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## Prop 6 Cuts Park Funds

The so called gas tax repeal has qualified for the November ballot as Proposition 6. If passed it will eliminate the recently enacted SB 1 Road Repair and Accountability Act by repealing revenues dedicated for those purposes. It would also require any future measure to enact certain vehicle fuel taxes and vehicle fees be submitted to and approved by the electorate. CSPRA opposes Prop 6.

Last year's SB 1 added a 12 cent per gallon tax to the price of gas, upped taxes on diesel, increased vehicle registration fees and added a "road improvement fee" for electric vehicles.

**Gov. Jerry Brown** came out hard against Prop 6 when it qualified for the ballot, calling it "flawed and dangerous". Brown along with construction unions, says dipping into the

surplus is shortsighted and that the state needs a dedicated revenue source to cover the cost of road fixes.

The California Chamber of Commerce agrees, calling it "necessary infrastructure investment." Even the California Trucking Association (whose members pay a whole lot of diesel taxes) is part of the coalition opposing the repeal. Nearly every aspect of the California economy relies on good roads.

Road construction and maintenance costs have risen faster than the general level of inflation. Combine this with improved fuel efficiency, plus hybrid and electric vehicles mean that, for every mile driven, there are fewer tax dollars available to cope with the wear and tear that vehicles impose on the road.



*Governor Brown strongly opposes Proposition 6, calling it "flawed and dangerous". CSPRA stands with the Governor in opposition.*

Over the next ten years, this revenue will fund a wide variety of statewide and local transportation challenges. Among them are millions of dollars for parks programs, off-highway vehicle programs, boating programs, and agricultural programs. Anyone who has worked in a park, knows of the challenge of creating and maintaining the transportation infrastructure. This legislation recognizes the challenge and is providing some badly needed long term funding to address it.

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***Gas tax revenues fund millions of dollars of parks programs, off-highway vehicle programs & boating programs.***

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# President's Column

*By Mike Lynch, President*

It's been another busy quarter for CSPRA VP Ann Meneguzzi

and I recently met with the department (Jason DeWall and John Fraser) on a variety of items including follow up on the Jack London and Sugarloaf threats issues. Other issues included CSP support for World Ranger Day and the Pink Patch (Cancer Awareness) Project. We also discussed the possible toxic chemicals, heavy metals and nuclear contaminated waste buried by the US Navy at the Hunter's Point Naval Base next door to and possibly in Candlestick SRA. Another discussion item was law enforcement problems at China Camp SP.

The department brought up their recruitment efforts for approximately 300+ NEW positions, including 54 NEW ranger/lifeguard peace officer position (in addition to the current approximately 90 vacant SPPO positions). A follow up meeting is scheduled.

I did an interview to support Proposition 68 (Water/Park Bond) for a Trust for Public Lands article that appeared just before the election. CSPRA set up a display and participated in the Cadet Graduation ceremony on 6/12/18. This is an impres-



sive event that brings together a large group. The CSRA Board met in March and again in June. Some of the major topics were:

- Opposition to the gas-tax proposition that will appear on the November ballot. The gas-tax fund provides hundreds of millions of dollars to state parks annually.
- Recruitment of 10 new active members and several retired members.
- Support for a Latin American ranger to attend the 2019 World Ranger Congress in Nepal.
- Transferred \$16,000 (half) of the Lane and Trione funds to the Ranger Foundation.
- Approved a balanced budget. The current year ended with a small surplus in the budget.
- Approved 10 scholarships for CSPRA members to attend the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs Convention, hosted by CSPRA and the California Alpine Club.
- Restated CSPRA's support for the Upper Truckee River Restoration.
- CSPRA financial support for: Redwood Centennial, Millerton Lake Kid's Safety Day, the Canadian Park Rangers (Wardens) Band concert schedule in Southern California, the CSP Vegas to Baker Run and the department Pink Patch Project.

