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**Cover photos: CSPRA's Mike Lynch
presents a check for Jr. Ranger Program
funding to Deputy Director Brian Cahill,
and a historic photo of Galen Clark.**

President's Message



by **Victor Bjelajac** , CSPRA President

April finds CSPRA members participating in the National Park Service Centennial Celebration at Yosemite (April 16-24) and then off to the World Ranger Congress (May 21-26). I am always impressed with CSPRA members' varied and enthusiastic participation in protecting natural and cultural resources in California and abroad. I will be looking forward to members sharing their experiences at both events.

Board members will be meeting in person in Sacramento on May 4, including a breakfast meeting with several other park-related organizations, and we welcome members to attend. See the schedule at www.cspra.com.

CSPRA as an organization is consistently approached by organizations and individuals to lend its expertise and member support for conservation and programming around park issues. A CSPRA board member (s) recently sat on a panel discussion of current trends in our parks at the annual Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC) training, solicited dozens of park associations to support youth outdoor programming in California, continually reviews legislation with park related proposals and brings member concerns, as they relate to resource protection, to the agencies that are tasked with protection of those resources.

CSPRA has a reputation for supporting park resources and the professionals tasked with protecting them. I am becoming less surprised at the diversity and frequency of queries and the passion

that CSPRA board and general members put forth in responding to conservation concerns.

As an example, the CSPRA board was asked to review and support a preferred option identified in an environmental document for an area in one of our parks. CSPRA board members met with the resource specialist making the request and participated in a tour of the area to better understand the potential resource impacts. Board members prepared and presented an analysis of the options, and after discussion with CSPRA board and general membership wrote a letter of support for the course of action being supported by DPR. This by itself is an impressive effort put forth by unpaid CSPRA general and board members, but what struck me as unique was the trust and confidence that the action fostered at the individual level.

This same resource specialist is a founding member of an international organization working for the protection of caves and the species that inhabit them and has been participating in expeditions and international education programs for over a decade. This group is holding an international conference in the western states this year. Part of their charter is to educate park professionals tasked with understanding and protecting these (underground) natural resources, providing training and support for international professionals whose home countries do not offer structured training in this specialized area of resource protection. Sound familiar?

CSPRA has been building relationships within the DPR, conservation communities, and between agencies and organizations for decades. Through our varied membership (representing all program areas within DPR and some others) we can typically come up with someone who has, or knows someone who has, the expertise and the passion to delve into an issue, understand and then articulate the concerns to CSPRA members and if supported, work to lend

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CSPRA Helps Save Junior Rangers

Amazing Response Supports Youth Program

by **Jeff Price**, CSPRA Board Secretary

On January 23, 2016, the CSPRA Board was informed by California State Parks (CSP) that, due to an estimated \$20,000 shortfall in expected donations in support of statewide youth programs, those programs, including Junior Rangers, were in jeopardy for the coming summer.

The CSPRA Board was asked by CSP for a one-time grant of \$7,800 to fund the basic Junior Ranger and Litter Getter printed materials, needed before March. CSPRA's budget could not cover that amount, but we pledged seed money and voted to do a fundraiser to get the full amount. It was a very unclear path ahead. CSPRA went quickly to work.

It seemed appropriate that CSPRA help, since we were the organization that funded the first statewide Junior Ranger program. Way back in 1973, CSPRA came up with the initial \$1,100 donation needed to create the exciting new state park Junior Ranger program. Forty-three years ago, John Kolb at Donner and myself at Calaveras were among the first Rangers to successfully implement that new interpretive program. CSPRA is pleased to see that it has since been an overwhelming success! Last year approximately 28,000 children in over 70 park units took part in Junior Rangers guided programs. Another 5,000 used the Junior Ranger self-guided Adventure Guide. The environmentally conscious Litter Getter program reaches over 20,000 children in over 100 parks. Both efforts again needed CSPRA's support.

