was a defensive tactics instructor, an EMT, a wildland firefighter, a special events team member and a member of the Sleeping Bear Dunes NL scuba diving team. He received several special achievement awards for his high-

quality work. He and his wife, Alice, plan to remain in the area and stay active in the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes.

James R. Ward, realty officer, Land Acquisition Project Office, Jan. 3 after 26 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Richard "Dick" Williams**, chief of resource management, Lewis and Clark NHT, April 1 after 35 years of service.

Dick started working seasonally with the NPS as a protection ranger at Yellowstone NP in 1971. After college graduation, he combined summer seasonal positions at Yellowstone with winter seasonal positions at Joshua Tree NP.

In 1977, Dick became a permanent NPS ranger for (then) Cuyahoga Valley NRA, then moved to Bighorn Canyon NRA as a district ranger. After some time at Cape Lookout NS (1982-1985), Dick became the chief of interpretation and resource management at Homestead National Monument of America in 1985.

In 1991, Dick was named the first full-time employee of the Lewis and Clark NHT. Since 1999, the primary focus of his efforts was developing the Corps of Discovery II and the Challenge Cost Share program for the Bicentennial Commemoration of the 1803-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

John Williams, Jr., park ranger (interpretation), National Mall and Memorial Parks, March 2 after over 31 years.

Bob Wilson, law enforcement specialist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, March 3 after 33 years of federal service, 29 of them with the NPS.

Bob began his NPS career in 1976 at Crater Lake NP as a seasonal park technician. He worked three seasons at Crater Lake, mostly as a backcountry ranger. He also worked seasonally at Everglades NP starting in 1978, and then became a permanent employee there as the resource management and fire cache manager. He was a member of Everglades NP's wildland fire program and managed prescription and suppression fires as incident commander.

In 1984, Bob became a park ranger at Yosemite NP, primarily involved with law enforcement, search and rescue and emergency medical services. He also served as case management officer, deputy coroner and park dive officer. In 1988, he became the first protection branch chief at Great Basin NP, then in 1991, he became criminal investigator and law enforcement specialist at Delaware Water Gap NRA. In 1997, he transferred to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks as law enforcement specialist.

Bob has received many NPS awards and commendations, including eight special achievement awards and a STAR award. Other awards and commendations include distinguished FLETC graduate, DOI meritorious achievement commendation, exemplary act (team) award and DOI award of merit. Bob and his wife, Sharon, plan to move to central Oregon.

Johnnie R. Wright, electrician supervisor, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, Dec. 30, 2005 after 29 years of service.

Michael Zupko, automotive mechanic, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Jan. 3 after more than 25 years of service. ■

Requiescat in Pace

Ken Allison, 63, Jan. 4, at his home.

Ken was an interpretive park ranger at Carlsbad Caverns NP since 2000. Prior to this, Ken held seasonal and permanent positions at Grand Canyon NP, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Everglades NP, Mammoth Cave NP, Cape Hatteras NS and Point Reyes NS. He also held seasonal and permanent positions with the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the USDA Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



KEN ALLISON

Ken was active in the Carlsbad Community Theater and played the clarinet in the Carlsbad Wind Symphony. Donations in Ken's name may be made to the Cat's Meow, 124 S. Canyon, Carlsbad, NM 88220 with a memo line "In Memory of Ken Allison."

Gary L. Amstutz, 54, March 11, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Missouri, following a short illness.

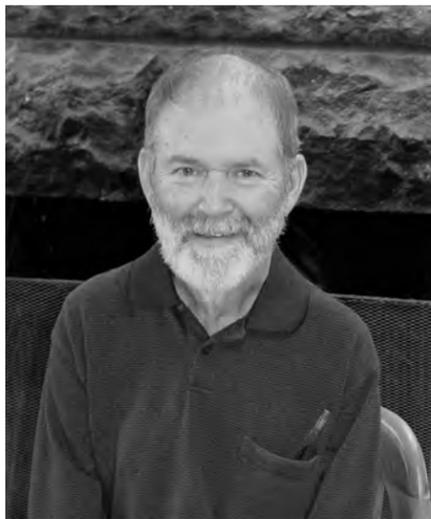
Gary joined the NPS in 1985 as a mechanic on the Gateway Arch elevator transportation system at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. He has had the primary responsibility to operate, install and maintain the park's irrigation system for the last 18 years. Gary was a volunteer in his sons' sports and school activities. He coached football and basketball and will be remembered as the "commissioner" and founder of the Lindbergh Flag Football development program.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, and two sons. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to the Gary L. Amstutz Football Scholarship Fund, c/o Coach Tom Beauchamp, Lindbergh High School, 4900 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63126. Messages of condolence may be sent c/o Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 11 North 4th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102.

