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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Eastern National Announces 2020 Partnership Awards**

**FORT WASHINGTON, PA — April 26, 2021**— Eastern National, a nonprofit cooperating association of the National Park Service, is proud to announce the recipients of its 2020 partnership awards. The awards program was designed to acknowledge outstanding individual achievements and contributions that have had a positive impact on an EN operation or an individual park, thus furthering and promoting EN's unique relationship with its partners.

Nominees were submitted by EN managers in November 2020, following an unprecedented year filled with unique challenges and opportunities. The following honorees were selected for an EN Partnership Award because they went above and beyond in at least one of the following ways:

- Commitment to Partnership and EN's Mission
- Attention to Employee and Visitor Safety
- Creativity and Extraordinary Effort in Supporting EN's Adaptive Operations

The **Charles S. Marshall Unit Award** recognizes the most outstanding agency that has achieved noteworthy teamwork in promoting and aiding the historical, scientific, educational, interpretive and operational activities of our partners through EN agency operation. The 2020 Award recipient is Mammoth Cave National Park.

The **Superior Performance Award** recognizes outstanding partner support of an Eastern National agency. They are awarded annually to the top four outstanding partner personnel, regardless of agency size. The 2020 Award recipients include Pauline Angelakis, Carl Sandburg Home NHS Superintendent; Joanne Blacoe, Interpretation Planner, Interior Region 1 North Atlantic-Appalachian; Stephen M. Clark, National Parks of Western Pennsylvania Superintendent; and Glenn Klaus, National Mall & Memorial Parks Visual Information Specialist.

The **Herbert E. Kahler Award** recognizes the EN partner judged to have cooperatively managed the most efficient and innovative agency. The winner of this award is selected from among the Superior Performance Award winners. The 2020 Herbert E. Kahler Award winner is Stephen M. Clark, National Parks of Western Pennsylvania Superintendent.

### **About Eastern National**

Eastern National, a 501(c)3 nonprofit cooperating association, promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated more than \$163 million to the National Park Service in the form of direct donations and grants that support vital educational and interpretive programs in America's national parks.

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