CSPRA has many committees including Scholarships, legislative advocacy, Park Partners, World Ranger Day, Awards and the annual conference. Please contact me if you would like to participate in any of CSPRA's committees.





*The Mariposa Grove at Yosemite National Park was rededicated after extensive renovations. CSPRA was pleased to attend this event. Additional photo on back cover.*



***World Ranger  
Day will be  
July 31st. How  
will you mark  
the day?***

## **Honorary Ranger Nominations Due**

The CSPRA Awards Committee is accepting nominations for the 2019 Honorary Ranger. Nominations can be submitted between now and September 1, 2018.

The criteria for awards are as follows:

The Award is bestowed on an individual who has provided extraordinary service supporting the goals of the California State Park Rangers Association, California State Parks, and/or the Ranger profession on a regional, statewide or national

level. Recipient selection must recognize significant spans of years or include multiple achievements in direct support of CSPRA's mission.

You may submit your nomination with supporting documentation to either **Carl Chavez**, Director at P.O. Box 114, Graeagle, CA 96103 or e-mail at: [mrc2@psln.com](mailto:mrc2@psln.com) or **David Nelson**, Committee Member at P.O. Box 1272 Graeagle, CA 96103 or e-mail at: [denels72@gmail.com](mailto:denels72@gmail.com)

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## *Who will be next?*



Donors qualify as Founding Donors by donating at least \$1,000 to the Ranger Foundation during calendar year 2018.

The Ranger Foundation is a non-profit charitable corporation under IRS code 501(c)3. Its primary purpose is to promote and support parks and protected areas and the individuals and groups associated with parks and protected areas, on local, state, national and international levels.



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## *The First 100 Years of Save the Redwoods League*

# Sustaining Grandeur

Marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of Save the Redwoods League, *Sustaining Grandeur: The First 100 Years of Save the Redwoods League* is an exhibition jointly organized by The Bancroft Library and the League. The exhibit explores the League's first century of protecting from extinction true wonders of the world—California's ancient coast redwood and giant sequoia forests. The exhibition also looks forward to the League's continued efforts to steward these unique landscapes. Friends of the Bancroft Library and Save the Redwoods League are sponsoring the exhibition.

*Sustaining Grandeur* is an exhibition of historical artifacts that illustrate important moments in the history of Save the Redwoods League and California redwood conservation. The exhibition chronicles the League's trajectory, from its founding in 1918 through its acquisitions of land over the years, partnerships with other conservation groups, as well as negotiations with government agencies and the timber industry. It provides unique insight into the significant role the League played in protecting California's old-growth redwoods and strengthening the state park system.

"The League's archive preserves the history of one of the earliest conservation groups in



*Camping at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Photo: H.C. Tibbits, 1920s. Save the Redwoods League photograph collection. Courtesy of The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.*

the United States," said **Elaine Tennant**, director of The Bancroft Library. "The League holds a special place of pride in the environmental history of the West. Its story shows how environmental history and political history intersect in California in a way that has been repeated throughout the country."

*Sustaining Grandeur* will be on view at the Bancroft Gallery in The Bancroft Library from April 20 through August 31, 2018. The gallery is open to the public

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

This exhibit is for a limited-time only so sign up to receive communications from the League for the most up-to-date information.

Want to learn more about the League's 100 year history? Visit [StandForTheRedwoods.org](http://StandForTheRedwoods.org) to explore our interactive timeline and to get more information about the League's other centennial activities.

# Baker to Vegas Challenge

*By Dan Kraft,  
SPPO Supervisor, Big Sur*

This year, the California State Park Rangers Association became a supporter of the Department's Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Team. The 2018 event was the 34th edition of this unique competition, a 120-mile relay run from Baker, California to Las Vegas, Nevada.

About 275 teams compete each year, most from California but others coming from as far away as New York and Detroit. Each team consists of 20 officers (rangers and lifeguards in our case) as well as volunteers who drive the follow vehicle, serve as alternate runners, and provide hydration and encouragement. The race begins late in the day and is run through the night on dusty state routes and small towns such as Shoshone and Pahrump before arriving in Las Vegas.

