

- Includes both natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation;
- Partners with a health organization.

The national deadline for projects set to start the following fiscal year (which runs from October 1 to September 30) is August 1. Final project selection is generally completed in early November after passage of the Federal budget.

For more information on the RTCA Program and how to apply for assistance, please visit our national Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/rtca> or call us at 202-354-6900. Contact information for all of our regional offices is available on the RTCA Web site under "Contact Us." NPS specifically requests comments on: (1) The need for information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Description of Respondents:** This is a notice to any federal, state or local agency, tribe, non-profit organization, or citizens' group that might be interested in receiving assistance from the RTCA program.

**Estimated Average Number of Respondents:** 250.

**Estimated Average Number of Responses:** 250.

**Estimated Average Burden Hours per Response:** 4 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** One time per request for assistance.

**Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:** 1,000 hrs.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

**Leonard E. Stowe,**

NPS, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 30-Day Notice of Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior; National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5

CFR part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service invites comments on a proposed new collection of information (1024-xxxx).

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the requested information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments within 30 days of the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

The National Park Service published the 60-day **Federal Register** notice to solicit comments on this proposed information collection on Friday, September 2, 2005 on pages 52443-52444.

The National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program (Pub. L. 91-357) is collecting information from volunteers in the form of a survey for the purposes of evaluating the program and its effectiveness.

**DATES:** Public comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted for July 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, (OMB #1024-xxxx) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by fax at 202-395-6566, or by electronic mail at [oir\\_docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_docket@omb.eop.gov). Please also send a copy of your comments to Joy M. Pietschmann, National Park Service, Servicewide Volunteer Program Coordinator, 1849 C Street, NW., 2450, Washington, DC 20240, or e-mail: [joy\\_pietschmann@nps.gov](mailto:joy_pietschmann@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joy M. Pietschmann, phone: 202-513-7141, fax: 202-371-6662, or at the address above. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free-of-charge.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60-day Notice of Intention to Request Clearance of Information Collection for this survey. However, comments were solicited from the following professionals associated with volunteerism and volunteer administration:

*Tom Benjamin*, President, EASI (Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement).

*Betty Stallings*, Volunteerism Consultant, BBS (Building Better Skills), Author of the 60-minute Module Series on volunteer management customized by the NPS for the VIP program.

*Katie Campbell*, Certified Volunteer Administrator, Volunteerism Consultant, and former Executive

Director of AVA (Association of Volunteer Administration).

*John Throop*, Executive Director of AVA.

*Robb Hampton*, Director, NPLD (National Public Lands Day).

*Gail Cunningham*, Vice President, Managing Director, Great American Cleanup (Keep America Beautiful).

*Nancy Macduff*, Volunteerism Consultant, Macduff/Buf Associates.

*Christopher Toppe*, Senior Social Scientist, Points of Light Foundation.

Solicited comments from experts in the field of volunteerism indicate that the 60-day notice is clear and to the point. This assessment is long overdue and it can yield invaluable information that can help ensure the sustainability of volunteer involvement within the National Park Service. A wide range of variables is urged as part of the data collection. Long-term and short-term volunteers have different perspective and it's important to survey a wide variety of people. To address these points, the National Park Service will be surveying a completely random selection made from over 22,900 volunteer names collected servicerwide and will be cutting the data by region work category, and volunteer program size. This will also address another's comment on the need to match the survey sample to the demographic sample of the current VIP program. A concern was also expressed about the volunteer survey being the only source of information contributing to this program assessment and that it is important to hear from those who are the recipients of the volunteers' efforts. The National Park Service has also surveyed its paid staff prior to this notice to gather this opinions of the volunteer program and its operation. Through its Social Science program, the National Park Service surveys its visitors and other customers regularly who also benefit from volunteer services. Additional comments include: The burden hour estimate seems reasonable and accurate. Utilizing both the survey and then subsequent focus groups will yield both qualitative and quantitative results. Utilizing electronic survey tools will ensure the highest possible response rate and will minimize staff time for tabulating the results. The addition of focus groups will provide additional information that may not be captured with a survey tool. This dual approach makes sense and is realistic in terms of staff resources. In response to the latter, the National Park Service will not be conducting the focus groups and interviews immediately after this information collection is complete but, rather, will seek approval and

pursue that process at a latter time when additional funding is available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:**  
Volunteers-In-Parks Program  
Assessment.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*OMB Number:* 1024-xxxx.