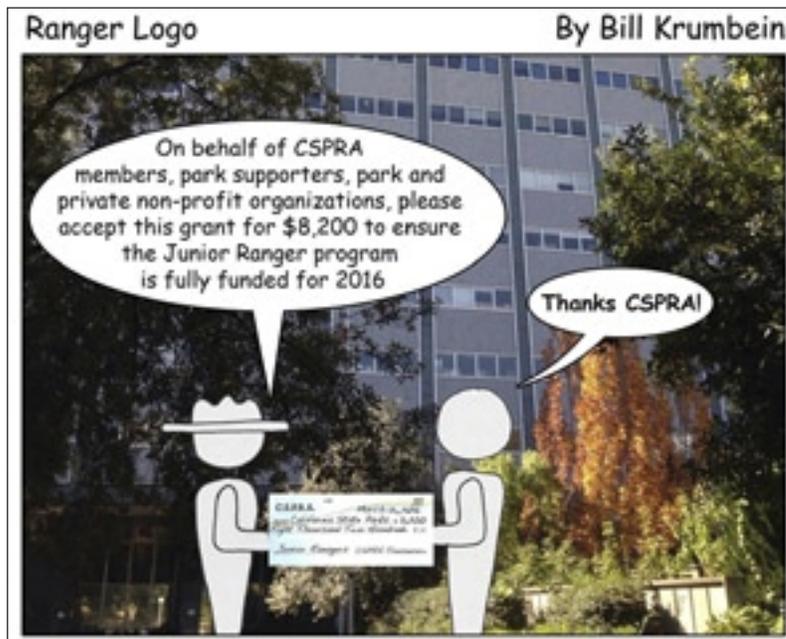
Vice President Sue Neary's initial solicitation letter went by e-mail on January 27, to 90 park non-profits. Not much happened for a few days, and we were getting concerned that the urgency of the need was not getting

through. Several Board members began calling non-profits directly, the next week, asking for short notice support, and all CSPRAnet members were informed. Soon thereafter, Benicia's non-profit sent the first commitment for \$200.00, quickly followed by the Bodie Foundation offering an astounding

We greatly appreciate those who contributed as individuals and the substantial support from public and private non-profit organizations. Thanks to our members and supporting partners, youth programs are now 100% funded for 2016! Please know that CSPRA has strongly suggested CSP add youth program funding to their service based budget, so 2017 does

not beget the same dilemma!

CSPRA is already using donated funds to directly pay for production of materials and printing costs associated with the 2016 season's park youth programs. Donated funds saved CSP almost \$20,000 over using the state printing office – a requirement when using state funds. These programs are expanding to serve not only park users but also under-served youth in neighboring communities.



\$1,000.00, and a few member donations. After that we had pledges every few days, from \$10.00 to \$500.00, including a private non-profit and friends of members who heard about our effort and wanted to help. Amazing!

CSPRA's small fundraising team reached the \$7,800 goal on February 10, 2016, after just twelve days. We had fully met the need for donations, and even more donations came in.

CSPRA ended up being able to offer \$8,200 to support the Junior Ranger program. We also solicited a generous, separate donation of \$3,240 direct to CSP from the State Parks Foundation, for a combined total of over \$11,000 in donated support commitments. We understand that the Save the Redwoods League had already pledged \$7,000 direct to CSP for printing Litter Getter collection bags (not plastic, compostable recycled unbleached paper).

Individual Donors

Mike Lynch, Cate Murphy, Miriam Guiney, Ann Meneguzzi, Inez Cook, Andrea Mapes, James Peat, Pat Clark-Gray, Becky Suarez, and Caroline Rodgers

Park and Private Non-profit Donors

Benicia State Parks Assoc., Bodie Foundation, Humboldt Redwoods Interp. Assoc., Sierra State Parks Foundation, Anza-Borrego Foundation, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, Mountain Parks Foundation, Coastside State Parks Association, Santa Monica Mountains NHA, Pine Ridge Association, Amigos de Bolsa Chica, Malibu Creek Docents, Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, Doheny State Beach Interpretive Assn., Friends of Hearst Castle, California Alpine Club Foundation, Cuyamaca Rancho Interpretive Assn, Friends of Palomar Mountain SP, Big Sur Natural History Association, Friends of Mt. Tamalpais, Calaveras Big Trees Association, Portola and Castle Rock Foundation, California State Park Foundation, and Friends of China Camp.

