



Community Bulletin



Rebecca Harriett Named Superintendent

Rebecca Harriett has been selected as the Superintendent of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. She will begin her new position on February 2, replacing Don Campbell, who retired after 29 years as Superintendent at Harpers Ferry.

“I look forward to working with the dedicated employees, volunteers, partners and neighbors of Harpers Ferry. I am especially excited about commemorating the 150th anniversary of John Brown’s Raid as we kick-off the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War,” said Harriett.

Currently the Superintendent of Booker T. Washington National Monument in southwest Virginia, Harriett recently served as the Acting Deputy Superintendent at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. She began her Park Service career as a seasonal park ranger at Cape Lookout National Seashore. After graduation, she traveled to Alaska as a seasonal interpreter at Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. This led to a permanent position at the Seattle Unit of Klondike in 1980. After 3 years of urban living, she returned to her beloved Cape Lookout National Seashore as a backcountry law enforcement ranger where she met and married her husband, also a park ranger. Together they moved to



the Midwest where Rebecca served as the lead, then eventually, the Chief Ranger at George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri. In 1991 she transferred to Friendship Hill National Historic Site in Pennsylvania as the site’s Supervisory Park Ranger overseeing the grand opening and operations of this new NPS unit. While at Friendship Hill she also served as the Acting Chief Ranger for Fort Necessity National Battlefield.

In 2002 Rebecca graduated from the Executive Leadership Program sponsored by the USDA Graduate School. During this training program she was detailed to EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Program office in Annapolis, MD, and then to the NPS Office of Congressio-

nal and Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C. where she helped shepherd through the boundary expansion legislation for Booker T. Washington National Monument.

With a keen interest in international park management issues, Harriett participated in the North America/United Kingdom Countryside Exchange Program at Brecon Beacons National Park, Wales, UK in 1998. She has also served as a delegate to the International Ranger Federation Congresses in Costa Rica, Australia and Scotland. She is a Life Member of the Association of National Park Rangers.

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Parks and Recreation Management from North Carolina State University (1979) and completed graduate work in public administration from the University of Washington. She is currently completing her masters in American History from Hollins University in Roanoke, VA.

Rebecca and her husband, Dr. William Robert Lamar, have two teenage sons, Thad, 18, Matthew, 15 and two labs, Hannah and Hermonie. Dr. Lamar is a professor of biology at Ferrum College. The family enjoys hiking, camping, backpacking, kayaking, reading and travel.

Show Your Support: Join Harpers Ferry Historical Association

You are invited to support the park and history of the area by joining the Harpers Ferry Historical Association.

Membership Benefits

- All members receive a 15% discount on all purchases from our Park Bookshop. This discount is reciprocal at many other park bookstores operated by cooperating associations in other sites.

- All members receive our newsletter, *The View*, which features park and association news and activities throughout the year.

- Higher levels of membership offer additional premiums (see membership application).

- All members are invited to our Annual Membership Meeting and Picnic held in June.

- All members are invited to participate in our many educational programs offered during the year.

- All members receive annual “members-only” sale specials.

- All members are invited to participate in a variety of volunteer opportunities with the Association.

- All members receive the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to support an organization that enhances the educational mission of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and the National Park Service.

You are invited to become a member, learn more about us, and help us fulfill our mission of “Stewardship Through Education.”

Membership Categories

- \$25 Armory Worker** – Basic membership for a family household. Benefits include a newsletter subscription, a 15% discount on all bookshop purchases, a lapel pin, and invitations to annual meeting and events.

- \$25 Sarah Jane Foster** – An alternative basic membership for educators. Benefits include the above plus discounts on programs for teachers.

- \$45 Millwright** – For those members who are frequent visitors to the park. Benefits are the same as Armory Worker category plus a 12-month Harpers Ferry Park entrance pass.

- \$100 Master Armorer** – A supporting membership category. Includes all benefits of the Millwright category plus a “My Home Towne” replica, member recognition in our newsletter and at our annual meeting, and a special tour.

- \$250 Paymaster** – For businesses, vendors or family donors who wish to contribute to the Association’s mission. Benefits include 15% discount on all bookshop purchases; a newsletter subscription; lapel pin; invitations to annual meetings, events, and association-sponsored education programs; a 12-month park pass; “My Home Towne” replica; recognition in news-

letter and at annual meeting; special tour; and additional membership card.

- \$500 Armory Superintendent** – For supporters (individual and corporate) who wish to perpetuate Association and Park education programs. Benefits include 15% discount on all bookshop purchases, a newsletter subscription, lapel pins, invitations to annual meeting, events, and education programs, “My Home Towne” replica, recognition in the newsletter and at annual meeting, special tour, a National Park pass (for use in all parks) for individuals, and a display plaque for businesses.

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Black History Month Exhibit

Date: February 1, 2008

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: John Brown Museum

As part of its Black History Month Celebration, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park invites the public to attend the opening of a new exhibit, **W.E.B. Du Bois: Architect of the Modern Civil Rights Movement**. The opening and reception will be held on Sunday, February 1, at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the John Brown Museum on Shenandoah Street. The exhibit remembers the life of W.E.B. Du Bois, founder of the Niagara Movement.

This special exhibit will be open through the end of February.



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The history of Harpers Ferry has few parallels in the American drama. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered, involving a diverse number of people and events, decisions and actions that influenced the course of our nation's history. Visit Harpers Ferry and step into history.

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