

# ANPR NEWS

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**A monthly newsletter from the Association of National Park Rangers**  
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## **Federal Employees Health Benefits Program**

The Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program, along with a full employer contribution, has been expanded in 2015 to include most temporary, seasonal and intermittent employees with the NPS. You can elect to participate in this great benefit of federal employment when you sign in for your new position this summer. Talk with your Human Resources staff for more information. ANPR is pleased to have supported this successful expansion of health benefits to seasonal employees.

*- Erika Jostad, ANPR President*

## **Ranger Magazine Archives**

Ever since its inception in 1977, a high priority of the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) has been to foster improved communications within the ranks of both rangers and the employees of the National Park Service in general. The Association therefore launched a newsletter on such matters. Over the course of the better part of five decades, more than 140 editions of the newsletter and magazine have been published.

Because these publications contain such a breadth of detailed information about all aspects of both the Association and the National Park Service, they provide an important historical asset for a period of almost 40 years – more than a third of the Service's existence and close to all of ANPR's lifetime.

Now, just in time for the Service's centennial, all these publications are available to members of the Association, NPS employees and the public as all past issues have been converted to PDF files and posted on the web at:

<http://npshistory.com/newsletters/ranger/>.

Click on any Ranger cover to open and access the contents of a given edition. You'll find the stories and history fascinating and learn something about the evolution of your association and the National Park Service.

*- Bill Halainen, past editor of Ranger magazine*

## **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, and continue to share knowledge of the organization. Mentors 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](mailto:KFG26@NAU.EDU) for more information.

*- Katlyn Grubb, Board Member for Education & Training*

## **Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII**

The annual meeting of the Association of National Park Rangers, Ranger Rendezvous XXXVIII, will be held October 21-25, 2015, at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly near Asheville, NC. Our program is almost complete and will be available soon at <https://www.anpr.org/rr38-2015.htm>. We plan to open registration in early June. See you in Asheville!

- Ben Walsh, Ranger Rendezvous 38 Coordinator

## **East Coast Rideshare to Rendezvous**

I will tentatively be leaving from the Boston area very early on October 20, driving down the east coast to Rendezvous for the board and/or other meetings on October 21 and leaving to return about noon on the 25th. Does anyone want to share the van expenses, snacks, bad stories and advice? Last time I did this it was very fun and we all saved money and made new connections. Please contact me if you are interested at [treehome@pobox.com](mailto:treehome@pobox.com) or [781 749 0770](tel:7817490770) (note: I will be out of country, sailing in Turkey, May 24 - June 9).

- Ed Rizzotto, ANPR Member

## **World Ranger Congress (WRC)**

We're just a year away! WRC registration is slated to go live on May 30. Check out our re-designed web site at <http://www.worldrangercongressusa.com>. Please follow and contribute to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/worldrangercongressusa2016>), and Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/ANPRRangerUSA>).

Day one of the WRC, (May 21, 2016), will include a commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Galen Clark's appointment as the first "Guardian of Yosemite" by WRC partner the California State Parks Association. Ranger Clark will be present in the form of retired CSPRA ranger Miles Standish. That same evening Cowboy Brad, aka Wilderness Ranger Brad Fitch of Rocky Mountain National Park, will be joining us for an evening of music celebrating the Rocky Mountains. Day one of the WRC will finish up with a great WRC traditional potlatch, where rangers from around the world will share foods from their home countries. If you would like to participate in the World Ranger Congress as an ANPR delegate, please fill out [this application form](#). The first round of applications closes on June 15, 2015.

- Bob Krumenaker, WRC Conference Chair ([bob.wrc8@gmail.com](mailto:bob.wrc8@gmail.com))