Richard "Dick" Bennett, 58, Feb. 15, in a Lubbock, Tex. hospital, due to complications from a ruptured appendix.

Dick was an information technology specialist at Carlsbad Caverns NP. Prior to coming to Carlsbad Caverns in 1993, he was a computer programmer at Big Bend NP (1989-1993), and a program systems specialist at the Midwest Regional Office's Office of Planning and Resource Preservation (1985-1989).

Dick began his NPS career in 1982 as a project clerk in the Midwest Regional Office. He was selected as the DOI's Outstanding Handicapped Employee of



RICHARD BENNETT

the Year for 1988, and received recognition as the Southwest Region's Outstanding Administrative Employee while he was at Big Bend. Survivors include his wife, Harriet "Frosty" Bennett, who is a park ranger at Guadalupe Mountains NP; one daughter; one son; and four grandchildren.

George DeMartini, 83, Jan. 17.

George was one of the first Point Reyes NS employees. He retired from Point Reyes as the foreman of the roads and trails crew. Prior to this, George served in the U.S. Army in WWII. George was predeceased by his first wife, Ida, in 1978. He was also predeceased by a daughter, Lenora. Survivors include one daughter, Ronaldia.

Robert Kenneth DeVine, 72, Dec. 29, 2005, at home, in Horizon City, Tex.

Robert began his more than 20-year NPS career at Canyonlands NP. The majority of his service was at Big Bend NP, and he retired from Chamizal N MEM in 1992.

Robert is survived by his wife, Dianne; a son, Sean; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Timothy Damon, in 1992. Memorial contributions may be made to the El Paso Diabetes Association, 1440 Miracle Way, 2nd Floor, El Paso, TX 79925.

Carmen Espinola, 72, March 6, at home in Massapequa, N.Y., following a long struggle with cancer.

Carmen and her husband, Ralph, have been campground hosts at Everglades NP since 1996. They began hosting at the Chekika campground and later became hosts at the Flamingo campground each winter. They were unable to return this season due to Carmen's health. When not hosting, the couple enjoyed traveling to other national parks and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Ralph requests that memorials to Carmen be in the form of donations to the South Florida National Parks Trust at 1390 S. Dixie Highway #2203, Miami, FL 33146. These funds will be used in Flamingo. Please include "In memory of Carmen Espinola" in your donation.

Dr. Joseph Glenn Hall, 81, May 17, 2005, at home in Grand Junction, Colo.

Joe was a retired professor of zoology and a longtime park researcher and friend of the NPS. He did his Ph.D. thesis on beavers at the University of California. He taught zoology at San Francisco State University from 1957 through 1982 and was elected a Fellow

of the California Academy of Sciences.

Joe did research for a study of Kaibab squirrels on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. He wrote a book entitled *Linea*, a natural history story about one of the squirrels, and also studied river otters in Grand Teton NP. Survivors include his wife, Betty, four daughters and 10 grandsons.

Elizabeth "Betty" Yelm Kingman, Dec. 14, 2005.

Betty earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in anthropology from the University of Denver. From 1934 to 1938, she was a ranger naturalist at Mesa Verde NP. Betty was predeceased by her husband, Eugene, and is survived by two daughters, one grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Jeff Knoedler, 61, April 2, suddenly, at the Medical College of Virginia.

Jeff began his career with the NPS in 1964 as the first transportation liaison for the National Capital Region and retired in 2000. He received special commendations for his work toward the addition of 71 acres of parkland along the Anacostia River and for his work to improve the visual quality in the parks. In 1990, Fairfax County recognized Jeff for his advice and assistance to the county in the protection of the 1,428-acre Huntley Meadows wetland preserve in Fairfax County.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Carolyn. Memorial contributions may be made to: SPCA of Fredericksburg, 1523 Olde William St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Condolences may be sent to the family online to Found and Sons Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services at foundandsons.com, or in care of the Office of Lands, Resources and Planning, National Capital Region, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Room 220, Washington, D.C. 20242.

Arnold "Arney" V. Kovin, Jr., 54, Feb. 6, in a single automobile accident.

