

CURRICULUM VITAE

PAUL C. PRITCHARD

Appointed President of The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) in 1980, Paul C. Pritchard has since served as the chief executive officer of one of the nation's oldest citizen conservation organizations, and the only one recognized as the nation's protector of the national parks.

During the first four years of Mr. Pritchard's leadership of the National Parks and Conservation Association, a new and dynamic 40-member citizen board was assembled and a comprehensive corporate plan for the organization was developed. Citizen groups were identified and established in 200 park communities to provide greater support for the parks "in their own neighborhood". Association membership doubled while the operations budget and the legislative staff tripled.

A national conference of private and public park leaders was held resulting in greater public recognition of the association, its basic objectives and its resources. The conference resulted in a plan of a action for the parks adopted by the participants at the "Tetons Conference."

An endowment was established which has exceeded each of its annual goals. A publications program was developed and the magazine given color and the new image of the association. The National Park Trust, the association's land acquisition arm, was created, staffed and has secured property in Florida, Maine, Texas and other park states including a \$6 million gold claim in an Alaskan national park.

NPCA has assumed greater leadership in the conservation role. In 1986, in recognition of its "distinguished achievement in the service of humanity", the National Parks and Conservation Association was the first recipient of the prestigious Albert Schweitzer Prize in the Humanities.

Paul Pritchard was awarded the Gulf Oil Conservation Award; was recognized as one of the nation's ten most influential conservation leaders by Fortune Magazine, and elected to the Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C. He received the Secretary of Interior's Meritorious Achievement Award for his outstanding leadership and served as the Director of the President's National Heritage Trust Task Force.

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From 1977 to 1980, he served as the senior career officer in the U.S. Department of Interior, managing Federal conservation land planning and acquisition. From 1975 to 1977, Paul Pritchard served as first Executive Director of the Appalachian Trail Conference, a citizen conservation organization of 80,000 members and associates. He is credited with the revitalization of this organization's mission and financial structure. For his work, he received the "Distinguished Service" award of the Conference Board of Trustees.

As the Pacific States Coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from 1974 to 1975, he received the U.S. Department of Commerce's Special Achievement Award for securing the nation's first approved state coastal zone program (Washington) and the protection of the nation's first estuarine sanctuary (Oregon's South Slough).

His position as Chief of Natural Resources Planning for the State of Georgia, from 1971 to 1974 was noted by several achievements, including developing the nation's first state heritage program now adapted by The Nature Conservancy to the needs of over 35 states.

His service includes a decorated military intelligence officer in South Vietnam. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Humanities and a Masters of Science in Economics and Natural Resources. He has completed post graduate work at Harvard University.