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Professional Designations:

- Certified Park Operator-Lifetime
- Certified Park and Recreation Professional

Education:

- Ed.D., Northern Arizona University
- M.Ed., Northern Arizona University
- M.A., Political Science, Oklahoma State University
- B.S., Police Science and Administration, Northern Arizona University

Mark grew up as a visitor to the campgrounds and wilderness areas of Southern California which led him to a 27 year career in the U.S. National Park Service. He retired in 2007 as the Chief Park Ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. He began his service in 1979 and worked at Petrified Forest NP, Grand Canyon NP, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Death Valley NP, and Carlsbad Caverns NP. He has extensive experience in parks and recreation management, including the supervision of one of the largest NPS campground systems in the nation. Mark continues his work in parks and recreation through instruction for the NPS at their national training center at Grand Canyon and as the director of Northern Arizona University's park ranger training program. He is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association and of the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association.

Mark earned the U.S. Department of the Interior Valor Award in 1991 for actions that resulted in the saving of two lives. He received numerous National Park Service Special Achievement Awards.

Mark has served on the Board of Regents and has been an instructor for the National School of RV Park and Campground Management since its inception in 1993.

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