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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The National Park Service prides itself on the tradition of the "green and gray," devoting our expertise and, often, our lives to the places that Americans entrust to us; reaching out and engaging people in our work and kindling within them a shared passion for this mission.



My management team and I have worked to try to preserve these traditions for current and future generations by crafting legacy goals for "Doing Business in the 21st Century." These goals are a blueprint to help in decision-making on interpretation, natural and cultural resources, management reforms, and other areas. Our five basic goals to preserve the NPS legacy are:

1) Management Excellence - We will be a highly transparent organization whose productive, safe workforce reflects the diversity of our country and uses effective business practices to fulfill our core work. Goal objectives include: improved fee management; effective law enforcement; addressing the concessions backlog; continuing partnerships to meet science and research needs; improving training programs; analyzing core operations; refining the park scorecard; and implementing NPSafe to reduce lost work days.

2) Sustainability - The NPS will pursue sustainable facilities, operations, business practices and resources. Objectives include: refining asset management to reduce our maintenance backlog; streamlining data collection; increasing civic engagement; and encouraging effective consultation and participation in key decision-making to enhance accountability.

3) Conservation - The NPS will continue to be a leader in natural and cultural resource conservation, protection, restoration and stewardship. Objectives for this goal include: implementing the Ocean Stewardship Strategy; continuing the Natural Resource Challenge; and promoting efforts to control exotic plants and to develop wilderness monitoring programs.

4) Outdoor Recreation - People's enjoyment of the National Park System is essential to its conservation. Objectives for this goal include: promoting a seamless network of parks and continuing to link ongoing recreation efforts at national parks to their positive effects on health and fitness.

5) 21st Century Relevancy - The NPS mission will be relevant to contemporary America. Objectives for this goal include: building youth programs, like Junior Ranger and WebRanger, to enhance resource stewardship; ensuring the NPS reflects the diversity of America; and preparing for the NPS centennial.

Thank you all for your outstanding work, and continuing input as we help ensure that our growing and changing agency is prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century! Visit www.nps.gov for more details on these goals.

—Fran Mainella

Natchez Trace Parkway Celebrates Completion of 67-Year Construction

On May 21, the National Park Service, Federal Highway Administration, federal, state, and local officials and approximately 1,000 visitors celebrated the completion of construction of the Natchez Trace Parkway, a unit of the National Park System. Sixty-seven years after construction began, the last two segments of the 444-mile National Scenic Byway and All-American Road that stretches from Natchez, Mississippi, to Nashville, Tennessee, were opened to visitors.

The day's events began with a cere-

mony hosted by the city of Clinton, Mississippi, celebrating the opening of its new visitor center, which is located adjacent to the parkway. Following the ceremony, the dignitaries, guests and visitors moved to the parkway to observe the removal of barricades signaling the opening of the 13.5-mile segment of the parkway in the Jackson, Mississippi, area. A caravan of approximately 100 vehicles, including a number of classic vehicles symbolizing the years the parkway was under construction (1938 to 2005), then traveled the

parkway to the completion ceremony site in Natchez, Mississippi.

At the parkway completion ceremony, Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) were keynote speakers. The ceremony included the dedication of the Daughters of the American Revolution marker, "DAR and the Natchez Trace," and a ribbon-cutting, signaling the completion of the parkway's southern terminus. The day's events concluded with a public reception held at Melrose, an antebellum mansion managed by Natchez NHP.

NPS Director Mainella Encourages Colleagues to Upgrade E&AA Membership Status

NPS Director Fran Mainella recently upgraded her membership to the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) to lifetime status.

When presenting her check to Chesley Moroz, president of E&AA, the director urged her colleagues on the National Leadership Council, members of her management team and any former NPS directors who are not yet lifetime members to join her in gaining lifetime status at the NPS' partner organization.

"During my time here as director, E&AA came forward to assist the NPS families affected by the hurricanes of 2004, and updated its educational loan program to better serve NPS families," NPS Director Mainella said. "I encourage my friends, colleagues and leadership team to show their support for the organization by becoming lifetime members."

The E&AA is a not-for-profit charitable and educational organization, which helps to maintain and improve the morale of the National Park Service employees and to foster continuing close ties to the Service and its alumni.



NPS photo by Rosa Wilson

NPS DIRECTOR FRAN MAINELLA (left) upgrades her membership to the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service to a lifetime status as Chesley Moroz, E&AA president, looks on.

Brown v. Board of Education NHS Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of Park's Opening

By LaTonya Miller, Public Affairs Specialist, Brown v. Board of Education NHS

For Cheryl Brown Henderson, president of the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity, Excellence and Research; the NPS; and countless others, May 17, 2004 was a momentous occasion when a long-lived dream became reality. On this day, more than 5,000 people from across the country gathered on the grounds of the former Monroe Elementary School, now officially titled Brown v. Board of Education NHS, to celebrate a new national park and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the decision that ended legally sanctioned segregation in public schools.

This site represents the stories and

struggles of more than 150 plaintiffs from the states of South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Kansas and Washington, D.C. that comprise the case, *Oliver L. Brown, et al v. the Board of Education of Topeka, et al*, which has been deemed as one of the top three cases ever decided in the history of the United States Supreme Court.

On October 26, 1992, President George H. W. Bush signed legislation designating the former all African-American elementary school as part of the National Park System. From 1995 until May 2004, the school underwent transformation for a grand opening. The Monroe Elementary School was built in 1926, and it was one of four elementary schools in Topeka for African-American children, compared to 18 elementary schools for white children. The former

school is the vehicle through which the totality of the *Brown v Board of Education* decision and the civil rights movement are told. The NPS has designed exhibits and audiovisual media that do an excellent job of educating visitors, young and old alike, about this story, which affects people of all colors, nationalities and backgrounds.

May 17, 2005 marked the one-year anniversary of the park's opening, as well as the 51st Anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. History was made as more than 30 case plaintiffs and plaintiff descendants from all five cases embarked on the city of Topeka for two days of sharing their personal stories and victories. The commemoration included

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Focus on the Parks

• The **Denver Service Center**, in conjunction with the Intermountain Regional Office and a number of WASO program offices, participated in the "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" national program on April 28. More than 50 children participated in the program. Graphic artists, archive technicians, architects, engineers and other professionals shared part of their day leading hands-on activities for the kids. Activities included exploring the roles of engineers, architects and landscape architects within the NPS, a slideshow by an NPS ranger of mountain rescues and a tour of the Technical Information Center.

• In a ceremony at Bodie Island Lighthouse at **Outer Banks Group** on April 25, the U.S. Coast Guard formally relinquished control of the first order Fresnel lens to the NPS through the required General Services Administration's federal personal property disposal process. The Coast Guard does not normally relinquish control of Fresnel lenses (priceless historic artifacts) unless it is under the authority given to it by the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act, and the lens is no longer needed as a federal aid to navigation.

The NPS has their own Division of

Conservation and has restored and preserved many lighthouse lenses over the years. Additionally, given the credentials of the NPS as the federal expert in historic preservation requirements; the fact that the NPS already controls and cares for the lighthouse structure; the NPS's plans to restore the Fresnel lens and maintain it as a private aid to navigation; and the desire of the NPS, the Coast Guard and the interested public to keep the Fresnel in the lighthouse, the Coast Guard has made an exception in this case and allowed control of this priceless artifact to leave the Coast Guard and become available to the NPS. Under the control of the NPS, the Fresnel is still in federal government ownership and is still protected by the National Historic Preservation Act.

• NPS Director Fran Mainella recently announced that a project to provide an access ramp from the **Natchez Trace PKWY** to the proposed Williamson County Natchez Trace Park in Tennessee has been approved. This access will enable parkway visitors as well as local residents to explore recreational opportunities in the proposed 80-acre local park. Development plans include parking, restrooms and a trail.

The future park is the result of a partnership between the NPS, the Federal Highway Administration, the state of Tennessee and Williamson County. The land was transferred by the state of Tennessee to the county for development as a local park contingent upon receiving access from the parkway. Director Mainella made the announcement at the parkway completion ceremony on May 21, in Natchez, Miss.

• Original Thomas Moran watercolor sketches, artifacts from prehistoric sites in the park and weapons and uniforms from the park's U.S. Army era. These are just a few of the priceless objects found in **Yellowstone NP's** 5.3 million-item collection now being housed in the park's new Yellowstone Heritage and Research Center (HRC). The public had an opportunity to see some of these treasures when the HRC opened its doors for a community open house on May 18. Housed in the HRC, which is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., are a research library, museum and archives, as well as the park's herbarium and archeology lab.

The library is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The archives and museum collections are available to researchers by appointment only. Appointments for the archives and museum collections must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling the HRC at (307) 344-2664. The Yellowstone Research Library may also be reached via this number.

• The state of Montana and the NPS, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, have completed a land exchange that transferred ownership of the **Bear Paw Battlefield** to the NPS. This land transfer will assist State Fish Wildlife and Parks in developing new park sites in Montana. The Bear Paw Battlefield is located 15 miles south of Chinook, Mont. The NPS has administered and staffed the 190-acre site under an agreement with the state since 1992. The battlefield is open year-round and features self-guided trails and picnic shelters.

New Visitor Center Dedicated at Cumberland Island NS



NPS photo by Justin Helton

NPS DIRECTOR FRAN MAINELLA and Congressman Jack Kingston cut the ribbon dedicating the Cumberland Island NS Visitor Center on June 1. Pictured left to right: Deborah Hase, mayor of St. Marys, Ga.; Jerre Brumbelow, Cumberland Island NS superintendent; Jack Kingston, congressman (R-GA); and Fran Mainella, NPS director.

By Julie Meeks, Chief, Administration, Cumberland Island NS

NPS Director Fran Mainella, Congressman Jack Kingston, (R-GA), and St. Marys, Georgia Mayor Deborah Hase were welcomed to the formal dedication of the new Cumberland Island NS Visitor Center by Supt. Jerre Brumbelow on June 2. The visitor center is located on the waterfront in St. Marys, Georgia. Director Mainella spoke to a large crowd and thanked the superintendent and park staff. She also welcomed Mayor Hase and Congressman Kingston, who was the first to break the ground on November 10, 2003, for this 8,100-square-foot structure.

People with insufficient time to visit the island will now be able to experience the flavor of the island through new exhibits in the visitor center. The

exhibits depict glimpses back in time to the Carnegie's family life at the turn of the 20th century. One display case contains a wooden tennis racket, cosmetics and photographs of the Carnegie family when they resided at Dungeness Mansion.

Other exhibits tell a story of the Timucuan Indians; the life in saltwater marshes surrounding the island; the primary and secondary dune systems; the barrier ecosystem, including the marine life; and the maritime forest areas of the island. One of the most popular displays among tourists is one that shows a cutaway view of a nest of loggerhead turtles during hatching.

Signs are placed along the brick and tabby walkways, which depict both the natural and cultural resources of the island and provide pertinent safety messages and answers to frequently asked questions, as well as maps to orient the visitor.

NPS rangers are available for guided tours. For more information on the Bear Paw Battlefield, call (406) 357-3130. The battlefield commemorates the final conflict of the Nez Perce War of 1877.

