



The Morning Report

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INCIDENTS

Fort Smith National Historic Site (AR,OK) Fire In Non-Historic Structure May Have Been Arson

A fire broke out inside a lean-to shed attached to Frisco Station around 4 p.m. on January 8th. The shed, a non-historic structure that was added to the historic Frisco Station during the 1960s, is currently being used for storage, but the long-term goal is to remove it since it's not associated with the fort's historic period. The damage to the shed was fairly limited. Electrical work was being conducted earlier in the day inside the shed, but responding firefighters said that the fire originated in a different location from where the wiring work was being done. The fire apparently began at the bottom of the shed door, leading fire department personnel to believe it might have been intentionally set. [Submitted by Jackie Henman, Regional Law Enforcement Specialist, MWRO]

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (CA) Park Lodge Evacuated Due To Bomb Threat

The front desk manager at the Point Cavello Lodge in Fort Baker called park dispatch just after 7 a.m. on January 7th and reported that she'd received a bomb threat via email on the lodge's computer. Operations supervisor Kim Coast was notified and summoned US Park Police criminal investigators and bomb-sniffing dogs. Coast then contacted four on-duty protection rangers and met with them to develop a plan for closing roads and evacuating lodge guests and employees. USPP sergeant Tom Hart and another officer soon arrived on scene. All structures were vacated and Park Police and Marin County canine units began checking the facilities. Lodge guests were kept warm inside a park building. All buildings were deemed clear by 10 a.m. and normal operations resumed. Detectives are continuing the investigation. [Submitted by Kim Coast, Operations Supervisor]

War In The Pacific National Historical Park (GU) Man Arrested For Significant Vandalism To War Memorials

Christopher Biag Morandarte, 20, has been charged in the Superior Court of Guam for vandalizing waysides, plaques and parts of the memorial at Asan Bay overlook that commemorates the more than 16,000 citizens and servicemen who fell trying to retake Guam from the Japanese in World War II. A plaque that memorializes the first Chamorros who died while serving their country in World War II had graffiti all over it - paint circled and covered the names that were carved into the marble. No estimate is yet available on what it will cost to repair the damage. In 2007, 34 brass panels with names were stolen and sold to a scrap yard for \$1,584. Joseph Elibosang was convicted of stealing the panels and sentenced to 21 months in both federal and local prisons. Temporary panels fill the gaps where Elibosang pried the panels loose, but they will be replaced later this year when the National Park Service renovates the memorial with federal grant money. About 1,600 new and edited names that were collected from the memories of people within the local community will be added during the renovation. [Submitted by Pacific News]

PARKS AND PEOPLE

67 GS-2210-12/13 Web Manager

The Natural Resource Program Center has issued an announcement for a GS-13 IT specialist to oversee

the center's intranet and internet web pages. The announcement closes on **January 19th**. Click on the link below for a copy.

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Shenandoah National Park (VA) GL-0025-9 Protection Ranger (Lateral)

Dates: 01/12/2009 - 01/26/2009

Shenandoah National Park is recruiting for a GL-0025-9 protection park ranger who would be interested in a lateral transfer. The position is in the North District of the park between Front Royal and Luray, Virginia, with the duty station at Piney River Ranger Station, milepost 21 on the Skyline Drive. The park is looking for an energetic and experienced individual who is interested in carrying a full range of law enforcement duties in both a front and backcountry setting. Other duties include traditional SAR, EMS and visitor services. There are a full range of services in local communities, including Luray, Harrisonburg and Front Royal. This is not a required occupancy position. Salary rates for protection rangers at Shenandoah National Park are covered under the law enforcement officer locality pay table for the rest of the US. Interested applicants should send their applications or resumes with references and an SF-50 and most recent performance evaluations to Human Resources, Shenandoah National Park, 3655 U.S. Highway 211 East, Luray, Virginia 22835. Applications must be received by **January 26th**. Contact Dixon Freeland, district ranger for the North District, at (540) 999-3101 for more information about the position. [Submitted by Dixon Freeland, dixon_freeland@nps.gov, 540-999-3101]

Intermountain Region Lisa Conard Frost Named Superintendent Of Washita

Lisa Conard Frost, a 16-year veteran of the National Park Service, has been named superintendent of Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Oklahoma. She will assume her new position in February 2009.

"Lisa's experience and skill mix will enable her to provide outstanding leadership to Washita Battlefield," said Mike Snyder, regional director for Intermountain Region. "She brings with her an exceptional blend of skills in natural and cultural resources management, and organizational effectiveness."

Conard Frost is currently working at the Oklahoma City National Memorial as the supervisory park ranger. She arrived at the memorial in April 2000, serving as a member of the core team that launched the park's interpretive operations and as the site's first volunteer coordinator. In her present position, Conard Frost has worked closely with the memorial foundation and has led a team of interpreters who continue to serve thousands of visitors who come to remember the victims and those impacted by the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. She also has worked on various assignments through the National Park Service's Oklahoma state coordinator's office, including local, state, federal and tribal partnerships.

Before coming to the memorial, Conard Frost was the first front line park ranger at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, participating in all aspects of the site's planning, interpretation and visitor center operations. Among the highlights of her seven-year tenure was coordinating a family reunion for descendants of President Grant and First Lady Julia Dent Grant.

"I am delighted to see Lisa moving into the Washita Battlefield superintendent's position," said Oklahoma state coordinator Bruce Noble. "I know she will energize the site and do an outstanding job working with tribes, the local community, and park partners."

An Oklahoma native, Conard Frost is a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

"I could not be more honored and excited for the opportunity to serve at Washita Battlefield," Conard Frost said. "The site's significance and themes represent many of the characteristics I hold dear in my heart. I look forward to working with the great staff, respected tribes, and important partners and community members in representing the National Park Service and my home state."

Conard Frost and her husband Robert have two daughters: Emma, age 4, and Brooke, 7 months.

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