Galen Clark

The Lost Ranger

by Miles Standish

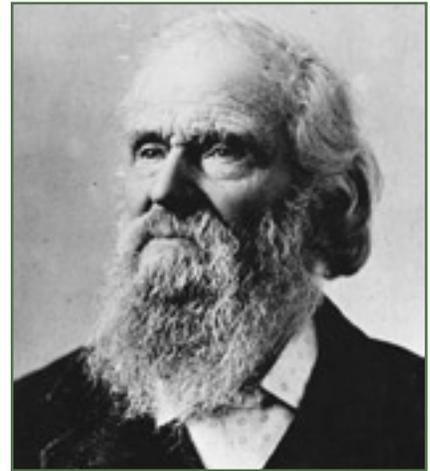
What a minute, how can a ranger be lost? Isn't a ranger, by definition, never lost? The answer is "in time." A ranger might actually strive to be "lost in time" because the important mission is to protect the park and the visitor, not to make a name for one's self. And that was Galen Clark. Although he was famous in his time, he did little to promote himself. What glory he had came from others by just doing his job. His whole life was spent in efforts to protect the park and help visitors.

In 1900 Galen Clark was so revered he was often referred to as "Mr. Yosemite". Yosemite was California's first state park; there are several Federal maps that even call it Yosemite State Park. And Galen Clark was so well known that he even had a mountain and a mountain range in what is now Yosemite National Park named after him. People sought him out for advice and information about Yosemite. He wrote three books about Yosemite. He was a charter member of the Sierra Club and was the custodian of the Sierra Club room. His good friend John Muir called Galen Clark "the best mountaineer I ever met". He was known far and wide as "the" person to contact about information on Yosemite, and in a tribute at his death in 1910 Daniel Foley in the Merced Evening Sun wrote, "...Mr. Clark was the one man who really, truly loved Yosemite..." and "...like Yosemite, he was beyond words: too great to talk about, impossible to describe..." Yet, today, while almost everyone knows the name John Muir, the average visitor – and even many rangers – haven't a clue about who Galen Clark was or what he did. Essentially Galen Clark has been lost in time. But as rangers, we not only can't forget him, we need to hold him up as a shining example of what it means to be called a "ranger".

So, just who was Galen Clark? He was a failure. Yep, an abject failure

– at least in the eastern United States where he grew up. Actually, he was born near Shipton, Canada, and with 13 other brothers and sisters, moved to New Hampshire when he was five (and he never got a green card). As he grew up he was remembered as a very honest and sincere person, but his luck was terrible. He tried farming, clerking, furniture making, house painting and all he got for his efforts were bad luck, debt and poor health. He got married at 25, had five children, and had his wife die of consumption right after the birth of their fifth child. He simply couldn't support his family. So, he farmed his children out to relatives and in 1853 and went to California to become a gold miner. But his luck wasn't much better as a miner. He went to work for the Mariposa Ditch Company and, while working for them in 1855, joined a party of miners that went to visit the Yo-Semite Valley. And here is where his luck began to change. Not at first, however, because right after he got back from his visit to Yo-Semite a doctor told him he was going to die in a matter of weeks from consumption. Here the story gets a little murky. We do know he filed a claim in 1856 for 160 acres in a meadow that today is known as Wawona, and goes to his claim to either live or die – and surprisingly he lives. He is 42 years old.

How he lived through that first winter is not known. He does, however, get to know the local Indians and he remains friends with them to his dying day. But several things start to come together at this point in his life. It was during this time that Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., the planner of New York's famous Central Park, was working as the manager of a ranch owned by John and Jessie Frémont near Mariposa. Also, the following year, 1857, Galen and Milton Mann



became the first white men to discover the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias near Galen's land claim. In the years following, the Yo-Semite Valley and the Mariposa Grove started to become tourist meccas, and, because Galen's cabin was about ½ the distance between Mariposa and the Yo-Semite Valley, his cabin became a logical stopping place for a night's lodging for travelers coming from Mariposa. People began to notice Galen, not just because he gave them shelter and food, but because he was generous, kind and, most of all, very knowledgeable of the Valley's natural history. He knew the difference between a ponderosa pine and a Jeffery pine. He handed out seeds and all kinds of help. Travelers remarked so frequently on how such a rough backwoodsman could be so genteel, well read and accommodating, that they began to write about him in eastern publications. Galen Clark began to become famous.