• At an event in mid-May at **Fort Washington Park**, local volunteers and staff of Prince Georges County, the state of Maryland and the NPS recognized designation of the county's 21-mile Potomac Heritage Trail On-Road Bicycling Route as a segment of the **Potomac Heritage NST**. The route joins the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, the Great Allegheny Passage, the Chesapeake Ohio Canal Towpath, the Mount Vernon Trail and the Potomac Heritage Trail in George Washington Memorial PKWY as segments of the developing trail network.

• The mansion at **Hampton NHS** is closed for the next year, but the park will remain open. With visitor services and interpretation temporarily based in the historic overseer or farm manager's

house, surrounded by slave quarters, barns and outbuildings, rangers hope to shift emphasis from the mansion and its owners to highlight the role of the workforce in supporting the estate. The stories of the people of Hampton—enslaved African Americans, hired industrial and agricultural workers and the estate owners remind us that there is a human story behind the events that shaped this country.

The mansion closed to the public in February 2005 for installation of new environmental controls and a fire suppression system. The new systems will help preserve and protect the ornate 1790 Georgian mansion and the extensive collection of furnishings and decorative arts housed within it. This massive line item construction project provides for the construction of a geothermal deep well cooling system, air handling units and a forced air system, as well as a wet pipe fire sprinkler system for visitor facilities, museum storage areas and most exhibit spaces.

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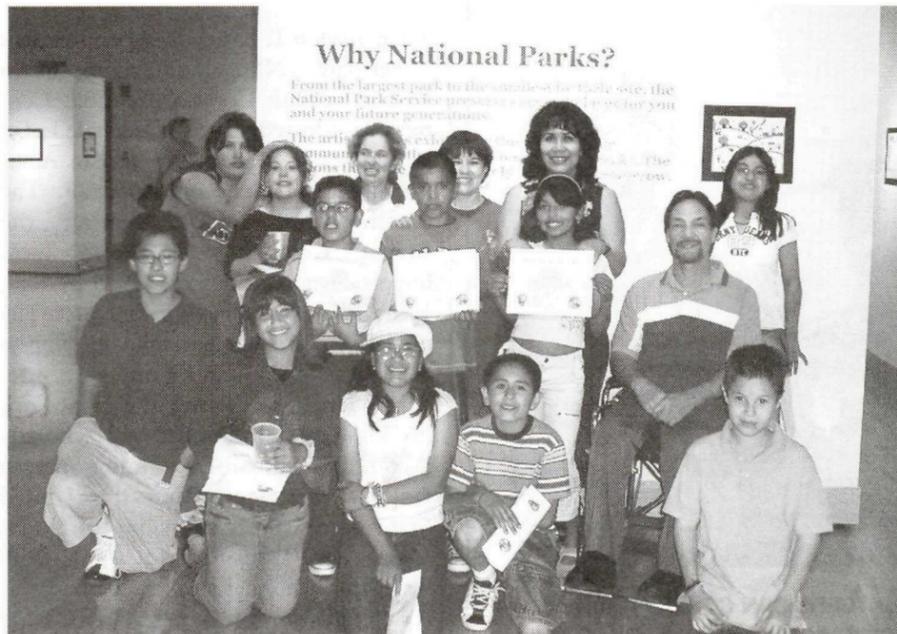
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El Paso Fifth Grade Students Become Protectors of Our Parks

On May 13, the Los Paisanos Gallery at Chamizal N MEM opened a very special art exhibit. Featured were the works of some of central El Paso's fifth grade students. The students were honored with an exhibit opening, which was attended by peers, parents, school board and city council members, school faculty, park staff and local press. The exhibit was the result of an education program titled "Why National Parks?". In addition to having their art displayed, each of the students received a certificate recognizing them as "Protectors of Our Parks."

"Why National Parks?" was presented in the spring to two local elementary schools by Gilberto Campa, park ranger - interpretation, Chamizal N MEM and Michael Groomer, chief of interpretation, Chamizal N MEM. Lesson plans included topics such as Why National Parks?; Preserving for Future Generations; Many Parks, One Mission; Chamizal, A Park Built on Diplomacy; and Our Parks, Our Responsibility.

Through the use of bilingual activities and writing exercises, students demonstrated their understanding of the important role they play in protecting national parks for our future generations. In addition to stressing the idea that today's actions shape the future, special emphasis was placed on the students' roles as future leaders and caretakers of our community and park.



FIFTH GRADE ARTISTS AND FACULTY from Douglass and Zavala elementary schools attend the opening reception of their art exhibit in the Los Paisanos Gallery at Chamizal N MEM.

For a final project, the students were asked to create an art piece demonstrating their understanding of national parks. Topics ranged from national parks they have visited, to creating their own dream parks such as Hilary Duff National Memorial, Opera National Park and Sheep National Monument. Regardless of the topic chosen, students seemed to agree on two things that national parks

should be—free from litter and graffiti, and places where all animals are protected. The "Why National Parks?" student art exhibit ran through June 10.

This program gave the park an opportunity to educate the local community on the importance of the NPS mission and the role that everyone has in preserving Chamizal N MEM—El Paso's national park.

NPS Employees Move into New Oklahoma City Federal Building

The NPS in Oklahoma City has a new place to call home. On Feb. 19, 2005, employees at the Oklahoma City N MEM, which is a unit of Chickasaw NRA, and the Oklahoma State Coordinator's Office moved into the new Oklahoma City Federal Building. Deemed as one of the safest in the country, the 181,000-square-foot building was built to replace the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, target of the April 19, 1995 bombing, which took the lives of 168 people, plus three unborn, injured hundreds and changed many forever. In the aftermath of the bombing, Congress appropriated \$40 million for a new federal facility in Oklahoma City. The new federal building is situated one block from the original Murrah site and overlooks what is now the Oklahoma City N MEM, an affiliated site with the National Park System.

The new federal building opened in December 2003, occupies a two-block parcel of land and has four floors. Its architecture embraces the urban landscape and is energy efficient. The structure has also been designed to comply with the latest security standards for federal buildings, such as cast-in-place concrete and safety glass, which are a direct result of lessons learned from the bombing. It is occupied thus far by over 350 employees, some of whom formerly worked for agencies assigned to the Murrah Building.

Having recently passed the 10th

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"Bear Duty" is Part of Job at Katmai NP & PRES

By Joel Ellis, Brooks District Ranger, Katmai NP & PRES

I had to choke back a laugh. Bob and Sue Freeland were interviewing for a volunteer job and wanted to know if they could live in their motor home. "No," I explained, "there are no roads within 300 miles, and you will have to squeeze your bags and yourselves into the backseat of a Cessna 206 floatplane." Thus began the selection of two volunteer camp hosts for Katmai NP & PRES, a four-million-acre park in south central Alaska. Soon, for this retired New Jersey couple, bumping along at 600 feet in the Cessna would be as commonplace as staring down a 600-pound brown bear wandering around camp.

After I explained all the challenges, expenses and even dangers of spending the summer season at Brooks Camp in the heart of Katmai, Bob and Sue were still eager to volunteer their time and energy. I knew then the Freelands were to be my choice. They had traveled in Alaska before, but this would be their first trip into "bush" Alaska. In this case, "bush" would mean no telephones, grocery stores or roads. Their home for the summer would be a community of about 40 NPS and private lodge employees located in the middle of a bear habitat famous for spawning salmon and big Alaskan brown bears bent on gorging on these fish.

Except for a few boaters, everyone comes to Brooks Camp in single engine floatplanes. Visitors stay either in the lodge or campground. Given all the bear activity in the area, visitors are required to complete bear orientation school before they are allowed to wander about. An electric fence surrounds the campground, which keeps the bears out most of the time. This campground would become a second home for Sue and Bob for the season. Ensuring the electric fence was charged would be one of a hundred duties that the Freelands would perform daily. Managing the 600-pound bears, or, more correctly, managing visitors around the bears would become another. A mixture of fright, delight and even annoyance, bear management at Katmai is never boring or predictable.

Bob and Sue stepped onto the beach at Brooks Camp in late May 2004. Several weeks of training followed, including certification to operate small motorboats. The salmon and bears do not show up until July, so there was time for the new staff to get a feel for life at Brooks. An occasional bear would drop by, but move on after an hour or two. The Freelands, as well as the others new to Katmai, would rush out, camera in hand, as word of a bear sighting sounded across the two-way radios. As July grew closer, these events became more frequent and the rush to see the bears less hurried.

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Secretary Norton Designates 37 National Recreation Trails

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton announced the designation of 37 new National Recreation Trails in 23 states, as part of the National Trails System, in celebration of National Trails Day on June 4.

Since becoming Interior Secretary in 2001, Norton has designated 128 National Recreation Trails at a total of approximately 3,400 miles. National Recreation Trail designation is an honor given out to those existing trails that have been nominated and meet the requirements for connecting people to local resources and improving their quality of life. The national trail designation is part of a continuing campaign to promote community partnerships and to foster innovative ways to encourage physical fitness.

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program of the National Park Service and the USDA Forest Service administer the National Recreation Trails program in conjunction with a number of other federal and nonprofit partners, notably American Trails, which hosts the National Recreation Trail Web site: www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails.

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) is a community resource of the NPS. RTCA staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state and

federal government agencies so they can conserve rivers, preserve open space and develop trails and greenways. More information is available online at www.nps.gov/rtca.

Norton designated the following 37 National Recreation Trails as part of the National Trails System: The Perseverance Trail, Alaska; The Arivaca Cienega Trail, The Arivaca Creek Trail and The Painted Desert Trail, Arizona; The Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR Interior Trail System, The Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR Wetlands Loop Trail and The Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge Trail, Colorado; The Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail, Florida; The Cress Creek Nature Trail, Idaho; The Tunnel Hill State Trail, Illinois; The Green Ridge State Forest Trail System, Maryland; The Rydell Refuge Trails, Minnesota; The Kitty Dill Memorial Parkway and The Magnolia Trail, Mississippi; The Memory Lane Trail and The Table Rock Lakeshore Trail, Missouri; The Lee Metcalf NWR Wildlife Viewing Trail, The Prairie-Marsh Boardwalk and The Pacific Northwest Trail, Glacier National Park Segment, Montana; The Meadowlark Trail, Nebraska; The Dark Mountain Trail, The Mountains-to-Sea Trail, Blue Ridge Parkway Segment and The Scuppernong River Interpretive Boardwalk,

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Kudos and Awards

Volunteers Honored at Gettysburg NMP



IN FEBRUARY, GETTYSBURG NMP VOLUNTEERS DAN CONLEY (left), and Dale Brister (right), received awards for outstanding performance by Gettysburg NMP Supt. John Latschar (center). Dan received the award for his Park Watch volunteer service, above and beyond the call of duty. Dale received the award for managing overcrowded parking areas and assisting visitors in the 2004 season.

• **Aniceto "Cheto" Olais**, Zion NP chief ranger, is this year's recipient of the national Harry Yount Award, a peer recognition given to that individual whose overall impact, record of accomplishments and excellence in traditional ranger duties has had significant impact in creating an appreciation for the park ranger profession on the part of the public and other members of the profession. He was presented his award on April 27 in Washington, D.C. "Ranger Cheto Olais is very deserving of this honor," said NPS Director Fran Mainella. "Cheto excels in every aspect of his profession as a National Park Service ranger. He is widely respected by his peers due to a long standing career of excellence as an interpreter, generalist and protection ranger. It gives me great pleasure to know that his dedication, good will and hard work are being recognized. He has raised the bar for traditional ranger values."