*Expiration Date:* To be requested.

*Type of Request:* Request for new clearance.

*Description of Need:* This survey is needed to survey NPS volunteers to assess the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program effectiveness. The NPS VIP program is authorized by the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969 as originally enacted was Public Law 91-357. Volunteering is an American tradition that over the years has made an immeasurable contribution to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. Volunteers are vital to the success of the National Park Service. The Volunteers-In-Parks program can accept and use voluntary help and services from the public, in a way that is mutually beneficial to the NPS and the volunteer. In FY2005, 137,000 volunteers donated 5.2 million hours of service to their national parks at a value of \$91.2 million. VIPs come from every state and many different countries to help preserve and protect America's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. Over the past 35 years, this program has consistently grown to become one of the government's largest, most successful volunteer programs. Between FY2003 and 2004, the program experienced its biggest increase in history. The number of VIPs increased by 14% and the number of hours by 11%. In order to effectively manage the increasing trend of volunteerism in the National Park Service, it is imperative that the organization assesses its strengths and weaknesses and determines methods for improved efficiency. A servicewide volunteer program assessment has not been conducted to date. Both paid staff and volunteers will be surveyed during this process to collect information about the current status and needs of the program. Recommendations for improvements will be made based on the findings. This process will not only aid in creating a improved, streamlined program, but may also serve as a model for other Federal agencies.

*Automated data collection:* There will be an opportunity to provide this information electronically through a designated, secure Web site.

*Description of respondents:* National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks.

*Estimated average number of respondents:* Approximately 8,966 respondents.

*Estimated average burden hours per response:* 2 minutes for everyone to open and consider taking the survey, 10 minutes for those taking the survey, 3 minutes to return/submit the completed survey, and 3 minutes for respondents to the follow-up telephone mini survey.

*Frequency of response:* 1 time per respondent.

*Estimated annual reporting burden:* 1,661 hours.

Dated: June 1, 2006.

**Leonard E. Stowe,**

*NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Advisory Commission will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 21, 2006, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

**DATES:** Friday, July 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, telephone (301) 714-2202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission was established by Public Law 91-664 to meet and consult with the Secretary of the Interior on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

The members of the Commission are as follows: Mrs. Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld, Chairperson; Mr. Charles J. Weir, Mr. Barry A. Passett, Mr. Terry W. Hepburn, Ms. JoAnn M. Spevacek, Mrs.

Mary E. Woodward, Mrs. Donna Printz, Mrs. Ferial S. Bishop, Ms. Nancy C. Long, Mrs. Jo Reynolds, Dr. James H. Gilford, Brother James Kirkpatrick, Mr. George F. Lewis, Jr., Mr. Charles D. McElrath, Ms. Patricia Schooley, and Mr. Jack Reeder.

Topics that will be presented during the meeting include:

1. Update on park operations.
2. Update on major construction/development projects.
3. Update on partnership projects.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements, may contact Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection six weeks after the meeting at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Headquarters, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

**Kevin D. Brandt,**

*Superintendent, C&O Canal National Historical Park.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Flight 93 National Memorial Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of July 29, 2006 Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the date of the July 29, 2006 meeting of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission.

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held on July 29, 2006 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. additionally, the Commission will attend the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force meeting the same day from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., which is also open to the public.

*Location:* The meeting will be held at the Somerset County Courthouse, Courtroom #1; 2nd floor; 111 East Union Street, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501. The Flight 93 Memorial Task Force meeting will be held in the same location.

#### Agenda

The July 29, 2006 Commission meeting will consist of: