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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Randy Hancock

Greetings to everyone all across North America! I hope your fall seasons have been going well. I also hope that you all enjoy this issue of the NAWEOA newsletter, because we are doing something a little different. Your Executive Board of Directors has decided that we need to highlight the summer conference in the fall issue of the newsletter, and continue with regional news and updates in the spring issue. I can't begin to tell you how good a Board you have serving you. These folks think "outside the box" a lot, and are always striving to improve the way NAWEOA does business. We came up with the idea to change formats for the newsletter at our winter meeting, and this is our first attempt at summarizing the summer meeting. Each Director has volunteered to cover and write about one aspect of the conference. Please take the time to read each section. I hope it will be educational for you.

My assignment was to do a conference overview. This summer's conference was held in Albany, New York. The event was co-hosted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York Conservation Officers Association in celebration of their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a wonderful job they did in organizing a conference that was educational as well as fun. There were about 400 officers along with another 400 family and friends registered for the conference. Many of those attending had never been to upstate New York, and I am sure they were surprised about how rural and beautiful that part of the state is.

The conference opening ceremonies were held in "The Egg", a space ship looking structure with a wonderful auditorium. Speakers included Mayor Gerald Jennings of Albany, Terrance Revella, Law Enforcement Division Director, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation James Tuffey, Assistant Commissioner NYSDEC, and of course that famous New Yorker, Teddy Roosevelt (portrayed by James Foote). During the opening ceremonies, we honored three fallen officers. This year's NAWEOA Wildlife Officer of the Year, Brian Morrison, from Ontario. Was introduced. Congratulations to Brian.

The conference organizers, headed by Marion Hoffman and Ken Didion, did a superb job of lining up quality speakers that turned out to be very educational. Other board members will cover these topics. These training sessions help fulfill one of NAWEOA's objectives, which is to promote professional development of wildlife enforcement.

Mixed in with the training sessions were our general business sessions. We have numerous items that we have been working on. We did pass a dues increase that will go into effect next year. Members now pay, on the average, about \$3 per year. This is going to go up next year, but still should not be a burden to

most. Right now, the dues do not even cover the cost of printing and distributing the newsletter twice a year. With the increase, we should have those production costs covered. We would like to be self-sufficient someday. Right now, the conference host must make a good profit on the conference in order to help NAWEOA survive. I hope your jurisdiction will accept this fee increase and help NAWEOA become an even stronger voice for wildlife law enforcement.

We are still in the process of rebuilding our 50-50 memorial fund. When we had the fire in the Secretary/Treasurer's house a few years ago, all our records were lost. Kerry Wrishko and Steve Kleiner have diligently been working to put this fund back on its feet. The concept is that whenever a wildlife officer dies in the line of duty, NAWEOA will send \$2500 to the survivors. This is sent with a condolences letter from NAWEOA and lists the donors to the fund. Each memorial fund member is then contacted and asked to reimburse the fund \$50 for the fallen officer. We could still use more members, so if you know anyone who may wish to become a sustaining member, please contact Kerry Wrishko.

Speaking of contacting board members, our NAWEOA website is up and running! It really looks great, thanks to our webmaster, Missouri Conservation Agent Rob Brandenburg. He has set us up with a professional site by donating his time to NAWEOA. Visit the site at [www.NAWEOA.org](http://www.NAWEOA.org). You can write to the board members via this site. We appreciate your comments, suggestions, and questions.

We are also working closely with the IGW magazine, and their new production, Wildlife Journal. You really owe it to yourself to subscribe to both magazines. They will help keep you in touch with what is happening with wildlife management and law enforcement all over North America. Excellent magazines! You can contact them at [wildlifejournal.com](http://wildlifejournal.com).

Gary Martin, Past President, may also touch on this next item. The Tips and Tricks Manual has been his assignment, and it is nearly completed. Bob Mullen and Tony Robinson, and probably some others I am not aware of, have compiled tips from all across the continent, and Gary has worked on editing and getting it published. Income generated from sales will go to benefit the NAWEM museum fund.

The Board owes a big thank you to Richard Kingston, Bill Peters, and their spouses for running the NAWEOA sales booth. Many others have helped, but Richard and Bill put in the majority of the work at the conference. Richard is in charge of our promotions and sales. He has handled this job wonderfully for many years now. He does all the ordering, shipping, and booth set-up at the conference. In return, he gets a pat on the

back. We cannot express how much we appreciate Richard and all he has done for NAWEOA through the years.

In an effort to keep our French-speaking members better informed, we have also added a French insert into newsletters going to Region 3. If anyone knows of a NAWEOA member outside of Quebec who would like to receive the newsletter with a French insert, please notify Steve Kleiner or myself. These inserts are translations of the President's report and the Region 3 report.

Another business item covered at the conference was election of Canadian Regional Directors. Kevin Carr and Brent Cole were re-elected, and Gerry Brunet, Canadian Wildlife Service, was elected Region 2 Director. Next summer's elections will be for President (Canadian Officer), Vice President (US Officer) and US Regional Directors. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Gary Martin, Past President.

The conference wrapped up with the annual banquet and auction. The banquet room looked like it belonged in the Ritz, beautifully laid out in silver and red with the lights dimmed just right. After a stirring 20 minute concert by the New York State Police Pipe and Drum Corp, a wonderful dinner was served. These affairs are semi-formal, and it is neat to see all the men in ties and women in dresses. Wildlife officers don't look half bad when they are all "spiffed" up. The auction was a success (what a place to get some great hunting and fishing deals!), and was followed by a band playing dance music. It was a beautiful and fitting ending to another great NAWEOA conference.

If you have never attended a NAWEOA conference, you owe it to yourself to make it to one. Next summer's meeting will be in Omaha, Nebraska. Those fine folks have a great conference lined up. Omaha is a central location, easy to get to from most places across North America. The summer 2002 conference will be held in Indiana. We are still waiting for volunteer hosts for 2003 and 2004, but the 2005 conference, celebrating NAWEOA's 25<sup>th</sup> year of existence, will be held in British Columbia. I am saving my spare change every day so that I can make that trip! It will be fantastic!

We hope you enjoy our new newsletter format. Have a great winter, stay safe, and we hope to see you at next summer's conference.

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## Conference Opening Ceremonies

by Dave Nichols, Region 5 Director

The 19th annual conference of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association was held in Albany, New York in July, with many officers in attendance. The opening ceremony, with over 800 officers and family members in attendance, was held on July 13 at the Egg in the Albany State Plaza. One of the exciting facets of this part of the conference is the chance to see officers in full uniform and to compare what they are wearing on the other side of the fence.

Major Les Wilson of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) served as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced the NY State Police Pipe and Drum Corp, which played during the grand entrance led by officers bearing the US State Flags and Canadian Provincial Flags.

The NYSDEC Police Honor Guard presented the colors while Ms. Pamela O'Connor sang the Canadian National Anthem "O Canada", and Lt. Tim Huss of the NYSDEC sang the US National Anthem.

NAWEOA President Randy Hancock led a moving tribute to Fallen Officers. There were sadly three empty chairs again this year for Captain John M. Garlington, of Louisiana, Ranger Steve Makuakane-Jarrell of the National Park Service, and Corporal Rocky Wainwright, of Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources.

After Randy called the conference to order there were speeches of welcome from several dignitaries including the Mayor of Albany, Gerald Jennings; Terrance Revella, Law Enforcement Division Director, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation and James Tuffey, Assistant Commissioner NYSDEC.

Randy Hancock made the Officer of the Year Presentation to this year's recipient, Brian Morrison from Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources. Brian, K-9 handler, graciously accepted the award and acknowledged the support that he receives from his family that helps him to do his job. He made the statement that his wife at times felt that she couldn't get any attention from him unless she "barked or beeped like a pager."

Major Les Wilson recognized the dignitaries present and conducted the role call of jurisdictions. There were large contingents of officers from New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Nebraska, British Columbia, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

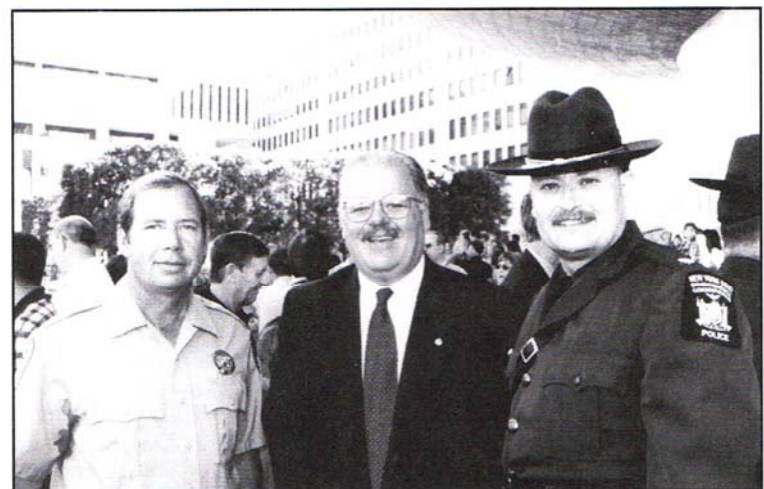
We were then entertained by a special presentation from Mr. James Foote portraying Governor Theodore Roosevelt. Following the Conference Orientation, the assembly proceeded out to the New York State Police Officers Memorial led by the Pipe and Drum Corp and a wreath was laid to honor the fallen officers. Officers then continued on to the steps of the New York State Legislature for a group photo. The conference was officially under way.



Opening ceremonies at 2000 Conference in Albany



Wreath laying at New York State Police Officers Memorial in Albany



President Randy Hancock, Asst. Commissioner NYSDEC James Tuffey, and Major Les Wilson



## Officer of the Year

by Kerry Wrishko, Vice President

It is a great privilege to introduce Brian Morrison of Ontario as the NAWEOA Officer of the Year.

