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INTERPRETIVE PARK RANGER WITH 30+ YEARS OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A highly trained, intuitive, and passionate individual with three decades of successful experience in a variety of capacities as a Wildlife Professional. Creative, detail-oriented, and skilled presenter; flexible and adaptable to ever-changing audiences and environments. Experienced project coordinator and supervisor; proficient in prioritizing, delegating, and motivating staff; effective problem solver with ability to maximize resources. A team player with solid leadership skills able to generate new ideas, analyze, and resolve challenges, and advance organizational goals and objectives.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Associate of Arts Degree in Natural Resources
Shasta Junior College, Redding, California

United States Navy
Rank: BM-3 - Honorable Discharge

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION/ADVANCED TRAINING

- National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks Supervisors' Workshop, 1999
- Anticipating and Responding: Threats from Mountain Lions, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1998
- National Wildfire Investigation Training Program XP-NWITP-502, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia -- Prescott, Arizona, 1995
- Archeological Resources Protection Training Program XP - ARPTP - 302, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia -Columbia, CA, 1993
- Archeological Site Monitoring Workshop, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1991
- Native Plant Law Enforcement, Arizona Commission of Agriculture & Horticulture, Tucson AZ, 1987
- Super-Vision: A course for Supervisors, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1987
- Interpretive Skills II, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1986
- Equal Employment Opportunity Training, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, 1985

KEY QUALIFICATIONS/HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Received a number of promotions during tenure as a Park Ranger, Fee Collection Park Ranger, and Park Technician; from GS-025-09-01 to GS-025-09-07, 1994 - 2002; GS-026-05 to GS-025-09, 1986 - 1994; GS-026-04 to GS-026-05, 1980 - 1982.
- Honoree of the STAR Award: Outstanding Firearms Training for Law Enforcement Personnel, 2000.
- Recipient of the Special Act or Group Award: Incident Commander on the most extensive Search and Rescue in the Park's history - October, 1994.
- Recipient of a Letter of Appreciation from Clarence W. Dupnik, Sheriff of Pima County as a result of efforts related to major flooding in the County, 1993.
- Recipient of a Letter of Appreciation from Park Interpreter Carol McBryant, 1991.
- Recipient of a Letter of Appreciation from the Chief of Interpretation for giving training to Park Volunteers on Animal tracking and sign reading, 1991.
- Received a Letter of Commendation from Mr. Dave Taylor (Aid to Senator John McCain) as a result of park wildfire closures, 1989
- Awarded Employee of the Quarter Honors, October - December, 1989.
- Recipient of the Special Achievement Award for supervising the park's fee collection program, 1987.
- Recognized as the Most Efficient Fee Collection Operation in the Western Region of the Park Service, 1987.

KEY QUALIFICATIONS/HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

- Awarded a Letter of Appreciation from Superintendent Rob Arnberger for development of the interpretive section of the Park Volunteer program at Saguaro National Monument, 1984.
- Responsible for park resource and visitor protection; facilitated patrols on foot, horseback, and by vehicle; led all investigations pertaining to resource damage, theft cases, illegal hunting, search and rescue, and traffic accidents; initiated emergency medical services.
- Taught courses as a Firearms Instructors (1994 - 2002): ensured Protection Rangers were kept current in required rifle, shotgun, and handgun qualifications; facilitated Stress Training on a scheduled basis using "Simmunitions" (a very high-tech law enforcement "paint ball" training) and "Situational Training." Collaborated closely with local law enforcement agencies and other nearby parks.
- Served as Search and Rescue Coordinator, Incident Commander, First Responder, and Wildfire Investigator (1994 - 2002); headed up Search and Rescue operations including coordinating with other local State and County agencies, procuring searchers and equipment from other agencies or other parks, dealing with the lost person's relatives and with the news media, acting as a "ground pounder" during the initial search for a lost person; administered first aid and CPR (if needed) and maintained a "First Responder" first aider rating; worked suspicious fires on other Federal Lands and consulted with the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service.
- Presented Interpretive programs on resources, wildlife, and tracking/reading animal sign. These programs were done in the park, and frequently for other Federal, State, and County agencies; routinely asked to identify insects, bone fragments, and visitors' observation of an unknown animal.
- Led the entire Park Interpretive program; supervised the operation of the Visitor Center and all interpretive programs, both on and off-site; maintained Interpretive exhibits; procured and managed supplies, hired, fired, and directed upwards of twenty (20) volunteers; ordered uniforms, conducted annual Interpretive training sessions, generated evaluations annually, and coordinated annual volunteer appreciation events, 1984 - 1986.
- Supervised three (3) seasonal park employees in the park's entrance station while assuming the role of Fee Collection Park Ranger; ensured proper inventory of the Park Service access cards; reconciled all monies taken in through the fee program, handled paper work, and deposited money.
- Fought fires, planned and executed prescribed fires, cleared brush and debris from boundary lines, campgrounds, and lakes; dropped hazard trees when they were found near visitor active areas, planted trees in areas that had been damaged, and participated in extensive erosion control in the same areas; checked water quality in the streams running into the lake and responded to vehicle accidents and other mishaps where traffic control and first aid was required.

CHRONOLOGY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Park Service, Saguaro National Park, Tucson, AZ	Oct. 1982 - Jul. 2002
<i>Park Ranger/Law Enforcement</i>	Aug. 1994 - Jul. 2002
<i>Fee Collection Park Ranger</i>	Aug. 1986 - Aug. 1994
<i>Park Ranger, Interpretation</i>	Aug. 1984 - Aug. 1986
<i>Park Ranger, Backcountry</i>	Oct. 1982 - Aug. 1984
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Whiskeytown, CA	Jun. 1976 - Oct. 1982
<i>Park Technician/Fire Control/Law Enforcement</i>	Aug. 1980 - Oct. 1982
<i>Park Technician/Interpretation</i>	Jun. 1976 - Dec. 1979
<i>Park Technician/Resource Management</i>	Mar. 1975 - Jun. 1976

CERTIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Ducks Unlimited, 1996 - Present
- Member, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 1998 - Present
- Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution to the SOAR Semiautomatic Conversion Course, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Tucson, AZ, 1994
 - Twenty Years of Service Certificate, United States of America Government, 1991
 - National Rifle Association of America - NRA Police Firearms Instructor, 1988

References and Supporting Documentation Furnished Upon Request