It was also about this time, in the early 1860's, that several people, including Galen Clark, began to become concerned about the impact all the people were having on the Valley. Grazing cattle, the cutting of trees, ramshackle buildings, fires and no one to protect the Valley was the order of the day. Clark was a naturalist and a lover of trees; he loved the Valley, and he considered the Yo-Semite Valley God's finest cathedral. So, with the help of John Conness, the Jr. Senator from California, a bill was introduced in the U.S. Senate on March 28, 1864 to give the Valley to the new State of California. The bill whizzed through

Galen Clark

Congress and was signed by Abraham Lincoln on June 30, 1864. Think about it, that's just a little over three months from start to finish. How can that be, you ask? Well here is where Jessie Benton Frémont comes into the picture. Jessie was the daughter of Senator Thomas Benton and she knew how to play the political game. Of course it didn't hurt that she was also the wife of John C. Frémont – explorer and Civil War general. Galen Clark gives her, and I.W. Raymond, a shipping tycoon, accolades for pushing the bill through Congress. A series of photographs taken by Carleton Watkins on his mammoth (18"x22") camera also helped – a lot.

Of course it wasn't all a bed of roses. There was a huge fight that got carried all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court by James Hutchins challenging the Commission's right to restrict use of what Hutchins considered private property in the Valley. And, as part of that fight, the State's Legislature failed to appropriate any money for the first four years of Clark's guardianship to administer the park.

How did Galen come to be the Yosemite Valley's first ranger? As it turns out, because in those days the State Legislature only met every other year, and because it had already met in April of 1864, the State of California couldn't officially accept the Yo-Semite Grant until April 2, 1866. Governor Low in 1864 had already appointed a Commission to oversee the Grant, but the commissioners didn't have any authoritative power until the grant from the federal government was officially accepted by the State. Then, after the acceptance, the Commission met officially on May 21, 1866 and appointed Galen Clark, one of their own, as the first "Guardian" of the Yo-Semite Grant. Today a park "guardian" is called a "ranger".

In 1865, the Chairman of the Grant Commission, Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., issued what is probably the most important report ever written for parks throughout the world. On August 9, 1865 he presented to the Commission

a report titled "Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove – A Preliminary Report, 1865." This report laid down the two most important goals for parks: 1) the resource must be preserved and 2) the park must be available for all. And, what is most remarkable, Olmsted foresaw a day when millions of people would want to visit the Valley, so he stated a third principle: Of the two main goals, the most important is the first because the state must protect the resource for future generations. Olmsted's report was so controversial in its day that other members of the Commission suppressed it, and it wasn't until 1952 the full report saw the light of day. But Galen Clark heard it and followed it as his guiding principle.

Galen Clark continued to be the Guardian of the Yo-Semite Grant until 1879 when he and other members of the Commission were removed from office due to a new State Constitution. After Clark was removed, the new Commission named James Hutchins (rather ironically) as Guardian. Hutchins was removed in 1884 due to differences he had with the new Commission. After Hutchins, Walter S. Dennison was

appointed Guardian, but he only lasted two years before the Commission let him go. Then came Mark L. McCord, and he also only lasted a couple of years. Dennison and McCord were both political appointees that had very little knowledge or love for Yosemite, and their management resulted in a great many mistakes and problems. There was even an investigation into the Grant's mismanagement by the California State Senate. Finally, in 1889, the new Commission realized that Clark really was the best choice, and asked him to come back and resume the position of Guardian. Clark did return, at the age of 75, and corrected many of the problems left by Dennison and McCord, but resigned in 1896, at the age of 82, claiming that he was just too old to do the job.

After Clark resigned he had no income, but the new Commission allowed him to rent his house in the Valley for \$1 a year. He steadfastly refused any handout, but his friends were so concerned about him that they offered him several small jobs. He gave lectures, posed for photographs, sold seeds and was in constant demand to answer questions as "Mr. Yosemite". He wrote three books about Yosemite, which helped him survive, but he was always financially strapped. By this time in his life he was well into his nineties; his three sons had died, but he still had two daughters: Mary Ann Clark Regan, and her children and her children's children back east, and one daughter, Elvira Missouri Clark, living in Oakland, Calif. In fact, he was visiting his oldest daughter Elvira in Oakland on March 24, 1910 when he took a nap and didn't wake up. Since the Yosemite Valley by this time had been given back to the Federal Government, special permission had to be arranged for Galen to be laid to rest on April 2 in the grave he had dug for himself in the Pioneer Cemetery near the present Visitor Center. He had a lot of people there to say goodbye.