Brian was appointed as a full time Conservation Officer in 1980. Over the past 20 years, he has had 4 different postings and is presently stationed in Sudbury, Ontario as a canine handler.

Some of the things that Brian has achieved during his career are as follows. In the early 1980's he helped with the original wild turkey transfers into southern Ontario, and helped coordinate the enforcement staff for the first wild turkey hunt in 100 years in Ontario.

Brian has been a Use of Force Instructor for a number of years; he has served on several Ministry committees, including the Uniform Committee, the Vehicle Committee, the Recruitment Committee and others.

But Brian is probably best known across North America as Ontario's Natural Resources Canine Pioneer.

In 1983 Brian obtained dogs on his own and began training in the United States and on his own time. He put a huge effort in training, both on courses and on his own. He spent the next 7 years traveling across Ontario promoting the idea for a canine unit. He tested several breeds of dogs and despite ongoing resistance from management, Brian forged on.

In 1990 Brian got a black Labrador retriever as a family dog. Brian thought a hunting breed might be better accepted by the managers. He convinced the agency to establish a trial detector dog program with his personal dog. That year he and his dog "Shadow" attended the Ontario Provincial Police dog training program.

In 1992, after two years and a number of success stories with natural resource cases and a number of others with other law enforcement files, the detector dog program became permanent.

Brian's tremendous efforts and influences have assisted many other agencies in the implementation of their canine units. These include Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Fisheries and Oceans, Canada Customs and the Sudbury Regional Police.

In fact, Canada Customs credits Brian with selecting 7 detector dogs for their agency, a feat unmatched by any of their own handlers.

Despite the demanding role Brian has had in the development and maintenance of the canine unit, Brian has found time throughout his career for his Officer Association, where he has been an active member, particularly with the newsletter.

Brian's involvement with community and family are similar to that of many of us with the exception of an incident that occurred this winter. Many know that NAWEOA board member Ian Anderson and his family were involved in a very serious traffic accident last December just a few days before Christmas. It hospitalized Ian and his two sons, and killed his wife and their mother, Pat. Brian went to the hospital every day, including Christmas, to give support and comfort to Ian and his sons. He opened up his home to accommodate out-of-town visitors and worked tirelessly to ensure everyone's needs were addressed. In addition, during this very stressful time, Brian went on to form and lead an Honor Guard of Conservation Officers at Patricia Anderson's memorial service.

Brian is also a remarkable family man, spending much time doing family activities, including traveling with his son's hockey team and taking his son fishing and hunting.

Above and beyond is probably the best way to describe Brian in all aspects of his life. He is the epitome of a good officer - family man, friend and community member. His commitment to the canine program has made him a respected leader across North America. The assistance he has rendered to other en-

forcement agencies has greatly improved the professional enforcement image of Conservation Officers among many other enforcement agencies.

Brian has been recognized by the Premier of Ontario with the prestigious Amethyst Award, given for outstanding public service. He has also received accolades from many groups including the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and the Society for the Prevention to Cruelty to Animals.

In the nomination for Brian that was longer than many novels, the one comment that really hit home was from one of his associates in the Ontario Provincial Police, who said of Brian: "He is totally committed to his job as a Conservation Officer. He has had employment opportunities with other law enforcement agencies at substantially higher salaries. He has rejected these offers and continues his commitment to Natural Resource Conservation."

NAWEOA believes Brian Morrison represents all of the qualities an officer should strive for, and is hereby named the 2000 NAWEOA Officer of the Year.



Ontario Conservation Officer Brian Morrison with wife Marilyn accepting Officer of the Year award from President Randy Hancock and Vice President Kerry Wrishko

## History Quiz Winner

The grand prizewinner in the NAWEOA history quiz in the Spring 2000 Newsletter was Les Ostryk from Saskatchewan. He will be receiving a NAWEOA golf shirt for his effort. Congratulations, Les!

It is interesting to note that of the 8000 or so members of NAWEOA we received four entries. Good odds of winning.

## You mean that won't work?

A Game Warden called the Office Help Desk to say he couldn't get his computer to fax anything. After 40 minutes of troubleshooting, the technician discovered the man was trying to fax a piece of paper by holding it in front of the monitor screen and hitting the "Send" key.



# New York Conference Notes

by Kerry Wrishko, Vice President

## Awards Presented:

**Officer of the Year:** Brian Morrison, Ontario

## Torch Awards:

Region 1: Derek Andriatz, Fisheries & Oceans  
Region 2: Rob Argue, Ontario  
Region 3: Trevor Lushington, Nova Scotia  
Region 4: Brian Bechauer, Colorado  
Region 7: Kevin Mountz, Pennsylvania  
Region 8: Don Pleakis, New York

**Award of Valor:** Gary Boyd, Wyoming

## Banquet Highlights

Nearly 1,000 people attended the banquet on Saturday evening. It was a memorable way to conclude such a great conference in Albany, New York. The banquet was held in the Convention Center of the Empire State Plaza, a beautiful facility. Major Les Wilson, of the New York State Environmental Conservation Police, did a fantastic job as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The Invocation was by Karen Williams, ECO, New York.

The Albany Police Pipe and Drum Band treated the audience to a fanfare of musical selections. Their arrival was unique, and their performance excellent. Following the banquet, David Wayman, Lieutenant with New York, gave the toast and tribute to the spouses. Each spouse was given a rose lapel pin, the rose being the state flower.

A number of presentations then followed. President Randy Hancock formally announced the awarding of the NAWEOA conferences to Columbus, Indiana in 2002 and Penticton, British Columbia in 2005. The Ontario Officers Association then presented cheques for \$1,000 to each of the Nebraska and Indiana committees. Pennsylvania Officers Association followed suit by presenting Indiana with \$1,000, while the New York officers gave Nebraska a number of prints for their auctions and raffles.

Marion Hoffman, Conference Chairman, recognized the 30 people on her Conference Steering Committee. Each of these individuals was given a Certificate of Appreciation from NAWEOA.

Bill Peters, former NAWEOA President, and wildlife artist, donated an original painting to raise funds in memory of Pat Anderson of Ontario. Pat was the wife of Officer Ian Anderson, and was killed in a car accident at Christmas 1999. The money raised, \$1,250, will go to an education fund for Ian and Pat's sons. Gregory Patton of Michigan won the painting.

Del Tibke, President of the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Museum and Education Centre, and Dwayne Strate, Vice President, each spoke about the Museum and their fundraising efforts. Guy Lafranchise of New Brunswick, Brian Gleadle of New Mexico, and Brian Van Buren, all won prizes as a result of their personal donations to the museum. Barbara Hanggs of New York won the Museum's 50-50 draw.

Del Tibke then graciously accepted the following donations to the Museum:

1. Jeff Uerz, Chief of Virginia and Vice President of National Association of Conservation Chiefs, presented \$2,000.
2. Tom Green, Deputy Chief of Rhode Island, President of the North East Law Enforcement Chiefs, presented \$1,000.
3. Tim Santel, President of the Federal Officers Association, presented \$1,000 (first of five \$1,000 payments).
4. Jay Baker, of the Indiana Conservation Officers Association, presented \$1,000 (first of five \$1,000 payments).
5. Michael Maillet, of New Brunswick Officers Association, presented \$1,000 (final payment of five of \$1,000 each).
6. Melody Miller, of Colorado Parks and Wildlife Association, presented \$1,000 (third payment of five \$1,000 payments).

7. Darryl Minter, of Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers, presented \$1,000 (fourth payment of five \$1,000 payments).

Del then presented plaques to Missouri, New York, Ontario and Idaho as each of these officer associations have completed their \$5,000 commitments to the Museum.

At each place setting at the banquet was a playing card which was for a prize of a television. This was won by Trish and Walt Heinrich of New York.

The Nebraska officers had a special painted Buffalo skull raffle. Dave Nichols of Missouri won the draw. Kelly Knowles, also of Missouri, won a special prize package for Omaha City.

For over two years, as a NAWEOA fundraiser, the New York officers were selling tickets on a beautiful fishing boat, motor and trailer, valued at almost \$20,000. NAWEOA's newsletter editor and retired Ontario CO Pat Brown won the boat. The final draw of the night was for the Officer Exchange. This year's lucky travelers are Mark Allegro of Pennsylvania and Dwayne Strate of Manitoba.

Steven Gerould, New York Lieutenant, was the auctioneer for the Live Auction. As always, there were some fabulous merchandise and holiday trips up for auction. Steve did a great job and NAWEOA benefited a great deal from the auction! The evening was capped off with the audience dancing to the band Thunder Ridge.

## NAWEOA PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Richard Kingston is responsible for the distribution of NAWEOA promotional items. Items on hand include:

	CAD	USD
Ball Cap (black, green, maroon, camo)	\$ 10	\$ 7
Journals of Wildlife Enforcement Vol. I	8	6
Journals of Wildlife Enforcement Vol. II	5	4
Buckles (original, Sask., Penn., New York)	20	15
Lapel Pins (Sask., Missouri, New York)	2	1
Print (Quiet Watch by William Peters, Calif. Game Warden)	45	35
Print - only 1 left (Where Game Abounds by H.A. Hochbaum)	200	150
Golf Shirts (sports grey)	32	24
T-shirt (ash grey)	15	11
Denim Shirt (short or long sleeve)	35	26
*All clothing has embroidered logo		

- There will also be a charge for shipping.
- Clothing prices may change slightly as new items arrive from supplier
- Journals contain a broad range of articles, reports and technique to aid wildlife officers and agencies in keeping abreast of new developments.

