

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The first park policewoman was Beatrice Ball, who joined the force on January 1, 1942, after 10 years with the Metropolitan Police. She soon enlisted in the Navy's WAVES, however, and was replaced by Lydia H. Barton that summer. The novelty of Barton's appointment was played up in a January 1943 press account: "Fifteen stalwart members of the Park Police were startled yesterday by the appearance of Mrs. Lydia H. Barton, park policewoman, at the first session of the Park Police Training School" (founded three years earlier). Both women were restricted to cases involving women and juveniles.

In 1954 there were five women on the force. One was Pvt. Grace H. Judy, a 10-year veteran with a college degree who had formerly taught high school. Among her duties, as featured in a newspaper article, were plainclothes assignments at the scenes of molestation complaints. She carried a revolver, a blackjack, and a claw in her handbag.

By the mid-70s women were in the Park Police mainstream. Chief Wells ordered aggressive affirmative action in recruiting, and the minority and female composition of FLETC classes ran as high as 40 percent. In 1974 Kathleen Carlson achieved the highest scholastic score (971 points out of a possible 1000) of any basic trainee at FLETC to that time.

Jane P. Marshall was typical of the modern policewomen who performed the same duties as their male counterparts. On May 21, 1975, she came to the aid of Officer Ronald L. Blankenship, who had been shot. Jumping from her cruiser, she was struck by two bullets. While bleeding profusely she transmitted a call for help, reported the means of the assailant's escape, and assisted in directing the landing of the force's medivac helicopter. (The assailant and his accomplice

were later apprehended, convicted, and imprisoned.) Officer Marshall's courage and cool performance under fire was in the best police tradition.

The following sketches portray some of the notable achievements of women of the Force.

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### Lieutenant Jane P. Marshall



Lieutenant Jane P. Marshall was appointed to the Park Service on April 15, 1973. She was promoted to lieutenant on October 12, 1986. She currently serves as a training officer in the Services Division, Washington, DC.

On August 12, 1976, Lieutenant Marshall received a special achievement award from Jack Fish, Director, National Capital Parks. In part, the award said,

"In recommending you for this award, the Chief refers to your superior performance during the May 21, 1975, incident in which you were injured. Your outstanding display of courage and dedication to duty favorably reflects on you as a valuable asset to the U.S. Park Police and the National Park Service.

"I am pleased to have this opportunity to join with your supervisor in commending you on your performance and in congratulating you on

being granted this award."

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### Sergeant Rachel Manso



Sergeant Rachel Manso was appointed to the Park Service on September 11, 1977. She was promoted to sergeant on May 21, 1989. She currently supervises the Criminal Investigations Branch, Washington, DC.

Sergeant Manso received the Secretary's Stewardship Award for the War on Drugs on March 8, 1990, from Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr. The award recognized her many outstanding contributions, her professionalism, and her dedication to duty in the War on Drugs:

"For three years, Sergeant Manso was detailed to the Drug Enforcement Administration PCP Task Force Group as an aid to our War on Drugs. Her case work has been cited as "exemplary" by the Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Washington Field Office.

"Specifically, one case was so significant that it developed into a nationwide Special Enforcement Operation. This long term investigative operation of a nationwide, continuing criminal enterprise culminated in the distribution of PCP in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, with large quantities

of that PCP reaching our National Park Service parks and parkways. The investigation involved numerous large scale PCP traffickers, and to this date, 15 dealers have been indicted and huge quantities of PCP have been seized ranging from 5 to 60 gallons.

"Sergeant Manso also made a very significant contribution through her extensive knowledge, personal contacts, and the application of investigative expertise in other narcotic cases. During investigations, she performed surveillance and covert investigative tasks, provided routine investigative inquiries, and monitored Title III operations. She worked on over two dozen major investigations involving not only PCP, but cocaine and marijuana. Her group removed drugs worth \$2,233,567 from the parks and streets of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

"Also, because of her Spanish speaking skills, excellent communications and rapport, she was selected to teach Spanish to law enforcement officers in a special intensified course conducted by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Brunswick, Georgia, where she received accolades for her accomplishments.

"For her many contributions, professionalism, and dedication to duty, Rachel Manso is granted the Secretary's Stewardship Award."

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### Officer Jacqueline A. Anderson-Parker



Officer Jacqueline A. Anderson-Parker was appointed to the Park Service on May 11, 1975. She is currently assigned as a horse-mounted officer in the Central District, Washington, DC.