Cheto, representing the Intermountain Region, was selected from the seven regional Harry Yount Award winners. The remaining six were: **Timothy Simonds**, chief ranger, Olympic NP (Pacific West Region); **Chuck Young**, chief ranger, Glacier Bay NP & PRES (Alaska Region); **Bradley Clawson**, district ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA (Northeast Region); **Robert Still**, park ranger, Buffalo NR (Midwest Region); **Edward Wenschhof**, chief ranger, Antietam NB (National Capital Region); and **James Lee**, chief ranger, Gulf Islands NS (Southeast Region).

• On April 9, the NPS was recognized by the Veteran Wireless Operators Association (VWOA) for ongoing efforts to interpret the story of wireless operators and wireless technology. These men and women played critical communications roles and operated cutting-edge technology to coordinate operations, troopship movement and bombing campaigns during 20th-century conflicts including WWI, WWII and the Korean War. **San Francisco Maritime NHP** was commended for the exhibit "Sparks, Waves and Wizards—Communication at Sea." **Cape Cod NS** was honored for its inter-

pretation of the Historic Radiotelegraphic Site at Wellfleet, one of a handful of installations constructed by wireless radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi. Dr. Miles D. Mac Mahon, vice president of VWOA, bestowed the commemorative plaques and certificates. Richard Everett, curator of exhibits at San Francisco Maritime NHP, accepted the honors on behalf of his park, and Maria Burks, superintendent of Cape Cod NS at the time of the 2003 anniversary celebration and currently acting commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor, accepted the honors on behalf of Cape Cod.

• The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force has bestowed awards to **Joel Tutein**, superintendent of Buck Island Reef NM, Christiansted NHS and Salt River Bay NHP and Ecological Preserve, and **Dr. Caroline Rogers** of USGS for their respective achievements in coral reef management and research. On Dec. 3, 2004, the Task Force awarded Joel the Coral Reef Champion Award for his career contributions to protecting coral reefs at Buck Island Reef NM and Salt River Bay NHP and Ecological Preserve on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. And on March 4, the Task Force acknowledged Caroline with the Award for Outstanding Scientific Advancement of Knowledge in the field of coral reef research, particularly in the Virgin Islands NP units and Caribbean and Western Atlantic regions. The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force was established by Presidential Executive Order in 1998 to focus governmental action on the major threats to the nation's coral reefs, and finding ways to stem those threats.

• **Dwight T. Pitcaithley**, NPS chief historian, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Organization of American Historians (OAH). The award, given to an individual whose contributions have significantly enriched our understanding and appreciation of American history, was presented on April 2, by OAH President James O. Horton and President-

elect Vicki L. Ruiz, during the 98th annual meeting of the organization. Professor Ruiz praised Dr. Pitcaithley for his promotion of public history, particularly his role in creating and advancing the cooperative agreement between the Organization of American Historians and the NPS.

• **Dr. Joseph P. Sánchez**, superintendent of Petroglyph NM and the Intermountain Region Spanish Colonial Research Center, was inducted into the Orden de Isabel la Católica in a ceremony held in Albuquerque, N. Mex., on April 23. The accompanying medal, bearing the Knight's Cross, is one of Spain's most important decorations conferred by King Juan Carlos of Spain to a foreigner. The medal was presented to him by Consul General of Spain Julio Montesinos.

Dr. Sánchez received the honor for his life-long educational and scholarly accomplishments in promoting Spanish Colonial heritage within the United States and internationally in Spain, Mexico and Latin America. Aside from his many historical studies about Spanish colonialism, Dr. Sánchez established the NPS's Intermountain Region Spanish Colonial Research Center at the University of New Mexico in 1986 and is the founder and editor of the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*, a journal dedicated to the history of the Spanish Colonial period.

• NPS Director Fran Mainella accepted an award from Indiana University for the outstanding, longstanding and beneficial partnership between NPS Training and Development and the Eppley Institute for Parks & Public Lands. The award was presented to **Director Mainella and the NPS Training and Development Division** on April 4 on the Indiana University campus. The award acknowledges important contributions the NPS makes to this partnership.

The NPS, through the Training and Development community, has been involved in a variety of partnership projects with the Eppley Institute for Parks & Public Lands at Indiana University, including the Technology Enhanced Learning program; My Learning Manager implementation; training needs assessments; and NPS Fundamentals. Recent cooperative partnerships include expanded partnerships between NPS Training

and Development, the Eppley Institute and other NPS programs such as PEPC, Resource Stewardship and Protection, Structural Fire and others.

New partnership programs continue, including support for the NPS Interpretive Development Program. This cooperative agreement with Indiana University creates technical assistance, education and research programs that benefit the public, the university and the NPS.

• The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recognized **Effigy Mounds NM** for its commitment to employee safety and health in the workplace. The park was designated a "Star" work site, OSHA's most prestigious safety rating in the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), on May 4. Chief of Maintenance Thomas Sinclair accepted the Star award from OSHA VPP Manager Matt Gaines. Park Ranger Merle Frommelt accepted the VPP Star flag on behalf of the park's safety committee.

The VPP is designed to recognize and promote effective workplace safety and health management. In the VPP, management, labor and OSHA establish a cooperative relationship at a work site that has implemented a strong safety and health management system. The VPP program has three levels: demonstration, merit and star. Under a voluntary agreement, specific requirement and performance-based criteria must be met before a site can achieve star status. Star participants, who meet all VPP requirements, are at the top of the VPP recognition ladder.

Effigy Mounds was first approved for the Star Program on November 29, 2004. The facility is the first and only of the NPS's 388 sites to achieve star status. Effigy Mounds joins Yellowstone NP (merit level designation) as one of only two units to be recognized by OSHA as a VPP work site.

• **David N. Fuerst**, cultural resource specialist at New River Gorge NR, recently passed the qualifying exams for his doctorate in archeology through the University of Kentucky. Dave is the archeologist and historian for New River Gorge, Gauley River NRA and Bluestone NSR.

• In March, the NPS announced the recipients of the 2004 Director's



THE VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS OF THE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS, INC. (FBHI) recently celebrated 27 years of public service. Created in 1979, the organization pre-dates the establishment of the Boston Harbor Islands NRA (BOHA). They received the first George B. Hartzog, Jr. Award for outstanding VIP program in 2003. Pictured left to right: Suzanne Gail Marsh, BOHA lead ranger and FBHI founder; volunteers Mary Corcoran (rear) and Isabel Chesak; Carol Fithian, FBHI coordinator of volunteers; Steve Marcus, FBHI chair; George Marsh, FBHI treasurer; Paul King, FBHI vice president; volunteers Janet Burgermeister (kneeling) and Karyl Stoia; and Kelly Fellner, supervisory park ranger, BOHA.

Kudos and Awards

Awards for Natural Stewardship for excellence in the field of natural resources. These awards recognize achievements in protecting the health of ecosystems in the parks. The recipients of the awards have developed and strengthened partnerships for the protection of resources.

The winners are: **Edward J. Walls**, Point Reyes NS, Director's Award for Excellence in Natural Resource Stewardship through Maintenance; **Sallie Beavers**, Kaloko-Honokohau NHP, Director's Award for Trish Patterson Student Association Award for Natural Resource Management in a Small Park; **John D. Varley**, Yellowstone NP, Director's Award for Natural Resource Management; **Dr. Daniel B. Fagre**, U.S. Geological Survey, Glacier NP, Director's Award for Natural Resource Research; **Tommie Lee**, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, Director's Award for Superin-

tendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship; **Paul Hedren**, Missouri NRR and Niobrara NSR, Director's Award for Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship; and **Abigail B. Miller**, Deputy Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, Director's Award for Professional Excellence in Natural Resources. The awards were presented at the George Wright Society Conference in Philadelphia.

- Guilford Courthouse NMP announced that **Frank R. Mascia** has been awarded the NPS Volunteer of the Year Award for the Southeast Region. Frank was presented this award on April 29 by NPS Director Fran Mainella. Frank is senior vice president of United Health Care and also chairman of the board for the Guilford Battleground Company, the park friends group serving both Guilford Courthouse

NMP and Tannenbaum Historic Park. The nomination for this award, entered by Guilford Courthouse NMP Supt. Charles Cranfield, recognized Frank's devotion of time and talents as a Volunteer In Parks since 1993 and as a member of the park friends group in leading its fundraising effort to renovate the park museum with new exhibits and audiovisual productions.

- In April, the lighting that illuminates the Avenue of Flags at Mount Rushmore N MEM won the achievement award for lighting design by the Twin Cities Section of the Illumination Engineering Society of North America. The project included lighting of the 14 columns, which make up the avenue. The project's success is credited to the cooperation between the **Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, the NPS, Electrical Design Consultants and Wyss Associates of Rapid City.**

- The 2005 John Cotter Award for Excellence in National Park Service Archeology was presented April 26 to **Joy Beasley**, project leader for the Archeological Identification and Evaluation Study of Best Farm, Monocacy NB. The four-year project was conducted under a cooperative agreement between the park and the Center for Heritage Studies at the University of Maryland. The award recognizes an outstanding park project and its principal investigator and acknowledges contributions to professional archeology within the National Park System.

- The national winners of the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service and recipients of the Volunteer Accessibility Achievement Award were honored by NPS Director Fran Mainella on April 28. **Volunteers from BWXT Y-12** were presented the Volunteer Accessibility Achievement Award for donating their time and talents to build two accessible campsites at Great Smoky Mountains NP. The outstanding individual volunteer recipient of the Hartzog Award for her exceptional work at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP was **Georgeann Smale**. The Hartzog Award for outstanding volunteer service by a group was awarded to the **Fort McHenry Guard Living History Unit. Homestead NM of America** was chosen to receive the Hartzog Award for outstanding park VIP program.

- **H. Thomas McGrath, Jr., FAIA**, superintendent of the Historic Preservation Training Center, was inducted into the AIA College of Fellows, Class of 2005, in Las Vegas, Nev. on May 20. The citation for fellowship for Tom read: "A nationally recognized innovator and authority on historic preservation, he has raised the assessment, technical training and treatment of historic structures to higher levels and inspired expansion of preservation standards."

- Two NPS employees graduated from the Albuquerque-Santa Fe Federal Executive Board (FEB) leadership development program on Jan. 20. **Leigh Lisak** and **Brian Quigley** collaborated with other program members on a final presentation and received their certificates for successfully completing the program. Leigh, chief of administration at Lassen Volcanic NP, is a 16-year veteran of the NPS. She was the revenue and fee manager for Carlsbad Caverns NP at the time

of her graduation. Brian has been with the NPS for 21 years and is the chief ranger at Capulin Volcano NM. Through leadership projects, mentoring assignments and leadership research, the FEB's leadership development program provides insight on interagency leadership to aspiring leaders.

- NPS Deputy Director Don Murphy and Alaska Regional Director Marcia Blaszak joined **Helen Muller** on April 27, to recognize the 13-year-old Alaskan for her accomplishments in the Junior Ranger program. Helen has earned 129 Junior Ranger badges—most earned last year when she took a trip around the country with her parents. Helen's father is a professor and was on sabbatical in 2004. The family visited about 150 national park units, all 50 states and every state capital. Helen was presented with a congratulatory letter and signed photograph from First Lady Laura Bush, and commemorative pins from several Alaska NPS units.

