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On the cover: Saguaro cacti dot the landscape near Panther Peak at Tucson Mountain District. This year's Ranger Rendezvous 45 will be held in sunny Tucson. NPS Photo/ L. Nichols

EVERY YEAR SINCE THE EARLY 1970s, A GROUP OF ASSOCIATION OF National Park Ranger members, spouses, supporters and newcomers have gathered for a collective week of camaraderie, education, inspiration – and probably a bit of shenanigans too. This annual event, called the Ranger Rendezvous, was an autumn break from normal routines and a chance to experience something new for those who attend. I've heard stories about it ever since I joined the ANPR family in 2020.

But that year was also when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, changing the Ranger Rendezvous landscape in ways that could not have been imagined. Organizers of the 2020 event impressively pivoted to an online platform to salvage what already was in the works, and that year, I perched on my chair at my office in my house in Alaska's Eagle River Valley and "met" all these people who had worked so hard to keep the Ranger Rendezvous spirit alive. Even the online platform left me excited to meet everyone in "real life next year."

Then 2021 rolled around and a spike in COVID-19 cases once again foiled the in-person efforts. Regional, one-night Rendezvous were held across the country for those who could safely travel, but once again, the weeklong festivities were canceled.

This year, the in-person Ranger Rendezvous is back, and it couldn't come soon enough. This will be my first full Rendezvous, and I'm eager to meet, face to face, the people who make up this association. As editor of *Ranger*, I'm forever looking for good stories and my sources are *you*, the readership. You are the ones who have lived, or are still living, the NPS mission. You are in the field and can best share your experiences, educate your peers and inspire a new wave of NPS stalwarts. You have the expertise to discuss why housing is so important, why the hiring process needs to be streamlined, why general maintenance and infrastructure is so vital to the more than 400 park units across the country.

When I speak with you, I am listening as an editor. The stories you tell may just seem like anecdotes of a moment in time, but as an editor, I'm listening to hear if those stories will resonate with readers.

These moments are what I call the "intangibles" of conferences like the Ranger Rendezvous. These are not junkets – they are opportunities to connect with people one on one, become inspired anew about your careers and glean ideas for your own park unit that you may never have considered before. The people you meet at this Ranger Rendezvous may influence your life or career somewhere down the road that right now you might never imagine. This type of networking is invaluable, and as current news headlines tout the idea of "quiet quitting," or opting to do the assigned job and nothing more, I beg to differ. Attending Rendezvous can inspire you to care even more deeply about your work, and that's a gift.

I am looking forward to meeting every one of you at this year's Ranger Rendezvous in Tucson. **Stop by from 2:20-3:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, for the Breakout Session titled, "Author's Panel and Writing for *Ranger* magazine."** This informal session will be an opportunity to meet the authors in attendance, and pitch story ideas you may have for *Ranger* magazine. You don't have to be a published author to share your ideas, either. Your experiences are your most valuable asset. See you all in October in sunny Tucson!

— Melissa DeVaughn
Ranger magazine editor



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Ranger Rendezvous excitement builds

President's message

— Paul R. Anderson

HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAS HAD A GOOD SUMMER SEASON. Among high visitor numbers, hiring difficulties, lack of qualified candidates for available jobs, and numerous fires, floods and other natural disasters, it has been a hectic summer for many folks. Now that autumn is here, perhaps things will slow down and give us all a chance to take a breath.

Fall is Ranger Rendezvous time, and I am really looking forward to Ranger Rendezvous 45 in Tucson, Ariz., set for Oct. 23-30. This will be the first in-person Rendezvous since the 2019 event in Everett, Wash. It is about time! The venue, in the foothills of the Catalina Mountains, is really nice. The program will be exciting and educational, with lots of opportunities for interacting with your co-workers and other interested folks on topics of mutual interest and concern. If you haven't registered, don't wait any longer. Sign up and get some good training and reconnect with your peers around the National Park Service.

I just completed two weeks as a volunteer at the Museum of the National Park Ranger at the historic Norris Soldier Station in Yellowstone National Park. Since it opened in 1991, partly funded by ANPR members and our partners, the museum has been staffed by retired NPS rangers. It was a wonderful experience for me to reconnect with friends and coworkers from years past, to share my experiences with our visitors who were curious about "what rangers do," and to learn from the many different perspectives that the visitors brought to their Yellowstone experience. Standing on the front porch of Soldier Station, overlooking the Gibbon River and the lush green meadow through which it flows, one cannot help but feel the spirit and peacefulness of the wilderness, and the long and vibrant history of park rangers in places like this across the National Park system. I highly recommend spending some time at the museum if you can. If you are retired, it is an excellent way to continue to help folks make meaningful connections with the parks and the system.

It has been a great few years as your ANPR president. This year is the last year of my term. Even though we have not had an in-person Rendezvous during my years as president, I have met many exceptional NPS employees, and visited some great NPS units. Your board of directors is a good group of folks, who are working hard to carry out their commitments to furthering the professionalism and excellence of the professions found within the NPS, to listen to your concerns and desires, and to do what they can to represent your issues to national NPS leadership. They deserve a big shout of thanks for their service! My term ends on Dec. 31, and Rick Mossman will become president, but my commitment to you, the board and the NPS remains. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve. Let me know if there is ever anything I can do to help you in your endeavors.

Enjoy Ranger Rendezvous 45!



— Paul R. Anderson
ANPR President

9/11 *remembered*



Roses, placed by veterans support organization Team Red, White and Blue, adorn the 9/11 Memorial on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2015.
Courtesy of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Jin S. Lee

Retired regional chief ranger recalls NPS response during the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the United States

By Bob Martin

HAVING JUST ASSUMED THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL CHIEF RANGER job several months earlier in 2001, I was staring out the office window looking at the Philadelphia city skyline. My thoughts were drifting to the north coast of California and my last assignment as the Chief Ranger at Redwood National and State Parks, and I wondered how this new “big city” gig was going to work out.

The beautiful, blue-skies fall morning began like any other day. U.S. Park Police Capt. Jimmy Moore had just finished a conversation a bit earlier when my California mental interlude was interrupted with him rather excitedly reeling back into my office stating, “Boss – you have to come see this.” Always the jokester, I advised him that I really needed to get some work done. He insisted, so I accompanied him into the Ranger Services Ready Room, wondering what might await. I noticed several of our special agents, Clark Guy and Jeff Pascale, intently watching the TV. I recognized the burning image on the screen as one of the World Trade Center towers — and as a pilot I remember thinking that planes just don’t

fly into buildings on a CAVU (Clear Air, Visibility Unlimited) day. Then the second airliner evaporated into the second tower. I remember thinking to myself, “We are at war!”

What followed was a bit chaotic as this was one of those situations we could not even fathom. I was very new to the operation and our Ranger Services Group had just held a retreat a few weeks earlier. We had realigned our work between the Boston and Philadelphia offices. One of the changes was that counter-terrorism duties had been assigned to the park police captain in Boston, Bob Ditolla, who was in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves.

I sent a message to all chief rangers in the region as to what was occurring in New York City, and warned them to be aware of suspicious activities. Not long after, we heard of the plane that struck the Pentagon and the one that crashed near my hometown in Southwest Pennsylvania. Other bits of information that initially came in indicated that there were several other attacks, one being on the National Mall in D.C., but those proved to be erroneous.

We received word from several units in the immediate vicinity of

downtown New York that all employees were accounted for at the Federal Hall, though the building and grounds had sustained damage when the two towers collapsed. The Statue of Liberty reported not seeing any suspicious activities, but the park police there were on high alert. Capt. Ditolla fervently worked with his intelligence sources.

Over the morning hours there was enough concern that led to a decision to close the parks; notifications were sent out and parks were closed, but in the afternoon new orders from D.C. indicated that the president wanted the nation's government to be open for business the next day. During that time, I remember numerous attempts to get more information and direction from the Washington Office (WASO), but they were dealing with their own realities of terrorism at their doorstep. We made do with what we knew. Working closely with Associate Regional Director for Operations, Dale Ditmanson, we put our Special Event Teams on standby and ordered up a Type 2 Incident Command Team (ICT) to come to Philly to help organize and manage the response to support the still-unfolding situation in New York. We established mini-ICTs with folks within the regional office assuming roles of operations, logistics, intelligence, safety and public affairs responsibilities.

We briefed the regional directorate along the way, then the WASO and established a 24-hour watch office pending the ICT's arrival. Capt. Moore and I took the first watch. As calm eventually befell the office at the end of the day, I remembered thinking how proud I was of my new Ranger Services Group and how everyone, including folks from the other regional teams, pitched in and offered to help in any way they could. We received a few calls from parks reporting suspicious activities they dealt with that evening.

