The Legacy Lives On, as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) notes the 80th anniversary of its founding in 1933. All across the nation, communities have been hosting special events to honor the popular Great Depression era jobs initiatives spearheaded by the CCC, and its alumni during this momentous year. To this end, NNDPA is helping to spread the word about this noble institution which has had such a profound, but often overlooked, impact on our country and how it helped take us out of the Great Depression. We need to recognize the contributions and history of the CCC and its participants and support the continuation of the legacy of the CCC and the ideals of national service and community improvement. For the most complete information on all CCC activities and events around the country, click on the link below:

ccclegacy.org

Some History: To cite the CCC Legacy Journal (July/August 2013): “At the peak of the Great Depression, 25 percent of Americans were unemployed. From 1933-1942 over 3 million young men were enrolled in the CCC and received vital job experience and wages for themselves and their families. In addition to improving their own lives, the ‘CCC Boys’ left an incredible legacy. Among their accomplishments they constructed and improved over 800 state and national parks, built nearly 47,000 bridges, and planted nearly 3 billion trees nationwide.”

Currently: While the program ended as World War II began, the CCC started a tradition that continues as a similar but much smaller program called the Youth Service and Conservation Corps. Today 127 Corps member organizations now constitute the national CORPS NETWORK, and enroll 27,000 Corps members nationwide, with Corps operating in every state and the District of Columbia. Check out the links on the left.

Rep. Paul Grijalva (D-AZ) in his resolution to Congress: “We owe a great debt to the Civilian Conservation Corps, and every American should remember how important it’s been to his or her community. The CCC built some of America’s greatest parks, helped clean up our environment, improved public access to the great outdoors on a monumental scale, and engaged millions of youth in conservation, education, and workforce training projects. Americans still benefit each year from what the Corps did for this country, and today’s Corps Network continues that important legacy.”

For More Information: NNDPA encourages you to learn more about the CCC and associated programs like the WPA (Works Progress Administration), the PWA (Public Works Administration), and others. These successful endeavors offer great lessons for reviving today’s struggling workforce. We appreciate you spreading the word to your friends and associates. Thank you.

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National New Deal Preservation Association
The New Mexico Chapter of the Nat. New Deal Preservation Assoc. (NNDPA) and the Nat. Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) invite you to a Symposium and Photo exhibit on Sat., Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. It will be held in the NHCC’s History and Library Building located next to the main center building at 1701 Fourth St. SW. This former WPA school building continues to provide educational activities for children and adults in a new form. More information is available at: nhccnm.org

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The panel is composed of authorities on the history of the New Deal in New Mexico between 1933-43 and will include Dr. Rose Diaz (Sen. Dennis Chavez scholar), Kathryn Flynn (New Deal author), Dr. Richard Melzer (Civilian Conservation Corps and NM Historian), Dr. Tey Mariana Nunn (NM New Deal Hispanic Art scholar and NHCC Curator), Lucinda Lucero Sachs (author of book on Gov. Clyde Tingley) and Moderator Carlos Vasquez, NHCC Director. Books by these panelists will be available for sale in the facility’s library.

The symposium will focus on the current challenges that threaten the protection and preservation of many of the accomplishments from that short ten year period. A review of those accomplishments including infrastructures, public buildings and art will be discussed.

Following the symposium will be the viewing of a collection of colorful photographs of New Mexico’s New Deal public art from around the state and black and white images created by well-remembered Farm Security Administration (FSA) photographer, Dorothea Lange.
Excellent Sources of information

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Legacy
NNDPA and CCC Legacy encourage the families of CCC participants to share their stories with the CCC Legacy Alumni non-profit organization and to join and participate in CCC Legacy chapters across the nation.

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