- In May, **Cuyahoga Valley NP's Experience the Underground Railroad Program** was accepted into the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. This experiential program places visitors in the role of runaway slaves. Throughout the 1.5-mile hike, visitors explore various viewpoints regarding the institution of slavery and the Underground Railroad in Northeastern Ohio. The route used includes the towpath trail, believed to be an Underground Railroad Route. ■

Grand Canyon NP Employees Recognized for Safety Achievements



GRAND CANYON NP SUPT. JOE ALSTON RECOGNIZES employees for achievements in safety. Pictured from left to right: Don Singer, safety officer; Pablo Garza, maintenance mechanic supervisor; Joe Alston, park superintendent; Bonnie Taylor, preventative search and rescue ranger; and Ken Phillips, chief, branch of emergency services. Bonnie and Ken are both from the park's Visitor and Resource Protection Division.

In April, Employees from Grand Canyon NP were recognized for their 2004 safety achievements making the workplace safer and providing the public with a safe place to visit. The awards were presented by Supt. Joseph Alston and are part of the Intermountain Region Safety Awards Program, which was established to recognize and celebrate the achievements for employee and public safety efforts, and highlights these successes at three different levels of park operations: individual, team and park.

In the category of Regional Director's Safety Excellence Award for Employee Safety and Health Achievement—**Grand Canyon NP** won the Park Award for the outstanding achievements of all park staff in their cumulative efforts to substantially improve the park's safety performance in 2004. They were recognized for their diligent efforts in developing an effective safety program that involves park management, first-line supervisors and field employees, which resulted in a 66 percent reduction in lost-time injuries

over the past three years. The Individual Safety Champion Award in this category was presented to **Pablo Garza**, maintenance mechanic supervisor, which recognized his outstanding long-term achievements in providing leadership in safety excellence to his fellow employees at Grand Canyon NP.

In the Regional Director's Safety Excellence Award for Public Safety Achievement category, the Park Award went to the **Visitor and Resource Protection Division** for their outstanding efforts in the development of the highly successful "Hike Smart" program. Since its inception in 1997, "Hike Smart" has substantially reduced the number of serious heat-related medical incidents of park visitors hiking in the Grand Canyon by over 55 percent.

Recipients were presented with special plaques by Supt. Alston recognizing their achievements. During the awards presentation, he also recognized **Don Singer**, the park's safety officer, for his leadership and dedication to continuously improve the employee and visitor safety programs at Grand Canyon NP. ■

Oklahoma City Federal Building

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anniversary of the bombing, working in the new federal building takes on a new and more significant meaning. As stated by Oklahoma State Coordinator Connie Rudd, "It has always been an honor to tell this difficult story at the memorial, and now that tableau greets us every morning and reminds us of our sacred trust.... Other agencies in the new building have welcomed us as part of the federal family.... We all share the memory of April 19, 1995 in Oklahoma City."

If you would like to contact the new NPS office, call (405) 609-8855.

—Lisa Conard Frost, Park Ranger, Oklahoma City N MEM

National Recreation Trails Designated

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North Carolina; The Cross Ranch Trails and The Munch's Coulee Hiking Trail, North Dakota; The Row River Trail and The Woodpecker Loop Trail, Oregon; Oil Creek State Park Multi-Use Trail, Pennsylvania; The Blackstone River Bikeway, Rhode Island; The Mullet Hall Equestrian Trail System and The North Augusta Greenway, South Carolina; The Prairie Winds Trail, South Dakota; The Doeskin Ranch Trail System, Texas; The DeHart Mountain Trail, Virginia; The Icicle Creek Nature Trail and The Oaks to Wetlands Trail, Washington; and The Seven Bridges Trail, Wisconsin. ■

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Henry Benedetti, concessions chief, Southeast Regional Office, May 31 after 14 years of service.

Henry served in the U.S. Army following college, then became a real estate appraiser for the Federal Housing Administration. Leaving government for the private sector, he spent nearly 30 years as head of a Houston-based real estate and development company until the early 90's. He then joined the NPS as head of the land acquisition section in Naples, Fla., and later became chief of concessions for four south Florida parks—Everglades NP, Dry Tortugas NP, Biscayne NP and Big Cypress NP. He became chief of concessions in the Atlanta regional office in 1999.

E&AA Life Member **John David Breen**, superintendent, Fort Pulaski NM, March 19 after 33 years of service.

Robert M. "Bob" Breen, natural resource specialist, Acadia NP, July 1 after 33 years of service.

Following service in the army in Vietnam, Bob began his seasonal career at Mount Rushmore N MEM in 1972, and since then has worked at Bighorn Canyon NRA, Canyonlands NP, Arches NP, Chiricahua NM, Everglades NP and Mount Rainier NP. Bob has been at Acadia for the last 17 years, where he has guided the nationally prominent air and water program. His wife, Deb Wade, is the chief of interpretation at Acadia.

Maureen P. Briggs, chief of administration, San Juan Island NHP, Jan. 20 after 26 years of service.

Maureen worked summers in Yellowstone NP for the park concessionaire while attending college. It was then that she started volunteering for the NPS. She worked as a seasonal ranger-naturalist at Devils Tower NM, Indiana Dunes NL and again in Yellowstone for several years.

In 1983, Maureen accepted her first permanent position at Crater Lake NP in interpretation. She later transitioned into administrative work with appointments at Olympic NP, Grand Portage NM and finally as the chief of administration at San Juan Island NHP. Maureen will remain on San Juan Island for the immediate future, but hopes to relocate permanently back to the Rocky Mountain area.



DANIEL BROWN

E&AA Life Member **Daniel W. "Dan" Brown**, superintendent, Blue Ridge PKWY, Aug. 1 after 36 years of service.

Dan began his career in his hometown of Gettysburg, Penna. as a seasonal park ranger in 1969 at Gettysburg

NMP. His first permanent NPS position was also at Gettysburg NMP in 1971 as a park ranger, becoming district ranger there in 1973. In 1975, he began his first stint at Blue Ridge PKWY where he was a sub-district ranger until 1978, Virginia district ranger until 1980 and then management assistant until 1983. Following this, he became superintendent at Fort Pulaski NM from 1983 to 1988; at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP from 1988 to 1991 and then at Natchez Trace PKWY from 1991 to 1996. He then became deputy regional director for the Southeast Region in 1996 to 2000. In July 2000, he returned to the Blue Ridge PKWY as superintendent.

In addition, Dan has worked with park partner Eastern National over the years and says "I am extremely proud of my 36-year association with a great partner, Eastern National, which included for the last nine years, serving as chair of the NPS Advisory Group to the Eastern National Board of Directors." He and his wife, Linda, will continue to reside at Reems Creek near Asheville, N.C.

Lawrence M. Burgess, supervisory park ranger, National Capital Parks - East, April 15 after more than 27 years of service.

James Caniford, exhibits specialist, Harpers Ferry Center, Jan. 2, 2004 after more than 37 years of service.

Mary Cox Davis, supervisory park ranger, Washita Battlefield NHS, June 1 after 30 years of service.

Mona Divine, deputy chief ranger, Yellowstone NP, June 3 after more than 25 years of service.

Mona spent most of her career at Yellowstone NP as a protection ranger, finishing as deputy chief ranger. She served as incident commander for the Central Incident Management Team for many years, working on a variety of assignments at special events and emergencies across the country. She also worked at Buffalo NR.

Mona and her husband, Richard, (see next listing) plan on spending the first few months of retirement in central Oregon, enjoying outdoor activities. The Divines can be reached via email at griztalk@yahoo.com.

Richard Divine, special agent, Yellowstone NP, June 20 after more than 25 years of service.

Richard started out his career as a wildland firefighter and spent most of his career at Yellowstone NP as a protection ranger. He also worked at Buffalo NR.

Napoleon Duran, maintenance worker, Fort Union NM, March 31 after 28 years of service.

Thomas Michael Flanagan, administrative technician, Lava Beds NM, March 19 after 10 years of service.

Joseph A. Fowler, superintendent, Katmai NP & PRES, April 1 after 22 years of service.

Rachel K. Frantum, park manager, White House Liaison, April 30 after more than 37 years of service.

Robert K. Gamble, visitor use assistant, Chattahoochee River NRA, March 19 after six years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Robert A. Gerhard**, park ranger, Alaska Regional Office, May 3 after 33 years of service.

Robert Grogg, communications coordinator, Harpers Ferry Center, April 2 after more than 36 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Thomas Habecker**, North District ranger, Denali NP & PRES, June 18 after 36 years of service.

Tom's assignments have included Gettysburg NMP, National Capital Parks, Yosemite NP, Glacier NP and Denali. Tom and his wife, Donna, will be moving to Bozeman, Mont., where he will busy himself building their dream log home on a 20-acre "piece of paradise."

Jim Halloran, geologist, Alaska Regional Office, April 29 after 13 years of service.

Lillie M. Harper, human resources specialist, Southeast Regional Office, April 3 after 30 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Bryan Harry**, superintendent, Pacific Area Office, March 31 after 54 years of service.

Diann L. Holder, park ranger, Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, April 30 after 21 years of service.

Michael S. Hosmer, Sr., engineering equipment operator, Manassas NBP, April 2 after more than 12 years of service.

Wayne R. Jordan, mason, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, April 30 after more than 13 years of service.



STEVEN KESSELMAN

E&AA Life Member **Dr. Steven Kesselman**, superintendent, Salem Maritime NHS and Saugus Iron Works NHS, April 30 after more than 27 years of service.

Steven began his NPS career in 1977 as the historian for Fire Island NS and the manager of its William Floyd Estate unit. In 1985, he became superintendent of William Howard Taft NHS and in 1989, he became superintendent of Herbert Hoover NHS. In 1993, he became superintendent of Salem Maritime NHS.

Steven also served as the NPS liaison for the proposed Essex National Heritage Area, which was designated by Congress in 1996. He is particularly proud of his role in assisting the creation of this heritage area, a collaboration of federal, state, municipal and local sites in the historic area north of Boston. Steven became superintendent of Saugus Iron Works NHS in May 1997, along with Salem Maritime NHS.

He and his wife, Mary, expect to settle in her home state of North Carolina.

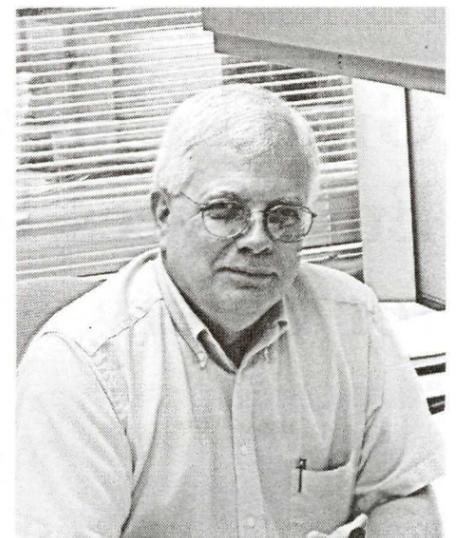
Elizabeth A. Knegeris, administrative officer, Canaveral NS, March 19 after 20 years of service.

E&AA Life Member **Valerie L. Knight**, financial manager, Southeast Regional Office, May 3 after 41 years of service.

John M. Kraushaar, wildland fire management specialist, Pacific Regional Office - Oakland, May 31 after 35 years of service.

Martha K. Leicester, deputy regional director, Pacific Regional Office - Oakland, April 2 after 32 years of service.