Officer Anderson-Parker was cited for valor in 1978 by Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus for her courageous action in helping to apprehend a dangerous felon:

"In the early morning hours of Saturday, October 7, 1978, Officer Jacqueline Anderson, serving as a decoy for members of a volunteer special detail unit of the United States Park Police, was walking west on Constitution Avenue, NW. Near the intersection of 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, a man began to follow her. The man eventually came abreast of Officer Anderson and attempted to engage her in conversation. As Officer Anderson continued walking on Constitution Avenue, the man positioned himself behind Officer Anderson and grabbed the back of her jacket, pulling her to him. He then placed the point of a 10-inch knife blade against her right side and demanded she put her arm around him. At one point, when Officer Anderson attempted to break free of the man, he warned the officer that he would "cut" her if she tried to get away. As they continued walking, the man became visibly nervous when he observed that someone was following them. As he turned to observe the person, who was another member of the special detail, Officer Anderson broke away from his hold. At this time, other members of the detail were able to move in and assist in the arrest of the man. For this extreme act of personal courage in the face of danger, Officer Anderson is granted the Valor Award of the Department of the Interior."

Officer Anderson-Parker also received a commendation from the Chief of the Park Police for her courage in the incident:

"On October 5, 1978, your dis-

play of extraordinary courage led to the apprehension of the "Mall Rapist" suspect.

"As a member of a combined surveillance detail of CIB personnel and officers of the Tactical Unit, you voluntarily placed yourself in a position of grave danger - beyond the normal call of duty.

"Personally, and on behalf of the United States Park Police, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present you with the 'United States Park Police Certificate for Outstanding Police Service' for a job well-done."

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### An Officer Named Kelcy

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Harley Woman



In October 1988, Kelcy Stefansson made history. She became the first woman motorcycle officer with the U.S. Park Police in Washington, DC, a motor unit which has been in existence for more than sixty years.

Born in Salt Lake City, UT, in 1956, Kelcy grew up in the suburbs of the nation's capital, wanting to be a veterinarian. She attended college in Seton Hill, PA, and earned her BA in biology. For a time, she worked in the field of animal research, then became a computer operator. Bored

with office work, she took the U.S. Park Police Officer examinations. She received her appointment in January 1984, and proudly wears badge number 183.

During her first four months on the force, Kelcy underwent recruit training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, GA, and, following that, a two-month period of on-the-job training in the Washington area. Since then, she has worked various uniform and plain-clothes assignments.

Prior to becoming a motorcycle officer, Kelcy drove a police cruiser along the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia.

Kelcy is quite modest about her accomplishments. She has received numerous commendations for outstanding police work, is an expert shot with a revolver, and has arrested armed criminals.

In 1984, Kelcy learned to ride a 250 Honda and obtained her motorcycle operator's license. After serving the required three years on the force, she applied for the Harley-equipped motorcycle squad. Her rating of "well qualified" was based on evaluation of her past work performance, and the results of a written examination. She was selected to undergo the required training.

The police motorcycle training course is two weeks long and is conducted by force instructors. In addition to normal classroom instruction and negotiating cone courses, extensive training is given in handling the big Harley police machines both on and off the road. Instructors direct the students through mud as if they were on dirt bikes. And of course, students have to put the Harleys down, then be able to pick them back up. They are taught to rock the machines on the engine guards to get them upright.

Kelcy passed the course and filled one of the thirty-one positions on the motor squad. She rides between 200-500 miles per week, most of it in heavy city traffic. As a motor officer, Kelcy receives hazardous duty pay.

In addition to traffic and patrol duties, motor squad members partici-

pate in motorcade escorts for the President and visiting dignitaries. They work closely with the Secret Service and the State Department, as well as the D.C. Metropolitan Police.

