

ANPR NEWS

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Oral History Project

Good news for the ANPR Oral History Project! Stephanie Toothman, NPS Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science, has included funds for transcription of ANPR oral history interviews in a pilot project, "Telling Our Untold Stories: Centennial Voices of the National Park Service." The project is led by Lu Ann Jones, staff historian with the Park History Program, who has helped organize teams of interviewers at Ranger Rendezvous since 2012. A first-rate transcribing contractor has already been engaged to begin transcribing interviews completed in October 2014. Interview recordings, transcripts, and supplementary materials are being donated to the NPS archives at Harpers Ferry Center. ANPR has featured interview excerpts in Ranger magazine and on its website <http://www.anpr.org/oralhistory.htm>, and places the interviews among its leadership development efforts.

-Lu Ann Jones, Historian, Park History Program, NPS

World Ranger Congress (WRC)

Registration: Planning is moving forward to open early online registration for the World Ranger Congress in May of this year. The ANPR Board is developing criteria to select ANPR members who are interested in attending. Information on how to apply will be released soon! Full week registration will cost \$650 per delegate, with a \$50 early registration discount available until September 1, 2015. Lodging and meals at the YMCA of the Rockies will be an additional cost.

Shadow Assignments: The word is spreading about shadow assignments. If your park wants to volunteer to host international delegates before or after the Congress, please see <http://goo.gl/RWzFcd> for more information or contact Cindy Purcell at cindyp.wrc8@gmail.com. Eight parks have stepped forward so far. Let's quadruple that!

Fundraising: National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) has committed to making a major financial contribution to the WRC! We are very appreciative. A fundraising event with known national park supporters will be held in the Twin Cities in mid-April.

Facebook: Please visit and 'like' our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/worldrangercongressusa2016>. Post your thoughts on the WRC, pictures of previous WRCs you've attended, questions, and ideas. Inviting your friends to 'like' the page can raise awareness, and help ensure the success of this event. This is the biggest thing ANPR has ever done.

-Bob Krumenaker, WRC Conference Chair (bob.wrc8@gmail.com)

World Ranger Congress (WRC): Sister Parks

In support of World Ranger Congress, ANPR is asking members to work with their cooperating associations to help fund delegates from their Sister Parks to attend WRC. Rangers in developing countries need financial assistance to participate in World Ranger Congress, and this is a way to support your Sister Park relationship. Please contact Bruce McKeeman at bruce.wrc8@gmail.com or Yvette Ruan at yvette.wrc8@gmail.com for more information.

-Erika Jostad, President

Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII: Training Seminars

The annual meeting of the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII, will be held on October 21-25, 2015, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly located near Asheville, NC. The theme for this year's meeting is "Living the Mission". The Program Committee is currently seeking submissions and ideas for training seminars that explore facets of this broad theme. Training Seminars can be either full day or half-day presentations. Examples of potential topics include: SAR, EMS, the NPS budget, resource protection, and historic preservation. Please include the name, e-mail, and phone number of each presenter, as well as a brief description of the proposed session. E-mail proposals to Ben Walsh (RR38Asheville@gmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Asheville for an exciting Ranger Rendezvous!

-Ben Walsh, Ranger Rendezvous 38 Coordinator

Ranger Magazine Contributions:

The summer issue of Ranger magazine is coming up, with the theme of Transportation in the Parks. Send your Ranger feature article ideas to kendellthompson@gmail.com and/or rangermag.editor@gmail.com by April 7 at the latest. In addition, please send completed announcements, photos and captions for All in the Family, and all information for ANPR Actions & News, ANPR Reports and book reviews on an ongoing basis (regardless of the deadline) to Ranger Editor Ann Dee Allen at rangermag.editor@gmail.com. Plan ahead to send fully completed text in one Word document for the summer issue by April 24. You can use the handy calculator at http://tiporama.com/tools/pixels_inches.html to see if your photo(s) can be printed at a minimum of 5 x 7 inches at 300 dpi. Include a complete caption and photographer credit line with all photos, and send no more than three of your best shots. We look forward to your contribution!

-Ann Dee Allen, Ranger Editor

ANPR Mentorship Program

Interested mentors and protégés are welcome and encouraged to join our popular mentoring program. We would love to develop a stronger base of members for this program. Members from all backgrounds are encouraged to contact us, as we currently have protégés seeking information about a variety of National Park Service careers. Please contact Education and Training officer Katlyn Grubb at KFG26@NAU.EDU for more information.

- Katlyn Grubb, Education and Training