At about 9 a.m. the following morning, as I walked away from the regional office, I remember appreciating the fact that the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall were still standing – but that moment was broken by a lone jet roaring overhead. The few pedestrians on the street were scrambling and looking for cover. It turned out to be a military jet, the silhouette of which was observed flying “top cover” over the city. I remember feeling that things were not going to be the same in the United States for a long time.

Life took on a whole new meaning for this park ranger as the ensuing months found me working with my fellow regional chief rangers on the NPS' new National Terrorism Emergency Response Plan, participating in many meetings in D.C., writing papers in preparation for Congressional briefings, providing input on the developing “national icons” list, conducting and arranging for threat and vulnerability assessments of the icons, developing an intelligence-sharing network, linking with the evolving joint terrorism task forces and various watch offices, and being integral to coordinating hundreds of protection rangers on three-week rotations to not only our national icons but also to major dams in the western part of the country.



Bob Martin was Northwest Regional Chief Ranger when the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, took place.
Photo courtesy Bob Martin

We also created a Counter-terrorism Training Academy with our friends in the Army Special Forces to better prepare our park police officers, icon rangers and SET members for their newfound mission. This counter-terrorism training included close-quarters urban combat skills, terrorism tactics and awareness, small unit tactics, weapons of mass destruction familiarization, and operating in a gas chamber and on the firearms range with a gas mask donned – skills very foreign to many of our law enforcement personnel.

Probably my most memorable event post 9/11 was the day I accompanied Regional Director Marie Rust and a group from the Northeast Regional Office to a meeting with Congressman John Murtha. Congressman Murtha and Director Rust agreed in concept that the heroic efforts of Flight 93's passengers and crew should be memorialized forever. I remember walking those hallowed grounds on an eerily chilly and rain-soaked day – seeing pieces of aluminum no larger than my fingernail

strewn about the crash site. I have never been more humbled in my life than I was on that trip. I have been back to the site on numerous occasions, and walking amongst the memorabilia left there by others, I still feel that sense of sadness. Yet another, and even more powerful sense also accompanies that: This new park provides a sense of pride that Americans are a tough breed and we as a nation of over 235 years will survive. I hope that others who experience this site will sense these same feelings.

For a very small, non-national security agency, the National Park Service did pretty well in its response to the events of 9/11 and in the sustained newfound homeland security mission that followed. I still remember fondly those with who I worked alongside, facing challenges never before experienced – or even contemplated. It was truly a lesson in crisis management on a very large scale, but the park service professionals and U.S. Park Police brothers made the difference at the local, field office, regional and national levels. Their many years of experience involved with the Incident Command System and their emergency-management experiences fighting forest fires, conducting large search-and-rescue missions, managing large crowds and gatherings, and other sizable law-enforcement situations greatly helped the agency meet its new mission.

I will always remember where I was 21 years ago “when the world stopped turning on that September day,” as the country-western song goes.

In addition to serving as the Northeast Regional Chief Ranger, Bob Martin moved to WASO into a newly created position: the Ranger Division National Security and Intelligence Manager, where he served until retiring in 2006. Since retirement, Martin obtained his masters degree and served as an adjunct professor teaching homeland security, criminal justice and emergency management courses for the past decade. He retired this summer from teaching and he and his wife of 47 years, Gayle, just moved into their new mountain cabin in the Laurel Highlands of southwestern Pennsylvania.

World Ranger Day 2022

Roll of Honour

Recognising Ranger

Line-of-Duty Deaths

June 2021 to May 2022

Celebrating World Ranger Day 2022

World Ranger Day, Balboa Park group photo / Courtesy Deb Ohlfs

By Jeff Ohlfs and Jamie Richards

A NPR MEMBERS JOINED RANGERS FROM ACROSS CALIFORNIA, as well as Panama and Mexico, to commemorate World Ranger Day 2022, July 31, in San Diego.

Established by the International Ranger Federation, World Ranger Day has been celebrated on July 31 every year since 2006. World Ranger Day was created to both celebrate the ranger profession around the globe and the critical work rangers do to protect treasured natural resources and cultural heritages. It is also a day to honor and remember our fallen peers who either lost their lives or were seriously injured in the line of duty over the past year.

For this year's World Ranger Day, San Diego City park rangers invited fellow rangers to visit San Diego and mark the day at the International Cottages of San Diego City's Balboa Park. Thirty-three countries have their own cottage or are represented at the site, making Balboa Park a fitting place to host a World Ranger Day celebration. This event was co-hosted by the Ranger Foundation, the California State Park Rangers Association, and Balboa Park's House of Panama.

The program theme was diversity – diversity in jobs, skills, protected areas and ourselves. Diversity was clearly reflected in the 56 rangers from more than 22 agencies and four ranger associations that participated in the celebration. The San Diego event was one of the largest World Ranger Day gatherings hosted in the United States. This year's keynote speaker was former NPS employee, and current California State Park Director, Armando Quintero.

In addition to rangers from agencies from across California, this

was truly an international event. Panamanian Guardaparque Leovigildo Vargas, as well as representatives from the Mexican NGO Terra Peninsular were in attendance. The National Park Service was represented by Cabrillo National Monument.

An important part of World Ranger Day is taking time to reflect and remember all the rangers lost. Unfortunately, we paid tribute to 150 rangers from 32 countries, including three from the United States, who died on duty or in the line of duty over the past year. A moment of silence was observed for our fallen peers.

The World Ranger Day celebration in San Diego was truly special. Rangers met with peers from adjoining jurisdictions, literally neighbors, who had never previously been in touch with each other. In addition to the keynote address, those in attendance were invited to share thoughts and reflections. Guardaparque Vargas enriched the event by sharing photos of his park adjacent to the Costa Rican border. The day concluded with a group photo and with Guardaparque Vargas cutting the cake.

At the International Cottages, banners were made for each of the 33 countries depicting a uniformed ranger from their country. These banners were hung outside the cottages for the duration of the day and the cottages got to keep these banners.

Planning for World Ranger Day 2023 is already underway. Consider attending next year's celebration at Point Reyes National Seashore.

To see photos and messages from rangers around the world, search for #WorldRangerDay2022 on Facebook and Instagram. To see IRF President Chris Galliers' World Ranger Day message, and to learn more about the IRF, visit www.internationalrangers.org/events/.



ANIMAL

(23 deaths)

Any death of a ranger due to attack from wild animals.

Botswana	un-named	Killed by buffalo
Botswana	Molireli Selpheto	Killed by elephant
DRC	Kiluba Wa Ngoy Patient	Died from snake bite
DRC	Ciza Ragi Marcelin	Died in leopard attack
India	Utpal Burman	Killed by rhino
India	Buddhadeb Sabar	Killed by elephant
India	Hanumantiah	Killed by wild elephants
India	Swati M Dhumane	Killed by tiger
India	Laxman Kinkar	Killed by leopard
India	Chandrakanta Rout	Died in elephant attack
India	T. Sundaramoorthy	Trampled/killed by elephant
India	P. Ravichandran	Trampled/killed by elephant
India	Raju Das	Trampled/killed by elephant
India	Achar Kinda	Killed by patrol elephant
India	Samrat Singh Maravi	Killed in elephant attack
Mozambique	Feliciano Joaquim Jamissone	Killed by crocodile
South Africa	Malibongwe Mfilla	Killed by lions
Thailand	Sangwan Phimdi	Killed by an elephant
Thailand	Nakorn Sriuang	Killed in bison charge
Zambia	Mike Musonda	Killed by elephant
Zimbabwe	Clever Sapandura	Killed in bull elephant charge
Zimbabwe	Gerald Gwangwava	Killed by elephant
Zimbabwe	Shepherd Ngoremani	Killed by buffalo



DEATH IN SERVICE

(19 deaths)

Any line of duty illness resulting in death associated with working conditions such as malaria, pneumonia, hypothermia or mortalities such as heart attacks linked to work related stress. Deaths from 'natural causes' such as cancer, Covid 19 etc are excluded.