Arney worked in the Facility Management Division at Great Smoky Mountains NP as the fleet management specialist. He was on duty at the time of the accident, returning to his office after a meeting at park headquarters. Arney had 32 years of government service beginning with four years of duty in the U.S. Air Force, followed by civilian service at Grand Canyon NP, Crater Lake NP and Point Reyes NS before arriving at the Smokies in 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne, one daughter and one son. A memorial fund to help educate underprivileged children has been set up in Arney's name. Contributions can be sent to: Grand Canyon Association, Arney Kovin Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 399, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. Donations may also be made through Friends of the Smokies in Great Smoky Mountains NP to benefit the College of African Wildlife Management.

Bonnie Lissoway, 61, March 11, following a brief fight with cancer.

Bonnie was the wife of former Bandelier NM Fire Management Officer John Lissoway and mother of current VUA Brenna Lissoway. John retired in 1997 and, with Bonnie's support, has remained active in fire planning and teaching through his business venture. The following web address contains

information and suggested charities: www.boninnm.blogspot.com.

Ruth Martinson, 88, Nov. 24, 2005.

Ruth's husband, Elmer "Marty" Martinson, an E&AA life member, passed away in June 2005. Marty was a landscape architect/planner who retired from the Denver Service Center (DSC) in 1979.

Ruth lived in Mandeville, La. and was a former Colorado resident, having moved to Denver in 1971 upon Marty's transfer from Washington, D.C. when the Eastern and Western Service Centers were combined into the DSC. Survivors include three sons, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Chauncey Naboyia, 97, Jan. 21, peacefully, at the Chinle Indian Health Care Center, surrounded by family.

Chauncey began working for the NPS as a tour guide at Canyon de Chelly NM and also worked at Hubbell Trading Post NHS, Aztec Ruins NM, Hovenweep NM, Chaco Canyon NM and Mesa Verde NP from 1927 to 1934. He worked for over 60 years with the NPS as an archeologist, consultant, interpreter and tour guide. He was known by many as the first Navajo archeologist, and worked with many early archeologists, including Earl Morris at the Mummy Cave Ruin site (1924-1934).

Chauncey was of the Water Flows Together Clan and born for the Salt People Clan. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945 during WWII at Iwo Jima. He also worked with many major film companies. He acted in movies including *Desert Song* (1953), *Indian Boy* (1960) and *Billy Jack* (1981), and was a narrator of *Seasons of a Navajo* along with his family. In 1993, he was awarded The Barboncito Leadership Award at the Canyon de Chelly Guide Association Meeting for his many years of service and lifetime achievements by his colleagues and the NPS.

James "Jim" Pazalos, 63, March 20.

Jim was an engineering technician within the Design and Construction Division of the Denver Service Center (DSC). He had 27 years of service with the DSC. Throughout his career he contributed to the quality of NPS designs. He enjoyed keeping in touch with NPS alumni and his hobbies included model airplanes. Jim is survived by his wife, Maggie, his mother, Eugenia, and his sister, Jane.

John "Jake" Quilter, 26, March 8, while hiking in the Rincon Mountains.

Jake was a trail crew member and a first-year seasonal employee at Saguaro NP. He had worked trail crew assignments at Grand Teton NP, Grand Canyon NP and Olympic NP.

The crew that Jake was with were beginning a project to rehabilitate a fire-damaged trail. His death, which was not witnessed, occurred on the Manning Camp Trail near the mountain's 6,700-foot elevation. Jake had hiked out ahead of his group and was found by another crew member lying on the trail. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Grant William Sharpe, 80, Jan. 17.

Grant was a professor emeritus from the University of Washington College of

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Forest Resources. Early in his career, he taught dendrology and fire management at the University of Michigan and during this time, worked as a seasonal ranger-naturalist during the summers for 13 years. He had seasonal assignments in parks including Acadia NP, Olympic NP, Shenandoah NP, Crater Lake NP, Glacier NP and Mount Rainier NP. Survivors include his wife, Nonie, eight children and 10 grandchildren.

Hubert Sullivan, 88, Feb. 27.

Hubert was the miller at Cable Mill in Cades Cove at Great Smoky Mountains NP for over 20 years. He retired from his position as miller with the park's cooperating association, the Great Smoky Mountains Association, in September 2005.

Hubert explained the workings of the mill to millions of visitors to the site. Never at a loss for words, he always had a good story to tell. Because of his long public presence at the mill, Hubert was probably the park's most photographed "personality."

