

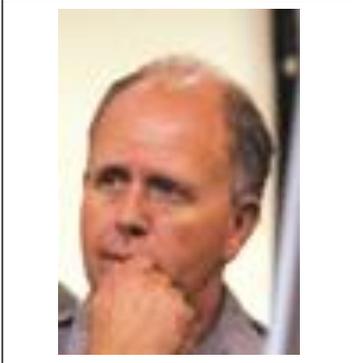


Volunteer Newsletter



*Winter
2015
Edition*

Three Retirements! Loss of a Century of Knowledge and Wisdom!



Wouter Ketel



Barry Munyan



Michael Rikard

Involvement outside the park, CALO branches out.

During this fall and winter season, Cape Lookout National Seashore has been involved in numerous functions, from Morehead City Veterans Day Parade, Beaufort Holiday Parade, Harkers Island Water Fowl Weekend, and engaging students inside the classroom. Each of these has been a tremendous success in educating the public, spreading the word about our beautiful park, and getting involved with the local communities. However, what makes events like this possible is help from the volunteers. With several more events on the horizon, we will be looking towards the volunteers to help Cape Lookout in the future. (Pictured below: Katherine Cushinberry (upper left), her son (middle), Steven Neshkoff (upper right), Ricky Sablan (lower left), Jon Altman (lower right)).



Over 100 years of dedication & experience.

With any position in the park service, it all must come to an end. For these three exceptional gentlemen; Chief of Rangers Barry Munyan, Management Assistant Wouter Ketel, and Chief of Resource Management Dr. Michael Rikard, whose combined service spans over 100 years and multiple parks across the country. Ranging from patrolling the outskirts of Camp David, serving in the Badlands, to serving at Cape Lookout for over 20 years. Each one of them has been a tremendous asset to the National Park Service and Cape Lookout.



Mark your Calendar...

2015 Season dates:

- March 16 Cabin Camps Open
- March 25 Keepers' Quarters and Light Station Visitor Center open.
- April 22 Portsmouth Village Opens
- May 4 Cape Village Opens

2015 Lighthouse Opening:

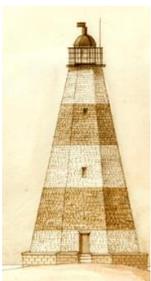
The lighthouse will be reopening May 13, 2015. Summer Volunteers; be ready for a busy summer.

VIP Ideas:

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know. Always open to fresh ideas to make your stay more memorable.

VIP Photos Needed:

The VIP coordinator is updating the VIP and interpretative files. If you have some favorite pictures of the park, park events, and/or volunteers in action, please send them to Steven_Neshkoff@nps.gov.



Upcoming changes to the VIP program

Many of you are veteran volunteers of this beloved park, but many of you are new volunteers. For the upcoming 2015/2016 season, Cape Lookout Volunteer Program will be implementing changes to help improve the volunteer program overall. Those changes will be:

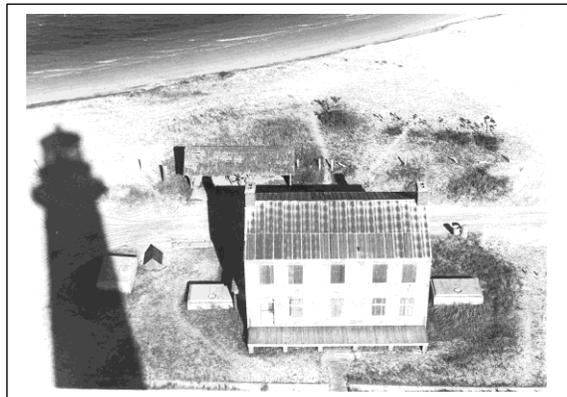
- Volunteers have opportunities to present scheduled programs more frequently
- Volunteers have opportunities to be recognized for their dedication to Cape Lookout National Seashore at different times of the year.
- Volunteers have opportunities to sit down with the VIP coordinator to discuss their time here and how to develop an even more successful VIP program.
- Volunteers will be sent detailed information welcome packets and background of Cape Lookout before they arrive.

These are just a few changes that will be put in place next season. Many more will be in the works to ensure your stay at Cape Lookout is a successful one.

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Pictured to the left is the 1873 Keepers' Quarters around the mid-1950s. Pictured to the right is the 1873 Keepers' Quarters today. You can see the vast difference from the significant restoration work completed by the National Park Service. Currently, the Keepers' Quarters is receiving a new roof, in preparation for spring 2015 VIPs.



