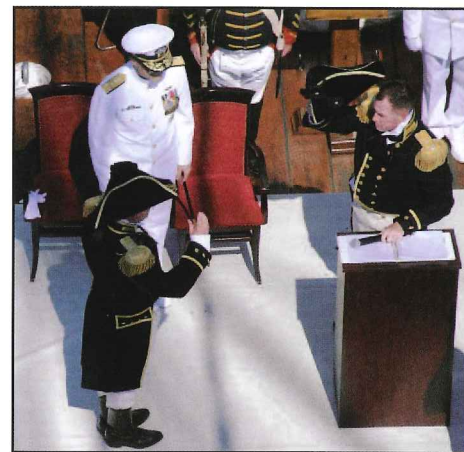


- Recent retirements of long-time Boston NHP staff members have included Historical Architect **W. Lewis "Bill" Barlow IV**, Maintenance Mechanic **David Hurley**, and Park Guide **Richard "Ranger Rick" Lehmann**.
- Former Boston NHP Education Specialist **Sheila Cooke-Kayser** retired from Salem Maritime NHS after 34 years of service.
- Congratulations to IT Specialist **Mike Gibson** on his marriage to **Denise Kent** and to Human Resources Assistant **Marsha Boyden** on her marriage to **James Crowe**.
- Condolences to the family of **John F. McCauley III**, curator of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., who passed away in July.
- New employees in the Maintenance Division include Carpenter **Sean Cooney** and Engineering Technician **Robert Long**. Maintenance Worker **Adam Puccino** and Administrative Clerk **William Wallace** have left the park.
- Project Manager/Architect **Craig Chenevert** has joined the Cultural Resources Division.
- Park Guide **David Byers** transferred to Lowell NHP. Also departing from the Interpretation Division were **Christopher Gwinn** and **Marilyn Robinson**.
- Dispatcher **Nakia Komst** has transferred to the EPA. **Christine Martin** has joined the Law Enforcement Division as a public safety telecommunicator.
- In June, USS *Constitution* won the gold level 2011 President's Volunteer Service Award for community service in Charlestown. A month later, Secretary of the Navy **Ray Mabus** awarded the ship her fourth Meritorious Unit Citation for excelling at interpreting the ship's history and representing the Navy to more than 1.7 million visitors between May 2007 and November 2010.
- On August 19 the *Boston Business Journal* listed the USS Constitution Museum as the area's seventh largest, based on its annual attendance of 335,000 visitors. Also making the list were the Museum of African American History, which ranked ninth with annual attendance of 278,000, and Revolutionary Boston at the Old State House, which ranked twenty-third with annual visitation of 100,000. The top three on the list were the Museum of Science (1.5 million visitors), the New England Aquarium (1.3 million visitors), and the Museum of Fine Arts (1.2 million visitors).

Law Enforcement Supervisor Steve Connor presents a plaque to Timothy Willmarth commemorating his service as a ranger at Boston NHP. Tim left the NPS this past summer to accept a position with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

ON JULY 22, 2011, Commander Matthew J. Bonner (right) became the 72nd commanding officer of USS *Constitution* when he relieved Commander Timothy Cooper during a Change of Command ceremony on the top deck of the historic frigate. More than 300 guests attended the event, including Vice Admiral John Bird (in white), Director Navy Staff and USS *Constitution's* parent commander. A tradition dating back centuries, the ceremony officially acknowledges that a new officer has taken command through the reading of official orders by both the incoming and outgoing officers.



Park Hosts Summer Interns

THIS SUMMER the park hosted participants in two National Park Service internship programs. Erin Langeheine and Jeff Parente were part of the ProRanger Program, an academic and technical skills training program administered by the NPS and Temple University intended to recruit, train, and employ law enforcement park rangers. Successful completion of the program leads to a permanent career tenure law enforcement park ranger position with the NPS. While in Boston, Erin and Jeff worked with most park divisions to give them experience in a broad range of park activities.

Omar G. Vargas Alicea was part of the

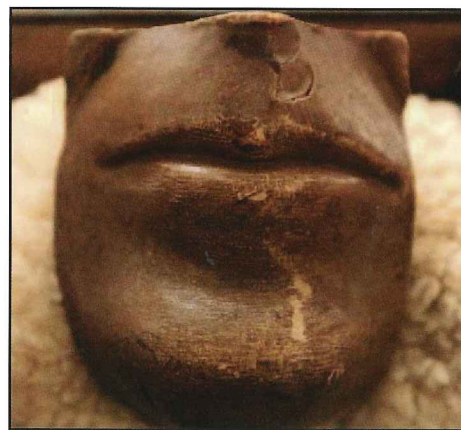
Cultural Resource Diversity Intern Program. A cooperative activity with the Student Conservation Association, the program provides a career exploration opportunity for diverse undergraduate and graduate students in historic preservation/cultural resources work. An anthropology major at the University of Puerto Rico, Omar provided invaluable assistance to Museum Curator David Vecchioli and also had the opportunity to help with the regional archeological program on projects at Boston NHP and Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters NHS in Cambridge.

—STEPHEN P. CARLSON

USS Constitution Museum Acquires Jackson's Mouth

THE MOUTH SECTION of USS *Constitution's* Andrew Jackson figurehead that was hacked from the ship is back in Boston at the USS Constitution Museum. President Jackson's anti-mercantile policies enraged many in Boston and the figurehead was decapitated from the ship by Boston sea captain Samuel Dewey on the night of July, 2 1834.

Last year, a woman approached the producers of the PBS television program *History Detectives* with a piece of painted wood



with well-modeled lips and a chin. The history detectives compared the piece to the rest of the Jackson figurehead in the Museum of the City of New York and they matched. Thanks to donors to the USS Constitution Museum's Commodore's Fund, the missing mouth will soon be on display in the museum's galleries.

—SEAN HENNESSEY