Angola	Elias Zeca	Died from work-related infection
Cote d'Ivoire	Stephane Yao N'dri	Died during strenuous training
DRCongo	Lee Elliot	Heart attack/stroke on duty
DRCongo	Denis Mushangoma	Died from work-related dysentery
India	Jogen Das	Died from work related illness
India	P.P.Rajan	Missing presumed dead
India	Ganesh Pandian	Died from heart attack
Indonesia	Izri Waslim	Died whilst on patrol
Indonesia	Pak Aries	Heart attack after long duty
Kenya	Anthony Karissa Ndoro	Fatally injured by elephant
Mexico	Carlos Ramon Godinez Reyes	Died in on-duty heart attack
Peru	Angel Santos Ato Oyola	Died in on-duty heart attack
Thailand	Chalao Kotud	Died after patrol
Thailand	Surasak Solpetch	Died from malaria
Thailand	Wanrob Rukboon	Died from fall
Thailand	Alongkorn Lakkrot	Died on patrol
Thailand	Suchat Koloi	Heart attack during patrol
Thailand	Sommal Yokchavee	Heart attack
Zimbabwe	Livison Marks Smart	On duty Stroke



HOMICIDE

(50 deaths)

Any death at the hand of another person or persons with intent. This also includes cases if the deceased was off duty but killed because of their ranger work.

Benin	Jérôme Yves Gérard Lidoine	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Zaharia Alassane Djézarou	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Seko Baga Bio Maro Ambali	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Wentoflor Francis	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Tohoum Wilfrid	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Adamou Aliou Mamadou Akilbou	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Assondou Abalou Elysée	Killed in IED ambush
Benin	Gnarigo Diapati	Killed by poachers
Burkina Faso	Sinaré Yssoufou	Shot by unknown assailants
Cote d'Ivoire	Egni Joseph	Shot by unknown attackers
DRCongo	Kasongo Mujinga Dorco	Captured - assumed killed
DRCongo	Ebassecha Abwe, Patrick	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Shabani Vincent Mpenda	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Bizimana Karabaranga Emery	Shot by unidentified men
DRCongo	Bafurha Lwananza Francis	Patrol ambushed
DRCongo	Dieu Donne Aoci	Patrol ambushed
DRCongo	Dieudonne Abahenya Patrick	Patrol ambushed
DRCongo	Etienne Mutazimiza Kanyaruchinya	Killed by militia group
DRCongo	Wembo Gilbert Venas	Shot by hippo poachers
DRCongo	Emmanuel Kaloba Nkolwe	Shot by militia
DRCongo	Amisi Mwenyemali Pompidou	Shot by poachers
DRCongo	Kigabi Ndalengwa Justin	Shot by poachers
DRCongo	Kiza Katunda Janvier	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Kanakwa Bumandek Freddy	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Ndumba Koyama Isaac	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Madith Rwoth Benjamin	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Baraka Lukoko Christian	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Bahati Amissi Fiston	Shot dead by militia
DRCongo	Murhula Mushagalusa Fidèle	Died in militia attack
DRCongo	Lweya Alonda Raphael	Died in militia attack
DRCongo	Mujandwa Ngirihwa Augustin	Died in militia attack
DRCongo	Ndabituwa Kanyute Fidèle	Died in militia attack

DR Congo	Mulume Kinings Augustin	Died in militia attack
DR Congo	Iragi Ilunga Jean de Dieu	Died in militia attack
Guatemala	Byron Juventino Esquivel	Killed in machete attack
India	Arun Yadav	Shot dead by armed individuals
India	Jatia Rana	Shot dead by poachers
Kenya	Samaiyya Gora	Stabbed/killed by teak smugglers
Kenya	Bajila Kofa	Killed by unknown assailants
Kenya	Isaac Machiegwa	Found dead at forest edge
Malawi	Given Gondwe	Killed in rhino horn incident
Mozambique	Raul Arde	Killed by insurgents
Nigeria	Unnamed	Killed by armed gunmen
Nigeria	Tukuru Seibokuro	Killed after routine patrol
Pakistan	Karamat Ali Ankar	Killed by timber poachers
South Sudan	Maduet Machok	Shot dead in fishing incident
Tanzania	James Chacha Kalomba	Killed in grazing incident
Thailand	Seokaew Raunjai	Shot dead by poacher
Venezuela	Gregor Labu Benitez-Rivas	Died in machete attack
Zambia	Daniel Munsaka Mweete	Died from stab wounds



OCCUPATIONAL

(35 deaths)

Any death recorded due to occupational hazards such as firefighting, drownings, falls, equipment failure and other such incidents.

Bhutan	Shivalal Sanyasi	Swept away during patrol
Cameroon	Mvogo Amougou Francois Cedric	Drowned on patrol
Cote d'Ivoire	Bamba Issiaka Stephen	Drowned in river
DRCongo	Heri Lulami Voltaire	Drowned in storm
DRCongo	Tshisupa Musakay Joel	Drowned in storm
DRCongo	Seraphin Kalenga Wahandja	Drowned in storm
Ghana	Benjamin Seidu	Accidentally shot himself
Guatemala	Luis Adolfo Garcia Gamboa	Died of burns firefighting
Guatemala	Jorge Hugo Barrientos Lopez	Died of burns firefighting
Guatemala	Maximiliano Ventura Lopez	Died of burns firefighting
India	Rakesh Kumar	Died in forest fire
India	Rakesh Madavi	Died in forest fire
India	Rekchand Rane	Died in forest fire
India	Sachin Shreerange	Died in forest fire
India	Vijay Tijab Marshkole	Killed firefighting
India	Tariq Hussain	Swept away in monsoon
India	Bashir Ahmad	Swept away in monsoon
India	Mohd. Sharief	Swept away in monsoon
India	Shakir Hussain	Swept away in monsoon
India	Munshi Ram	Drowned in reservoir
Malawi	Gerald Kamanga	Swept away in cyclone
Malawi	Gift Matola Chimulu	Swept away in cyclone
Mozambique	Chabane Massudi	Drowned
Pakistan	Jamshid I've	Fell/died during firefighting
Peru	Ronald Timana Avalo	Died in ATV roll-over incident
Philippines	Rigor Santos	Drowned during survey work
South Africa	Shando Mathebula	Accidentally shot in buffalo attack
Sri Lanka	R.M.P.A. Rathnayaka	Died in traffic accident
Thailand	Singthong Suraphak	Died from scrub typhus infection (ticks)
Thailand	Narong Camsen	Drowned
Thailand	Somkiart Saenla-alad	Died when tree fell on his tent
Thailand	Somsit Damthua	Drowned assisting tourist
Thailand	Boonyarit Kavita	Died falling from waterfall
USA	Tim Hart	Died firefighting after hard landing
USA	Jeff Piechura	Died firefighting helicopter crash



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

(23 deaths)

Any on-duty death due to vehicle accidents or other forms of transportation from bicycle to aircraft. Those obviously outside of the work situation, or en route to and from work, or if drink was involved, are not included.

Cambodia	Ko Rith	Died in motor bike accident
Colombia	Daniel Javier Villalobos Ramirez	Died in workplace traffic accident
Colombia	Cristian Orlando Acosta Guevara	Killed in traffic accident
Colombia	Leonardo Fabio Urbano Anaconda	Killed in traffic accident
Cote d'Ivoire	Patrice Guirao	Found dead on roadside
Cote d'Ivoire	Frederic Bole	Killed in truck rollover
DRCongo	Ilunga Kazembe Arthur	Killed in patrol vehicle accident
DRCongo	Guelord Mwape Tumbwe	Died in on duty vehicle accident
India	Sundhan Patgiri	Killed in on duty road accident
India	Jewel Singh Terron	Killed by truck on-duty
India	Lalnunzira	Died in on duty vehicle accident
India	Rupjyoti Bora	Killed in on duty traffic accident
India	Madhuchandra Deika	Killed in on duty traffic accident
India	Ganesh Sanodiya	Killed in patrol vehicle accident
Mexico	Andrés Mondragon	Killed on duty
Thailand	Attaphon Sansoenboon	Died in patrol motorcycle accident
Thailand	Pattana Sonajit	Died in car accident on patrol
Thailand	Kritsana Karnthong	Killed in on-duty car accident
Thailand	Kan Singha	Died in patrol motorcycle accident
Thailand	Narong Khonopkiang	Died in patrol motorcycle accident
Uganda	Okello Richard	Killed responding to incident
USA	Sarah Grell	Died in on-duty vehicle accident
Zambia	Monde Monde	Died in on-duty vehicle accident

Total number of lives lost - 150 (June 2021 - May 2022)

ANPR addresses World Ranger Congress postponement

By Meg Weesner, ANPR International Liaison

THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION in early July canceled the planned 10th World Ranger Congress, which was scheduled to be held in the Azores (Portugal) in June 2023. They stated that the action was necessary because of “financial risk and time constraints.”

ANPR has discussed the situation with representatives from the IRF board and is monitoring the developments as they occur.