Perhaps there are officers out there who still have a small supply of promo items on hand. Please look around and if any surface, contact Richard arrangements to get them to him to be included in his NAWEOA Stuff for sale. Contact him at:

Richard Kingston Home Phone: 506-622-761 5  
4 Stacker Road Fax: 506-836-7015  
Whitney, NB E 1V 4J6 e-mail: Richard.Kingston@gnb.ca





## NEW REGION 2 DIRECTOR Gerry Brunet

I would like to introduce myself as the newly elected Region 2 Director, representing the jurisdictions of Manitoba, Ontario, the National Capital Commission and the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). I was elected for this position at the New York summer conference. I thank all those members who supported me during the election. I would like to thank Ian Anderson for the 6 years he represented Region 2 as Director; he did a great job.

I reside in Brantford, Ontario with my wife Anne-Marie and two children,

Nicole (5) and Mitchell (4). After graduating from Sir Sandford Fleming College with a Fish and Wildlife Technologist Diploma in 1986 I began my natural resources career working 6 years with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. In 1992, I began working as a Game Officer with the CWS in Ontario Region, and currently I hold the position of A/Head of Investigations in that region.

I have been the NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative for CWS since late 1995. I have been fortunate enough to attend 5 NAWEOA conferences: Ottawa, Colorado, Ohio, Missouri and New York. I feel I have a very good understanding of NAWEOA and I look forward to working with the other Executive Board members for you, the members.

I would like to encourage all jurisdictions and their members to become more involved with NAWEOA; please get to know the association and what it has to offer. There are so many areas where one can add a little...the newsletter reports, the NAWEM Museum, and the annual conference to name a few. I have already contacted the Jurisdictional Representatives in Region 2, but please know that I am available and looking forward to assisting you as the new Region 2 Director. Please take care and enjoy the newsletter.

## Something for free!!

Copies of Volumes 1 and 2 of the Journal of Wildlife Law Enforcement are available for the cost of shipping only to any natural resource agency training officer who wishes to use them. Contact:

**Richard Kingston**  
4 Stacker Road  
Whitney, NB E1V 4J6

## Wisconsin Game Warden Named Worker of the Year

On September 4, 2000 Game Warden David Arendt of Antigo, WI was named Dickies Workwear American Worker of the Year. Warden Arendt was nominated by his brother, who described David as "a tough warden with a heart of gold". Warden Arendt was honoured at a ceremony at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN on September 22. Congratulations from NAWEOA!



VP Kerry Wrishko presenting Torch Award to Ontario's Rob Argue



Lin Bashford accepting Valor Award for Gary Boyd, Wyoming



# WARDEN SKILLS COMPETITION

by Brent Cole, Region 3 Director

The Warden skills competition is a tradition of the annual NAWEOA summer conference. This year the New York committee held the games at the Great Escape Park, approximately one hour outside Albany. Here is what we got up to that afternoon.

The Poker Run This event required each potential team (total of 3 members to a team) to collect a 5-card poker hand. The purpose of the poker hand was to limit the number of teams participating in the games. Traditionally, a large number of teams are entered in the games but unfortunately there has to be a ceiling on that number to make the games manageable due to time constraints.

By using the poker run method each team was required to have at least 1 member of the team ride all 5 of the roller coasters within the park. Once that team member had completed a ride, a card was picked from a deck of cards provided by the New York officer looking after that particular ride.

Once the team had collected all 5 cards they were to turn in their poker hand at the Warden Games table at the Northern Picnic Grove. All poker hands had to be turned by 1:30 PM. The top 20 poker hands were used to select the competing teams for the remainder of the games.

The Remaining Events The first event was the Animal Toss. This event required 1 team member to throw "Animals", actually furs and not live animals, at preset traps, springing the trap. The other 2 team members were to throw back the animals to the thrower should he/she miss the target. This was a timed event so speed and accuracy was critical. Dwayne Strate from Manitoba, who was part of the Newfoundland team, has to be recognized at this time. Dwayne made 4 throws to hit the 3 traps. The timekeeper hardly had time enough to hit the start and stop buttons on his stopwatch. I don't recall the time but it was unbelievably fast. Great throwing, Dwayne!

The next event was the **Decoy Race**. In this event 1 team member was seatbelted into a parked patrol vehicle with the 2 teammates standing along side the vehicle. At the whistle, the first member got out of the vehicle, ran to the back of that vehicle. He or she had to remove a pair of snowshoes and put them on, remove a deer decoy from the trunk, then sprint down to a designated area, set up the decoy, then sprint back to the vehicle. It is amazing how folks can run with determination, with snowshoes hanging off their feet, ha! The snowshoes were then given to the second team member who put them on, then removed a turkey decoy from the trunk, sprinted to the set up area and assembled the decoy and returned to the third member who would then put on the snowshoes. That member was had to sprint

down to the decoys, retrieve them and return them to the trunk of the vehicle at which time the time would stop. (A whole lot of huffing and puffing going on by then, yours truly included).

Event number 3 was the **Uniform Event**. This event required all 3 team members, at the whistle, to sprint to a location where a container would be filled with uniforms. Each team member was required to find all the required uniform parts and equipment and put them on and stand in line for inspection. If everything was correct a whistle sounded, stopping the time clock. Once again this was a timed event, with speed and looking sharp being a must. The uniform shirts had to be properly buttoned, pants properly fastened, tie properly fastened, gun belt equipment completely fastened, and Stetson/Hat properly worn. Now that was an event to watch. All indicators were that everyone had a great time.

After all races were completed the top 2 teams (lowest times) went on to compete in the final event.

The **Final Event** was the most entertaining event of all. This was where the top 2 teams would compete for the title as the top team of the 2000 NAWEOA Warden Skills Competition. The final event was the gathering of clams event. Our New York colleagues came up with an in-ground pit lined with a tarp and filled with clay and water to create a mud pit. Clams were spread out within the pit and the object of the game was whichever team ended up with the most clams would win. However, there was one catch, "CLAM SIZE". If at the end of the race a team had undersized clams in their container they would lose points. So, if any clams got through the screen on top of the container they would have to be removed before the end of the race to prevent penalties. Now folks if you missed that race then you missed a great time. To watch 6 grown men jumping, splashing and sliding around in that pit was a sight to behold, and they sure seemed to be having fun.

Also in the pit were coins. The deal was if anyone found coins while frolicking in the pit they could keep them. I don't believe any of the participants found any coins at all. I guess they were just having too much fun fighting over clams. The kids however seemed to have just as much fun when they were told they could go into the pit after the dads got out to look for the coins. That was great to see. "Way to go New York". The top three teams were:

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Newfoundland
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	British Columbia
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Michigan

I was very fortunate to have been on the third placed Newfoundland team. While we were watching the action in the pit between the first and second placed teams my team members and I looked at each other, laughed and said "WE WON!" Thanks New York. We all had a great time at the games. Until next year, stay safe and have fun.



Decoy Race



Clam digging in Albany



**Speaker WHITNEY TILT, Director of  
Conservation Programs, NFWF  
by Jerry Claassen,  
Region 4 Director**

Mr. Whitney Tilt is Director of Conservation Programs for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in Washington DC. The Foundation is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, established by Congress in 1984 and dedicated to the conservation of fish, wildlife and plants, and the habitat on which they depend. Its goals are environmental education, natural resource management, habitat protection and restoration, and conservation policy development. It meets these goals by creating partnerships between the public and private sectors and strategically invests in conservation and the sustainable use of natural resources. The Foundation does not support lobbying, political advocacy or litigation.

The Foundation identifies conservation needs, reviews proposed projects, fosters cooperative partnerships, i.e. Exxon, and commits a mixture of federal and non-federal funds to on-the-ground conservation projects. The Foundation commits funds in the form of challenge grants--the Foundation's funds are matched.

To date the Foundation has made more than 3100 grants committing over \$135 million in federal funds, matched with non-federal dollars, delivering more than \$435 million for conservation. For every appropriated dollar, an average of \$3.17 in on-the-ground conservation occurs.

The Foundation creates partnerships among federal, state, and local governments, corporations, private foundations, individuals and non-profit organizations. Creating partnerships facilitates strategic identification of problems and efficiency and cooperation in the delivery of solutions through challenge grants. Funds have been awarded to more than 940 grantees, including federal, state, and provincial agencies; colleges and universities; and domestic and international conservation organizations. Projects have been supported in all 50 states, Canadian Provinces, and more than 40 other countries.

Program Initiatives Challenge grants are awarded through the following initiatives: Conservation Education, Fisheries Conservation and Management, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation, Wetlands and Private Lands, and Wildlife and Habitat Management.

The Conservation Education Initiative promotes conservation through innovative and effective education programs targeting young people, educators, community leaders, and private landowners. The Fisheries Conservation and Management Initiative addresses resource and habitat depletion issues for marine, estuarine and inland fisheries. Assuming that solutions to fisheries conservation problems must begin at the local level, grants are awarded to projects that stress community in-

volvement. This initiative primarily awards grants to organizations that build partnerships to develop cooperative solutions to fisheries conservation problems.

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Initiative was launched with the express purpose of preventing these declining species from ever reaching the endangered species list. It brings public and private partners together to conserve migratory birds and the habitats on which they depend. The Foundation's approach to the decline of Neotropical migrants epitomizes their ability to respond rapidly with an innovative solution by creating partnerships. Rather than starting a new organization, they instead committed their resources to creating a framework within which private conservation groups, federal and state agencies, and the forest products industry could work cooperatively to seek mutually beneficial solutions. This framework, known popularly as Partners in Flight, has changed the face of bird conservation in North America.

The Wetlands and Private Lands Initiative funds projects resulting in wetland, floodplain, aquatic, and riparian habitat restoration, acquisition (fee title and conservation easement) and wetland and riparian research with strong management implications. The Wetlands and Private Lands Initiative supports restoration and acquisition projects that conserve the nation's wetland resources and their varied functions and values, such as providing wildlife habitat, controlling erosion, improving water quality and reducing flooding.

