

William "Bill" Everhart

"George Hartzog, A Swashbuckler Among Bureaucrats"

William "Bill" Everhart's career in the National Park Service started at one of the Service's best-known historic battlefields — Gettysburg. His 26-year distinguished National Park Service career has traveled a path from: park historian, assistant director for interpretation, director of the Harpers Ferry Center, to assistant to the director for policy. However, the public best knows Mr. Everhart for his authoritative books on National Park history — *The National Park Service*, published in 1972 and revised in 1983, and his most recent memoir and account of Yellowstone National Park, titled *Take Down Flag and Feed Horses*, published in 1998.

After beginning his career at Gettysburg National Military Park in 1951, Mr. Everhart served as Park Historian at Vicksburg National Military Park, supervisor of historians and curators at Independence Hall, and as chief of museum planning and research for the Gateway Arch Project at St. Louis. In 1964, Bill became Assistant Director for Interpretation for the National Park Service. He became Director of the world renowned interpretation center of the National Park Service, the Harpers Ferry Center. Mr. Everhart retired from NPS in 1977, as Assistant to the Director for Policy.

Mr. Everhart has anything but "retired" during his retirement years. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management was honored to have him as a Clemson University Visiting Professor in 1978–79. He has been a consultant to the Desert Museum, Tucson, Arizona, and a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern National Park and Monument Association, during retirement. He has also been an active writer, revising *The National Park Service* book, and penning his new book, *Take Down Flag and Feed Horses*, University of Illinois Press, which was reviewed in the May 18, 1998 issue of *Newsweek*.