While very unfortunate, the vote among all IRF board members was unanimous. On Aug. 20, the IRF released a request for proposals for hosting the 10th World Ranger Congress in the future. The IRF board will review the submissions and make a decision on the location and date of the 10th WRC as soon as practicable. IRF posted an Oct. 10, 2022, deadline to submit the proposals. It is thought that the 10th Congress will be held no sooner than November 2023, but more likely sometime in 2024.

Meanwhile, the Portuguese ranger association (APGVN – Associação Portuguesa de Guardas e Vigilantes da Natureza) has committed to holding a meeting of rangers on the scheduled dates, June 5 to 9, 2023, in the city of Ponta Delgada, Azores. They have invited rangers from around the world to attend. Many ANPR members were looking forward to traveling to the Azores, and they may choose to attend this gathering of rangers and contribute to the proceedings.

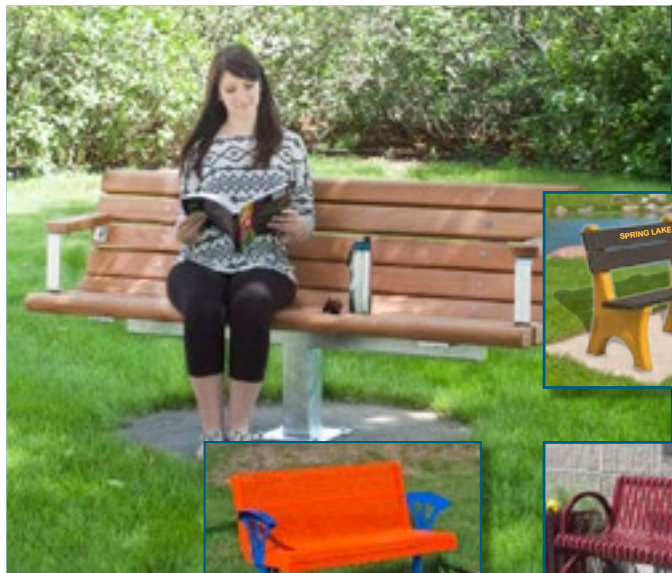
The ANPR board is monitoring this situation, and while ANPR



Rangers from around the world convened for the last World Ranger Congress, in Nepal in 2019. The 2023 event, set for Portugal, was canceled this summer but a regional event is still planned for June 5-9, in the Azores. Photo courtesy Meg Weesner

encourages and supports ranger participation in the regional event that APGVN is hosting, it voted at its August meeting to reserve its scholarship funding for the official WRC that will be held in the future.

You can follow the current situation through the monthly ANPR newsletter, the quarterly Ranger magazine, or by contacting ANPR International liaison Meg Weesner at mweesner@anpr.org.



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Checking in: The Great American Outdoors Act

THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT THIS SUMMER CELEBRATED two years since its historic passing on Aug. 4, 2020, and since that time, billions of dollars have been spent on maintenance projects across the National Park Service. In Fiscal Year 2021, GAOA provided approximately \$1 billion for 83 projects in 31 parks in 26 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, according to the NPS' Infrastructure website. The 2022 budget allowed for \$1.25 billion on 36 large projects in 14 states, including major road rehabilitation in six parks and water system upgrades in 11 parks.

Since its inception, proponents of GAOA have cautioned that smaller parks need attention too. The 2021 project list earmarked huge chunks of funding to such iconic parks as Yellowstone and Yosemite, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, among other locations. Smaller parks, they argued, are in dire need of help as well.

And help they are receiving.

The Department of Interior launched a GAOA website, public.tableau.com/app/profile/department.of.interior.doi/viz/DOI-GAOALRFProjects/GAOAMap, that tracks all projects currently budgeted through GAOA's Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF). Viewers can filter their searches by bureau, and even download a spreadsheet that shows budgets and scopes of projects selected.

Bethany Barron, Great American Outdoors Act program manager, pointed out that smaller projects, employing Maintenance Action Teams (MATs), are part of the larger equation. MATs are comprised of experts from the NPS's Historic Preservation Training Center and the Historic Architecture and Engineering Center.

"These MATs will focus on historic preservation and deferred maintenance needs for cultural resources, like historic buildings," she wrote in an email. "They will support small- to medium-size parks that are not usually well positioned to have the specialized expertise to develop and complete these projects in-house."

The DOI site differentiates "MAT Action" items from general "Project" undertakings. Some small- to medium-sized parks also will receive funding for Projects.

Sally Mayberry, NPS communication manager for Park Planning Facilities & Lands, said one of the first MATs to be completed was nearly a year ago, at New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, encompassing more than 70,000 acres of land along the New River in West Virginia. NERI received \$280,000 in GAOA funding to rehabilitate the historic Grandview shelters and picnic area.

Other smaller MATs scheduled include Prince William Forest Park in Virginia, where three historic structures would be rehabilitated at a cost of \$278, 800, and two projects at Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland, costing a combined \$770,000.

Some projects are even smaller, but equally as needed. Weir Farm National Historical Park in Connecticut, for example, was scheduled to receive \$54,800 to paint and perform preventative maintenance on the Weir House porch and deck. At Harry S. Truman National Historic Site in Missouri, \$30,300 will be spent to prep and paint the exterior of the Noland Home.

In total, the NPS earmarked \$14.1 million from FY2021's LRF to rehabilitate assets at 59 small and medium-sized parks in 33 states through the MATs; in 2023, it is scheduled to receive \$20 million, as shown in the table at right.

FY 2023 GAOA projects at a glance

National Park Unit	No. of projects	Combined cost (millions)
Boston National Historical Park	1	\$36.6
Clara Barton National Historical Site	1	14.9
Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park	1	5.6
Craters Of The Moon National Monument & Preserve, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Minidoka National Historic Site	1	9.9
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	1	16.8
Everglades National Park	1	36.9
Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park	1	17.8
Freedom Riders National Monument, Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument	1	7.4
Gateway National Recreation Area	1	34.1
George Washington Carver National Monument, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield	1	15.1
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area	1	72.4
Golden Gate National Recreation Area	1	63.5
Grand Canyon National Park	1	61.1
Great Basin National Park	1	4.5
Haleakala National Park, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Kalaupapa National Historical Park	1	30.5
Hot Springs National Park	1	16.7
Independence National Historical Park	1	30.1
Indiana Dunes National Park	1	14.8
Natchez Trace Parkway	1	46.2
National Mall & Memorial Parks	1	124.2
New River Gorge National Park and Preserve	1	1.2
Petrified Forest National Park	1	33.3
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	1	6.6
San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park	1	102.2
Virgin Islands National Park	1	4.7
Yellowstone National Park	1	33.3
Preservation Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) at Multiple Parks	N/A	20.0

Source: National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund, nps.gov

A ranger reunion

After two-year pause due to COVID-19, in-person Ranger Rendezvous returns better than ever

By Jonathan Shafer

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE BEST EVENT OF THE YEAR! Ranger Rendezvous is coming to Tucson. And it's about time, too — the last in-person Rendezvous took place in Everett, Wash., in 2019, just a few months before a worldwide pandemic would change life as we know it. Ranger Rendezvous 45 promises to be the best one yet, with reunions of Rendezvous participants past, and hopefully many new faces as well.

"Ranger Rendezvous 45 has a truly substantial set of workshops and plenary sessions," said ANPR President Paul Anderson. "They are one of the best I've seen in many years. After our two-year hiatus, the location, the program, and the opportunities to meet old friends, make new ones, learn, and explore the beauty and history of the 'Old Pueblo' and surrounding National Park areas will make this Rendezvous one to remember!"

ANPR Treasurer Bill Wade leads the Ranger Rendezvous planning committee, which has been meeting periodically since early spring to brainstorm ways to breathe new life into the in-person Ranger Rendezvous.

"Rendezvous has always been an opportunity for participants to get excited and motivated about their involvement in the NPS and in ANPR," he said. "The virtual meetings we had during the past two years didn't provide that. Our RR management team this year has worked hard to put together a great program to educate and inform; but also to provide opportunities to enrich past relationships and make new ones."

Get ready for a full program and a great slate of presenters this year. Organizers are making up for those lost two years with more breakout session offerings and training opportunities. Two field trips are planned, and those who just want a recreational break in the Tucson sun can opt for a golf tournament, too. Other fun parts will stay intact as well — the evening hospitality suites are always the best place to meet and greet fellow park staff, current and retired, from around country.

"I have been attending Ranger Rendezvous since the late



1970s," Anderson said. "There is no substitute for this opportunity to spend quality time with one's co-workers, top NPS leadership, and aspiring young people exploring NPS careers in a rather collegial and informal setting."

"Nowhere else can one be exposed to so many quality learning experiences that directly address the work that we do every day, all in the same place during the same week. Many of the new friends that we make during the Rendezvous will become lifetime associates, adding value and depth to our NPS experience."