This year's event was held March 17 and 18. The State



*The official race baton listed names of officers who passed including Ranger Steve Bier, also commemorated on team uniform.*

Parks' team completed the course in 14 hours, 15 minutes and 53 seconds, to capture ninth place. It marked the second year in a row (and the fourth time in the past five years) that our team has finished the race in the top-10. This result would not have been possible without the support of numerous cooperating and fraternal organizations such as CSPRA. All of the Department staff (current and retired) who participate do so on their own

time. The donations of CSPRA and other organizations cover costs such as the race entry fee, team uniform, and water.

Planning has already begun for the 2019 event. We have a few remaining team hoodies available for \$30. The proceeds will serve as seed money for the 2019 fundraising effort. If you are interested in a hoodie or in helping the team in any capacity, please e-mail [Dan.Kraft@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Dan.Kraft@parks.ca.gov).



*Each team consists of 20 officers. This pre-race team photo taken with the official follow vehicle at race HQ (Westgate Las Vegas).*



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## *Baker to Vegas 2018*

# A New Team Member's View

*By Jamie Stamps  
Ranger, Santa Cruz District*

There was an invigorating vibe in the air as I walked through the Westgate Hotel. Among the lights and bells of the slot machines, groups of peace officer athletes huddled together prepping for the upcoming run. I was fired-up for the night to come.

I was fortunate to be assigned to the follow vehicle for the second half of the race. We left the hustle and bustle of the Vegas strip at 8 p.m. and, as we drove into the desert, we began to see slow moving vehicles with flashing lights along the road. This was a sign that racers were starting to come through. After checking in with our runners and support crew, we swapped vehicles, jumping into our official follow vehicle during a quick pit stop along the course. Just like that, I

was in one of those slow moving vehicles, pacing our runners as our flashing, amber light illuminated the desert around us. I was honored to have the opportunity to support our runners as they propelled themselves on foot through the harsh landscape. In all, I rode in the van behind our runners for more than seven hours during which they climbed to the top of 5,000-foot Mountain Springs Pass before descending to the finish line in Las Vegas.

One moment stands out in my mind as a good representation of the entire night. We were driving behind, Ranger **Ryan Rzab** (N. Buttes District), who had gotten sick a few days before the event. Despite the illness, Ryan was tackling one of the more difficult legs (13), which is almost seven miles long and climbs several hundred feet in elevation. As he climbed, Ryan was showing no signs of fatigue.

"Hotel California" by The Eagles came on the radio. It was like the song was written for the moment. We turned up the music and let it propel Ryan up that 'dark desert highway,' with the 'cool wind in [his] hair.' Up ahead in the distance, I saw the shimmering lights of other team's support vehicles climbing the hill ahead of us. Our runners took the lights ahead as a challenge and just kept picking off those runners one, two and sometimes three at a time.

Our runners' heads may have grown heavy and their sight dimmed as they pushed to their limits, but they never needed to 'stop for the night.' It was 4 in the morning, and we were all lacking sleep. As the Eagles sang, '[T]his could be heaven or this could be hell,' but to me, it was '[S]uch a lovely place' and the whole experience was '[S]uch a lovely face' of the California State Parks' family. Great job team!



(Pictured left to right): Michael Cueto (Lifeguard, Oceano Dunes), Micah Moore (Ranger, Santa Cruz), Tim Gunther (Lifeguard, San Diego), and Ryan Rzab (Ranger, N. Buttes).

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*Sept. 24 - 27, 2018*

# CSPRA Membership Meeting & Retirees Rendezvous

Join us in the magnificent Eastern Sierra at a beautiful time of year. Fall color, alpine lakes, towering mountains, Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve, Bodie State Historic Park & the High Sierra await!