The Wildlife and Habitat Management Initiative encompasses the Foundation's broad interests in fish, wildlife, and plant conservation, including biodiversity conservation, threatened and endangered species recovery, and traditional game management. It addresses these issues through the following 5 goals and objectives: supporting wildlife and habitat protection through conservation planning; facilitating access to technologies for integrated species and habitat management; administering funds and supporting habitat-based programs for the protection and restoration of endangered species; engaging private landowners in species and habitat protection and restoration efforts; and distributing law enforcement fines and settlements to injured resources.

This interesting aspect of accepting awards from court settlements has resulted in 85 accounts currently in the program accounting for \$72 million in settlements. A few examples illustrate the success of this program. In one case, the NFWF received a settlement from Royal Caribbean Cruise line for \$6.5 million. The Friguo Pipeline settlement was for \$2.25 million and was able to be leveraged to \$7 million and used for 31 different on the ground projects. In the Moon Lake Electric case \$500,000 was allocated to the Foundation as a result of electrocution to raptors along power lines. Fines have also been administered in the Endangered Species Act for species such as the California Gnatcatcher.

The Communications Policy Group provides conservation policy counsel and issues special topic documents. These documents provide the only comprehensive, nongovernmental budget analysis of the major federal agencies with significant natural resource management and stewardship responsibilities.

Though the Foundation receives Congressionally appropriated funds, and builds partnerships that leverage these funds, none may be used for operating expenses. Every penny of these funds must be put into projects. The Foundation depends upon private contributions to provide its operating funds, less than 3% of which may be used on operating costs.

The Foundation also annually awards the Guy Bradley Award of \$1000 to those persons with outstanding service in the field of conservation. The NFWF is currently seeking nominations for this award. The Foundation has responded to requests and opportunities to build creative partnerships that will bring more resources to conservation and facilitate efficiency, coordination and cooperation. The NFWF has handled fines for violations of the Clean Water Act, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and New Jersey Transit Authority. A Lacey Act violation by Shell Oil netted \$4 million over 12 years. Some of these funds were used to purchase night vision equipment for biological purposes.

A publication "After the Gavel" explains the Foundations involvement in legal settlements and may be obtained from Mr. Tilt via e-mail to tilt@nfwf.org.

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## Dressing For Success.... Game Warden Style

by Bruce A. Lemmert,  
Region 6 Director

Dr. Murray Hamlet had his work cut out for him at the 19th Annual North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association (NAWEOA) in Albany, New York. Dr. Hamlet had a 3 1/2 hour time slot and his topic was "how to adequately prepare and dress for weather extremes". Not only is 3 1/2 hours a long time to hold the attention of any group, this was a topic wildlife officers deal with on a daily basis. An association of game wardens can be a skeptical lot.

Suffice it to say Dr. Hamlet rose to the occasion. Dr. Hamlet's presentation was both informative and interesting. The scope of Hamlet's talk went much broader than what to wear in inclement weather. At various times in the presentation, Dr. Hamlet touched on cold injuries, foot care, foot injuries, boot development, clothing for the cold, dehydration, frostbite, hypothermia, drowning and near drowning, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and more. Questions were allowed throughout the presentation, and slides were used to augment or illustrate a particular point being made. The point should be made here that you never want to miss Hamlet's slide show. He showed some gruesome slides of body parts, mostly feet, damaged by cold. There seemed to be more people in the Main Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel after his break, for the second session of the talk, than there was for the first session, a tribute to his speaking effectiveness.

Dr. Hamlet's credentials are impressive. He is currently the Director, Research Programs and Operations Division, U. S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, at Natick, Massachusetts. Hamlet earned his Doctorate at Washington State University in 1969 and has many research papers to his credit.

Dr. Hamlet not the first speaker at a NAWEOA conference with a background in the military, nor I suspect, will he be the last. There are similarities between military and game warden work. The web site for US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine points out that the US military had over 100,000 cold injuries requiring medical treatment during World War II and the Korean War combined. The average air temperature recorded when cold injuries were experienced was 30 °F. Temperatures this low are experienced over 60% of the earth's surface. Dr. Hamlet pointed out that many of these cold related injuries changed entire lives of those affected. Once afflicted with cold in-

jury, the injury subsequently dictated where some individuals could live, the type work they could accomplish, and even the type of hobbies or recreation they could do.

Chilblain and trench foot are the most prominent nonfreezing cold injuries. These injuries occur when conditions are cold (air temperatures of 32°F to 55° F) and wet and hands and feet cannot be kept warm and dry. Chilblain is described as an inflammation of the hands or feet caused by exposure to cold. Trench foot obviously gets its name from foot injuries associated with trench warfare, but in our current society Dr. Hamlet recognized white water rafting crew members and snow makers on the ski slopes as those being most susceptible to the condition. Trench foot can be characterized by discoloration, weakness and sometimes gangrene.

Frostnip is the term to be used when skin surface becomes frozen at temperatures below freezing. When freezing extends deeper through the skin and flesh, the injury is frostbite.

Cold exposure can lead to reduced blood flow to the extremities, which in turn leads to blunted sensations and loss of dexterity and agility. Advanced somewhat further, cold exposure in the individual may mimic the same symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol (i.e. irritability, confusion, slowed or slurred speech, altered vision, and uncoordinated movements). This is important to know, not only for the officers themselves in cold exposure situations, but also when officers test others for being under the influence of alcohol. Hamlet referred this as the "hypothermic shuffle", typified by foot slap, and a widened stance when the person is walking. **In cold exposure situations, normal sobriety tests may not be effective in determining levels of intoxication.** Dr. Hamlet indicated that horizontal gaze nystagmus (rapid involuntary eye movement) might be the only effective field-test in determining alcohol intoxication in a cold exposed suspect. This could come into play in some instances of hunting under the influence, or possibly with snowmobiling under the influence. Rest assured that defense attorneys would invariably use this defense if their client were arrested for being under the influence in a cold situation.

Practical advice for dressing for the cold is to dress in layers. The layer next to the skin should be cool and dry. This first layer should be good at wicking moisture away. Today's synthetic underwear is recommended for this first layer. Stay away from cotton - it holds moisture. The second layer or layers should be the insulation layers and Dr. Hamlet recommends the polartec type fabrics. Polartec insu-

lates better than wool, is lighter, and does not hold moisture as readily as wool does. The final layer over the insulation layer would be a wind resistant and water repellent material. This final layer must be permeable from the inside out. Gore-Tex and similar materials have limited effectiveness in this regard depending on relative humidity and exertion of the wearer. Do not over insulate for the combination of exertion and environmental temperature. Keep clothing clean and dry.

When it comes to the feet, the quality of boots is important. Quality and a proper fit are so important to foot care that Dr. Hamlet even recommends custom boots, if that can be an option. Fit should allow plenty of room for the toes with no heel slippage with the first five sets of eyelets laced. Wool has not been surpassed as a sock material, but Hamlet recommends a synthetic liner sock underneath the wool sock. The resiliency of wool has not been duplicated by synthetics and for that reason it makes a superior sock and glove material. Additionally, Dr. Hamlet recommends washing the feet daily, trim the nails properly, "donut" hot spots and blisters, and use a spray antiperspirant on the feet.

High-risk situations for soldiers or game wardens with respect to exposure involve exhaustion, moisture (whether from rain, snow or sweat), sudden changes in weather, dehydration, and use of alcohol or drugs. Fatigue, whether from sleep deprivation or exertion, will raise one's susceptibility to cold related injuries. Wet clothing should be avoided, as moisture will draw heat away from the body. Total immersion in cool water will maximize heat loss and mere sweating is the body's mechanism to cool. Shivering, on the other hand, is the body's mechanism to increase heat production and it can increase this production up to five times normal. Shivering normally stops when the body core temperature gets down to about 90°F. A cold weather survival kit may include extra dry clothing for wet situations and sudden changes in temperature. More food and water is required during cold exposure. The body needs this added water and nutrition to generate internal heat. It probably doesn't need to be said that alcohol and drugs lower one's resistance to cold, but every year we run into individuals who expose themselves to cold while taking some type of medication, prescribed or otherwise.

As a sign of the times, Dr. Hamlet pointed out that people are ever increasingly using the outdoors in various degrees of preparedness. A "kids drug holiday" is how Hamlet described the situation that has developed in our society where people believe they have an almost legal right to feel good all of the time. If they do



not, there should be a pill to alleviate any form of discomfort no matter the duration. A so called "kids drug holiday" combined with outdoor exposure can lead to undesirable situations. A "kids drug holiday" is not limited by chronological age. A person of any age can insist on their right to feel good, and the term "kids" refers to the person's maturity level.

Another modern anomaly would be the substitution of electronic devices for old-fashioned woodsmanship. The cell phone has given many people a false sense security in the out of doors. Some believe that just because they can talk to someone on a cell phone that someone will come and get them. Practical considerations often intervene. Some states such as New Hampshire have passed a law that the "stupid lost" must pay the cost of a rescue. One measure of the passage to adulthood, according to Dr. Hamlet, is the understanding that very few people really care whether you live or die.

Criteria for on-site treatment of a submersed drowning situation would be as follows: 1) If in a pool, think C-spine injury. Do not turn over without controlling neck. 2) Clear airway; squeeze chest with head down. 3) Prevent aspiration of vomitus. 4) CPR, maintain oxygen. 5) Cool face to maintain the dive reflex. 6) Transport.

Dr. Murray P. Hamlet is a dynamic, knowledgeable, articulate, and entertaining speaker. The organizing committee did well in selecting Dr. Hamlet as our keynote speaker. Dr. Hamlet is likely not a regular on the Rotary Club lecture circuit, but if you ever get the chance to hear him speak - do it! With all the positive traits that Dr. Murray Hamlet demonstrated, I feel comfortable in giving him my highest compliment "Dr. Hamlet, you should have been a game warden!"