New VIP Coordinator...Hey

everyone, many of you have already met me, but many have not. I would like to introduce myself and tell you a little about myself. My name is Steven Neshkoff, and I hail from the Mitten State, MICHIGAN! Go Blue! I did not stay there long though; after high school, I joined the United States Air Force. During those six years, I served as a Security Forces Airman (military police). In that time, I guarded nuclear missiles, flew with our nation's leaders, and was deployed to Iraq. After my service, I went back home and completed my bachelors and masters in education. This led me to my career in the National Park Service, and how I want to help preserve our nation's treasures. What do I bring to the table? I bring professionalism, dedication, and discipline for getting the mission done.

Below is a picture of me at the Morehead City Veterans Day Parade.



Recruitment for 2015 New Volunteers is Ongoing

The best source of recruitment is you. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our volunteer corps, please have them contact the Volunteer Office. They may call us, email us, or go online to www.volunteer.gov and submit an application.

Be sure to have them note your name as a referral and it will make the recruitment process a lot quicker.



Orientation Schedule

The schedule for the returning substitute Keepers' Quarters and Beaufort Volunteers are listed below. Please remember that it is mandatory for everyone to attend the orientation session. If you cannot make it, let me know. All orientation sessions (unless noted) will take place in the theater at our main visitor center on Harkers Island. Parking is available in the front lot.

Keepers' Quarters Substitutes

March 21, 9:00AM- Cape Lookout National Seashore, Main Visitor Center

- Heading to the Cape for orientation for the Visitor Center and Keepers' Quarters
- Lottery draw for selection of substitute dates
- Emergency operations
- Interpretation training

Beaufort Volunteers

March 28, 9:00AM- Beaufort Orientation

- Emergency operations
- Interpretation training



VIP HOUSING AND RV PAD PHOTO UPDATES



Pictured above - VIP STOWAGE: 2 bedroom (2 twin size beds per bedroom) 2 full bathrooms, full kitchen, living room, and washer & dryer.

Pictured below are the RV pads for the long term VIPs. Notice to the right, 3 new RV pads are being built. They are expected to be finished by spring.



Pictured above is the new laundry facility being built. It is expected to be finished by early spring.





Volunteer Spotlight

Over the past few years, Cape Lookout has had the honor and privilege to have Volunteer Glen Eagle. Glenn, also known as “Mayor of Cape Lookout Village” is originally from North Carolina, and has been volunteering at Cape Lookout for several years now. Usually, you can catch him greeting visitors at the Light Station Visitor Center, giving out information about the park, and always bringing a smile to visitors’ faces. For his overall achievement and dedication to our park, Mr. Eagle was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2013. In honor of his selection as VIP of the year, Mr. Eagle will be receiving a Cape Lookout painting of his choice, done by volunteer painter Bob Blevins and Jim Stagner.



Glen Eagle
2014 VIP of the year

Past VIPs of the year

2012-Richard & Norma Purdy
2011-Ron & Joan Preloger
2010-Diane & Donald Leopard
2009-Marjorie & Dallas Spruill
2008-Bob Blevins & Jim Stagner
2007-Bobby & Peggy Pleasants
2006-Margaret Wallace
2005-Herb & Jan Stanford
2004-Carolyn Cannon
2003-Ed & Rene Burgess
2002-Bea Wellborn
2001-George & Doris Stein

Cape Lookout’s Volunteer Newsletter highlights the 150 plus volunteers who contribute their time to the National Park Service at Cape Lookout National Seashore.

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Visit Cape Lookout this Winter for a Different Experience.

Cape Lookout is open all year long. Come back in the winter to enjoy this unique national seashore. Walk around the Soundside Loop Self-Guided Trail, watch the park movie “Ribbon of Sand,” enjoy time out on the cape or on a warmer day – bring a picnic lunch.

Come marvel at the winter wildlife. See if you can spot horses on Shackleford Banks, count how many birds you can see in an hour, and watch the waves crash on beaches

There are many exciting way to enjoy Cape Lookout. For more information, please visit our website <http://www.nps.gov/caloo/index.htm>.



Cape Lookout National Seashore FY 2014

154 VIPs worked 19,744 hours.
The National Park Service values VIP work at \$22.55 per hour.
\$445,227.20 in service was given by CALO VIPs in FY 2014.