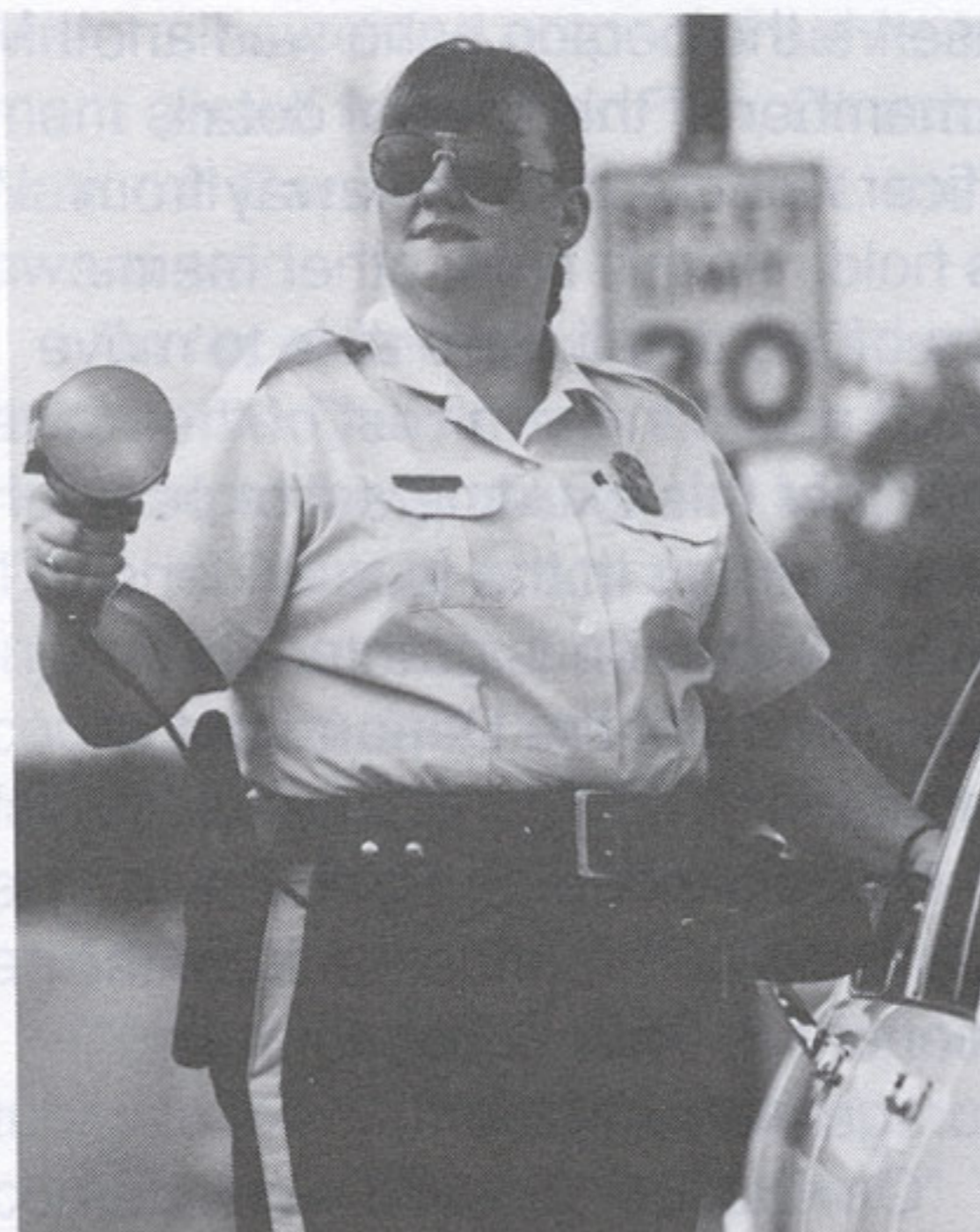
Kelcy takes her assigned Harley-Davidson FLHTP home after work. Motor officers are on call for emergencies during off-duty hours. Working the day shift, Kelcy gets up at 4 a.m. and leaves home at 5 to make the 5:45 roll call. When assigned to the evening shift, she doesn't get home until about 11 p.m. During the winter months, sidecars are attached to the motorcycles for riding stability, because motor officers ride every day of the year, regardless of weather. Cold weather riding gear includes an old fashioned canvas lap robe, which provides some heat from the engine for the lower body.

Kelcy enjoys her assignment so much that she recently passed up an opportunity to compete for promotion to sergeant. Asked about her career goals, she says she's just taking one day at a time. Although one of her three sisters is acting warden at a state prison, she has no other law enforcement officers in her family. She's also the only one who rides a motorcycle. However her husband and the rest of the family support what she's doing.

When Kelcy is off duty, she enjoys music, playing softball and golf, and riding her own motorcycle, of course.

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#### **Officer Roxanne L. Brown**



Officer Roxanne L. Brown was appointed to the Park Service on September 30, 1984. She currently works as a patrol officer, Traffic Safety Unit, Washington, DC.

On July 9, 1991, Ronald H. Sostkowski, Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Division of State and Provincial Police notified Chief Lynn H. Herring that Officer Brown would be honored by the IACP at their 1991 conference. In the letter Sostkowski said,

"It is my pleasure to advise you that Officer Roxanne Leigh Brown of your department has been selected by the IACP Highway Safety Committee as the 1991 J. Stannard Baker Award State Recipient for significant or outstanding achievements in Highway Safety.

"In recognition of this achievement, an appropriate plaque has been prepared for presentation to Officer Brown. In addition, a similar plaque has been prepared for your agency with the hope that it will be displayed in an area where it will receive public recognition.

"The award will be presented at the Annual Banquet of the Division of State and Provincial Police which is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 1991, at 7:00 p.m. in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in conjunction with the IACP Annual Conference. It is anticipated that the award will be presented by Jerry Ralph Curry, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)."

Officer Brown also received a letter of commendation on August 25, 1991, from James M. Ridenour, Director of the National Park Service. The Park Service honored Officer Brown as the 75th Anniversary Outstanding Employee in her region.