Tent camping and RV parking available at the Mono Vista RV Park — make reservations starting March 1 for RVs. 760-647-6401 (\$35 per night). Sites 40-46 recommended (water & power, no TV). Tent camping contact jcarle@qnet.com. Murphey's Motel rooms at \$105-\$135 per night. Book soon and mention CSPRA: 760-647-6316 - info@murpheysyosemite.com

## 2018 Event Outline

### Monday Sept. 24:

Early Arrival:

3-4 pm - Mono Lake Scenic Area Visitor Center tour.

4:00-4:45pm - Author **Dave Van Cleve** on his new book *A Greatness of Spirit* about field rangers and the parks where they left their hearts. (confirmed)

5pm - Hospitality Session at the Scenic Area VC patio in Lee Vining, followed by no-host dinner at Epic Cafe, Lee Vining's newest dining sensation.

**Tuesday Sept. 25:** Field Trips! Meet at the Mono Vista RV Park



9:30am-12pm - Tufa walk at Mono Lake — State Park Interpreter **Dave Marquart**

9:30am-12pm - Birding /hiking in Lundy Canyon with Janet Carle

Lunch On Your Own

1:30pm-4pm: June Lake Loop with brewery tour: **Dave Carle & Nora Livingston (MLC)**

1:30pm-4pm: Yosemite High Country hike: **Janet Carle & Karen Amstutz (NPS)**

5pm-7pm - Hospitality & Potluck at Community Center in evening

6pm - Dinner at Community Center

7pm: - **Judge William Alsup**, Honorary Ranger 1993 (confirmed)

Historic Save Bodie Campaign and Save Bodie Reunion (tentative)

### Wednesday Sept. 26:

8:30-9:30 am - Pancake breakfast at LV Community Center

9:30-12pm - Meetings at the Lee Vining Community center. Update on Mono Lake from Exec Director **Geoff McQuilkin** or Education Director **Bartshe Miller**

New Bodie Book by Photographer **Will Furman** (confirmed)

Bodie: Good Times & Bad

12am-1pm - Lunch, Community Center catered by Mono Inn.

1-3pm - CSPRA Membership Meeting

3pm - Leave for Bodie (Car pool)

4-5pm - Tour of Bodie,

5-7pm - Hospitality session and Western BBQ (**Brad and Terri**)

### Thursday Sept. 27:

8:30-9:30 - Continental breakfast at group camp

10am-12pm Board meeting at RV Park.





**CSPRA**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**&**  
**State Parks Retirees Rendezvous**  
**Mono Basin/Bodie**  
**Sept. 24-27, 2018**



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|                                     |  | Total = \$ _____             |                         |

### Payment

**Registration Fee - \$35 per person\***

\*Includes program, continental breakfasts, hospitality sessions, lunch and BBQ on Wed. Sept. 26th

1. ☐ **Payment Enclosed** (Check) - Pay to: CSPRA, PO Box 3212, Bowman, CA 95604-3212
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### **Lodging**

**Camping/RVs** at Mono Vista Trailer Park (57 Beavers Lane, PO Box 178, Lee Vining, CA 93541).

**RVs \$35/night** with water/electric. **For Reservations call:** 760-647-6401 or [monovista@yahoo.com](mailto:monovista@yahoo.com).

Tent sites available via CSPRA contact [jcarle@qnet.com](mailto:jcarle@qnet.com) for reservation.

**Hotel: Murphy's Motel. Rooms \$105-\$135 per night.** Some smaller/less expensive rooms available & some larger room up to 6 people at \$155/night. **CSPRA** is group name. Reservations: 1-800-334-6316 or 760-647-6316 - [info@murpheysyosemite.com](mailto:info@murpheysyosemite.com). Physical Address: 51493 Hwy 395, Lee Vining, CA

More Information at: [www.cspra.com](http://www.cspra.com) or from [jcarle@qnet.com](mailto:jcarle@qnet.com)

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# Phoebe Apperson Hearst & The California Redwood Park

*by Robert C. Pavlik*

The history of the redwood preservation movement has been well documented, and a few prominent individuals associated with the cause of saving the redwoods are well known. There is one person, however, whose name has faded from the limelight, perhaps in part because her role was largely financial and behind the scenes. Nevertheless, she is deserving of remembrance and recognition.

