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Jill Hawk to assume dual role as Superintendent of Thomas Edison National Historical Park and Superintendent of Morristown National Historical Park



Philadelphia—National Park Service Northeast Regional Director Dennis R. Reidenbach has announced that Jill A. Hawk, currently superintendent of Morristown National Historical Park, will assume a dual role to also become superintendent of Thomas Edison National Historical Park in West Orange. Hawk will assume her duties immediately, succeeding Edison Superintendent Greg Marshal, who retired last year.

“Bringing the two parks together under a single superintendent provides continuity of leadership plus opportunities for cooperation between two relatively close sites,” said Reidenbach. “Jill brings a great deal of skill, energy and enthusiasm into this dual position, and is the right person to lead these two important national parks.”

“Having a single superintendent for multiple sites is common in the National Park Service,” said Hawk. “For me, it means the opportunity to engage with the staff, volunteer and partners at Thomas Edison without having to leave Morristown. It’s the best of both worlds.”

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Prior to her assignment at Morristown in January, 2011, Hawk served as regional chief ranger in Philadelphia, overseeing programs including risk management, environmental protection, safety and occupational health, law enforcement, wildland fire, structural fire, search and rescue, emergency management, emergency services, and aviation across the 13 states within the northeast region. Before being selected as regional chief ranger in 2005, Hawk was chief ranger at Mount Rainier National Park in Washington.

She began her NPS career in 1989 as a seasonal park ranger, first at Fire Island National Seashore in New York and then at Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. She also had assignments at the Statue of Liberty National Monument (1990-1991), Everglades National Park (1991-1996), and Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina (1996-2000).

Hawk graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Session 224 in March 2006. She completed graduate study in Organizational Psychology (Master of Arts) in June 2005 from Antioch University Seattle and completed undergraduate study in natural resource management with a concentration in Park Management (Bachelor of Science) from the University of Tennessee (Martin) in 1988.

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