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C&O Canal Volunteers-In-Parks Program Celebrates Centennial Achievements

Hagerstown, MD - Fifty volunteers at the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal) qualified for the National Park Service's Centennial Challenge Coin. Each of these dedicated volunteers contributed at least 201.6 hours to support the Park in 2016. Park staff have been awarding the coins at special events or mailing them out to far-flung volunteers. One celebration event was held Friday, February 17 at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. Twenty volunteers were recognized and presented Centennial Challenge Coins by the Park's Chief of Interpretation, Education and Volunteers Catherine Bragaw, Palisades District Interpreter Pete Peterson, Volunteer Coordinator Emily Hewitt, and Park Ranger Joshua Nolen.

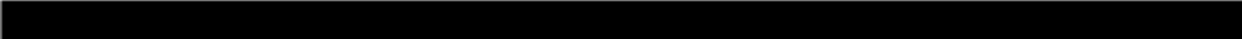


A photograph of the event Friday, February 17.

Volunteers at the C&O Canal engage in a variety of duties including Bike Patrol volunteers in their neon vests to the rarely-seen Headquarters volunteers (in the library and the permits office). Regardless of their duties all volunteers are extremely valuable to the Park! Thank you for your time and energy!

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The complete list of Centennial Challenge volunteer coin recipients includes: Alan Redding, Angela Murphy, Bill Knight, Bob King, Bonnie Troxell, Buzz Karpay, Charles Thornton, Charlie Morton, Curtis Keltner, Daniel Kaminski, Deena Barlev, Dell Pillers/Cline, Don Libes, Dong Vo, Dward Moore, Ingrid Sunzenauer, J Maloney, Jerry Merritt, Jim Goheen, Jim Heins, Jim Tomlin, Joan Paull, John Hutchinson, Karen Gray, Ken Zabielski, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Scallan, Larry Goodman, Leigh Buckner, Lowell Markey, Mark Stover, Meghan Mannas, Mike Mitchell, Nate Bickford, Ned Goddard, Nicholas Carson, Norman Liebow, Paul Cunningham, Peggy Blanchard, Ric Jackson, Robert Mertz, Russ Kennedy, Sabrina Pacifici, Sebastian Diaz, Steve Dean, Susan Howard, Tom Hall, Tom Stanford, Vinh Le-Si, and William Cline.

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ABOUT THE C&O Canal: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. Over 5,000,000 visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation and understanding that the Park has to offer. For more information, visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/choh.