I strongly suggest you take the time to visit his grave at least once in your life and say "thank you" and "goodbye".



Miles at Galen Clark's grave

Yosemite

Congressional and State Senate Recognition of Ranger 150th Anniversary

At the Yosemite National Park Earth Day celebration on April 23rd, the 150th Anniversary of California State Park Rangers was one of the main themes, along with the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service and National Parks Week. Front and Center was Galen Clark, Yosemite and California's first park ranger. Congressman Tom McClintock made a presentation recognizing the Ranger 150th and State Senator Jim Nielsen also prepared a Resolution for the event. Congressman McClintock's framed presentation was worded in part:

Congressional Record – Extension of Remarks

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARK RANGERS AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

...I rise today to honor the state and federal park rangers who have served Yosemite National Park over the last 150 years. Specifically, I rise to honor Mr. Galen Clark, the first appointed "guardian" (park ranger) of Yosemite in 1866.



...Recognition of Mr. Clark's appointment as the first park ranger is a momentous event, offering an opportunity to reflect, highlight and honor the history and contribution of park staff over the last 150 years.

Honorable Tom McClintock of California - In the House of Representatives

State Senator Jim Nielsen's Resolution read in part:

California State Park Rangers

Whereas, During the year 2016, California State Park Rangers will celebrate 150 years of faithful service to the people of California and the protection of state parks, and in recognition thereof, it is appropriate to draw special attention to the extraordinary contributions that these dedicated public servants have made to the Golden State: and

Whereas, On April 23rd, 2016, the Department of Parks and Recreation, California State Park Rangers Association, California State Parks Anniversary Committee...will commemorate and celebrate the history and heritage of California State Park Rangers....

Resolved by Senator Jim Nielsen, That the California State Park Rangers, both past and present, be congratulated on 150 years of faithful service to the people of California and the protection of state parks, and commended on the vital role they have played in preserving the diverse natural and cultural heritage of the State for the enjoyment of future generations.

Joint Member Resolution No. 327 - Dated this 23rd day of April, 2016 - Jim Nielsen

The full text of the presentations are at www.ranger150.cspra.com

Congressman Tom McClintock makes his presentation recognizing the Ranger 150 to District Superintendent Jess Cooper. L-R: Scott Liske, Greg Martin, Jess Cooper, Congressman McClintock, and Mike Lynch

Honorary Ranger

Honorary Ranger 2016, Dr. Jarrell Jackman



(L to R) Past-presidents of Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation W. Elliot Brownlee and John Ponchen, CSPRA Secretary Jeff Price, Honorary Ranger Dr. Jarrell Jackman, Channel Coast District Superintendent Rich Rozzelle, and retired Division Chief Steve Treanor. Photo by Peggy Price.

by Jeff Price, CSPRA Secretary

On January 28, the 2016 Honorary Ranger presentation was made to Dr. Jarrell Jackman.

Dr. Jackman has been a leader of the Trust for Historic Preservation for thirty-four years, as Historic Projects Administrator and Executive Director since 1987. In a unique partnership with the State, the Trust operates El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park that attracts 50,000 visitors annually from around the world.

The Trust, under Jackman's leadership, has completed major construction projects for El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park: the Chapel, the Comandancia, the Northeast Corner and (the soon to be completed) Northwest Corner, making El

Presidio the most fully restored Presidio in the United States. The restored Casa de la Guerra and El Presidio have become significant museums, hosting many lectures, performances, visiting exhibits and celebrations, due in large part to his efforts.

With Dr. Jackman's guidance, the Trust has facilitated the acquisition of dozens of parcels that have more than quadrupled the size of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park.

He served honorably on the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and with agencies, museums, private foundations, schools, and businesses to ensure that the rich cultural history of the central coast not only lives on for future generations, but is accessible today.