E&AA Life Member **Theodor R. "Ted" Swem, 88, Feb. 7,** of cancer, peacefully, at home in Evergreen, Colo.

Ted joined the NPS in 1957, working in the regional office in Omaha as a park planner. In 1961, Ted and his family moved to Washington, D.C. where he served in a variety of positions including chief of Park and Recreation Area Planning, superintendent of National Capital Parks and assistant director for Cooperative Activities.

Ted's proudest professional accomplishments include his cooperative work with various foreign governments in Japan, India and Africa as they established park systems, and his work in protecting Alaska's wild lands. He was chairman of the DOI's Alaska Planning Group tasked with identifying and protecting important natural lands in Alaska. This culminated in legislation in 1980 that added over 100 million acres to the national parks and national wildlife refuges.

Ted retired from the NPS in 1976, but continued his involvement in various conservation efforts and The Wilderness Society. He received numerous awards including the DOI's Meritorious and Distinguished Service Award; the Bob Marshall Award on the 50th anniversary of The Wilderness Society; the Alaska National Parks Conservation Leadership Award; and recognition for his work planning the Klondike Gold Rush NHP. He also received numerous awards recognizing contributions to local conservation efforts in Colorado.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; daughters, Barbara Rae, Virginia and Elisabeth Jo; and son, Ted, Jr. Condolences may be sent to Helen Swem at 104 Antler Way, Evergreen, CO 80439. Memorial donations may be made to the Alaska Conservation Foundation, 411 W. 5th Ave., Ste. 402, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Elizabeth C. Volz, 91, Mar. 7.

Elizabeth was the wife of the late J. Leonard Volz, former superintendent and Midwest regional director. Follow-

ing J. Leonard's retirement from the NPS in 1975, the couple moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. Elizabeth relocated to the Denver, Colorado area to be closer to her daughter following her husband's death in 1988.

She is survived by her daughters Janice Volz Schefcik and Yvonne E. Derrer. Along with her husband, she was predeceased by their son, Jay, who passed away in February 2006. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family c/o Janice Volz Schefcik, 5790 S. Hannibal Way, Centennial, CO 80015.

William "Bill" Waldman, 54, Feb. 22.

Bill was a human resources specialist at the Washington, D.C. Human Resources Office, and was with the office for eight years as a classification specialist. Prior to coming to WASO in 1997, Bill worked for the National Capital Region for seven years. He served as a park ranger for five years and as a classification and employee development specialist for two years. He worked for the Department of Defense prior to working for the NPS.

Jacob J. H. "Jake" Wilking, 29, Jan. 27, at home, unexpectedly of natural causes.

Jake was the eldest son of Dale J. Wilking, chief of the Washington Office Park Facility Management Division. In lieu of flowers, the Wilking family has requested that donations be made to: Jacob J. H. Wilking Memorial Scholarship Fund, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, 1365 Gortner Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108. ■

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Join today and save! Effective August 25, 2006, the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) will implement new membership dues and categories.

New E&AA membership categories and rates as of August 25, 2006:

- **Annual NPS** employees or alumni: single \$30 / with spouse \$50
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- **Volunteer:** an individual annual membership open to those who have served at least 500 hours to the National Park Service: \$35
- **Associate Individual:** an individual membership open to those interested in advancing the purposes of E&AA: \$40 annual / \$400 life
- **Associate Corporate:** open to not-for-profit and for-profit organizations interested in advancing the purposes of E&AA: \$500 annually

Annual memberships are valid from August 25 through August 24 of the following year. Applications for annual memberships received after May 1 will receive renewal notices for August 25 the following year.

Participation in the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program is limited to NPS employees and alumni members. All life members as of August 25, 2006 will be grandfathered into the NPS life category.

To join, call Bonnie Stetson, E&AA membership coordinator, at (215) 283-6900, ext. 131.

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

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A silent auction held in conjunction with the Northeast Superintendents Meeting raised \$7,000 for the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Employees and Alumni Association of the NPS Outreach Committee Looking for Members

E&AA's Outreach Committee builds areas of common bond between the E&AA and other audiences. The group reaches out to other organizations to explore avenues of partnerships that would provide synergy and strength to both organizations. They establish connections to NPS volunteers.

