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## Sitka National Historical Park News Release

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**Sitka National Historical Park, Sitka, AK.** — Randy Y. Larson has been named Superintendent of Sitka National Historical Park. The appointment will be effective September 26.

“We are excited to have a person of Randy’s experience and caliber as our superintendent in Sitka, Alaska’s oldest national park,” said Sue Masica, Alaska Regional Director of the National Park Service. “He brings with him several years of experience as Chief Ranger at Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, and has been at the forefront of the Alaska Region’s leadership on key issues including preservation of resources, incident management and the visitor experience.”

Larson has 26 years with the National Park Service, including posts at Padre Island National Seashore, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Point Reyes National Seashore, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Natchez Trace Parkway, and five other park areas earlier in his career.

A native of the San Francisco Bay area, Larson enjoys sharing how national parks influenced him from a very early age. “Our family took driving vacations every year, and from a very young age I learned what the national park experience is all about. Those trips defined my appreciation for the preservation of our natural, historic and cultural heritage – all of which are important to Sitka National Historical Park.”



Larson brings his wife, Roberta, from Gustavus, Alaska to Sitka. They have two grown sons. Bryan is employed with a national television network in Connecticut and Kyle is a doctoral candidate in mathematics at the University of Texas.

“Both our urban setting and our cooperating partnerships with key local stakeholders are significant to me,” Larson said. “The sharing of the history and traditions of Sitka National Historical Park with the local community and visitors is enriched by our partnerships.”

I fully intend to expand on past work to build stronger ties with tribal organizations and Sitka's cultural and historic museums and associations."

Sitka National Historical Park was set aside as a federal park for the community of Sitka in 1890. In order to further protect the hallowed ground of the Battle of 1804, the park was formally designated Sitka National Monument by President William Howard Taft on March 23, 1910. The park was re-designated Sitka National Historical Park by Congress in 1972, when the Russian Bishops House was acquired.

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