Read on for full descriptions of the programs already confirmed, and keep in mind that the schedule continues to evolve.

TRAININGS

Rendezvous will open on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022, with the first of four trainings available to participants. These include:

Initial Response Incident Commander for Wilderness Search and Rescue: This 12-hour class, Oct. 24-25, is designed for anyone interested in becoming a qualified Incident Commander as part of an ICS team responding to a major incident.

Certified Interpretive Training with NAI includes four days, 32 hours, of instruction, Oct. 23-26. Register at www.interpnet.com.

Interpretive Planning is a four-hour class on Oct. 26 that teaches tools and tips for improving your interpretive planning.

Mental Health, Wellness and Resiliency is a four-hour class on Oct. 26 that addresses mental health in the workplace and provides tips for building resiliency.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS / BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Beginning on Thursday, Oct. 27, there will be inspiring and educational keynote speakers, engaging panel discussions, and informative breakout sessions focused on a wide range of park issues. Learn about HR and hiring updates, natural resource management, fire, what's new with the International Ranger Federation and much more.

A few of the keynote speakers include:

- **U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva (D, Ariz.-3)** will speak about his ca-



The expansive view from the Saguaro National Park visitor center overlooks the Catalina Mountains. NPS photo/ L. Nichols

reer in public service and his vision for the present and future of National Parks. **Chad Fisher, National Interagency Fire Center**, will provide an “Update on NPS Wildfire” issues. **John Leonard** and other panel guests will speak on “What’s New with NPS Law Enforcement. **David Vela** will speak on “Lessons Learned: Diversity and Inclusion in the NPS.”

There are dozens of breakout sessions listed in the schedule on pages 14 and 15, but a few of the highlights include: Transboundary Conservation with Mexico, Supervision and Leadership, Travels With Freeman Tilden, the Ranger Spirit in Central America, Hiring and USA Jobs, and much more!

Pro-tip: Remind your supervisor that attending Ranger Rendezvous will benefit your professional development and help you accomplish goals in your IDP and EPAP.

FIELD TRIPS, AWARDS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Participate in fun and informative field trips to Saguaro National Park and Casa Grande National Monument, or the Western Archaeological Conservation Center, Tumacacori National Monument, and Tubac, or join a local golf tournament at one of Tucson’s picturesque golf courses. Free time is also worked into the schedule to explore the area on your own.

The awards ceremony and reception is always a great way to wind down Ranger Rendezvous, and this year’s festivities will not disappoint. In fact, the prestigious Harry Young Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed on one nominee, making this recipient just the ninth to achieve such an honor. Stay tuned for details.

ANPR is also bringing back some longtime favorite evening activities, including NPS Trivia Night, a cultural event night, a night sky program, and of course the Hospitality Suite and the ongoing raffle and auction.

Registration information and event details are on ANPR’s website, <https://www.anpr.org/rendezvous/45/index.php>, and in the monthly newsletter. Early bird registration ends after Sept. 11, so sign up soon to enjoy the discount, and join us “Into the Sun” in Tucson.

Why do you Rendezvous?

“I go to the Rendezvous to renew old acquaintances, and to meet new friends. I learn so much from attending the workshops and plenaries, participating in the field trips, and spending quality time with folks in the hallways, break rooms and the hospitality room. I am sure my NPS career would never have been as wonderful, exciting and rewarding had I not been an ANPR member and a regular Ranger Rendezvous participant!”

— Paul Anderson, ANPR president

“As a life member of ANPR and having attended my first Rendezvous in 1978 (RR2), I met many of my best friends at these annual meetings, and I always value seeing them and ‘catching up’ from the last time we were able to be together – in some cases for several years.”

— Bill Wade, ANPR treasurer

Ranger Rendezvous 45 program schedule

Sunday, October 23

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Training: Interpretive Training with NAI, Day 1

Monday, October 24

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Training: Interpretive Training with NAI, Day 2

1:15-5 p.m.: Training: Initial Response Incident
Commander, Day 1

Tuesday, October 25

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Training: Initial Response Incident
Commander, Day 2

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Training: Interpretive Training with NAI, Day 3

Wednesday, October 26

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Training: Interpretive Training with NAI, Day 4

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Board of Directors meeting (open
to all members)

8 a.m.-Noon: Training: Interpretive Planning

1:15-5 p.m.: Training: Mental Health, Wellness and
Resiliency

6-7:30 p.m.: President's reception and poster
session

7:30 p.m.-?: Trivia night, hospitality suite open

Thursday, October 27

6:30-7:45 a.m.: Breakfast with board of directors
for first-time RR attendees

7:45-8 a.m.: Announcements

8-10 a.m.: Welcome addresses by ANPR president, area
superintendents and regional director

10-10:30 a.m.: Beverage break

10:30-11:15 a.m.: General session: "Wildland Fire in the NPS"

11:15 a.m.-Noon: General session: State of the Association
and BOD reports

Noon-1:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:15-2:10 p.m.: Breakout sessions:

- "The IRF and WRC and Ranger Foundation"
- "Update on Ranger Attitudes Research Study"
- "Lessons from the Field Through ADA Eyes"

2:20-3:15 p.m.: Breakout sessions

- "History of Public Lands"
- "Becoming Certified as an Urban Night Sky location"
- TBA

NOTE: Ranger Rendezvous planning is still underway. This preliminary schedule will be continually updated and available online closer to the event.

3:15-3:45 p.m.: Beverage break
and raffle

3:45-4:30 p.m.: General session:
Speaker Jennifer Flynn

4:30-5:15 p.m.: General session: Panel on
"Transboundary Conservation
With Mexico"

6:30-10 p.m.: Hospitality suite open

7:30-8:30 p.m.: Special program

7:30-9 p.m.: Cultural activity

Friday, October 28

7:45-8:15 a.m.: Announcements and raffle

8:15-9 a.m.: General session: "Update on NPS Maintenance and Housing"

9:15 a.m.-5 p.m.: Field trips, golf tourney, personal time

6-7:30 p.m.: Reception with exhibitors

7:30-8:30 p.m.: CPANP Meeting

7:30-10 p.m.: Hospitality suite open

8-9 p.m.: Special Program

8-9:30 p.m.: Night Sky Program

Saturday, October 29

7:45-8:15 a.m.: Announcements and raffle

8:15-9 a.m.: General session: "Priorities in Interpretation, Education,
Volunteers and HFC Transformation"





Ranger Rendezvous 45 Registration information

HOW: Visit www.anpr.org/rendezvous/45/registration-info.php to register online.

WHEN: Oct. 23-30, 2022

WHERE: Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort and Spa, Tucson, Ariz.

HOW MUCH: Ranging from \$45 for one-day student attendance to \$150 for the entire event (if registering by Sept. 11, 2022). Join ANPR to receive a member discount.

LODGING INFORMATION: Single/double room rate is \$106 plus tax. Information about the resort is available at www.westwardlook.com/ and reservations can be made at: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50187388/owner/16398007/home>

9-10 a.m.: General session: "The Status of NPS Funding"

10-10:30 a.m.: Beverage break and raffle

10:30-11 a.m.: General session: Congressman Grijalva

11 a.m.-Noon: General session: Panel on Co-management of NPS Areas and Programs, with Rep. Grijalva

Noon-1:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:15-2:10 p.m.: Breakout sessions

- "Travels With Freeman Tilden"
- Authors Panel
- Partners Panel: NPCA, CPANP, Global Parks, PIA

2:20-3:15 p.m.: Breakout sessions

- "Historic Route 66 in Our 1959 Corvette"
- "Authors panel continued, and Writing for *Ranger* magazine"
- "Experiences from the Royal Caribbean Cruises on-board program"

3:15-3:45 p.m.: Beverage break and raffle

3:45-5:15 p.m.: Membership meeting

5:30-7 p.m.: Campfire Awards Event with keynote speaker Rick Tate

7-8 p.m.: Awards reception

8-9:30 p.m.: Celebration Dance Party and Cash Bar

9:30 p.m.-?: Hospitality suite open

Sunday, October 30

7:45-8:15 a.m.: Announcements and raffle

8:15-9 a.m.: General session: "Keynote: A View From the Directors Office"

9-10 a.m.: Membership meeting

10-10:30 a.m.: Beverage break and raffle

10:30-11:15 a.m.: General session: "What's New in NPS Law Enforcement"

11:15 a.m.-Noon: General session

Noon-1:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:15-2:10 p.m.: Breakout sessions

- "Energizing NPS Values: Creating a Rewarding Workplace Culture"
- Supervision and Leadership
- "The Ranger Spirit Makes an Impact in Central America"

2:20-3:15 p.m.: Breakout sessions

- "Climate Change Impacts on Parks"
- TBA
- TBA

3:15-3:30 p.m.: Beverage break and raffle

3:30-4:15 p.m.: General session: "Keynote: NPS Hiring and USA Jobs"

4:15-4:45 p.m.: Closing keynote session

4:45-5 p.m.: General session closing

6 p.m.-?: Hospitality suite open

Exhibits will be open during breaks and lunches from Saturday morning through Sunday lunch.