The group plans to develop a skills inventory list of E&AA members that can assist the NPS in mentoring college recruitment, representation, etc. Outreach members serve as the primary E&AA contact for the NPS region in which they serve. The group is looking at launching an awards and recognition program to recognize significant accomplishments of NPS employees and will ensure representation of E&AA at significant NPS national and regional meetings.

Please consider joining Dan Brown and Deny Galvin, co-chairs of this committee. Interested in serving on this dynamic committee? Please contact Dan Brown (danlin49@charter.net) or give him a call at (828) 658-9398.

Moore's Creek NB Commemorates 230th Anniversary of Battle



Robert Yankie

MEMBERS OF VARIOUS MILITIA REENACTOR GROUPS provide the last round of a three-volley musket salute to close out the wreath laying ceremony at the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge.

Moore's Creek NB observed the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge with a number of special events. A ceremony celebrating the reopening of the newly renovated visitor center and the dedication of the park's library and new theater occurred on Feb. 18.

It was the grand opening of the center's new museum exhibits, new film and new Eastern National sales area.

Guests included a number of descendants of the battle's on-site commanders—Cols. Alexander Lillington and Richard Caswell. Plaques to the two commanders, provided by the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, were unveiled as well. One week later, the park hosted more than 3,000 visitors at the annual anniversary weekend. The new exhibits and film received rave reviews from visitors and reenactors. ■

New Places & Faces

Scott J. Bentley, from superintendent, George Washington Carver NM, to superintendent, Assateague Island NS.

Jeff Bradybaugh, from chief of resource management and research, Zion NP, to superintendent, Grand Canyon Parashant NM.

Daniel R. Brown, from chief of resource education and visitor services, Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES and acting superintendent, Kennesaw Mountain NBP, to superintendent, Kennesaw Mountain NBP.

James P. Doyle, to NPS state coordinator for Colorado.

Amy Eberhart-Roemer to park guide (interpretation), Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Kathy Elmore, from executive assistant, Guadalupe Mountains NP, to executive assistant, Carlsbad Caverns NP.



MARK FOUST

Mark Foust, from branch chief of Ranger Activities, Intermountain Region, Denver, to chief ranger, Glacier NP.

Drew D. Gilmour, from park ranger, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, to supervisory park ranger, Big Cypress N PRES.

Gary Ingram, from assistant to the superintendent, Yosemite NP, to desk officer, Alaska Region in Washington, D.C.

A. J. Johnson, from park ranger (pro-

tection), to safety specialist, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

Antoinette J. Lee, to assistant associate director, Historical Documentation Programs, Cultural Resources, NPS.

Merritt Malin, to landscape architect, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

Patrick Malone, to natural resource specialist, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.

John Maounis, from chief of staff, Northeast Regional Office, Philadelphia, to director, NPS Chesapeake Bay Program Office and NPS Northeast Region Heritage Area Programs.

Einar S. Olsen, from regional chief ranger, National Capital Region, to assistant regional director for management analysis, National Capital Region.

Michelle Ortwein, from staff curator, Valley Forge NHP, to supervisory museum curator, Edison NHS.

Cindy Purcell, from supervisory park ranger (Plateau District), Zion NP, to East District ranger, Rocky Mountain NP.

Rebecca Rhea, from chief of business resources, Grand Teton NP, to chief of concessions management, Grand Canyon NP.

Barbara Richards, from purchasing agent, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to administrative officer, Cabrillo NM.

Sherry Rose, to human resources assistant, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

James Sanders, from superintendent, Harry S Truman NHS, to superintendent, Lincoln Home NHS.

P. Lynn Scarlett, from deputy secretary, DOI, to acting secretary, DOI.

Cheryl A. Schreier, from superintendent, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, to superintendent, Herbert Hoover NHS.

Ian Shanklin, from landscape architect, Great Smoky Mountains NP, to landscape architect, Planning Division, Denver Service Center.



EDIE SHEAN-HAMMOND

Edie Shean-Hammond, from assistant regional director for Communications and Tourism, Northeast Regional Office, to superintendent, Hopewell Furnace NHS and regional tourism program manager.

Darla Sidles, from superintendent, Grand Canyon Parashant NM, to deputy superintendent, Independence NHP.

Steve Stinnett, from supervisory ranger, NPS Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, to assistant chief ranger, Blue Ridge PKWY.

Tim Stone, from manager, Pacific Crest NST, to superintendent, Cowpens NB and Ninety Six NHS.