Dr. Jackman served on the Board of the California League of Park Associations for eight years (four years in the capacity of President). He has worked tirelessly as a park advocate on issues impacting park budgets and encouraging supporters to speak up for their precious park resources.



Thanks to Dave Van Cleve and Lynn Rhodes for their past Honorary Ranger leadership. Steve Treanor will be the Chair for CSPRA's 2017 Honorary Ranger Selection Committee.

World Ranger Congress, May 2016

CSPRA Helps Four Mongolian Rangers to Attend

Thanks to donations from CSPRA, the Anza-Borrego Foundation, the Denver Zoo Foundation, the Center for Mutual Understanding and many individual donations from around the world, four Mongolian Rangers from the Ikh Nart Nature Preserve will attend the International Ranger Federation World Congress in Colorado. This is a worldwide gathering of park professionals and a huge opportunity to learn, share and participate in rangers from a global perspective.

Ikh Nart Nature Reserve is a sister park with our own Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Many trips have been made over the years by a team of State Park professionals to help with fundraising and management at this special place in Mongolia. The visiting rangers will also visit Anza-Borrego on their journey, have their own interpreter for the conference, and have logistical support throughout.

Thanks to all who helped in this effort!



Above: **Anandpurew Tumurbaatar**, Head Ranger, Ikh Nart Nature Preserve



Left: Mongolian Rangers with **Lynn Rhodes, Mike Wells, Steve Bier and Mark Jorgensen** of California State Parks



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a voice, and at times financial resources, to address the resource concerns. Good on us.

For our members still working for the Department, steady goes the course with our Service Based Budgeting ex-

ercises. DPR has invested considerable time and staff expertise in developing the program areas (18) content and tasks (thousands) associated with doing them. It is an additional workload during a busy time of the year but is critical for

developing and articulating the Departments fiscal needs.

Safe travel for members lending support to our partners' state, national and international events.

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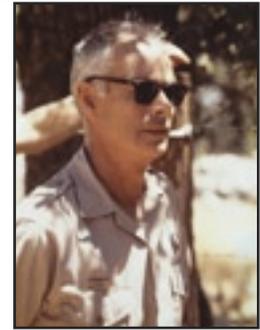
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and understand that termination of my
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under this organization.
Signature

Date

A WAVE Goodbye

ED EARL 1922-2016

Ed passed away in March, at age 94. He was a long-time ranger who worked at Big Basin State Park, Seacliff State Beach, Grizzly Creek Redwoods, San Mateo Riding and Hiking Trails, Van Damme, Will Rodgers, and Santa Cruz District. He retired as a Park Superintendent after almost 34 years with State Parks.



JOE V. RAMOS

Joe passed away on February 18th, as a result of complications from prostate cancer. He had a long career with State Parks, starting as a Park Aide in 1977 and becoming a PI Ranger in 1980. He spent many years in Central Valley District and promoted to Supervising Ranger there in 2004. In June 2007 Joe became the Sector Superintendent at Carnegie SVRA, effectively balancing the diverse interests there. In 2008 he promoted to Superintendent II at the same location. Joe retired in June, 2013, after 33 years, to Southern California.

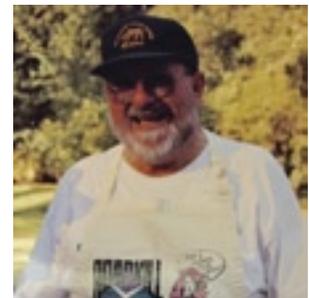
RICHARD DENISON 1921-2016

Dick passed away recently at age 95. He had a long and illustrious career in the military, flying combat missions over France during WWII as a bombardier and navigator, serving in the Korean War and as an administrative officer with the Air National Guard in various positions until his retirement as a Brigadier General. He worked as a researcher and exhibit specialist for the California State Railroad Museum and followed his passion for trains for decades as a volunteer, donating 13,000 hours to the Museum after retiring in 1990.