**Phoebe Apperson Hearst** (1842-1919) is not usually affiliated with the efforts to preserve native coast redwoods, and yet, given her background and her many worthwhile charities, it makes perfect sense that she would be involved in a cause so “Californian.” Born in Missouri, wed to mining and real estate magnate **George Hearst**, and mother to the flamboyant newspaper publisher **William Randolph Hearst** (1863-1951), **Phoebe Apperson Hearst** was a giver and a doer and a supporter of numerous individuals, institutions, and organizations.

Her generosity largely targeted educational causes, of which the preservation of a grove of redwoods near Santa Cruz she also considered an educational benefit for the people of the



state of California. Arthur Taylor, author of the book *California Redwood Park* (1912) wrote of Big Basin, “This forest is an aggregation of arboreal wonders. It is moreover a cathedral, a university, a sanatorium, a source of solace to the soul, an inspiration to the intellect, a tonic to the body.” Such sentiments had great appeal to Progressive Era reformers like

Mrs. Hearst, who perceived in the private funding of kindergartens, parks, museums, and universities, the betterment of the public at large.

In the beginning, it was not just men who first came to the aid of the great trees, but women, highly educated and energetic women who organized and lobbied to preserve an impor-

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tant part of the state's natural heritage. Women such as **Josephine Clifford McCracken**, **Carrie Stevens Walter** and others wrote articles in national magazines, led field trips to Big Basin, and organized campaigns to save the redwoods, and through their actions and influence helped convince lawmakers and the governor (all male at the time) to pass legislation in 1901 for the acquisition of a California redwood park.

**Phoebe Hearst's** role was low-key, yet essential to the Sempervirens Club's success. It was Mrs. Hearst who, through her unstinting generosity, underwrote the cost of the campaign, an unselfish contribution that lasted more than two years and that amounted to several thousand dollars. While she did not seek public recognition for her largess, she was honored in the dedication in Taylor's book:

"As a recognition of her generous and timely aid and inspiration in the acquisition and development of this forest

park, for the people, this work is respectfully dedicated to **MRS. PHOEBE A. HEARST**"

Following her death in 1919, her only son, **William**, commenced the construction of not only an art-filled residence but a memorial to his parents, and most notably, his mother.

Along with the hilltop estate, the "longest pergola in captivity," and the working cattle ranch, he had thousands of coast redwoods planted in the nearby canyons, even though the Hearst Ranch is just south of the natural range of the trees.

And so it is to her everlasting credit, and to our benefit, that Mrs. Hearst took a quiet yet critical role in the Sempervirens Club's lobbying efforts to acquire Big Basin. To adapt a phrase used in reference to the first director of the National Park Service, **Stephen T. Mather**, it can be said of Phoebe Apperson Hearst that "there will never come an end to the good that she has done."

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# A Wave Goodbye

## Chris Smith

Retired Anza-Borrego Ranger Chris Smith passed away on June 2, only seven weeks after being diagnosed with late stage pancreatic cancer.

Chris graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a degree in botany, and worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a firefighter before becoming a State Park Ranger in 1980. He worked at Orange Coast and Santa Cruz before going to Anza-Borrego, where he served for over 20 years before retiring in 2006.

He was a world traveler, having visited every continent except for Antarctica, and some of his happiest memories were from his many trips to Africa and Mexico.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Tina and Homer Townsend, both also retired from California State Parks. As one of his last wishes, he requested that a pie be thrown in the face of EPA Chief Scott Pruitt!



