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Eastern National establishes the new William C. Everhart Award

Fort Washington, PA – Eastern National announced the establishment of the new William C. Everhart Award today. An annual prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best scholarly article related to national parks.

The award is named for William C. Everhart, who has made many contributions to both the National Park Service (NPS) and Eastern National. As an NPS park historian, Everhart worked at Vicksburg National Military Park, Independence National Historical Park and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. He was also a member of the Seashore Study Task Force and the Historic Sites Survey in San Francisco.

In 1962, Everhart was given the task of organizing a new Division of Interpretation in Washington, D.C. and in one of his most enduring contributions to the NPS, Everhart campaigned to establish the Harpers Ferry Center, which is known worldwide for its creative interpretive materials. Everhart served as the center's first manager after his tenure as Assistant Director of Interpretation.

“Nothing good ever happens until someone gets excited about it,” said Everhart, who was elected Chairman of Eastern National's Board of Directors from 1982-84. He is now retired and lives in Reston, VA.

Articles qualifying for nomination may deal with any scholarly research related to national parks and are not limited to history. Articles must be written in the English language and may be published in an American or foreign periodical. Nominations should be made by the editor or managing editor of the publication. Only three articles may be nominated by each publication regardless of the number of issues published during the year. Three copies of the article must be submitted with the nomination to the Everhart Award Committee c/o Eastern National, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034. A call for papers will be announced in August 2004.

Eastern National is a non-profit organization that provides quality educational products and services to America's national parks and other public trusts. Eastern National operates educational outlets in over 130 national parks and public lands in 30 states. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$70.7 million to the National Park Service. For more information, visit www.easternnational.org and www.eParks.com.

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