JIM PEAT 1940-2016

Jim served in the United States Navy as a Medical Corpsman from 1958 to 1962. Following in his father's footsteps, he started his park career in 1969 at Anza Borrego Desert SP as a Maintenance Assistant. He promoted through the ranks to Maintenance Supervisor. By 1982, he was District Superintendent at Brannan Island SRA. We believe that he was the first maintenance worker to promote to Superintendent and become a Peace Officer. Jim also worked at Henry W. Coe, Silverwood Lake SRA, Lake Perris SRA, Will Rogers SHP, Calaveras Big Trees SP, and Pfeiffer Big Sur SP. In 1996, after 25 years, Jim retired from DPR as Superintendent at Millerton Lake. However, his love of parks did not end at that time as he continued to work as a Retired Annuitant for about 10 more years. Jim was a park steward and was often described as a kind and caring man with a good sense of humor and a contagious laugh. Jim passed away in April while visiting Yosemite.



Retirees



CSPRA President **Bjelajac** honored retiring member **Rich Rozzelle** (L) at Carpinteria SB March 19, 2016, with a laser engraved, commemorative plaque in recognition of his 30 years of service and membership. Congrats Rich!

Photo by Jennifer Butzke

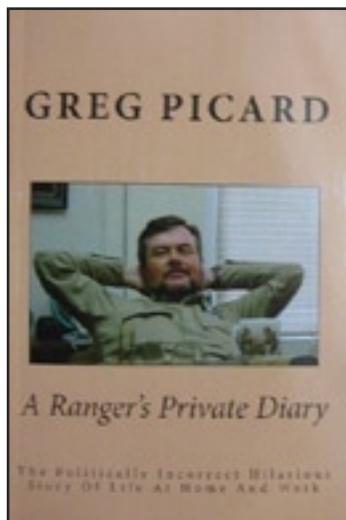


Retirees' Rendezvous and Annual Membership Meeting Oct 4 - 7 at Morro Bay

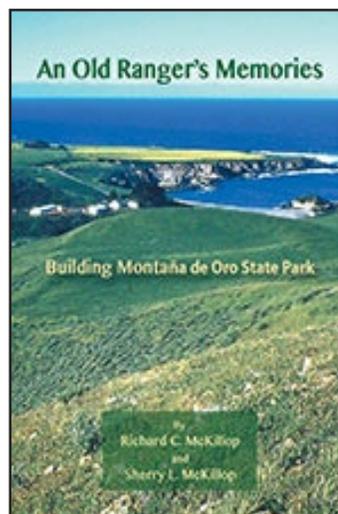
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Books from CSPRA Members

Almost 50 book titles by retired park authors listed on the CSPRA website at cspra.com/retirees/authors.html.



A Ranger's Private Diary, by **Greg Picard**, published January 30, 2016, in association with Bittercreek Enterprises, is about the work and home issues of a real life park ranger. It is politically incorrect, hilarious, scathing and scandalizing. It is designed to make you laugh as often as possible. Rated "R" for radical, so read at your own risk! On Amazon, 213 pages. Kindle Edition auto-delivered \$2.99. Paperback \$15.00.



An Old Ranger's Memories: Building Montaña de Oro State Park, by **Dick McKillop** and **Sherry McKillop**, chronicles the adventures had in taking what used to be a working seaside ranch and transforming it into what would become San Luis Obispo County's most-beloved state park. From Ranger McKillop's first visit, through the first Labor Day weekend in the almost fully developed park, the reader will experience the tasks, challenges, and accomplishments of those early days."

On Amazon, 94 pages. Kindle Edition auto-delivered wirelessly \$3.99. Paperback \$15.99. All the profits will go to the Central Coast State Parks Association. For an autographed copy, contact Sherry McKillop at followingmycompass@ymail.com or 707-227-7070.

Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops



by **Jeff Price**, retired

Mixed Metaphor: A combination of thoughts that when strung together produce a ridiculously funny effect of melded clichés. Send us along any overheard slips of the tongue - malaprops@cspra.com.

Projectile procedure!

Yeah it's complex, but you know it's not rocket surgery.

Maybe he's a nervous vampire, or just a vandal!

The Cruz campaign is pulling out all the stakes in his home state of Texas.

Granular subdivisions, I assume?

Yes, I want more information, so let me give you the particulates.

Not counting the aboriginal vote?

Looks like Cruz will do well in Michigan, but with only 12% of the vote in, that is not indigenous of the final total.

Crossfire maybe?

With Kurds to the north and ISIL on the south, the people living along the border are caught in the backfire.

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by **Jeff Price**, Membership Secretary

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