## New York ECO Training Academy Presentation

By Kevin Carr, Region 1 Director

My assignment at this year's annual conference was to report on the presentation by Sgt. Sam Servidao regarding the establishment of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Law Enforcement Training Academy. As a Training Officer in Saskatchewan I found Sgt. Servidao's presentation interesting because our agency is in need of finding a home in which to train.

Veteran officers are beginning to retire en masse as the baby boomers reach retirement age. Our agencies are struggling to train replacements. Our Provincial Law Enforcement Training Academies in Saskatchewan are bursting at the seams already, trying to fill the shortage of police officers. This is the trend across North America. Where do Game Wardens and Conservation Officers fit within the law enforcement community? NYSDEC wrestled with the problem and has the answer for their jurisdiction.

Colonel Mike Murray of NYSDEC introduced Sam Servidao as having been involved in training for 15 years. Sam is known for his dedication, particularly to physical fitness. Col. Murray stated that NYSDEC needed to find their own identity and establish their own training facility. Sgt. Sam Servidao and Sgt. Ken Didion did the work and located a gem.

Sam began by giving a brief history of training in New York. He indicated that in 1972 New York DEC held a training academy at the State Police Academy for serving Conservation Officers to provide them Police Officer status. The academy was 17 weeks of training. In 1984 full academies, general police officer training and Environmental Conservation Officer Training were taken on the road across the State. During this period Oswego State University was first used as a training facility.

In 1998 NYSDEC entered into a partnership with Oswego State University to conduct law enforcement training at the University. Sheldon Hall, originally build in 1911, was renovated and brought up to standards. The facility boasts 48 double resident rooms complete with cable and phone and shared bathrooms, a 50-person classroom, 4 separate 25-person classrooms and a 28-person physical training hall. Other University facilities available to NYSDEC include 2 pools, 2 gymnasiums and a running track. The grounds are used for all types of patrol tactics. Meals are taken at the University Cafeteria.

Rice Creek ecological area is used for field investigation training. The Oswego county airport is utilized for driver training, EVAC procedures and ATV training. Boat and PWC training take place at a nearby United States Coastguard Station on Lake Ontario. The firearms range is 3 miles away from the University and offers a 100 yard, 12-position indoor range.

Sam Servidao and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation have done a great job of seeking out partnerships with a multitude of agencies to make their training academy a reality. They have sought out the facilities they need and are able to offer cost effective training to their members. The New York model is one that other agencies should try to emulate.



Speaker Dr. Murry Hamlet

## NAWEOA Dues Can Now Be Paid on the Internet!

Effective December 1, 2000 NAWEOA dues can be paid using your VISA or MasterCard via the Internet. Keeping in line with current technology, NAWEOA has established a secure site to pay your dues through the NAWEOA Home Page. To do this, visit [www.naweo.org](http://www.naweo.org) and navigate to the "Membership" section. Dues for all categories of memberships can be paid through this site.

If you do not wish to pay your dues through the Internet, you will find a membership renewal application at this same site. Simply print it out, complete the information and send it with your check or money order made out to NAWEOA. Mail renewals to:

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## The Colebrook Incident Presented by New Hampshire CO Wayne Saunders

By Lisa A. Lacroix  
Region 7 Director

August 19, 1997 started out like any other late summer day in rural Northern New Hampshire. New Hampshire Conservation Officer Wayne Saunders was on routine patrol in the area near Colebrook, a small community on the New Hampshire-Vermont border.

At approximately 3:30 pm, CO Saunders heard a signal 1000 across his police radio that a State Police cruiser had been stolen in Colebrook. Shortly after, he spotted the stolen cruiser heading across the Connecticut River into Vermont. He followed the cruiser, unaware that the driver had just killed 2 State Troopers, a judge and a newspaper editor. He did, however, have a feeling that there was something more involved than just a stolen vehicle.

He lost sight of the cruiser after it crossed into Vermont, but a dust cloud underneath a railroad overpass alerted him that the suspect had probably driven that way. An uneasy feeling caused him to drive very slowly under the overpass - a move that probably saved his life. As he did the suspect, Carl Drega, opened fire on Saunders' cruiser with an AR 15 assault rifle. The first shot struck Saunders' badge and deflected into his left shoulder. CO Saunders immediately ducked down behind the dash of his vehicle and backed away down the road. Drega followed and continued shooting. Drega then drove the stolen cruiser down a dead end road and set up on a hill ready to ambush any law enforcement officers. He was eventually located and, after a lengthy fire-fight, in which 3 more enforcement officers were wounded, he was killed by a police bullet.

Most of us are aware of this story from television and newspapers, the NAWEOA newsletter, and in IGW. To hear it told by someone who played a critical role in this ordeal and was wounded was unnerving. To hear it from one of our brother officers brought it way too close to home. CO Saunders gave a gripping video presentation about the Colebrook incident at the Albany Conference. The video, produced by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Training Division, is a re-enactment of the incident.

The beginning segment is a computer-generated re-enactment showing the murders of the 2 NH State Troopers, the judge and the newspaper editor. The rest of the video is a recreation of the event using the actual participants and victims, except for the suspect, Carl Drega, who is played by another person. While the re-enactment itself is riveting, the thoughts and reflections of the participants are enlightening. There were many interesting points made during the video. The suspect changed his clothes, cut his hair and shaved his beard after he killed the 4 people. When he was encountered later in the woods, he didn't match the description given. There were many different agencies involved in the search, not everyone knew each other and many officers were in plain clothes. The risk of "friendly fire" was high. It was not until Drega began shooting at them, that they realized who he was. The most important point discussed was the major communications problems. There were 5 main agencies involved in this incident, NH State Police, NH Conservation Officers, Vermont State Police, Vermont Conservation Officers, and the Border Patrol, all using different radios with different frequencies and channels. These problems added to the stress of all those involved. The officers had no idea what to expect. Drega could have abandoned the car and left the area, he could have committed suicide (not unlikely in these kind of situations), or he could have been waiting to ambush them. Captain Mark Metayer, Vermont State Police stated, "You tell police officers

that this is a likelihood, but we don't encounter aggressors of this nature on a regular basis. There is a level of denial you will find in police officers that they will encounter someone like this." It is exactly what they did encounter. The point that we all need to think about is that we all have people like Carl Drega in the areas we patrol - the person that we have continual problems with, the "loner" and the "loose cannon". NH Fish and Game officers had many problems with Drega over the years. All the officers involved mentioned one common point, their training was key to the success of this mission and to take training seriously. Border Patrol Agent John Pfeifer stated that even though his left hand and arm were useless after being shot, he knew that he could still use his handgun and execute a one-handed reload. He remembered what they had taught him in his Street Survival class, "I'm not going to die, I'm going to survive this. Never forget the will to survive." The video ends with the "Survival Commitment", something that is drilled into our heads when we started the job, when we were recruits in the police academy, but that sometimes is forgotten when we let the job become routine. It is situations like this one that brings this commitment back to mind.

The Survival Commitment As a law enforcement Officer, I am aware that being involved in a shooting or other violent incident is a realistic possibility. I will continually demonstrate my commitment to avoid becoming the victim of such an incident because I will always:

1. Approach all suspects anticipating a confrontation, regardless of the circumstances.
  2. Never underestimate a suspect or adversary.
  3. Think "cover" and constantly be aware of its presence.
  4. Evaluate the need to approach a suspect or suspect location.
  5. Watch my suspect's hands.
  6. Maintain a safe physical distance from my suspect.
  7. Handcuff my suspects.
  8. Handcuff my suspects behind their backs.
  9. Search slowly and thoroughly.
  10. Wear my body armor during enforcement operations.
  11. Value the importance of shooting qualifications.
  12. Anticipate the worst, and be prepared with a plan.
  13. Effectively use my firearm in justifiable situations.
- I will always survive the street, and will win any violent confrontations.

This video is an excellent training aid. Copies of this video can be obtained from the US Immigration and Naturalization Service by calling (912) 267-2106.



New Hampshire CO Wayne Saunders



## Membership Matters

by Steve Kleiner, Secretary-Treasurer

During the past couple of years since my appointment as NAWEOA Secretary/Treasurer, I have been working to upgrade the hardware and software that NAWEOA uses to manage its data. One of the first changes was to the software being used to manage the membership database. NAWEOA now uses Microsoft Access. The advantage of this is that Access is a versatile program far beyond the simple listing of the members.

One aspect of Access is that it integrates easily with Microsoft Excel. Many jurisdictions are keeping their membership lists in Excel or Access already and because of that have begun to supply NAWEOA with updates electronically.

If your group membership to NAWEOA is kept in Excel or Access, or a similar data tracking system, please send your updates directly to NAWEOA via an attachment to an email to [naweoahotmail.com](mailto:naweoahotmail.com).

Another advantage to this computerized system of membership data management is that in the event an organization loses its own data, NAWEOA can effectively provide a backup from the NAWEOA database system. However, one caution: This data is only as good as that provided to NAWEOA.

**The Count is In** This past year the NAWEOA membership surpassed 8300 members. That is very good news. Following is a listing of the membership types that NAWEOA uses in its database. Following each category is the current number of members in that category.

Membership Type	Count
Affiliated Organization	2
Affiliated Student Organization	2
Associate	40
Deputy	959
Honorary	3
Life – Associate	2
Life – Honorary	1
Life – Regular	25
Regular	7272

**Roster Updates** The NAWEOA membership database is only as good as the information provided to NAWEOA by the membership. For members who belong as a group, their addresses are received from the jurisdiction's membership secretary, or the person who handles such matters. One caution: Occasionally we will receive an update directly from an individual who, while belonging as part of a jurisdiction, wishes to provide NAWEOA with his/her most current address. This is fine and will be done. One problem that has occurred when doing this is that while the individual provides us with a new address, sometimes the jurisdiction provides an update *subsequently* for their entire membership and has the wrong address for that one person. When this happens, our database shows the old and incorrect address. To avoid this situation, please make sure all jurisdictional addresses are up to date.