## “Lanny” Waggoner

Landon Charles Waggoner was born in Illinois in 1938. He studied at Humboldt and took the hiring exam for state parks. His first assignment was in 1970 up in the Tahoe district where he worked at Tahoe City and Donner parks as well as Squaw Valley (operated by State Parks at that time). Living with his family in an old park trailer, he worked primarily at Sugar Pine Point and General Creek and also worked at DL Bliss and Emerald Bay.

Lanny later worked Gaviota, Refugio and El Capitan (this move was during the time that Parks thought it was good to move people every few years and not let them get entrenched). In the early 70s he promoted to Samuel P Taylor State park as a Ranger II and also managed Tomales Bay State Park. There he completed his 30 year park career. He retired to Shasta County for 20 years and passed away at his home on April 9, 2018 at the age of 79.

## Ron Erickson

Ron Erickson passed away in Hollister at the age of 85. After serving in the Army in the Korean War, he attended Humboldt and Sacramento State Colleges taking Park Management to become a California State Park Ranger. He retired in 1987.

Ron worked for State Parks for 29 ½ years starting at Richardson Grove as a Park Aid. He had assignments at Franks Tract (before it went under water), Lake Tahoe, San Francisco Maritime State Historic Park (where he met Ruth his wife and before it became part of the NPS), Samuel P Taylor, Hearst Castle, Gaviota and San Juan Bautista/Fremont Peak area. He retired as a “Chief Ranger” in 1986.

He married Ruth Anthony in 1968 and their son, Jon, was born in 1980 in Hollister. He will be missed by his wife, Ruth, son, Jon, sister, Luann (Edward) Domingo of Lincoln and his nephews, nieces and cousins.





## Jeff Davis

Ranger Jeff Davis served for decades at Calaveras Big Trees, his primary role was as a law enforcement ranger, but he always acted like a host and treated park visitors like honored guests.

When he relocated to Columbia State Historical Park, he was the tall ranger who stood out in a crowd, usually surrounded by school children, charming them with stories. He was knowledgeable, and loved nothing better than a chance to be outdoors, meeting the public and sharing information that enhanced their experience. He was known for bringing a smile to every person, and a willingness to take on any job needed.

When it snowed at Calaveras, he got out a shovel and cleared the walkway. It probably wasn't his job, but he did it anyway. When a park visitor had a medical emergency on the hiking trail, he responded with a calming demeanor. He always took time for children and adults alike, gently enforced the rules when needed, and made the park visit a better experience.

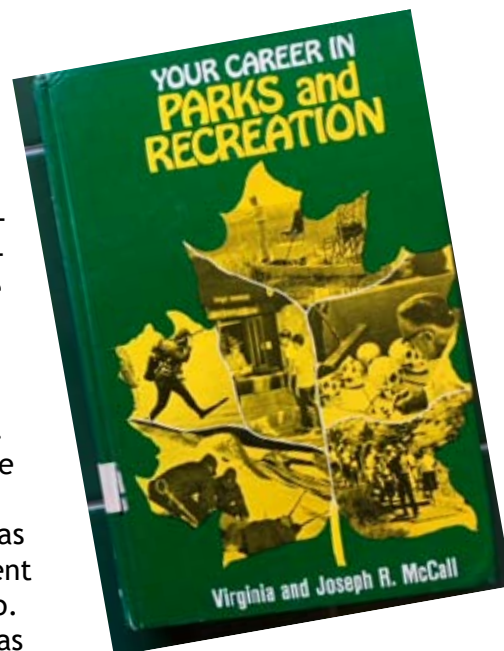
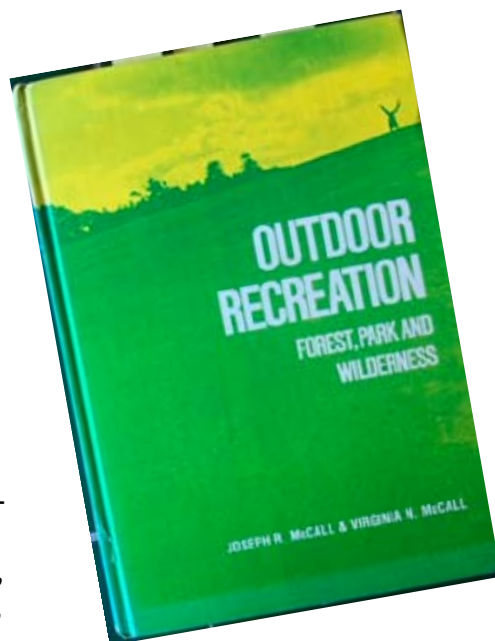
## Joe McCall