Homer L. Leslie, maintenance worker supervisor, Ocmulgee NM, April 29 after 35 years of service.



DAVE LINDERMAN

E&AA Life Member **Dave Linderman**, senior management and program analyst, Office of the Director - Comptroller, NPS Accounting Operations Center, July 2 after 35 years of federal service, 30 of them with the NPS.

Dave began his association with the NPS as a seasonal weekend volunteer at Gulf Islands NS. His first permanent position with the NPS began in 1975 at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL. Over the years, Dave has worked at the Washington Office; Midwest and National Capital Regional Offices; had assignments in Gulf Islands NS, Sleeping Bear Dunes NL, Biscayne NP, Cuyahoga Valley NP, Voyageurs NP, St. Croix NSR and Yosemite NP; and participated in Servicewide operations initiatives. In addition to Dave's most recent position as senior management and program analyst, over his career, he has served as a regional budget officer; regional contracting officer; program officer; management analyst; administrative officer; administrative assistant; management assistant; and law enforcement technician.

Dave plans to become a volunteer (VIP) living history interpreter at Sleeping Bear Dunes NL for the park's seasonal Life Saving Service and U.S. Coast Guard interpretive demonstration programs. Dave and his wife of 35 years, Linda, who retired from the Natural Resources Management Office, WASO, in 1994, will become "snowbirds," living in Michigan during the tolerable months, and Florida for the remainder of the year.

E&AA Life Member **Richard A. "Dick" Lusardi**, superintendent, Lincoln Home NHS, June 3 after 41 years of service.

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Under his direction as superintendent, Dick began the development of a new comprehensive general management plan and EIS for the site to replace the previous 35-year-old master plan. Previously to becoming superintendent at Lincoln Home in 2003, he was superintendent at Wilson's Creek NB and provided guidance, direction and leadership to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. Before this, he served as superintendent at Fort Scott NHS for three years following an eight-year stint as superintendent of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial.

In addition to his most recent position at Lincoln Home, Dick was chief of maintenance at the park from 1981 to 1988. Additional experience in maintenance and visitor protection activities throughout his career included assignments at Martin Van Buren NHS, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS, Statue of Liberty NM, Fire Island NS and Delaware Water Gap NRA. Dick and his wife, Diane, who have four grown children and six grandchildren, will remain in the Springfield area.

Leo Marnell, chief of science and resource management, Glacier NP & PRES, March 1 after 33 years.



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RICHARD MARTIN

E&AA Life Member **Richard H. "Dick" Martin**, superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, June 3 after 43 years with the NPS.

During his 23 years as a protection ranger, Dick investigated crimes against persons and property. However, his first love was for wilderness values and protection of natural resources within every national park. Aside from a few years spent in WASO helping to develop and establish the Ranger Careers program, Dick has enjoyed a career patrolling, protecting and managing some of the most spectacular resources owned by the American people.

Among Dick's many duty stations were Olympic NP, Yosemite NP, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, Death Valley NP and two tours at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks—first as a backcountry patrol/supervisory ranger and, decades later, as superintendent. In retirement, he says he intends to ski and hike a lot more than he has in the past few years.

Diane Mitchell, team leader, NPS Accounting Operations Center, June 3 after 32 years of federal service.

Diane started with the NPS in 1988, initially as a voucher examiner, then became chief of the Imprest and Utilities Section, and moved on to become the fis-

cal services team leader. Prior to her NPS service Diane worked for the Minerals Management Service and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Kenneth Mitchell, accounting technician, NPS Accounting Operations Center (AOC), May 31 after 16 years of federal service.

Ken also served as the Safety and Security Officer for the AOC, and was a certified CPR and AED instructor. Prior to his NPS service, Ken worked in banking. Ken and his wife, Diane, are retiring to South Carolina.

Milton F. Newman, maintenance worker supervisor, White House Liaison, April 30, after more than 32 years of service.

David R. Parker, supervisory park ranger, Castillo de San Marcos NM, June 1 after 27 years of service.

Joan Pearl, lead accounting technician, NPS Accounting Operations Center, May 31 after 12 years of service.

Dan Podufal, AV electronics technician, Harpers Ferry Center, April 29 after 19 years of service.

Dan has done work at over 300 park sites and has been involved in the design and installation of AV equipment from the old 8-track LaBelles to the latest solid state projection systems. He's also spent many hours helping parks troubleshoot their existing equipment and finding ways to put things back into operation.

Dan's most challenging project, and perhaps one he enjoyed the most, was for Steamtown NHS. But for Dan, his greatest satisfaction has come from "working with all the people at HFC—everyone here, including our support staff, has been the main reason for my professional accomplishments and success. Thank you!"

James Powell, tractor operator, War in the Pacific NHP, April 30 after seven years of service.

Corey Preston, maintenance mechanic supervisor, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, June 1 after 31 years of service.

Corey has worked at Lassen Volcanic NP, Saguaro NM, Canyonlands NP, Crater Lake NP, Mount Rainier NP and Lava Beds NM. He has been at Glacier Bay since June 2001.

Fredric D. Riss, Jr., museum specialist, Harpers Ferry Center, April 2 after more than 34 years of service.

Dixie Shackelford, budget analyst, Harpers Ferry Center, June 3, 2004 after more than 40 years of service.

Devi Sharp, chief of cultural and natural resources, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, June 10 after 18 years of federal service in four national parks and one national forest including Wrangell-St. Elias, Everglades NP, Olympic NP, Big Bend NP and Stanislaus National Forest.

Devi and her husband, Hunter, (see next listing) will remain in Alaska for the summer exploring a few more rivers. They will then start the next chapter of their lives aboard a sailboat. For now, they can be reached at devihunt@hotmail.com.

Hunter Sharp, assistant superintendent and chief ranger, Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES, June 3 after 29 years of service.

During his career, Hunter has received the Harry Yount Award and worked in eight national parks including Wrangell-St. Elias, Yosemite NP, Everglades NP, Olympic NP, Big Bend NP, Big South Fork NRR, Gulf Islands NS and Cape Hatteras NS.

Thetus H. Smith, writer-editor, Alaska Regional Office, March 19 after 14 years of service.

Catherine Holder Spude, supervisory archeologist, Intermountain Regional Office - Santa Fe, May 27 after 29 years.

Cathy is a third generation DOI employee, and she married into the Service as well. Her husband is Bob Spude, program manager of the history program for the IMR. Her father, Dick Holder, worked for the NPS for 25 years, retiring in 1980. Her grandfather, Laurence Holder, was an engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Most of Cathy's career was spent as an archeologist at the Denver Service Center, where she worked in most NPS areas west of the Rocky Mountains, either as a consultant to planning, design and construction projects or as a field archeologist. Cathy started out doing historical archeological field work in Harpers Ferry NHP during preparations for the bicentennial celebrations. She did most of her field work in Sitka NHS and Klondike Gold Rush NHP.

Cathy plans to continue a writing

career that she has been pursuing for the last several years on her off-duty hours. She also intends to stay involved with NPS issues by joining her father as an active member of the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees.

Bernard L. Stoffel, biological science technician, Lava Beds NM, May 31 after 36 years of service.

Lavada Ann Vaughan, administrative officer, Carl Sandburg Home NHS, May 31 after 37 years of service.

Forrest Weldon, general equipment mechanic supervisor, Glacier Bay NP & PRES, April 1 after 31 years of service.

Forrest is the son of retired career NPS employee Robert Weldon and active Rocky Mountain NP volunteer Bernice Weldon. He began his government career as a forestry aid in Colorado in 1966. He has worked at various NPS sites including Custer Battlefield NM, Rocky Mountain NP, Mount Rainier NP, Everglades NP, Badlands NP, Canyonlands NP, Florissant Fossil Beds NM, Great Sand Dunes NP & PRES and Glen Canyon NRA. He has worked at Glacier Bay since 1998.

Ralph K. White, maintenance worker supervisor, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, April 30 after 27 years of service.

Paul Winegar, assistant regional director for communications, Southeast Region Public Affairs Office, June 3 after 39 years of service.

A former newspaper reporter in his home state of Utah, Paul served for 10 years in Washington, D.C., as a staffer in the U.S. Congress and at the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation. He moved from Washington to Atlanta in 1977 to take a job with the NPS' Southeast Region Public Affairs Office.

Paul and his wife, Ethel, will remain in the Atlanta area close to family, which includes son Anthony, a Park Service law enforcement ranger at Kennesaw Mountain NBP; daughter Christina (Mrs. Deke) Wiggins, a nurse in Augusta, Georgia; and granddaughter Caroline Wiggins. Paul can be reached at winegar3517@comcast.net.

Jeannette C. Young, maintenance worker, National Mall and Memorial Parks, April 15 after 10 years of service. ■

Saguaro NP Plans Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Manning Cabin

Manning Cabin, a log structure in Saguaro NP, is 100 years old this year. The park will be holding a special event to commemorate this anniversary on Oct. 23, noon to 4 p.m., at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch in Tucson, Ariz. One of the goals is to collect information and photographs from throughout the 100-year history of the cabin. If you have worked there or spent significant time in the backcountry of Saguaro, the park would like to hear from you.

Most people think that Saguaro is made up of cactus and desert. But the east district of the park also includes mountains, up to 8,666 feet, and

conifer forests. It was here that 41-year-old Levi H. Manning, then mayor of Tucson, built his cabin in 1905 as a summer retreat for his family. The family's homestead rights were revoked when the area was included in the Catalina Forest Reserve in 1907.

In 1933, Manning Cabin became part of Saguaro NM and was transferred to the NPS. Much of the cabin's original structure is still intact, and the scene has changed little in the past 100 years. The only access to the cabin is on foot or on horseback over at least nine miles of rugged trails, with an elevation gain of almost 5,000 feet. There is still a source of good water

near the cabin, and the park maintains a backcountry campground nearby.

This fall's celebration will focus on the entire history of the cabin, including fire fighting, wilderness management and the people who have known the cabin best, its residents. The event will include a reception, exhibits, oral histories, presentations and Western lore. If you would like to join the park for this celebration, please contact Meg Weesner, chief, Science and Resources Management, at (520) 733-5170 or meg_weesner@nps.gov for more information about the event. Everyone is invited. In addition, contact Meg Weesner if you have a photograph or story to contribute to the park's collection. ■

Requiescat in Pace

William C. Bolton, 82, March 19, of an inoperable brain tumor, at his home in Tyrone, N.Mex.

Bill began his career with the NPS at Grand Teton NP. At this time, he also began a lifelong passion of landscape painting. He served at Kennesaw Mountain NBP and then at Scotty's Castle in Death Valley NP, where he was the first Park Service employee at this newly acquired property. He co-authored a booklet on Scotty's Castle with Dorothy Shally. Following this, he worked at Point Reyes NS, Tumacacori NHP, Tuzigoot NM and finally Coronado N MEM, retiring from there in 1983.

Bill was skilled at construction and woodworking, and the museum exhibit cases at the last three areas are a lasting reminder of these talents. He was prominent in Tyrone civic affairs, and the community center has been renamed Bolton Hall in his honor.

Eileen A. Fenton, 42, April 3, following a prolonged illness.

Eileen's career with the NPS began in 1993 at Fire Island NS. She moved to Blue Ridge PKWY in 1999, and had worked at the Sandy Flats Station in the Highlands District since then. She graduated from the seasonal law enforcement training program at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in 1996 and LMTP-005 in July 2000. She also held an AAS degree from the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

Eileen is survived by her husband and three children.