Membership roster updates can be made at any time. Send these to NAWEOA at the PO Box 22, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648 address or you can email them to [naweoahotmail.com](mailto:naweoahotmail.com). One note: Updates must be received before April 1 and October 1 to be included in the mailing list for the respective spring and fall NAWEOA newsletter mailings.

**Dues Increase for Group Memberships** For years NAWEOA has gone without a dues increase. Recent budgets have shown that NAWEOA is operating on a shoestring budget, oftentimes only able to sustain minimal services to the membership. During the summer meeting in New York, on a motion received from the floor, a dues increase of 50% was passed for group (sometimes known as jurisdictional) memberships. Dues for all types of individual memberships are not affected and will remain the same. The dues structure for non-group memberships has not changed and will remain as follows:

### Individual Membership Rates

Individual Regular Membership	\$ 10.00
Lifetime Regular Membership	\$ 100.00
Individual Associate Membership	\$ 20.00
Lifetime Associate Membership	\$ 200.00
Affiliated Student Organizational Membership	\$ 100.00
Affiliated Organizational Membership	\$ 200.00

Effective January 1, 2001 the dues structure for jurisdictions will be as follows:

### Group Membership Rates

	Dues effective January 2000	Dues effective January 2006
20 to 49 Persons	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00
50 to 99 Persons	\$ 450.00	\$ 675.00
100 to 149 Persons	\$ 600.00	\$ 900.00
150 to 199 Persons	\$ 750.00	\$ 1125.00
200 to 249 Persons	\$ 900.00	\$ 1350.00
250 to 299 Persons	\$ 1050.00	\$ 1575.00
300 to 349 Persons	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1800.00
350 to 399 Persons	\$ 1350.00	\$ 2025.00
400 to 449 Persons	\$ 1500.00	\$ 2250.00
450 to 499 Persons	\$ 1650.00	\$ 2475.00
500 to 549 Persons	\$ 1800.00	\$ 2700.00
550 to 599 Persons	\$ 1950.00	\$ 2925.00
600 to 649 Persons	\$ 2100.00	\$ 3150.00
650 to 699 Persons	\$ 2250.00	\$ 3375.00
700 to 749 Persons	\$ 2400.00	\$ 3600.00

\$150.00 / 50 officers      \$225.00 / 50 officers

Remember, the NAWEOA dues year runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

**Associate Memberships Invited** We could be doing more in the line of recruiting associate members to NAWEOA. All members are encouraged to get the word out to non-officers that they are welcome to join as an associate member.

Individual Associate Membership Includes:

- A window decal
- Biannual newsletter
- Can attend annual convention as a non-voting member
- Dues are \$20 per year.

**Affiliated Organization Associate Membership** (such as sportsman clubs, gun clubs, conservation groups, colleges etc.) includes:

- Window decal
- Biannual newsletter
- Can send one non-voting member to annual conference
- Dues are \$200.00 per year.

Please help get the word out.



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## Field Notes

### Museum celebrates a new millennium

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*Hello everyone. Thanks for reading **Field Notes**, the official newsletter of the Wildlife Museum at the International Peace Garden. In this newsletter there is a story about Canada and the Millennium and the Federal Government's support of our projects at the Museum. You*



*Our Wildlife 2000 project is partially funded by the Government of Canada.*

will also learn about how North Dakota State is helping us create an outdoor wildlife learning site to provide educational programs for students and other guests of the Museum.

Children and youth are central to our activities and program coordinator Joan Obrigewitch provides us with her "field notes" from summer 2000 on Page 2.

Speaking of programs, we plan to visit schools this year, connecting them to the Museum and what it has to offer during the summer months. We recently installed some permanent displays into our interim facility and have numerous trav-

elling exhibits. This past summer our Grizzly Bear display delighted visitors at Canada's Riding Mountain National Park.

Become part of the action — Become a member of the Museum! Benefits include home delivery of this newsletter, as we will no longer be placing it into the larger NAWEOA publication. We welcome your support and look forward to hearing from you.

*From the field,*

Delbert Tibke, President  
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### Did you know?

- Nearly 700 people signed our guest book at the museum last summer.
- A half-dozen weekend interpretive programs ran during July & August.
- We had visitors from Ukraine, France & Germany.
- The Museum is a Canada-U.S. initiative of NAWEOA.

### Summer Programs: Big Success!

"Nearly 700 people signed our guest book during the months of July & August," said Dennis Hlady, Museum Treasurer. In fact, visitation at the Museum was up by 40 percent and revenue from sales nearly doubled from this same time last year.

"We had visitors from as far away as Germany and France," said Hlady. "Many more came from all parts of the United States and from across Canada."

The Museum presented interpretive programs on the

weekends that were enjoyed by children and their families. Part of the fun included a visit from Smokey Bear, Duke the canine detective, and REAL, LIVE Raptors! "There really was something for everyone," said Hlady, as the summer came to a close.



## Museum notes from summer 2000

by Joan Obrigewitch, interpreter and program coordinator

"Great for such a small building"  
"Will be a great educational facility"  
"Super dedication"  
"Wow"

These are just a few of the comments found in our guest book this year; the list goes on and on. Once made aware of the project, people have expressed their desire to come back to see the permanent museum. "If the interim building is this great, the museum itself will be remarkable."

This year's interpreters were Samantha "Sam" Pierrepont from Swan River, Manitoba. Sam did a great job helping me with programs and working with visitors. She also played a large role in developing our new trail. I, Joan Obrigewitch, was the other interpreter and program coordinator. This was my second year at the museum and I am proud to say we had a great and rather productive season.

Our feet were already wet from last year, so we dove in headfirst this year. We developed an Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site (OWLS), provided a program every weekend, and presented a day of educational games and hikes to 62 grade 4 students from Killarney, Manitoba.

OWLS was a great addition to the Museum. It includes a ½ mile hike through aspen forest that goes by a waterfall, along a lake, over a 70-year-old spillway, and through 3 wildflower beds. We are working on displays for the trail to highlight animal signs and other points of interest along the way. We are also

working on a pamphlet for a self-guided tour of the trail. We hope to put the finishing touches on the trail next summer.

We introduced a wide variety of programs this year. They all had a good turn out and participants seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Greg and Lisa Brooks were our guests in both June and July. Greg and Lisa are Falconers. They brought with them a prairie falcon, great horned owl, and an American kestrel.

Jason Shepard, a Green Team worker from Brandon, Manitoba, shared his knowledge of Peregrine falcons with us in July. Jason has been

working on the peregrine falcon recovery program in Brandon for a few years now, and he made a very informative presentation.

Stan Good from Ducks Unlimited joined us in August. Stan talked about wetland management and did a pond dipping to show us what critters are living in our lakes.

Actor Tom Gibson did his "Sam Ting" presentation. Sam Ting is a Norwegian Immigrant who talks about the importance of preserving habitat. He had the crowd laughing so hard, their eyes were watering.

Manitoba Conservation officer Tim Cameron and his dog Duke presented a

program for us again this summer, demonstrating Duke's ability to detect firearms and concealed wildlife. Tim also talked about North America's need for conservation.



*Greg Brooks with his Great Horned Owl*

Forest Ranger Bill Baker and Smoky Bear visited the museum to meet and greet anyone who came by. Finally, Grant Armstrong showed visitors how to identify animal tracks and scat. Grant also shared with us information about trapping.

As you can see, we've had a busy summer. My only regret is that the summer did not last longer. I have to say to all the members and supporters of NAWEOA: **This is a truly wonderful idea!**

I have spent the last two summers working at the museum, talking to hundreds of people about NAWEOA and its programs. Once visitors are made

*"If the interim building is this great, the museum itself will be remarkable"*

aware of the memorial nature and purpose of the museum, they give us nothing but praise and encouragement.

Yours truly,

Joan



*In the field with school children from Killarney*



*Lisa Brooks with her American Kestrel*

### Outdoor Wildlife Learning Sites (OWLS) are sponsored by:

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OWLS are outdoor environmental and wildlife laboratories designed to attract wildlife species and facilitate multi-discipline outdoor learning opportunities for students and others.



## With a little help from our friends

During this past summer, Turtle Mountain Park Supervisor **Gary Armstrong** and his staff have been busy lending a hand with the Museum's Millennium and OWLS projects. Located at Manitoba's provincial park adjacent to the Garden, the Turtle Mountain crew has roughed out a kilometer long trail and constructed a couple of footbridges taking hikers from the Museum to a nearby lake and back again through forest and field and by wildflower plots, which will be planted next spring.

Museum Treasurer Dennis Hlady said, "We're grateful to Gary and his staff for

doing such a great job and in such a timely fashion. Visitors to the Garden now have access to Lake Udall and thousands of people will enjoy this trail for many years to come."

The trail and demonstration plots for native wildflowers will serve as an outdoor classroom for school children and other visitors. "It gives us a chance to go outside and look for bugs and animal signs and



*Dennis Hlady & Dwayne Strate with the Millennium banner*

all those things we talk about in the Museum," said Joan Obrigewitch, interpreter and program coordinator. The new trail was put to the test when over 60 Grade 4 students participated in an outdoor program at the Museum last June. The Turtle Mountain staff

will put the finishing touches on the trail next summer, including interpretive signs and nesting structures for birds attracted to the wildflower plots.

