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PRESS RELEASE

Passport To Your National Parks® 2013 Photo Contest Winners Announced

Each year, Eastern National holds a photo contest for NPS employees and Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) to select ten images—one national and nine regional—for the collectible Passport To Your National Parks® commemorative stamp set. The stamps are distributed on a single perforated sheet and can be detached and placed in designated sections of the Passport books.

The 2013 stamp set will be available this month and can be purchased online at www.eParks.com, by calling (877) NAT-PARK (877-628-7275), or by visiting a participating national park. The Passport To Your National Parks® book, the Passport Explorer Edition, and commemorative stamp sets from previous years (1986 through 2012) are also available. Retail price: Passport To Your National Parks book (\$8.95 each), Passport Explorer Edition (\$49.95 each), and commemorative stamps sets (\$3.95 each).

The 2013 Passport Photo Contest winners are:

National Stamp: Photo by John Donoghue

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial – Dedicated in 2011, this is the newest memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. It pays tribute to the civil rights leader who believed in hope, justice, democracy, and love. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a tireless advocate for oppressed peoples of the world. Part of Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech is reflected as the major art piece of the memorial: "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope." Dr. King gave his inspiring speech at the Lincoln Memorial 50 years ago, on August 28, 1963.

North Atlantic Region: Photo by John Donoghue

Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site – Built in 1759, this mansion served as George Washington's first major headquarters during the American Revolution. Six decades later, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow began 45 years of residence.

Mid-Atlantic Region: Photo by Adali Rosario

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park encompasses the falls of the Passaic River that flows through the nation's first planned industrial city. Alexander Hamilton founded Paterson, N.J., as the "cradle of industry" that would draw upon the Passaic to power the industry of a new nation.

National Capital Region: Photo by Kathryn Williams

George Gordon Meade Memorial – Sculpted by Charles Grafly, the memorial to Gen. George G. Meade, commander of the Union Army at Gettysburg, was dedicated in 1927. It stands along Pennsylvania Avenue, the route of the Grand Review of Union troops that General Meade led on May 23, 1865.

Southeast Region: Photo by Alexander Emert

De Soto National Memorial – Located on the shores of Tampa Bay, this site commemorates Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto's 1539 expedition. His journey lasted over four years and covered approximately 4,000 miles. It would help shape the history of the United States.

Midwest Region: Photo by William Saul

River Raisin National Battlefield Park memorializes those who lost their lives on its grounds during the War of 1812. Of the 934 American soldiers who fought here in January 1813, only 33 escaped death or capture. This led to the famous rally cry "Remember the Raisin!"

Southwest Region: Photo by John Donoghue

Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site – The admission of nine African American students to the all-white school in 1957 played a prominent role in the desegregation of public schools in the United States as ordered by the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Rocky Mountain Region: Photo by Richard Maxwell

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway commemorates Rockefeller's contributions to America's national parks. Established in 1972, the parkway connects Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. The area is home to moose, bears, and wolves; and recreational opportunities are plentiful.

Western Region: Photo by Emily Mount

Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument contains the youngest volcano on the Colorado Plateau, having formed roughly 900 years ago. It reshaped the landscape changing the lives of people and animals. Today, life returns with plants scattered across the black cinders and jagged lava flow.

Pacific NW and Alaska Region: Photo by Megan Richotte

Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in Alaska is a land of stunning wilderness beauty where volcanoes steam, salmon run, bears forage, glaciers carve, craggy mountains reflect in shimmering turquoise lakes, and local people still depend on the land and water for their livelihood.

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