E&AA Life Member **George Albert Fisher, Jr.**, 78, March 18, of cancer, at home in Littleton, Colo.

George worked for 27 years as the programs and budget officer for the Rocky Mountain Regional Office before retiring in 1986. He enlisted in the army in 1944 and served during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for eight years for the National Security Agency. George began his NPS career as an administrative assistant in 1964 at Coronado N MEM. Other assignments throughout his career took him to White Sands NM, Badlands NM, the Midwest Regional Office and finally the Rocky Mountain Regional Office until his retirement.

George spent 35 years working for the federal government and a lifetime working on his hobbies: geography, cartography and coin and stamp collecting. His other interests included hunting, fishing and overseas travel. George was most known for his endless historical knowledge of ancient China and Palestine. His knowledge lives on through his many published numismatic and philatelic articles and book, *Fisher's Ding*.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, three children and two grandchildren. Messages of condolence may be sent to Joyce and the family at 10749 West Saratoga Place, Littleton, CO 80127.

E&AA Member **Michael Harrison**, 107, April 5, of congestive heart failure and pneumonia, at his residence.

After service in the U.S. Army from 1918 to 1922, Michael began his NPS career at Grand Canyon NP. He worked there from 1922 to 1931, first as a stenographer and then as chief clerk. Following this, he transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a field aide from 1932 to 1947 and then became a really officer for the U.S. Bureau of

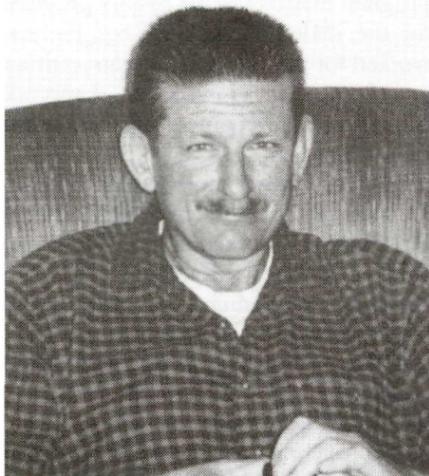


Carolyn Richard

MICHAEL HARRISON

Reclamation, Sacramento, Calif., until his retirement in 1960.

Throughout his years of federal service, he began collecting American Indian arts and crafts in addition to creating a library on the history and development of the West. Along with his wife, Margaret, who preceded him in death in 1980, they formed the Michael and Margaret Harrison Collection, a library of over 20,000 volumes on Western American history. The collection also includes original works of art and a card catalogue of over 700,000 cards, each individually typed by Michael. The collection and home of Michael and Margaret, officially known as the Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Research Center, was bequeathed to the University of California, Davis.



Marcia Hughes

CHUCK HUGHES

Byron "Chuck" Hughes, 50, March 30.

Chuck was a trails coordinator on the road and trails staff at Santa Monica Mountains NRA, serving there for his entire career of over 20 years. Since the park is just 26 years old, Chuck was involved with planning and implementing the park's trails management program almost from its beginning. He took great pride in working on the park's almost completed Backbone Trail, which runs more than 70 miles along the spine of the Santa Monicas. He was a positive mentoring influence on the staff, who often took new roads and trails employees and seasonal staff under his wing, sharing his experience and knowledge.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Marcia, and his daughter, Elisa.

Thomas B. Hyde, 78, Jan. 1, unexpectedly of a heart attack, in Albuquerque, N.Mex.

Tom served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and graduated from South Dakota

School of Mines. Later he taught at the School of Mines in Rapid City, S.Dak. and worked as a seasonal ranger at Mount Rushmore N MEM, eventually accepting a full-time position with the NPS. He served in Yellowstone NP, Grand Teton NP and was superintendent at Bandelier NM and Acadia NP. After leaving the NPS, he worked at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, son, Thomas Scott, and two grandchildren.

Doug Keller, 41, April 24, suddenly in his sleep.

Doug was the park historian at Pea Ridge NMP. He began his career with the NPS at what is now Little Bighorn Battlefield NM. After five summers on the high plains of Montana, Doug got his perma-



Ethel McCabe

DOUG KELLER

ment status as a museum technician at Bent's Old Fort NHS in 1988 and eventually worked his way East in 1991 to Arkansas and Pea Ridge NMP.

Doug became the master of the Pea Ridge story and was a much sought after commodity. People from across the U.S. and from around the world came to him whenever a question about this important battle arose. He was instrumental in all minor and major projects the park did in his tenure and was the leading force behind the return of General Samuel Curtis's coats to the battlefield.

Doug was well respected in the Civil War and historian communities. He will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor, his passion for knowledge, his love of Las Vegas, his generosity and his friendship.

Margaret Ladely, 86, March 17, in Colorado.

Margaret served as the secretary in the Program Control Division of the Denver Service Center in the late 70's and early 80's. She retired from the government in 1981.

Margaret is survived by her daughters Nancy, Marilou and Jeanette. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family in care of Jeanette Kern at 11630 River Run Circle, Henderson, CO 80640.

E&AA Life Member **Elmer C. "Marty" Martinson**, 90, June 7, from pancreatic cancer.

Marty was a landscape architect/planner who retired from the Denver Service Center in 1979. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during WWII in the 484th Bomb Group where he received several commendations. He attained the rank of captain.

Marty is survived by his wife, Ruth, three sons and eight grandchildren. Mes-

sages of condolence may be sent to the family at the following address: Robert Martinson, 2615 N. Causeway Boulevard - Apt. J203, Mandeville, LA 70471.

E&AA Life Member **Thomas F. Norris, Jr.**, 86, March 7, of colon cancer and kidney failure.

He retired in 1978 as superintendent at Assateague Island NS and resided in Pound, Va., for nine years. Survivors include his wife, Nan. Together they recently celebrated their wedding anniversary of 62 years on Jan. 9.

Helen Rundell, 100 years and nine months, Jan. 16, in her home at Dominican Oaks, Santa Cruz, Calif., after a short stay in the hospital.

She was the wife of E&AA Life Member Raymond K. Rundell, who retired in 1968 as assistant regional director of administration, Midwest Regional Office. Raymond preceded her in death in January 2003. Raymond and Helen shared 69 years of marriage.

Helen is survived by daughters Marlene Meeker and Gayle Sleznick (whose husband, Jim, is an E&AA life member and retired as superintendent of Pinnacles NM in 1995), four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Philip J. Walsh, 56, May 5, due to undetermined causes.

Phil was a supervisory park ranger at President's Park (White House) from 1983 to 2004 where he supervised the White House tour operation and assisted with the coordination of special events the park hosts each year. He will be remembered by colleagues and visitors alike for his exceptional interpersonal skills, accented by his dignity, sense of humor and unflagging dedication to the mission of the NPS.

Phil inspired all with his dedication to his profession and his joy of living. He retired in December 2004 to enjoy free time with his wife, Wende, and four dogs. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, 111 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10006. ■

Brown v. Board of Education NHS

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dialogue among the case participants and was facilitated by National Public Radio Senior Correspondent Juan Williams at the Dole Center of Politics in Lawrence, Kansas. The commemoration concluded at a recognition and remembrance banquet on the night of May 17, which featured keynote speaker, former Ambassador Andrew Young, where the case participants were honored for their courage and determination. The case participants had an opportunity to visit Brown v. Board of Education NHS, where they were able to see their stories firsthand throughout the park's exhibits.

In its first year, the park received several national recognitions. In 2004, the park's grand opening was selected as story of the year by the *Topeka Capital Journal*. In addition, *Race and the American Creed*, a film shown in the exhibits, received the only gold medal in the history category at the New York International Film Festival on Jan. 28, 2005. ■

War in the Pacific NHP Working Hard to Open Doors to Public

By Tammy Duchesne, Museum Curator, War in the Pacific NHP

The visitor center for War in the Pacific NHP took a direct hit when Supertyphoon Pongsona swamped the facility on Dec. 8, 2002. For 12 hours, wind gusts of up to 184 mph battered the island and many facilities were damaged beyond repair, including the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center and museum.

After the storm, park staff worked tirelessly for weeks to rescue artifacts and exhibits from the encroaching mold, while the island remained without power. Given the sauna-like conditions, the short window of time to act, the limited staff and the inability to use resources, many of the interpretive panels, exhibit cases and wall displays were either severely damaged or destroyed. In a few weeks, more than 10,000 museum collection pieces were rescued and moved into a climate-controlled building. All items except the museum artifacts have remained in storage since 2002.

Since the typhoon, park staff has been working out of tool rooms, broom closets, attics and trailers at the NPS maintenance garage. NPS and Arizona Memorial Museum Association staff

have conducted outreach programs in schools on Guam; refurbished some of the park's cultural resources; helped commemorate the Battle of Saipan and the Liberation of Guam with a series of events and ceremonies; assisted in development of the new visitor center and museum at American Memorial Park; and committed themselves to sharing the park's story and resources through its new website, which was designed and launched in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam (www.nps.gov/wapa/indepth).

Nothing truly replaces the face-to-face interaction between visitors and staff at the museum or in the field. Thanks to a good working relationship between the U.S. Navy and the NPS, War in the Pacific will finally have a visitor center. The new T. Stell Newman Visitor Center will be housed in what was formally the Army Reserve building located almost directly outside the gates of the U.S. Navy base. While the building belongs to the navy, War in the Pacific has finalized architectural and design plans for the facility. Construction will now begin to refurbish and alter the existing building to meet War in the Pacific NHP's needs.

The building will also house the museum, a bookstore and a new curatorial facility. The curatorial facility will house both War in the Pacific NHP's and American Memorial Park's (an affiliated NPS unit) museum collections.

Because so many of the museum exhibits were damaged in the typhoon, interpretive specialist Lynne Nakata, Pacific West Region, and exhibit planner/specialist Dan Quan visited Guam to evaluate the exhibits' condition. They reviewed the interpretive panels, cases and exhibits to determine which portions would be useable in the upcoming museum. A condition assessment report followed with recommendations on what exhibits could be restored and which exhibits were beyond repair. Although it may take another year and a half for the museum to completely open, War in the Pacific NHP is anticipating having the building completed and some visitor services and exhibits available to the public by November 2005.

The park staff is eager to provide visitor services the public has come to expect. Supt. Eric Brunnemann said, "It's been two long years without visitors—we're going through withdrawal!" ■

"Bear Duty" at Katmai

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Sue and Bob had the campground running smooth as silk in no time. They began filling in for the naturalists, bear technicians, maintenance staff and rangers during the busy season. Standing "bear duty" at the river, the Freelands were directing the visitor foot traffic in and around the movements of the bears. Like air traffic controllers, Bob and Sue deftly juggled humans and bears without a collision or near miss. Sue staffed the visitor center and conducted "bear" school for visitors. This happy, easy-going couple worked as a team much of the time. Bob and Sue accompanied a Travel Channel film crew, served as deck hands on boat patrols and fielded questions from visitors who had never seen a wild bear before, as well as world-renowned bear biologists.