## Canada and the Millennium

Last May, NAWEM was advised that its application for funding to the **Canada Millennium Partnership Program** had been approved. In his letter to Museum vice-president Dwayne Strate, the Hon. Herb Gray, Deputy Prime Minister said, "Your project is one that will help realize our theme of *Sharing the Memory, Shaping the Dream*. The Government of Canada is proud to be a partner in helping you and many other Canadians mark the millennium in meaningful ways."

Our project called **Wildlife 2000** reflects on Canada's history in terms of the impact of wildlife protection. Specifically, the program deals with the development of wildlife enforcement laws, the practice of protecting natural resources, and the challenges that Canadians face in protecting our natural heritage for future generations.

Also included in the project are the creation of interpretive trails, signage, and planting. The programs presented at the Museum inform visitors about

*Thank you Millennium Bureau of Canada.*

Canada's national and provincial parks and encourages them to preserve their natural environment.

## Spotlight on donors

Welcome **George T. Richardson** as a friend of NAWEM. George is a Manitoba business executive who includes hunting and flying (helicopters) among his many recreations. He is an honorary director of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame and is past Chairman and Managing Director of James Richardson & Sons, which is a Winnipeg based company that is privately owned by the

Richardson Family.

After learning more about the Museum from Richard Labossiere of the Wildlife Enforcement Division of Environment Canada, George wrote, "Your project is a very interesting and worthwhile one and merits support."

Dwayne Strate, Manitoba Conservation officer and Museum vice-president said,

"We're delighted to welcome Mr. Richardson as a friend of the Museum. He is a prominent citizen who shares with us a concern for wildlife and the environment."

From everyone at NAWEOA:

*"Thank you George for your support!"*



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## Making a Difference

Congratulations on a job well done by the New York Officers who hosted the NAWEOA conference in Albany. A "Thank You" goes out to all the officers that stopped at the museum booth to purchase **Patron** museum memberships, to all the officers who obtained memberships the night of the banquet, and to the jurisdictions that came on board. This gave a large boost to the museum and its programs.

The project is going forward. However,

we need assistance from at least 2 volunteers to assist in fundraising in each state. For information about this request, contact me at: P.O. Box 28, Valley City, ND 58072-0028 or by telephone **(701) 845-3780**. You can also contact me by email: [dtibke@ictc.com](mailto:dtibke@ictc.com) and I'll get information to you by letter, email or a telephone call.

Please read the article on Page 2 by museum employee, Joan Obrigewitch, about the program that was presented

last summer at the International Peace Garden. Joan plans to work for us again next summer.

I invite everyone to become a member of the museum. A list of membership categories is on the back page of this NAWEOA newsletter. Get involved — **Let's all support this worthwhile project!**

*Yours truly,*

**Del Tibke** (from the president's desk)

Thank you to the following for donations to the museum fund:

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## NAWEOA Officers of the Year Exchange Ideas by Bruce Lemmert, Region 6 Director



1999 Officer of the Year Michael Bartz with BC Officers Pat Holder, Ben Mitchell-Banks and Frank de Boor at Wigwam River, BC

On the eve of its third year, an idea that started in Virginia has shown with early indicators that it could become a NAWEOA tradition. For the past two years, the NAWEOA Wildlife Officers of the Year have visited the state/province of the previous Wildlife Officer of the Year. The idea is for each Officer of the Year to invite and host the successive Officer of the Year to their jurisdiction. Both the host and the visiting officer will be permitted to work in the field and have the opportunity to exchange ideas and take notes. There is nothing in writing on this new program, and participation in the program is strictly voluntary on both ends.

In late 1997, Virginia Chief of Law Enforcement, Jeffrey A. Uerz, approved an invitation to the yet unnamed NAWEOA 1998 Wildlife Officer of the Year to visit Virginia. The 1997 NAWEOA Officer was Bruce Lemmert from Virginia. Bruce would act as the host for the visiting officer. It would be the responsibility of the visiting officer to provide for travel to and from the host jurisdiction. Once at the host jurisdiction, the visiting officer is provided food and lodging by the host. Colonel Uerz authorized the transportation and logistics of the program to be

provided by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Virginia Game Wardens provided lodging at homes and The Virginia Game Warden Association helped with other meals and expenses.

NAWEOA selected British Columbia Conservation Officer, Ben Mitchell-Banks, as the 1998 Officer of the Year. Ben obtained support from his agency for travel to Virginia and visited that state in May 1999. After arriving at Dulles Airport in Northern Virginia, Ben began his tour of duty in Loudoun County. Up early the next morning after a late flight in, Ben did some spring turkey hunting enforcement with Game Warden, Ray Solomon on Virginia's famous Blue Ridge Mountains. A barbecue that evening included an official from the National Office of the Izaak Walton League of America, Maryland Natural Resource Police Officer Dave Hohman, as well as Virginia Game Wardens and their families.

The Annual Police Officers Memorial Service in Washington, DC coincided with Ben's visit and thanks to Lt. Phil Parrish he was able to attend this function. Ben subsequently worked with officers all across the state. At each stop, Ben had the opportunity to exchange ideas and ask questions on any and all aspects of wildlife law enforcement in that locale. After returning home to British Columbia, Ben said, "It was an incredible learning experience and I brought back many new ideas about how to achieve the objectives of our agency here in BC. One of these ideas has since been implemented as a pilot project in our region and I hope to have another one implemented provincially".

In 1999, NAWEOA chose Michael Bartz, of Wisconsin, as the Wildlife Officer of the Year. British Columbia Chief of Law Enforcement Donna Humphries had already extended an invitation to the new NAWEOA Officer of the Year to visit that beautiful province. Warden Bartz gained support of his agency and visited British Columbia in late June, early July of 2000. Michael began his visit at the Provincial Capital of Victoria with a briefing on special investigations by Bill Bresser, and then met with Chief of Law Enforcement Donna Humphries and other Ministry officials.

Ben had arranged for lodging at various British Columbia Conservation Officers' residences on the tour from Victoria on the Pacific Ocean to the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountains of eastern BC. During this trip Michael was hosted by SR CO Jamie Stephen, SR CO Jim Corbett, SI Mgr CO Bill Bresser, CO Pat Holder, and at the Jewell Lake camp site with CO Joe Caravetta. Along the way, Michael was able to see a sample of British Columbia wildlife, including: blacktail deer, whitetail deer, mule deer, elk, moose, big horn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, grizzly bear, and more. Michael expressed fascination and amazement at the unending beautiful scenery, the diversity of wildlife and the wonderful people. It was a learning experience he will never forget.

Wisconsin has extended an invitation to the NAWEOA 2000 Wildlife Officer of the Year, Ontario Conservation Officer Brian Morrison, and if their past support of NAWEOA programs and traditions is an indicator of future support, Ontario will definitely continue the tradition.



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## International Wildlife Investigators Come to Aid of Stricken Boy

by Tim Sickmeyer, Special Operations Unit  
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May 6, 2000. It was a beautiful day as I boarded a plane in St. Louis bound for San Antonio. I was headed for the tri-annual training conference for the International Association of Wildlife Investigators. As I settled into my seat I began to think about a six year old boy back in Greenville, Illinois. The boy, Tyler Davidson, son of Illinois Conservation Police Officer Paul Davidson, was diagnosed with a tumor on his left femur. The family only learned of this after Tyler had fallen and broken his leg last August. The leg did not heal properly and that is when they learned the tragic news.

The tumor was all through the femur and the doctors determined that the only recourse would be to amputate the bone. Tyler went through the procedure unscathed and has a remarkable outlook for a six year old boy. The doctors took his tibia and attached it to his hip thereby creating a "stump" for a future prosthesis. He also had to go through a regimen of chemotherapy.

Though the family had health insurance, the constant trips to the hospital over an hour away and the fact that Tyler's mom Diane had to quit her job to provide Tyler with 24-hour care, placed a serious financial burden on the family. The district officers who serve with Paul conducted a raffle, giving away a shotgun among other prizes. The response was tremendous. Still, as I sat on this plane headed for the Lone Star State, I felt the need to do something more.

I knew that a raffle would be difficult because of trying to get a prize shipped to someone from another state or country. I decided to hold a fifty-fifty draw. Upon arrival at Kerrville, Texas I found the conference organizers, Larry Brock, Sonny Seewald, and Brad Smith, doing what they do best, — providing hospitality. I told them about Tyler and what I wanted to do with their permission. They enthusiastically supported the idea. I rounded up two decks of cards to use and retired for the night.

As I lay in my bed I prayed that the hearts of my comrades would be touched and that I might be able to take a few hundred dollars back home to help the Davidsons. Once again, the Lord was going to teach me a lesson.

The next day, Sonny allowed me to address the group and tell them what we were going to do. I also got an extra Texas Waterfowl print to have everyone sign on the border to give to Tyler. The response was overwhelming. I went through 2 ½ decks of cards. The winner would get approximately \$325 and I would take \$325 to Tyler's family (I should mention that I believe Sonny contributed extra to try and get me to quit talking).

Now, here is the lesson. The last night of the conference the Texas Game Wardens Association threw one heck of a barbeque. It was here that the prize money would be given away along with other prizes. The winning card was drawn and the winner was Christy McCoy of California she approached to accept her prize and immediately donated it back to be given to Tyler! Then Bruce Burkett of North Dakota presented Christy with a beautiful print in appreciation for her kind deed (Bruce later won a rifle). I was honored and touched by the outpouring of love and goodwill from this group.

The next prize given was a Mossberg shotgun. Pat Barncastle of New Mexico was the winner. As he approached to accept it he whispered something to Larry. Larry then announced that the shotgun was to be donated back, auctioned off and the proceeds to go to Tyler. The delegation from California again rose to the occasion and submitted the winning bid. By the end the evening, I was taking back a total of over \$1000 to give to Tyler!