Margaret Styles, from interpretive park ranger, Eugene O'Neill NHS and Port Chicago Naval Magazine N MEM, to interpretive specialist, Juan Bautista de Anza NHT.

Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, from supervisory ranger (chief, interpretation and visitor services), Prince William Forest Park, to chief, interpretation, education and visitor services, National Capital Parks-East.

Lawrence, "Larry" Villalva, from chief of interpretation, Oklahoma City N MEM, to superintendent, Harry S Truman NHS.

Gale Norton Steps Down as DOI Secretary

On March 10, after five years of leading cooperative conservation efforts and responsible energy development, DOI Secretary Gale A. Norton announced that she would leave the President's Cabinet at the end of March. In a letter to President Bush, Secretary Norton thanked the President, "for inviting me to be part of your Administration for a meaningful and rewarding five years."

Norton was the first woman to serve as the Secretary of the Interior. She was the 48th Interior Secretary and has been in office longer than all but six of her predecessors. Norton was sworn in as Secretary on Jan. 31, 2001. After winning re-election, President Bush asked Secretary Norton to continue serving in his Administration.

In the past year, Norton completed nearly all of the goals that she had set out to accomplish. Congress passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The Department of the Interior initiated the first-ever White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation. The House of Representatives passed legislation to improve the Endangered Species Act. At Secretary Norton's urging, the seven states of the Colorado River Basin reached preliminary agreement on issues that had been unresolved for decades. Also, Secretary Norton released the draft five-year plan for offshore energy development.

"There will never be a perfect time to leave," Norton wrote. "There is always more work to do. My leaving now gives you the opportunity to appoint a new Secretary to accomplish the goals you set for the rest of your Administration," Secretary Norton wrote to the President.

Students Restore Habitat for State-Endangered Bird

By Bridget Litten, Public Affairs Specialist, Carlsbad Caverns NP

The song of the New Mexico state-endangered Bell's vireo has been described as a question and an answer — *zheedle zheedle zheedle zhoo? zheedle zheedle zheedle zhee!* It just might be a song you'll hear more often in the coming years at Carlsbad Caverns NP's Rattlesnake Springs area thanks in large part to Carlsbad High School's Chihuahuan Desert Lab (CDL) students.

On Nov. 5, 10 volunteers ages 16 to 77 (eight CDL students and two Chihuahuan Desert Alliance volunteers) worked alongside park staff to plant native trees at Rattlesnake Springs to restore habitat for the Bell's vireo. They planted 27 netleaf hackberry, western soapberry and Goodding's willow tree saplings. These saplings replaced Russian olive trees, which while providing the shrubby, dense habitat favored by the Bell's vireo, are a non-native species and were removed by the park's Exotic Plant Management Team.

Although the trees were planted in under two hours, the habitat restoration project began over a year ago when CDL students collected seeds from native trees at Rattlesnake Springs. The seeds were propagated at the school and cared for by students over several semesters before they were ready to be planted this fall.

The CDL is a year-long class offered at Carlsbad High designed to use the resources of Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks to enhance math and science skills of local high school students as well as foster stewardship of national park resources. It is part of the National Park Labs Program and was one of five sites across the country selected through a competitive process in 1997. Money was provided through a three-year-funded grant supported by the National Park Service, National Park Foundation and Toyota USA Foundation. The CDL is taught by biology teacher Steve West, who has worked with the program since its inception. Through this program, students receive classroom training as well as hands-



Bridget Litten

CHIHUAHUAN DESERT LAB STUDENTS, Chihuahuan Desert Alliance volunteers and Carlsbad Caverns NP staff pictured left to right: Richard Granger; Liz Owsley; Chelsea Peterson; Steve West; Renee West, supervisory biologist; Hal Waters; Margaret Waters; Marjorie Thomas, education specialist; Dave Thomas, park guide; Ronnie Lewis; Lionel Granger; and Dessie Humphreys planted trees at Rattlesnake Springs to restore native habitat for the state-endangered Bell's vireo.

on experience in the field about various topics such as cave swallows, prairie dogs, water quality and native plants.

Chihuahuan Desert Lab students on

hand to help plant trees were Chelsea Peterson, Liz Owsley, Dessie Humphreys, Lionel Granger, Richard Granger and Ronnie Lewis.

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at which the photo was taken, news release or other important information. We will use as many submissions as possible on a space-available basis. Time-sensitive materials and those received first will receive priority. We may hold submissions for use in a later issue

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