The challenges you don't see



Written by Shannon Wilson, ANPR Board Member for Membership Services

MY LIFE STORY with outdoor recreation didn't start with my NPS employment and getting

to wear our iconic hat. It started long before I ever donned the flat hat and badge.

My first memory of the National Parks was visiting Carlsbad Caverns with my family as a 3-1/2-year-old (bats are so cool). From that first experience, I was that kid on tour every ranger either loves or finds incredibly annoying. You know the one; the one that asks a million questions and is *just so excited* they can hardly contain themselves. Yes, that was me, always up front peppering the ranger with questions, even when my parents and brother were somewhere else.

My parents planned a big trip out west the summer before my eighth-grade year where visiting NPS sites served as the theme for the entire trip. We flew from our home in Louisiana so we could spend more time at the parks: Craters of the Moon, Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton. I caught the national parks bug after this memorable trip. I didn't realize that my life had just changed direction. Several years later I had to write a college paper on what I might do for a career and why that choice. The memory of hiking all over Yellowstone and Glacier with my dad, along with those ranger talks, and the other NPS sites we had visited over the years came to mind. I knew that's exactly what I wanted to do!

My dream of putting on the flat hat and wearing the NPS badge came true on June 5, 2012, at Jewel Cave in the beautiful Black

Hills as a GS 4 Park Guide. My career would take me across this beautiful nation, allowing me to meet amazing people – mentors, fellow rangers, and some local characters at each station. Some of these people have become dear friends that are more like family than just co-workers and neighbors. The National Park Service without doubt helped shape the person I have become.

The running joke with my friends, my family, and even a few of my supervisors is that I bled the green and grey. I diligently tried to meet the needs of every visitor I encountered, just like any dedicated employee of the National Park Service would do.

Yet, one of my blind spots was how important it is to adapt our service for people who may need more assistance than the average visitor so they too could enjoy the national park experience to the fullest. It just never really registered with me — until I experienced it first hand.

I have suffered from debilitating migraines since childhood, and they increased in frequency and intensity during my park service tenure. I toughed out many migraines, but some were so intense that I would call in sick or leave my post early. During these horrible events, I could not see straight; the pain was so intense that it affected my vision.

My supervisors accommodated me as much as possible. Until the summer of 2018, I only needed the occasional sick day.

Since my disability had only a minor affect on my life and my



Breakout Session Ranger Rendezvous 45

Learn more about the Americans With Disabilities Act as it pertains to NPS operations, as well as service-dog etiquette.

TITLE: 'Lessons From the Field Through ADA Eyes'

PRESENTER: Shannon Wilson

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022

TIME: 1:15-2:10 p.m.

work, I never paid attention to what I might need if it became more severe. I just rolled with it. I knew how to treat myself, I knew my triggers, and I did my best to avoid them. Life was good and getting better!

During summer and early fall 2018, my migraines became more frequent and intense, but I thought this would pass because I had had similar periods of migraine activity before. But Oct. 15, 2018, my world flipped upside down. That day I had called remit office for help because I felt off, my service dog was alerting, but I couldn't figure out why. When help arrived at my kiosk, I was passed out on the floor. My disability went from being a nuisance to controlling my ability to work and functioning day-to-day.

My very first seizure occurred that October day. Over the next two months, I lost the ability to walk and speak normally. Even turning in my leave paperwork was a major ordeal. Having to navigate big, heavy doors, finding parking that was close, if handicap parking was full, and trying to communicate with supervisors what was going on became difficult — not to mention the mental and emotional strain of dealing with my new limitations. Worst of all, I was looking at never being able to work for the National Park Service again. That alone was the hardest pill to swallow. I spent most of my adult life working toward my goal of being a career National Park Ranger only to have it yanked away from me! It just seemed incredibly cruel and unfair to me.

May 11, 2020, was my official last day working for the National Park Service even though I'd been on leave for over a year by that time. I had an extensive conversation with Ned Keller, Chief Ranger at Sequoia Kings Canyon, about medical retirement and the pros and cons of that. It didn't seem fair that at age 35 my career was over. Honestly, I lost it. I experienced every emotion possible lead-



Shannon Wilson gives a firing demonstration during a "Five Centuries of Florida History" event at Desoto National Monument in Bradenton, Fla., in 2015. Wilson will present a breakout session during Ranger Rendezvous 45 called "Lessons From the Field Through ADA Eyes." Photo courtesy Shannon Wilson

ing up to the decision to retire, and even though I knew that it was the right call it still broke my heart.

Since then, I have learned what the word "accessible" means to so many and how it impacts their lives, and the lives of those around them. Just because my abilities have changed doesn't mean I am less of a person. However, I have found new ways to contribute to the National Park Service through ANPR. Ironically, my disability has taught me more about myself than I ever thought possible. It also has made me a lot more aware of petty things that people tend to take for granted, for example, reaching for something off a high shelf without assistance. Just because my life has changed and I am unfortunately retired doesn't mean my life is over, quite the contrary: I am just beginning a new chapter.

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Calling all ANPR photographers



Submit your best photos to the annual photo contest at Ranger Rendezvous, October 2022, Tucson

CATEGORIES

1. Landscapes
2. Wildlife
3. Historical & Cultural Resources
4. The Human Connection
5. Park Skies

GUIDELINES

Contestants must be ANPR members (memberships will be available at Rendezvous or at www.anpr.org). All photos must be taken within a national park unit or an international protected area. Contestants may enter only one photo per category. Photos should be printed and unframed. Recommended size is 8 x 10 inches.

HOW TO ENTER

Write your name, location of the photo, and the category on the back of each print. Drop off photos at ANPR Rendezvous ANPR registration desk upon arrival (but no later than end of day Oct. 26). If unable to attend, photos or digital images can be sent to arrive no later than Oct. 19, 2022, to Bill Wade, 5625 N. Wilmot Road, Tucson, AZ 85750 or bwade@anpr.org.

Rendezvous attendees will vote for their favorite photos. Winners will be selected from each category, and a "Best of Show" photo will take the top spot. All winners will receive a gift card, recognition at the Rendezvous, and have their photos published in *Ranger* magazine.



Greg Galloway received the 2021 Best in Show prize for this image of visitors at Glen Canyon Recreation Area. photo Greg Galloway

Win great prizes *and* support ANPR's mission

The Super Raffle returns

This fun online raffle kicked off June 1: Don't miss out!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Scan the QR code at right or type in rafflecreator.com/pages/38397/anpr-super-raffle. There you will find the list of prizes, which is changing daily as donations are received and more prizes are added. Once at the link, you can donate for tickets – donate for tickets for yourself or for someone else (in your name so that you get credit for the donation). Forward the link to others you know who might be interested in supporting ANPR and encourage them to go online and donate for tickets.



Already ANPR has rounded up some spectacular prizes:

GRAND PRIZE: \$2,000 "ROLL-YOUR-OWN" TRIP

You decide where, when, with whom and how long. You can still donate additional money to the \$2,000 ANPR is already contributing to make it a trip of a lifetime.

Cliff Chetwin won the 2021 Super Raffle "roll-your-own" trip, which he and his wife were able to use for a 2022 trip they were planning to Antarctica for their 50th wedding anniversary.

GRAND PRIZE: \$3,300, 8-DAY, 7-NIGHT GRAND CANYON RAFT TRIP

Offered by Grand Canyon Expeditions for any available space for its 2023 river season, April-September. The all-inclusive trip includes transportation from Las Vegas, through 280 miles of the Grand Canyon, and back to Las Vegas at trip's end. All meals, beverages, camping equipment and floating commentary along the way is included.

GRAND PRIZE: \$2,200, BALD EAGLE WOOD CARVING

Wildlife sculpture of a one-quarter-scale lifelike bald eagle by noted woodcarver Rob Arnberger. The sculpture is mounted on a granite-looking wooden rock on a rustic mesquite base, and painted in acrylic paint. Arnberger is an NPS retiree and ANPR member known for carving birds, wildlife, old west, and ranger caricatures.