"I am pleased and excited to share with you the 75th Anniversary of the National Park Service. As a part of our celebration, I am especially proud to present to you the NPS 75th Anniversary Outstanding Employee Award for your Region in

the United States Park Police category.

You are being recognized for making significant contributions, through your innovation and initiative, at the National Capital Regional Office. The National Park Service has successfully accomplished 75 years of preserving the past, managing the present and investing in the future. Much of that success is attributed to employees such as yourself.

I thank you and commend you for your outstanding achievements. With your continued contributions and that of others dedicated to serving the public, the National Park Service will continue to thrive as the Nation's steward of the historical, natural and cultural treasures of America.

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**Officers Rachel R. Luce and  
Lisa A. Dunlap**



Officer Lisa A. Dunlap



Officer Rachel R. Luce

Officer Lisa A. Dunlap was appointed to the National Park Service September 30, 1984. She is currently assigned as a patrol officer in the San Francisco Field Office. Officer Rachel R. Luce was appointed to the National Park Service December 27, 1987. She currently works as a horse-mounted officer in the Central District of Washington, DC.

Officers Dunlap and Luce received the following citation of valor from Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr.

"In recognition of their courageous actions in their attempts to rescue two lives during the San Francisco earthquake.

"On October 17, 1989, at 5:04 p.m., the San Francisco Bay area was struck by a major earthquake which created devastating property damage, personal injury and loss of life. One of the hardest hit areas was the Marina District of San Francisco, which adjoins the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the United States Park Police Field Office on Fort Mason.

"After the disaster struck, members of the United States Park Police immediately responded to the area most severely affected. Officers

Luce and Dunlap, who were in the Field Office preparing to end their tour of duty, went back on duty without hesitation. They headed out on their trailbikes and were among the first law enforcement personnel to arrive at the disaster scene, having been assigned to assist in rescue operations in the Marina District.

"Upon arriving in the area of Filmore and Cervantes Streets, they found major gas leaks, collapsing buildings, injured persons in need of medical attention and a fire burning out of control which engulfed several residences. An atmosphere of confusion and panic prevailed as residents sought to escape the danger and ensure the safety of loved ones.

"The officers were securing an area where a four-story building had collapsed to the point that second floor windows were now down to street level. Although the building could have collapsed at any minute, the officers did not hesitate to enter this unstable structure with rescue personnel from the San Francisco Fire Department. Citizens had reported that two victims were still inside the building. During a search of the building, the officers located the bodies of the two victims and determined that they had expired as a result of being crushed by the collapsing building.

"Officers Luce and Dunlap remained in the Marina area throughout the night, assisting local residents to evacuate their homes and directing them to emergency shelters. Their presence and performance under very difficult circumstances helped to restore some degree of order in the midst of the chaos. For their heroic actions with complete disregard for personal safety, Officer Rachel R. Luce and Officer Lisa A. Dunlap are granted the Valor Award of the Department of Interior."

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### Officer Katherine P. Heller



Officer Katherine P. Heller was appointed to the Park Service on March 27, 1988. She is currently assigned to Anacostia Station, Washington, DC, as a patrol officer.

Officer Heller received the following citation for valor from Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr.

"In recognition of her heroic act

performed in Lafayette Park, Washington, D.C., which resulted in the saving of a life.

"On February 22, 1990, Officer Heller was assigned to patrol Lafayette Park during the evening relief. At approximately 5:35 p.m., Officer Heller and Officer Scott Dahl were approached by an assault victim who had a severe gash on the top of his head. As Officer Heller treated the wound, the victim pointed out his assailant across the street from the park.

"Officer Dahl approached the subject and ordered him to stop; the officer was suddenly and without provocation attacked by the suspect. The suddenness of the assault knocked Officer Dahl to the ground with his attacker landing on top of him.

"Officer Heller quickly ran to Officer Dahl's assistance and unsuccessfully attempted to remove the attacker from on top of Officer Dahl using her baton. The attacker struggled free and as he did so, Officer Dahl warned Officer Heller that the

attacker had seized his service revolver.

"Both officers immediately moved to a position of cover - Officer Dahl behind a parked vehicle and Officer Heller crouched behind a metal electrical box. Officer Heller drew her service revolver and observed the assailant, with Officer Dahl's revolver in his hand, begin to circle the vehicle toward Officer Dahl.

"Fearing for Officer Dahl's safety, Officer Heller moved from her position of cover, exposing herself to possible gunfire and injury or death, to confront the armed assailant in defense of a fellow officer. As the assailant raised the weapon in Officer Dahl's direction, Officer Heller fired her weapon, striking the assailant in the chest and fatally wounding him.

"For her heroic act of bravery resulting in the saving of a fellow officer's life, Katherine P. Heller is granted the Valor Award of the Department of the Interior."