Joseph R. McCall, USNR, 97, a resident of Saint Johns, Florida, passed away back in 2013 (we just got the news). Joe was raised in Jacksonville, where he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1936. He served in the South Pacific and Europe, was a Pearl Harbor survivor aboard the USS Raleigh, and received numerous medals and commendations, including the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Navy Good Conduct Award with two stars, Berlin Airlift Medal, and Navy Occupation Medal, before retiring in 1956.

Joe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in park management from Sacramento State College and served as chief ranger and park superintendent for the California Park Service, until his retirement. With his first wife, Jenny, Joe co-authored three books on park management, and he was a member and a past president of the California Writers Club.



He was a member of Northeast Florida Chapter 6 Pearl Harbor Survivors Assn.



*McCall's textbooks were widely used in the college courses that trained an entire generation of park professionals.*

**Are you Moving?**  
Please let us know.  
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# Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

*By Jeff Price,  
Seriously 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@cspira.com](mailto:malaprops@cspira.com).



**Broom basting?**

*You can't just sweep everyone with the same broad brush.*

**Are we clear? Crystal!**

*Ok, but you have to put those comments in a grain of salt.*

**It's 10-cent gymnastics.**

*Just can't trust the guy, he will flip on you like a dime.*

**Delayed tally?**

*... but you never want to count all your eggs at once.*

**Wins by a nose!**

*Come on, it's as plain as the hair on your face.*

**We have to give some latitude on this one.**

*He was good at navigating the outdoors since he brought along his typographical maps.*

**Probably only skin deep ...**

*I'm so angry. This just gets under my fingernails!*

**Emotional seas?**

*The recent mud slides have sent so much sentiment into the ocean.*

## Graduation

CSPRA was pleased to support the recent graduation of 29 new peace officers. Friends and department staff applauded the class of cadets as they received their badges to officially make them peace officers (rangers and lifeguards).

Since the appointment of Galen Clark in 1866 as California's first state park ranger, rangers and lifeguards have provided public safety and protected natural and cultural resources. Their role to enforce laws continues to be an important one, as is connecting individuals with the outdoors and building stewardship for current and future generations.



"Be the rangers and lifeguards that the public expects you to be and don't lose the spirit of service that brought you here in the first place," stated California State Parks Director Lisa Mangat to the cadets during

the ceremony. "It's a job where real leadership matters and you'll be working for a department where a good idea can touch the lives of millions of Californians and people around the world."





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If you or a co-worker will be retiring soon, please contact Membership Services Coordinator Betsy Anderson at (707) 884-3949, [betsy@cspira.com](mailto:betsy@cspira.com).



### Already Retired?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Job Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

District / Park: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ (required for payroll deduction)

Phone(W) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Type (Check one)

- ☐ Active \$10/month
- ☐ Active Retired \$60/year (\$5/mo.)
- ☐ Supporting \$36/year\*
- ☐ Organization \$50/year\*
- ☐ Benefactor \$1,000/life\*



I hereby authorize the State Controller to deduct from my salary and transmit as designated an amount for membership dues in the California State Park Rangers Association. This authorization will remain in effect until cancelled by myself or by the organization. I certify I am a member of the above organization and understand that termination of my membership will cancel all deductions made under this organization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership by Mail:

**CSPRA** — Betsy Anderson  
PO Box 618 Gualala, CA 95445

\* please include check for 1 year's dues for these membership levels.





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