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Jerri Marr named superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park

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YORKTOWN, Virginia -- National Park Service Regional Director Gay Vietzke has named Jerri Marr as the new superintendent of [Colonial National Historical Park](#), effective November 21. She will also provide oversight of [Fort Monroe National Monument](#) and the [Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail](#).

“Jerri is an experienced manager who has worked at various levels of federal service,” **said Vietzke.** “Colonial will benefit from her passion, her strong work ethic and her enthusiasm. Her skills as a talented leader, communicator, team builder and problem solver will help the park navigate several ongoing, multifaceted projects, including the rehabilitation of the Colonial Parkway, confronting sea level rise, and planning related to the [Werowocomoco archeological site](#).”

“It is my greatest honor to be selected as superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park,” **said Marr.** “I love to connect people to the land. I look forward to joining the excellent team of employees, volunteers, and partners who care for the park. I am excited to work with and learn from the staff, partners, stakeholders, and the community who work to protect and preserve these iconic sites while providing amazing recreational experiences for visitors.”

Marr comes to Colonial National Historical Park and the National Park Service from the U.S. Forest Service, where she has served as assistant director of recreation, heritage, youth, and volunteer resources since 2014 and oversaw a \$5.5 million budget.

In 2017-2018, Marr was a Fellow in the White House Leadership Development Program. She was one of 14 federal employees selected to this prestigious program designed to build leaders to address the federal government’s most complex, high-priority, cross-agency challenges. From 2010 to 2014, she served as forest supervisor of Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands in Colorado. Before that, she spent four years as deputy forester supervisor at Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. She grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Natural Resource Management from the University of Tennessee.

Colonial National Historical Park comprises two areas. Jamestown is where the English established their first colony in North America in 1607. Yorktown is where American and French troops defeated the British in the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War on October 19, 1781.

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