The 2004 summer season ended Sept. 17, but Sue and Bob volunteered to stay a few days longer. They assisted in closing up buildings for the winter, putting away canoes and saying good-bye to the departing seasonal staff. The good-byes were the hardest task yet. Like the others who had spent a summer at Katmai, the Freelands would have a lifetime supply of bear stories. Katmai is a little cleaner, its visitors a little happier and knowledgeable and its bears a little more secure thanks to Sue and Bob. ■

Mount Rushmore N MEM "Sundays in the Park" Series Showcases the Cultures of a Country

By Rhonda Buell Schier, Education Specialist, Mount Rushmore N MEM

The NPS at Mount Rushmore N MEM has worked in partnership with a variety of community groups to launch the "Sundays in the Park" series of cultural demonstrations to showcase the stories of the many faces of our nation. "Mount Rushmore is a monument that symbolizes America, and Americans should never lose sight of their cultural beginnings," said Mount Rushmore N MEM Supt. Gerard Baker.

Judy Olson, chief of interpretation, organized the Sunday series. Chief Ranger Mike Pflaum kicked off the series on Feb. 27 with a slide show to demonstrate the beauty of the natural environment of the Black Hills. The presentation provided the backdrop to the story of the native cultures who held deep feelings about their relationship with nature, as well as the story of immigrants who looked to the bounty of the earth in the land they adopted to provide for their families and communities.

The Sons of Norway presented their chapter of the American story on March 6. The exhibition included tatting, Rose-malling (decorative wood painting), woodcarving and embroidery, called "Hardanger." The group performed dances and invited visitors to participate.

The story of the Lakota people was presented next in the series on March 13 by Nita Bald Eagle and the Wanaunsapi

Tiyospaye, which means "the family group who hunts buffalo." Their name comes from their experience conducting a traditional buffalo hunt with song and ceremony using arrowheads made of flint. "We enjoyed the opportunity to do the program at Mount Rushmore," Nita said. "When people hear that your culture is deep and rich, they realize that their life is just like that. People were finding out about the items we had and asking about us as a people."

The Lakota group demonstrated dances that symbolized victory after a hunt and the celebration of life. Nita's husband, Chris RavensHead, provided the songs. "When he sings a song," Nita said, "they know he sings an old song." "Everything we do is old-style Lakota," she explained. "It's broader than a little program," Nita said. "It makes a big difference. It changes people's ideas and their thinking about the Lakota people."

On March 20, the Germans from Russia Heritage Society continued the cultural exchange. Group members shared their history, music and art. Piano, accordion and harmonica music was featured. German songs were interpreted and the audience joined in a sing-along. The musical components of the demonstration had a powerful effect on visitors. The German group shared their custard treat, "kuchen," and encouraged young people to get involved in their native cultures. "We want to preserve our heritage," said Hilda Sieler, member of the



NPS photo by Judy Olson

THE MEMBERS OF WANAUNSAPI TIYOSPAYE, "the family group who hunts buffalo," gather on the Avenue of Flags at Mount Rushmore N MEM after their demonstration of Lakota culture as part of the "Sundays in the Park" series.

Black Hills chapter, "but first and foremost, we are Americans. How happy we are that our ancestors had the foresight to come to America."

As stories of our living cultures continue to unfold in art, music, dance and oral histories, people will gather at

Mount Rushmore to pass on the heritage of their ancestors to new generations so that they may understand and appreciate the faces of their nation. "No matter where we are from," said a park visitor recently, "when we come to this park, it feels like we are one people." ■

New Places & Faces

Todd Alexander, to branch chief, Design and Construction Division, Denver Service Center (DSC). Todd previously worked for the DSC from 1983 to 1999 as a project manager and landscape architect.

Mary S. Coelho, from NPS budget analyst, Budget Formulation, WASO, to program analyst, Office of Law Enforcement and Security, BLM.

Linda Cook, from superintendent, Alaska Affiliated Areas (which includes the Aleutian World War II National Historic Area and the Inupiat Heritage Center), to superintendent, Weir Farm NHS.

Tony DiLeo, to first permanent small craft operator, Saint Croix Island International HS. He has worked seasonally at the site since 1988.

Debbie Ellis, from facility management systems coordinator, Southeast Regional Office, to administrative officer and chief of administration, Cape Lookout NS.

Heidi Ernst, from deputy chief of contracting, to chief of contracting, WASO.



DEDE FEGHALI

Dede Feghali, from liaison to the Washington Office, NPS Denver Administrative Program Center, to deputy associate manager for Human Resources, Harpers Ferry Center.

Dr. Herbert C. "Bert" Frost, to deputy associate director for Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, WASO.

Kelly Fuhrmann, from wildlife biologist, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to fire ecologist, Zion NP.

Billy G. Garrett, from Jamaica Bay unit superintendent to deputy general superintendent, Gateway NRA.

Joe D. Gregson, from natural resource GIS coordinator, NPS Natural Resources Program Center, to chief, Geographic Information Systems Division, National Information Systems Center, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Michael Groomer, from park ranger to chief of interpretation, Chamizal N MEM.

George Helfrich, from superintendent, Fort Laramie NHS and acting superintendent, Big Thicket N PRES, to superintendent, Western Arctic National Parklands.

Jackie Henman, from senior staff ranger, Ranger Activities Division, MWRO, to regional law enforcement specialist, MWRO.

Dan B. Kimball, from acting superintendent to superintendent, Everglades NP.

Mark Lewis, from superintendent,

Horseshoe Bend NMP, to superintendent, Biscayne NP.

Leigh Lisak, from revenue and fee business manager, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to chief of administration, Lassen Volcanic NP.

Mark J. Maciha, from chief ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to executive director, Permian Basin Regional Training Center.

Sean J. McGuinness, from NPS detailee to the DOI Office of Law Enforcement and Security and park ranger, Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Branch, WASO, to deputy superintendent, Fire Island NS.

Shirley McKinney, from Staten Island unit superintendent, Gateway NRA, to executive assistant to the commissioner, National Parks of New York Harbor.

Lila Mohesky-Roybal, from supervisory park ranger (law enforcement), Everglades NP, to chief ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP.

James M. Perry, from historian and chief of resources management, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP, to superintendent, Fort Stanwix NM.



DWIGHT E. PETTIFORD

Dwight E. Pettiford, from acting chief to chief, United States Park Police.

Jack Potter, from assistant chief to chief, Division of Science and Resource Management, Glacier NP.

Tom Richie, to data and information program manager, Chihuahuan Desert (Inventory and Monitoring) Network.

Heidi Rieck, from park ranger (law enforcement), Carlsbad Caverns NP, to law enforcement ranger, Carlsbad Field Office - BLM.

Meg Scheid, from outreach education ranger (seasonal) to first permanent interpretive park ranger, Saint Croix Island International HS.

Cameron H. Sholly, from chief of operations, deputy chief ranger and (since January 2005) acting chief ranger, Yosemite NP, to chief of staff for the Associate Directorate, Visitor and Resource Protection, WASO.

Reginald M. Tiller, to superintendent, Florissant Fossil Beds NM.

Gay Vietzke, from superintendent, Sagamore Hill NHS, to superintendent, Fort McHenry NM and Historic Shrine and Hampton NHS.

Mike Wallace, from NPS fire science and ecology national program leader to national fire management officer, NPS Fire Management Program Center, National Interagency Fire Center.

Barbara West, from superintendent, Voyageurs NP, to superintendent, Chaco Culture NHP.

Russ Whitlock, from deputy director, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, to associate to the director, NPS.

David Wyrick, from supervisory park ranger, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to chief of interpretation, Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS.

Joseph Zagorski, from park guide, Hopewell Furnace NHS, to interpretive park ranger, Obed WSR. ■

NPS Friends

Ground is Broken for New Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg NMP

On June 2, ground was broken for a new Museum and Visitor Center for Gettysburg NMP at what will be the front door of the new facility when it opens in late 2007. The NPS is working in partnership with the Gettysburg National Battlefield Museum Foundation to preserve the resources of the park, tell the story of the Gettysburg Campaign and give visitors a deeper, more lasting appreciation for what happened here. "Today we celebrate a partnership that will help ensure that the treasures of Gettysburg National Military Park are forever preserved," said NPS Director Fran Mainella.

Members of Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation, along with representatives from the NPS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Borough of Gettysburg, Cumberland Township and Adams County joined representatives from the foundation for the formal groundbreaking ceremonies. Many of the more than 250 private foundations, corporations and individuals that have made donations to the project also participated.

The new Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg NMP represents the heart of the foundation's Campaign to Preserve Gettysburg, which will help protect the resources of the park and help visitors better understand the sacred ground of Gettysburg. The foundation's campaign will fund the design and construction of the new Museum and Visitor Center and also the restoration of the Gettysburg Cyclorama painting; preservation of the park's collection of Civil War-era artifacts and archives; and the return of portions of the battlefield, as closely as possible, to their 1863 appearance. As of June 1, 2005, the Gettysburg

National Battlefield Museum Foundation had identified more than \$75 million in commitments in support of the fundraising campaign.

National Park Foundation Announces Campaign

In April, the National Park Foundation (NPF), with the support of First Lady Laura Bush, DOI Secretary Gale Norton, NPS Director Fran Mainella and several members of Congress, announced the "Connecting our Children to America" campaign. This \$10 million fundraising effort will benefit the Junior Ranger program, which connects hundreds of thousands of children with America's National Parks—fortifying future generations with the historic, natural and cultural values of our nation. "As Junior Rangers discover our parks, they learn lessons about history, culture and science," said Mrs. Laura Bush, honorary chair of the "Connecting our Children to America" campaign. "The Junior Ranger campaign is the latest example of a public-private partnership that helps all Americans appreciate our parks and natural resources."

Funds raised through the campaign will: double the number of children participating in the Junior Ranger program, to one million each year; increase the number of parks that offer the program; create an online component, called WebRanger; translate materials into Spanish and other languages; and create a permanent endowment to fund ongoing innovation. "Raising \$10 million is no small feat, but we are excited and energized by the challenge," said Regan Gammon, NPF board member and campaign chair. "Individuals and corporations have already stepped up to the plate to help us raise the first \$1.5 million, and we are hopeful that many others will soon follow suit." ■

NPS Family

Amilee and **Scott Bressler** of Eminence, Mo., announce the arrival of their daughter, Audrey Rae Bressler. Audrey was born on April 21, 2005. She weighed six lbs., 1.8 oz. and was 19.25-inches long. Audrey is welcomed home by her sister, Halee. Scott is employed by Ozark NSR, where he is a supervisory forestry technician in the Fire Management Program.

Dick Lahey, park ranger at George Washington Birthplace NM, and his wife, Wendy Herdman, announce the birth of their son, John Joseph Herdman Lahey. Jack was born on April 19, 2005; weighed seven lbs., 13 oz.; and was 21-inches long.

Neli Navarrete, maintenance worker at

Santa Monica Mountains NRA, and her husband, Everett Perez, announce the birth of their first child, Izaiah Alexander—a healthy four lbs., 11 oz. and 16.5-inches-long baby boy, born on July 10, 2004.

Rangers **John Evans**, Golden Gate NRA, and **David Smith**, Juan Bautista de Anza NHT, announce the arrival of their new baby daughter Jakiah Lynne. She joins her older brother Dante Tilden in an increasingly crowded and chaotic, but loving home near the San Francisco Bay. ■

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

Off the Press

Hey Ranger! True Tales of Humor & Misadventure from America's National Parks

By Jim Burnett

Taylor Trade Publishing, 2005

ISBN 1-58979-191-6

238 pp; \$16.95

Using his firsthand knowledge of national parks, Jim Burnett, retired national park ranger, tells humorous and anecdotal stories of outdoor misadventures. *Hey Ranger!* includes funny, behind-the-scenes glimpses into the real life of a national park ranger.