Other prizes include:

- Photographer Tony Bonanno donated "Camargue No. 4," a limited-edition print of the Camargue Horses, or "Horses of the Sea," from Camargue, France. Size is 15"x15." Value is between \$1,500-\$1,800.
- A two-day raft trip for two through Cataract Canyon in Canyonlands National Park. Value is \$1,700.

- A one-week stay in a cabin on the Yellowstone River just outside Yellowstone National Park. Value is \$1,200.
- Lodging at Ranger Rendezvous 45. Value is \$500.
- Harrison Assessment (report and debrief). Value is \$500.
- Original Kendra Balazs photograph, "View From Desert View," Grand Canyon. 24"x36" on metal. Value is \$500.
- Original Kendra Balazs photograph, "Blue Shadows of the Grand Canyon," 16"x24" on canvas. Value is \$450.
- Multi-day field course in Denali National Park, for one, by Alaska Geographic. Value is \$400.
- Original photo of choice by Connie Rudd. Value is \$250.
- A harbor cruise in the San Diego Harbor. Value is \$200.
- Gift Certificate to Buffalo Wool Co. Value is \$200.
- NPS Retiree two-bottle wine collection. Value is \$100.
- "Subtle Colors of Great Sand Dunes," print on canvas.
- A number of National Park Service-related books, autographed by the authors.

And remember, ANPR will be adding additional prizes as they are received, so check back regularly and donate for additional tickets as prizes are added.



As a bonus, there will be a prize for the person who donates for the most tickets, and a prize for the persons who donates for each of the three grand prizes.

The raffle will close at noon, Arizona time, on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, and the drawing will be later that evening during the awards ceremony at the Ranger Rendezvous in Tucson. You do not need to be present to be a winner – but of course, why not come to enjoy the fun in person!



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The first event is "Leadership 101," 3 p.m. EST, Sept. 25, 2022, on Zoom. Bill Pierce, a retired park superintendent, teaches supervision, leadership, and teamwork for the NPS and other organizations around the country.

Email ANPR Board Member for Education and Training, Tom Banks, at tbanks@anpr.org, to register for the training and receive the Zoom link.

Webinar dates and times will be announced in ANPR's electronic newsletter and in *Ranger* magazine, and will be available to members only. If you would like to lead a training webinar, email Banks, who is eager to explore education and training opportunities for ANPR members.



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IN PRINT

Journey into fantasy tells story of persecuted wolves

By Rick Smith

LET'S SAY YOU DECIDE TO WRITE A BOOK. After reviewing what you know, you decide that it must be fiction. Let's further assume that the topic will be the relationship between animals and humans. Who would you like to write a cover blurb for your book? How about Dr. Jane Goodall? And there it is on the front cover of *WolfTime*. *A magical blend of fact and fantasy...a terrific book.* — Dr. Jane Goodall.

To get that kind of praise from perhaps the best-known scientist working with animals promises a good read. It all starts when Sage — recently resigned from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service endangered species section because the agency appeared to be making decisions based more on objections from ranchers and pipeline proponents than what was best for the status of the species — hears a scratching at the door of her cabin. When she cracks the door, she sees two grown wolves standing before her. Before she can close the door, one of the wolves says, “Hi.”

Thus begins the relationship between Sage and wolves. They want her to write their story, which is often lost amidst the gruesome slaughter of wolves occurring in the American West since wolves were removed from the endangered species list. Many of the wolves Sage meets are trying to reach what they call the “Yellow Stone,” where they have heard they will be protected.

When I say, “many of the wolves,” it brings us to the title of the book, “*WolfTime*.” It occurs when one of the wolves gently bites the back of Sage’s neck and she becomes part of the pack, merging with one of her guests, Tish. This happens periodically throughout the book, allowing Sage to see the tight family bonds that wolves forge and the terrible things that humans do to wolves. She cannot speak but communicates with Tish telepathically. It is one way that Sage gathers information for the book the wolves want her to write.

This is a great read. I urge readers of *Ranger* to get a copy. Moritsch, a former resources specialist in Yosemite, and having worked in other parks, writes with a vivid imagination. The interaction between Sage and her two visitors, Issa and Tish, seems perfectly normal because of the way the author sets the scene. “*WolfTime*” was a little more difficult to wrap my head around, but once I did, it felt believable.

Moritsch is a good writer. Some of you may remember the first book of hers that I reviewed in this publication, “The Soul of Yosemite.” Many of the same themes are present in both books: our carelessness with nature, human domination over the animal world, the necessity of places like the Yellow Stone, and the Endangered Species Act that Dr. Rod Nash once called an extension of the Bill of Rights to nature.

One caution to readers: You must suspend your ideas of reality to fully appreciate this book. I assure you that once you do, you will be intrigued. Talking wolves, a council of wolves and ravens as a



“*WolfTime*,” by Barbara J. Moritsch.
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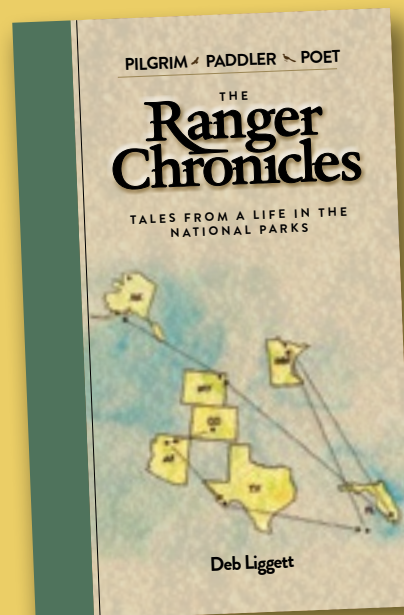
form of communication in the animal world are all part of what drew me inside this book. Once there, it was hard to get out, not that I wanted to.

Dr. Goodall’s reaction to the book sums up “*WolfTime*” succinctly:

A magical blend of fact and fantasy, revealing the depth of the author’s understanding and love for this much maligned animal. This novel, revealing the true nature of the wolf—courageous, intelligent, and loyal—will surely help to dispel underlying fear or hatred that led to their cruel persecution. It is a terrific book and deserves to be read by many.

I’m afraid that Dr. Goodall is being overly optimistic here. The people who fear or hate wolves will never read this book. I guarantee you it will not be for sale at the next stock grower’s convention.

Rick Smith worked in six parks, two regional offices and WASO, and ended his career as the acting superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.



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Too many memorials



The author's wife and two young sons make a charcoal etching of Kris Eggle's name on May 15, 2022, 19 years after it was carved into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, to honor the 20th observation of Ranger Eggle's ultimate sacrifice. Compare this photo to the one at right and note the additional 10 lines of law enforcement officers' names that have been added under Kris's name over the intervening 19 years.

Let's live as heroes to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice

I AM GROWING WEARY OF VISITING MEMORIALS AND ATTENDING memorial services dedicated to fallen warriors who died at work, most of them while they were young.

A month ago, I represented my home park at a memorial service for a Virginia firefighter/paramedic/aviator/SAR technician who perished while teaching a swiftwater rescue course on the Nantahala River just outside the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina. A friend of mine who is one of Virginia's foremost SAR managers was engaged to marry her later this year. Her name was Alicia, and she was just 42 years old when she died. Her fire department will likely erect a memorial in her honor.

Some may say as a measure of comfort, "They died with their boots on," or "They died doing what they loved." This concept is illustrated in the movie, "Point Break," when Bodie the surfer dude recites his decisive line to undercover FBI agent, Johnny Utah: "It is not tragic to die doing what you loved."

I hope that when I die, I *do* have my boots on and that I am doing what I love. But Bodie's perspective is only partially correct. I'll come back to that in a bit, but right now, I am weary of memorializing our fallen friends and colleagues.

As I sit down to write this column, I'm sifting through heart-breaking news articles telling the tales of two separate aviation crashes involving helicopters that had been fighting wildfires in New Mexico and Idaho. The accidents occurred less than a week apart and both resulted in lost aircraft and multiple human fatalities. Two

more memorials to fallen heroes named so because they sacrificed something dear to themselves – their very lives – for the welfare of others.

Add to these recent tragedies another, much older heartbreak to which I have a very personal connection: We are mere days away from the 20th observation of U.S. Ranger Kris Eggle's line-of-duty death. I told part of his story in the last issue of *Ranger* magazine. Kris was my friend, a gifted and dedicated ranger, and an amazing human being. It blows my mind that he's been gone 20 years. To honor him, my ranger wife and I took our two young sons to Washington, D.C., on National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and together we made charcoal etchings of Kris's name, which is inscribed on another terribly sad memorial: The marble wall at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Throughout any given year, I take mindful, deliberate note of occasions when it's time once again to remember a fallen warrior, and I try to somehow honor their lives, their sacrifices, and their legacies. As the year progresses, they just keep piling up ... there are so many, too many. Some were fallen law enforcement officers, some were servicemen and women of our armed forces, some were firefighters – all were warriors. Here's a sampling of those that stand out in my mind:

Jan. 1: U.S. Park Ranger Margaret Anderson, slain in the line of duty at MORA in 2012.

