Flat Hat Award

Background: The Flat Hat award recognizes any National Park Service (NPS) employee or volunteer that made your visit to the unit memorable. This award is open to all NPS employees (full time or seasonal) as well as NPS volunteers. If there are several individuals who merit recognition, they can be included in a group award. Because this is a highly subjective award, specific references to award criteria are most helpful. However, a general description of the reason for this award can be sufficient.

Award Criteria:

a) Provide both specific and general descriptions of something your nominee(s) has/have done that enhanced your NPS Unit visit or something that you observed them do that enhanced a visit for the public.

Examples:

a) Ranger(s) conducted an extremely well-prepared and presented talk that made your visit to this NPS unit more enjoyable and/or gave you a better insight to the purpose of the unit.

b) Ranger(s) led a group hike during which they displayed an in-depth knowledge about the subject of the hike and shared interesting bits of information in recognition of your group’s specific interests. The manner of their presentation made the hike more enjoyable for all participants.

c) Ranger(s) made a special effort to make an exhibit or resource accessible to you.

d) Volunteer re-enactor(s) gave an informative, well-rehearsed performance, tailored to the interests of their audience, and demonstrated a clear understanding of the subject they were reenacting e.g. during a question and answer period following the performance..

Submitting your nomination:

a) You must be a current member of the National Park Travelers Club (NPTC) on both the date you submit the nomination, as well as the date the award is presented.

b) You may nominate employees/volunteers from multiple NPS Units, but each nomination must be on a separate form. Be sure to include the name of the NPS Unit for your nominee(s) on the nomination form.

c) You should include background and stories of examples of what your nominee(s) did to warrant this award.

d) Submit your nomination(s) via e-mail to NPTCAwards@gmail.com or to the mailing address on the application form.

e) Your nomination(s) must be received by the Award Board approximately 90 days prior to the first day of the annual NPTC Convention. For 2014 only: award nominations must be received no later than May 31, 2014. Future submission deadlines will be coordinated with the Executive Board and posted to the membership via the parkstamps.org website, mass emails, and/or The Stamp Pad.

Nominee Selection:

f) The Awards Committee will review all nominations received for each year. The Committee will select the recipient(s) from the nominations based on the intent of the award.

g) The Awards Committee will verify the membership status of the nominator with the Membership Director or their designated representative.

h) After the Awards Committee makes its selection, the Executive Board will be informed of the selection.

a) The Executive Board shall inform the recipient(s) of their selection.

b) The Award recipient for each year will be announced to the membership at that year’s annual convention. If the Award recipient(s) is/are unable to attend the convention, the Award will be mailed to the recipient(s) after the convention.

c) If no nominations are received or submitted nominations fail to meet the award criteria, the award shall not be conferred for that year only.