Unlike other outdoor books about death defying mountaineers or camping trips turned fatal, this book focuses on the lighter side of outdoor adventures with tales of skunks in the outhouse, bears at the dumpster and boat-ramp mishaps that send cars plummeting into the water. *Hey Ranger!* tells stories of everyday Americans experiencing bizarre, unforgettable mishaps in national parks, including Grand Canyon NP, Glacier NP, Lake Mead NRA, Buffalo NR and Big Thicket N PRES.

Hey Ranger! True Tales of Humor & Misadventure from America's National Parks is available wherever books are sold; from Taylor Trade Publishing by calling 1(800) 462-6420 or at www.RLPG-Trade.com; or visit www.hey ranger.com for more information.

Mammals of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico

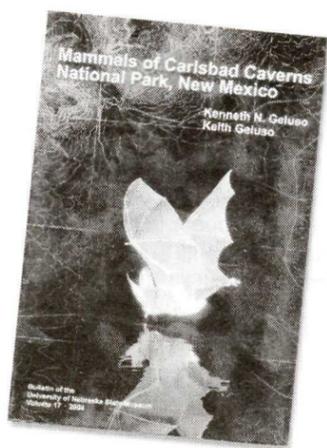
By Kenneth N. Geluso and Keith Geluso

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180 pp; \$14.95

In 1924, as part of the National Geographic expedition to what was then Carlsbad Cave National Monument, Vernon Bailey set out to complete a survey of animals of Carlsbad Cavern and the surrounding area. Bailey's book was published in 1928. Now, fast-forward 67 years to the Geluso father-son team's *Mammals of Carlsbad Caverns Nation-*



al Park, the most comprehensive look ever at mammals in the park.

This publication is the culmination of nearly three decades of work by Dr. Ken Geluso, a biology professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Ken's son Keith, himself a doctoral candidate at the University of New Mexico, became involved in his father's work in 1988. In addition, all notable mammal observations made by park staff over the last 30 years are included in the book. Although not light reading material, it is perfect for anyone who wants to delve deeper into the park's habitat and its mammals—to gain a better understanding of what is here and why.

The Gelusos' peer-reviewed publication, which includes species accounts for all 63 species of mammals—including 15 species of bats—currently found in the park, plus extirpated species, will be used as a starting point by park staff and others for new resource and research projects in the park. It will be used along with the park's recently created vegetation map to understand where the mammals are, as well as their distribution in the park.

Funding to print *Mammals of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico* was made possible through Adopt-A-Bat, the Carlsbad Caverns Guadalupe Mountains Association and the NPS. The book is available at www.ccgma.org/bookstore.htm or by calling (505) 785-2484. ■

NPS Takes Role in Propagating Oldest Cultivated Fruit Tree

In a unique convergence of public and private entities, the NPS has taken a lead role in propagating the oldest cultivated fruit tree in North America. Planted in what is now Danvers, Mass. in about 1632 by John Endecott (the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony) the pear tree, over its 370-plus-year life span, has endured poor care, vandalism and political in-fighting.

Concerned that the tree could meet its demise through an errant bolt of lightning or simply old age, Dave Kayser, a member of the Danvers Preservation Commission and the museum curator at Salem Maritime NHS, contacted Charlie Pepper, deputy director of the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, to see if it was possible to propagate the pear tree to ensure its longevity. Upon hearing of the historical significance of the tree, Charlie immediately offered to assist in the project, as it is located within the Essex National Heritage Area.

Permission was obtained from the Oram-Sylvania Company, which owns the tree, and a private tree service volunteered to take cuttings from its gnarled branches. After twelve slender shoots were removed from the tree, Dave delivered the cuttings to Historic New England's Lyman Estate greenhouse in Waltham, Mass., where, through a coop-

erative agreement with the Olmsted Center, the cuttings will be propagated as genetic clones of the original tree.

After nurturing the propagated plants in a historic plant nursery co-managed by the Olmsted Center and Historic New England, the genetically identical copies will be planted on property belonging to the Danvers Historical Society, the Danvers Alarm List Company and the Town of Danvers, with the hope that they will never be needed to replace the original tree. ■

E&AA welcomes the following new members:

Dean Alexander, Arthur Allen, Barbara Branges, Maureen Briggs, Sue Bruns, Walter Chavez, Mark Corey, Irene Delay, Thomas Fields, Judith Gottlieb, Larry Johnson, Roger Johnson, Jo Landon, John Lujan, Mary Magee, Monika Mayr, Rock McClellan, Theora McVay, R. Alan Mebane, Keith Newlin, Elizabeth O'Dell, Marilyn Parris, Deborah Quadhamer, Marten Schmitz, Vito Spinale, Audrey Wagner, Forrest Weldon and Jerrie Wilson.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Voting Rights Act 40th Anniversary Exhibition—The original exhibition of "Ballots Uncast: The African-American Struggle for the Right to Vote," Aug. 4, 2005 through Feb. 28, 2006, at Martin Luther King, Jr. NHS. From mid-19th century Constitutional Amendments to passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, "Of Ballots Uncast" chronicles the extensive measures African Americans enacted to gain the right to vote

in America. Admission is free. Open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (until 5 p.m. after Aug. 15). For information, call (404) 331-5190 or visit www.nps.gov/malu.

Memories Wanted to Share—Delaware Water Gap NRA is celebrating 40 years as a park unit. They are trying to assemble an oral history of the park from its establishment in 1965. If you were there, and are willing to be interviewed, please contact Susan Kopczynski, park historian, at (570) 588-3840 or susan_kopczynski@nps.gov. ■

Alumni News

E&AA Life Member **Larry Waldron** and his daughter, Carmen Reznik, will be running in the San Francisco Nike Half Marathon on Oct. 26 to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They are doing this in memory of their wife and mother, Hedwig, who died from cancer in 1995 while Larry was chief interpreter at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Anyone wanting to donate to the society in memory of Hedwig can visit Carmen's website at www.active.com/donate/tntxgc/reznikruns; or they can contact Larry at law.waldron@att.net. Funds go to research and patient support. Carmen and Larry greatly appreciate your help.

E&AA Member **Richard Holder** wrote to the *Arrowhead* to report the following: "As firm believers in 'See America First,' Dick and his wife, Shirley, did just that

during their first 30 years together from 1950 to 1980. The 1977 to 1979 NPS assignment to Saudi Arabia broadened the horizon, and in retirement, many of their international travel goals have been met.

"Their 2004 adventure was a five-week journey from Beijing to Delhi (via Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar - Burma) ending at the Taj Mahal. Just back from Antarctica in February 2005, their logs describe 42 countries on seven continents. Note: Dick took early retirement (1980) in order to return to Saudi Arabia as a private consultant.... As one result, Madain Saleh, sister city to Petra in Jordan, is today a national park."

Glacier NP Annual Reunion—August 21, 2005 at park headquarters in West Glacier. All alumni and anyone interested are welcome. Registration begins at 1 p.m. A potluck begins at 2 p.m., followed

by a program, awarding of prizes donated by the Glacier Natural History Association and lots of visiting. For more information, contact Rae Marie Fauley at raarec@centurytel.net.

Las Vegas NPS Retirees Get Together—After they met in Las Vegas one day, E&AA life members Wally Elms and Ed Rothfuss decided to try having a retirees luncheon. The first meeting was attended by Ed Rothfuss, Wally Elms, Dave McLean, Gary Bunny, Jerry Wagers, Bill Herr and Gale Greterman. Spouses included Marge Rothfuss and Mary Elms. A vote was taken at that time to change to a dinner format so more spouses could attend.

Since that January 2001 start, 17 dinner meetings have been held, with two Christmas potlucks held at retiree residences. Post cards are sent out to previous dinner attendees before meetings announcing time and place. All area retirees are invited to attend and can contact Wally Elms at elmstwo@cox.net to find out when the next get together is to be held.

E&AA Life Member **George H. Cardinet, Jr.** sent information to the *Arrowhead* newsletter on his recently being awarded the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) Honorary California State Park Ranger award for 2005. CSPRA's board of directors chose George for this award due to his dedication to the preservation of parks, open space and hiking and riding trails.

According to CSPRA's website describing the award, George is personally responsible for creating thousands of miles of trails nationally, statewide and locally (in California). His preservation efforts started in 1934 when he purchased a 600-acre ranch in Concord, Calif. at the foot of Mount Diablo. All of the single track trails on the east side of the mountain, in what is now Mount Diablo State Park, were built by George and his friends, one of which bears his name. George is often referred to as the "Father of the California Trails system." He was a pioneer in realizing that protecting and preserving open space and trails locally, in urban areas was just as important as it is in wilderness areas. ■

2005-2006 Membership Directory

If your listing in the 2004-2005 Directory is correct, there is no need to resubmit this information and it will remain the same in the new directory. If you have never filled out this Membership Directory form and returned it to E&AA, only your name will appear in the directory.

For new listings and changes to current listing: I give the E&AA permission to publish the information provided below in the Membership Directory. Please print or type. Updates, additions and changes to your membership listing must be submitted by Aug. 25, 2005 to appear in the next directory. **This directory is for E&AA Members only.**

Member: _____
 Spouse: _____
 List spouse in directory? Yes No
 Home address: _____

 Home phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Park or office where I work or retired from: _____
 Title: _____
 Year retired (if applicable): _____
 I am a(n) Annual Member Life Member
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

Send completed form to Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

Contribute to the *Arrowhead*

Submit information, stories and photos to E&AA *Arrowhead*, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Information can also be faxed to (215) 283-6925 or e-mailed to JenniferA@eandaa.org. Photographs are welcomed. On the back of the photograph please identify who is in the photo, who took the photo and a SASE if you would like the photo returned. Please include, if possible, a summary of the event

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

Deadline for the next issue is Friday, Sept. 2. Please contact Jennifer Allen with any questions about submissions at (267) 464-7136.

Membership Application

Please print or type. Submit form to: Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Welcome! (For your address information to appear in the E&AA Membership Directory, please fill out the Membership Directory form to the left.)

Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Home phone: _____
 Years with NPS: _____
 Year retired (if applicable): _____
 I would like to become a(n): (circle one)
 Annual member \$20 Life member \$250

Contribution to the E&AA

The E&AA and The George B. Hartzog, Jr. Educational Loan Program are supported only by dues and your generous contributions. Use this form to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Hartzog Educational Loan Program or the E&AA. Send completed form to Bonnie Stetson, E&AA Membership, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

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A GROUP OF "GREAT AMERICAN" AWARD WINNERS from teacher Harold Coe's (third from right) fifth grade class at Martha P. King Elementary School stopped by Lake Mead NRA to surprise, honor and thank Chris Roach (far right), information technology specialist at Lake Mead NRA, for serving our country. Chris recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq with his reserve unit. To honor Chris, the students gave him a Great American Award, recited a poem and then sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Fifth grade students receive their Great American Award by reciting important historical documents, works or facts in front of their class, including the "Star Spangled Banner;" the Preamble to the Constitution; the presidents in chronological order; the states and capitals in alphabetical order; and the Gettysburg Address. The students also had to write the Pledge of Allegiance with all the proper punctuation and capitalization.