Feb. 26: Stanley Police Officer Dominic Winum (local officer slain in the line of duty a stone's throw from my Ranger Station just a year and a half ago).

March 25: National Medal of Honor Day

May 15: National Peace Officers Memorial Day

Last Monday in May: Memorial Day



Bob and Bonnie Eggle pause with the author at their son, Kris's, name on May 15, 2003, when it was etched forever into the marble wall at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

At the Storm King trailhead outside Glenwood Springs, Colo., there's a poem by an unknown author that a child can read and wonder about its meaning. It honors the 14 firefighters killed in the South Canyon Fire:

*In storm and cloud and wind and sky,
In heart and mind and hand and eye,
A bond still binds too strong to tell,
All those who fly with those who fell.*

Mostly, though, we can honor them by performing our often-hazardous work as safely as possible. So much of the work we do is dangerous. Rangers don't just wear "many hats," we wear "many helmets." I carry at least a half dozen types in my patrol rig. There are risks in our job, but we can mitigate them, only take them when the benefits outweigh the costs, and implement Operational Leadership principles. We must have the courage to say "No" to assignments with unnecessary risk. And we must develop strong, fearless leaders who will listen to their direct reports and listen to the "guy or gal on the ground," because it's those people who have the best grasp of the hazards of any given situation.

I know in my heart that every person whose name appears on one of these memorials would want us to go home at the end of every shift. Whether we're in the thick of some law enforcement action, flying in an aircraft, running a swift river, riding a trail on horseback, or fighting a fire, we must stop getting killed at work. We can honor them by living long lives and living them well and heroically. Rather than dying as heroes, we must strive to live as heroes. That's how we can honor them.

The best way, though, for us to honor those whose names are already carved on a memorial wall: To do our best to never have to build another one.

We already have too many memorials.

—Kevin Moses
Central District Ranger
Shenandoah National Park

June 6: D-Day, when 4,413 young men in the Allied Expeditionary Force were killed in one day.

June 21: U.S. Park Ranger Joseph Kolodski, GRSM ranger slain in the line of duty at BLRI in 1998.

June 25: Firefighter/paramedic/SAR instructor Alicia Monahan, killed while teaching a Swiftwater Rescue Course in 2022

June 30: Yarnell Hill Fire, Ariz., where 19 Granite Mountain hotshots were killed in action in 2013.

July 6: South Canyon Fire, Storm King Mountain, Colo., where 14 firefighters were killed in action in 1994.

July 29: U.S. Park Ranger Jeffrey Christensen, killed in the line of duty from a fall at ROMO in 2005.

Aug. 9: U.S. Park Ranger Kristopher Eggle, slain in the line of duty at ORPI in 2002.

Sept. 11: 9/11

Sept. 24: Special Agent Daniel Madrid died in the line of duty while conducting a backcountry investigation in YOSE in 2005.

Oct. 2: NPS Arrowhead Hotshot Danny Holmes killed on a prescribed fire at SEKI in 2004.

First Sunday in October: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, also known as Armistice Day

Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Day (1,177 U.S. Navy Sailors remain entombed in the USS *Arizona* to this day).

There are countless others, dozens of which memorialize fallen NPS rangers and other NPS personnel. Those mentioned above are just the ones with which I have a personal connection.

When I reflect on these, I arrive at an undeniable truth: It turns out Bodie the surfer dude was wrong. Or, more accurately, he was only partially correct: Indeed, it is not tragic to die doing what you love ...*if you're 100 years old when it happens!* But it absolutely is tragic when someone dies young, regardless of whether or not they were doing what they loved at the time.

What can we do about all these tragic stories then? We must, simply, honor our fallen heroes. We can do this in so many ways:

- **Gathering with friends and family** on their day of remembrance to celebrate their lives and do something that they loved doing.
- **Giving part of ourselves to their cause**, donating our time, money, talents, and dedication to keeping their legacy alive. We can honor them by serving on our NPS Ranger Honor Guard.
- **Kris Eggle's father, Bob, says we can honor them by training hard.** He encourages rangers to maintain lifelong physical and mental fitness, commit to be our best, give our best, prepare for the fight, and stay in the fight. Bob says we do not rise to the level of our hope or expectations, but rather we fall to the level of our training, thus we must pour every ounce of our energy, concentration, and dedication into our training and never allow training to go to waste.
- **Telling their stories to anyone who will listen.** We must tell their stories to friends and family, young rangers at the beginning of their career, and in the training academies so that others can learn from them.
- Telling our children about them, too. Even though it weighs heavily on my soul, we should take our children to their memorials so they can "spend some time with a few heroes" and ensure future generations will not forget them.



The Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens are an oasis in the middle of Washington, D.C. Alan Spears photo

An urban oasis that lightens the load

National parks play vital role in instilling peace in an otherwise troubled world

THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE HEAVIER THESE PAST FEW MONTHS. The war against Ukraine, unrest at home, and an ever-widening climate emergency that has placed half the planet on fire while the other half floods. The headlines seem designed to give us little peace. Our national parks have a role to play in helping us through these troubled times. As bulwarks against the adverse impacts of climate change – “Yes please!” As places that remind us that we’ve seen and bested worse times and greater struggles. And also, as places of inspiration and needed respite for mind, heart, and

“Nestled on the eastern bank of the Anacostia River in northeast Washington, D.C., the tidal marsh and forests that comprise modern-day Kenilworth were in the 16th and 17th centuries the homeland of the Nacotchtank Indians.”

— Alan Spears,
National Parks Conservation Association

soul. Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is, for me, one such place.

Nestled on the eastern bank of the Anacostia River in northeast Washington, D.C., the tidal marsh and forests that comprise modern-day Kenilworth were in the 16th and 17th centuries the homeland of the Nacotchtank Indians. Algonquin speakers and a part of the Piscataway Confederacy, the Nacotchtank thrived on the abundant resources they found between the Anacostia and Potomac rivers. A European derivation of their name added the word “Anacostia” to the region’s geographic lexicon.

Capt. John Smith was discovered by the Nacotchtank and their neighbors when he first arrived in the region in 1608. The European settlement that followed led to the creation of large plantations that used enslaved labor to grow and harvest tobacco. The crop made a fortune but so devastated the soil that by the year 1800 the plantations could no longer produce and the Anacostia River, once navigable from its confluence with the Potomac north to Bladensburg, had become impassable to tall ships due to the runoff from the heavily compromised soil.

Walter Shaw purchased the property that would come to be

known as Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in the late 1800s. A Maine man, Shaw was wounded fighting for the Union at Spotsylvania Courthouse in the summer of 1864, where he lost his right arm. During recuperation, he learned to write with his left hand, moved to Washington, D.C., and took a job in the pension office. Around 1880, he purchased 30 acres of land in a remote section of northeast D.C. for a water garden.

Shaw dug ponds and began to grow aquatic Asian lotus and lilies, which he sold. His business flourished and he later transferred the management of the gardens to his daughter Helen Fowler Shaw. She successfully expanded the operation and became the first woman in the District of Columbia to receive a commercial truck driver’s license, an accreditation she needed to aid in the pickup and delivery of her products.

In 1930, government dredging operations along the Anacostia reached the vicinity of the Shaw’s property, and the family received a notice of condemnation for their land. Helen Fowler Shaw fought the decree for nearly a decade before transferring the property to the National Park Service (NPS) in 1938. Shaw’s action saved the marshland, the ponds, and the lotus and lilies for the benefit, enjoyment, and inspiration of future generations, including me.

Today, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is a true urban oasis. Pathways intersperse the ponds and allow the public to visit with both the natural and the human-constructed elements of the park. A boardwalk and a river walk trail provide access to the tidal marsh and the Anacostia River, successfully reconnecting the adjacent neighborhoods and visitors from across the globe to this unique ecosystem.

During the peak summer growing season, the lilies reach glorious shades of pink and the lily pads grow to such a thickness and diameter it appears possible that one could hop aboard and paddle them down the Anacostia all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. But the soundscape – the lack of the usual dominance of noise generated by humans – is truly the best year-round benefit for visitors.

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is my place of peace. If you are ever in D.C. and have a few extra minutes to enjoy refresh and recharge, make sure you pay a visit.

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