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APRIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 28, 2010

PLACE: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia

TIME: 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Robert G. Stanton, Former Director, National Park Service

2010 Annual Alexandria History Awards

The 2010 Alexandria History Awards will be presented by
Senator Patsy Ticer

Thomas E. Crocker
will receive the

2010 T. Michael Miller History Award

Special Awards will be given to Ruth Lincoln Kaye and
Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Lee A. Earl

Alexandria Historical Society High School History Awards
will be presented to:

Christopher Aplin—T.C. Williams High School

Charles Austin Boyd—Episcopal High School

Christopher H. Ring—Bishop Ireton High School

Mathias F. Heller—St. Stephens/St. Agnes High School

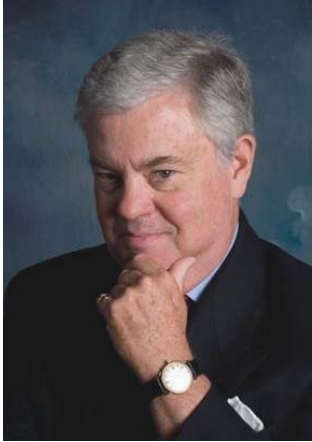
Short Lecture by Robert G. Stanton

Former Director of the National Park Service, Robert G. Stanton currently is Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

A reception, with refreshments, will follow the program.

Alexandria History Award Selections

Author Thomas E. Crocker will receive the 2010 T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award for his book, *Braddock's March: How the Man Sent To Seize a Continent Changed American History*. Mr. Crocker, who discussed his book at the March 24 Alexandria Historical Society meeting, used newly uncovered primary information to artfully document a story linking events that occurred in Alexandria to important turning points in American and world history.



Braddock's March reveals to a modern audience for the first time the story of the epic march by Major General Edward Braddock and a force of British regulars and American volunteers through the wilderness and their ultimate, devastating defeat. Braddock's expedition is a key, but little-known, turning point in American history.

Braddock's March is of special interest to Alexandrians because Braddock stopped in Alexandria and used it as a major staging point for the expedition. The Congress of colonial governors that Braddock summoned at Carlyle House was a turning point in America's relations with Great Britain.

Mr. Crocker is a partner and co-chair of the International Trade group at Alston & Bird LLP, an Atlanta-based law firm where he specializes in regulatory aspects of international business and regularly practices before the Departments of Treasury, Commerce, State, and Homeland Security and, on occasion, the U.S. Congress. A native Washingtonian, Mr. Crocker has lived in Alexandria for 25 years. *Braddock's March* is his first book.

Special Awards honorees are Ruth Lincoln Kaye and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lee A. Earl. Mrs. Kaye's double volume, *The History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria*, chronicles the origin and history of an important Alexandria parish from its founding in 1809 to 2009. Dr. and Mrs. Earl's work preserved historic (1863) Shiloh Baptist Church while creating affordable senior citizen housing in a historically appropriate manner.

Alexandria High School History Award recipients are Christopher Aplin of T.C. Williams High School, Christopher H. Ring of Bishop Ireton High School, Charles Austin Boyd of Episcopal High School, and Mathias F. Heller of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School.

About our April 28 Speaker



Robert G. Stanton, a former Director of the National Park Service, is a Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. He advises the Secretary on a wide range of environmental, organizational and management challenges and opportunities, with strong focus on youth and diversity in Interior's public programs and workforce. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Stanton (left) served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Program Management, and provided executive leadership with respect to policy analysis, youth programs, environmental policy and compliance, natural resources damage assessment and restoration.

Since beginning his career as a National Park Service ranger 48 years ago, Mr. Stanton has dedicated his life to improving the conservation and management of our treasured landscapes and heritage resources. (next page)

May 26 Society Meeting (7:30 PM at The Lyceum) – “Unshackling History: Recreating Experiences from American Slavery” Lecture and Presentation by Anthony Cohen



Historian Anthony Cohen (right) will recount tales of his work exploring the American slavery experience, from his 1996 retracing of the Underground Railroad by foot to being shipped inside of a wooden crate like Virginia fugitive Henry “Box” Brown (left).



Cohen will highlight his current project recreating 1850s life on a Maryland plantation, inspired by his work training Oprah Winfrey for her role in the movie *Beloved*. The presentation will feature artifacts used by Cohen in his hands-on history programs including images from his 1998 mock slave auction held at the former Franklin & Armfield slave jail in Alexandria.

Anthony Cohen, a fourth generation descendant of a runaway slave, is President of the Menare Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Underground Railroad history, historic sites and environments and to the creation of associated educational programs.

This lecture is the second in the Freedmen’s Cemetery lecture series. Lectures in this series explore the history and culture of African Americans in 18th- and 19th-century Virginia.

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A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he grew up in Mosier Valley, one of the oldest communities in Texas founded by African Americans shortly after the Civil War. Concluding a long career with the National Park Service, Mr. Stanton served as the Director for 1997-2001. He had policy, planning and management responsibility for the National Park System’s 384 natural, cultural, and recreational areas.

He was responsible for the National Park Service areas, programs and offices located in 49 states, Washington, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He oversaw major planning and resource preservation programs at the White House, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Gettysburg, and other National Parks, and inaugurated and oversaw the Natural Resource Challenge, a plan to revise and expand the Bureau's natural resource programs.

Since 2001, he has served as an Executive Professor at Texas A&M University and as a visiting professor at Howard and Yale universities. He also has provided consulting services to the Natural Resources Council of America on increasing cultural diversity in conservation organizations and programs.

Mr. Stanton has received numerous national awards for outstanding public service and leadership in conservation, historic preservation, youth programs, and diversity in employment and public programs.

Mr. Stanton earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Huston-Tillotson University, in Austin, Texas, and did graduate work at Boston University. He has been awarded four honorary doctorate degrees. He and his wife, Janet, reside in Fairfax Station.

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