

# Robert G. Stanton

**Robert G. Stanton** was appointed Director of the National Park Service in August 1997. As Director of the Park Service, he oversees the management of more than 80 million acres of cherished lands that include 375 national parks, monuments, battlefields, and scenic rivers and trails.

Mr. Stanton began his career with the Park Service in 1962, as a college student working summers as a Park Ranger in the Grand Teton National Park. After serving as Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs for Huston-Tillotson College, he returned to the Park Service in 1966 as a personnel management and public information specialist in the Washington office.

In 1969, Mr. Stanton went to National Capital Parks, and in 1970, became Superintendent of National Capital Parks-East. A year later, he was appointed Superintendent of Virgin Islands National Park. In 1974, he became Deputy Regional Director of the Southeast Region.

In 1976, he returned to Washington where in 1988 he became Director of the National Capital Region. There he was responsible for the management of 40 sites that attracted more than 38 million visitors annually, including the White House, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Manassas National Battlefield, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Stanton is the recipient of numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the Presidential Distinguished Senior Executive Award, and the Department of the Interior's highest honor: the Distinguished Service Award. A Fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, he has spoken widely on park management, resource preservation, visitor services and organizational management. He has represented the National Park Service through on-site

assistance in Trinidad-Tobago, West Indies; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Dominica, West Indies; and the Outdoor Laboratory at Clemson University.

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