On May 16 I went to the Davidson's home accompanied by IDNR Deputy Director Richard Mottershaw and presented them with the money. I also gave Tyler the framed print with all of the signatures for a keepsake. Paul and Diane were completely surprised and sincerely appreciative of the kindness shown toward them, saying "We want to express our gratitude to the IAWI members and others involved for the donation to help with Tyler's expenses and for the beautiful print."

We visited with Tyler and let me tell you he is all boy. We had to move the toy guns out of the way to sit to down and also look at his reptile books. He gets around very well and seems to be taking things in stride. He has finished his chemotherapy and things are looking good. He has already developed a good range of motion with his stump but more healing is necessary.

I thank all of those who were involved in this effort. I've known that the fraternalism of police officers is special, but the fraternalism of wildlife officers is unsurpassed. If you haven't figured out the lesson I learned, call me - but don't try to pay me to stop talking



L to R: IDNR Deputy Director Richard Mottershaw, Tyler Davidson, and Tim Sickmeyer



# *Memories of Albany ...*



*We made  
tracks!*







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The time to rendezvous at the 2001 NAWEOA Conference is upon us. The Nebraska Conservation Officers Association and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have worked hard over the past two years to prepare an enjoyable experience for all. What better way to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Wildlife Law Enforcement in Nebraska and the Twentieth Anniversary of NAWEOA than to celebrate them together?

We have planned several activities to give attendees and families a taste of the good life here in Nebraska. We are also providing information on other sites throughout the state. We hope you will have time to take advantage of these great opportunities. Feel free to contact any of us about additional hunting, fishing or sight seeing information.

Undoubtedly many long-lasting personal and professional friendships will develop over the next few days. WELCOME TO NEBRASKA! HELP US REMEMBER OUR PAST WHILE WE LOOK TO OUR FUTURE! HAVE A GREAT TIME!

Jon Reeves,  
President

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It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to all of you to attend the 2001 NAWEOA Conference in Nebraska. While the primary sponsor of the conference is the Nebraska Conservation Officers Association, the Law Enforcement Division sought and received permission for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to be a co-sponsor which has allowed much of the officer time and travel for organizing the conference to be covered as work time at agency expense. This cooperative effort has resulted in a real sense of sharing and mutual support between NCOA and the division and agency in furtherance of this centerpiece event for the Nebraska Conservation Officer Centennial which also occurs in 2001.

The conference details are coming together in good order in the hands of our very able and dedicated Conservation Officer corps and staff from other divisions who have volunteered to assist. From the great Platte River, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, our several fine State Parks, the many other attractions here in Nebraska, to our friendly people, we know you will enjoy the time you spend with us next year. We are dedicated to doing everything we possibly can to make the conference worthwhile and memorable for our fellow officers and their families from all over North America. Please come experience Nebraska "The Good Life" in 2001!

Ted Blume,  
Administrator





# North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association

Annual conference - Omaha, Nebraska

July 31 - August 4, 2001

**\*\*Do not mail this form after July 15, 2001: On site registration only after that date\*\***

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Please Print - Total Payment must accompany this form. Remit in US funds Only.**

<b>DELEGATE REGISTRATION</b>		Name		Mailing Address			
City	State/Province	Zip	DOB	Sex	Phone		
Email	Agency	Title	Years of Service	Retired (circle) Y N			
FULL Registration Code (circle one) <b>F N</b>		Circle all that apply for PARTIAL Day Pass Registration <b>B S T U</b>		Circle to Register for SPECIAL Activities		1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
Includes all Day Passes							

*see below for proper registration code*      *see below for day pass codes*      *see below for proper activity code*

<b>SPOUSE / GUEST</b>		Name		DOB	Sex		
Circle for FULL Registration Includes all Day Passes <b>G</b>	Circle all that apply for PARTIAL Day Pass Registration <b>B S U</b>		Circle to Register for SPECIAL Activities		1 2 3 4 5 6 7		
<b>YOUTH (18 years and younger)</b>		Name		DOB	Sex		
Circle for FULL Registration Banquet NOT included <b>C</b>	Circle to Register for Banquet <b>B</b>		Circle to Register for SPECIAL Activities		1 2 3 4 5 6 7		
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Circle for FULL Registration Banquet NOT included <b>C</b>	Circle to Register for Banquet <b>B</b>		Circle to Register for SPECIAL Activities		1 2 3 4 5 6 7		

### REGISTRATION TYPES and CODES

CODE	TYPE (does not include Special Activities)	Before June 1, 2001	After June 1, 2001	# Of Persons	TOTAL
F	FULL registration for NAWEOA MEMBERS, Includes: All Day Passes, Does Not Include Special Activities	\$105.00	\$135.00		
N	FULL registration for NON NAWEOA MEMBERS Includes: All Day Passes, and Assoc. Membership in NAWEOA	\$135.00	\$150.00		
G	SPOUSE / GUEST - Includes All Day Passes	\$60.00	\$75.00		
C	YOUTH - (5 thru 18)- Banquet NOT included	\$20.00	\$25.00		

### DAY PASS CODES - not needed with Registrations F, N, or G Special Activities NOT included

B	BANQUET ONLY - Saturday night Aug 4, 2001	\$40.00	NA		
S	SKILLS DAY - Friday Aug 3, 2001	\$40.00	\$45.00		
T	TRAINING SESSIONS - Saturday Aug 4, 2001	\$25.00	\$35.00		
U	UNIFORM DAY - Thursday, Aug 2, 2001	\$30.00	\$35.00		

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES (no reservations after June 1, 2001)

		ADULT COST	CHILD COST		
1	CABELA'S TRIP	\$20.00	\$20.00		
2	CANOE TRIP - Child 5 thru 12	\$30.00	\$15.00		
3	ET PARK, SAC MUSEUM, SAFARI PARK - Child 5 thru 12	\$20.00	\$15.00		
4	FORT ATKINSON - Under 5 free	\$15.00	\$15.00		
5	GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$55.00	\$55.00		
6	HENRY DOORLY ZOO - Child 3 thru 11	\$20.00	\$10.00		
7	SPORTING CLAYS	\$25.00	\$25.00		

See Pages 4, 5, 6 for specific registration details

Amount Enclosed

### Payment Method

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to:  
NCOA NAWEOA 2001

CREDIT CARD: (circle one)  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION CONTACTS

MAIL Registrations to:  
NAWEOA 2001, 2200 N  
33rd, Lincoln, NE 68503

FAX Registrations to:  
402-471-5528

attention: NAWEOA 2001

PHONE Reservations:  
402-471-5539 ask for  
Lynn Hartog or Marilyn  
Nickell have Credit Card  
information ready



# Conference Registration Types and Day Pass Descriptions

**FULL REGISTRATION** -- for conference attendees such as officers, spouses, guests, and civilians who want to attend all regular conference activities (*items from the "Special Activities" list are extra*).

**NAWEOA members (CODE: F) and Non-NAWEOA members (CODE: N):**

Includes all Day Passes for -- Opening Ceremonies; Training Sessions; Presentations; Warden Skills Games and Barbeque; NAWEOA Business meetings; Hospitality Functions; Saturday Night Banquet, Auction and Entertainment; **Includes Officers' lunch on Thursday and Saturday.**

**Spouses/Guests (CODE: G):** Includes all Day Passes for -- Opening Ceremonies; Training Sessions; Presentations; Warden Skills Games and Barbeque; NAWEOA Business Meetings; Hospitality Functions; Saturday Night Banquet, Auction and Entertainment;

**Includes Spouses' lunch on Thursday.**

**Child (5 thru 18) (CODE: C):** Includes Day Passes for -- Opening Ceremonies; Presentations; Warden Skills Games and Barbeque; Hospitality Functions; Special Children's Activities/parties; Entertainment on Saturday night *after* banquet meal. **Does not include -- Banquet meal.**

## Day Passes

**UNIFORM DAY (CODE: U)** -- On Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, all officers are requested to wear their uniforms -- **NO SIDEARMS PLEASE!** The Opening Ceremony and Tribute to Fallen Officers will be held in the morning at the conference hotel. A group officers' photo session will follow. Officers' Lunch is included with this pass. Training sessions and a NAWEOA business meeting will fill the afternoon agenda.

**WARDEN SKILLS DAY (CODE: S)** -- will be held at Mahoney State Park within 30 minutes of the conference hotel on the southern bluffs of the Platte River Valley. Organized skills events will be planned for as many warden teams as possible. Other free, on-site activities will be planned for spouses, guests and children. State Park amusements and activities may also be utilized by attendees -- *at their own expense for those activities with charges or fees*. Free transportation within the park will be provided. Lunch, at your expense, will be available on-site or at the Park's three food establishments. The evening barbeque and entertainment are included in this pass. All attendees must ride on provided transportation to and from the skills day location.

**SATURDAY TRAINING SESSIONS (CODE: T)** -- will include speakers with topics applicable to Wildlife Law Enforcement. Lunch is included with this pass.

**SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET (CODE : B)** -- The traditional conference banquet will be held Saturday evening with accompanying awards, live auction, and special entertainment. (*Children and others not paying for, or attending, the banquet meal may attend any awards presentations, entertainment, raffles or auctions after the meal*).

## Early Bird Attractions (prior to main conference)

**Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**NAWEOA GOLF TOURNAMENT (CODE: 5) --**

**Includes:** tournament fees and transportation to Quarry Oaks Golf Course located in the scenic bluffs of the Platte River valley. Quarry Oaks is an 18-hole championship golf course measuring 7,015 yards from the back tees. It was designed by John LaFoy, one of America's leading golf course architects and opened in April of 1997. Find more information at <http://ngp.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/etm/qoaks.html>.

**SPORTING CLAYS (CODE: 7) -**

**Includes:** transportation to a private sporting clays site owned by Werner Enterprises; lunch, ammunition, targets (and limited firearms).

**CANOE TRIP (CODE: 2)-- (LIMITED TO 200 PEOPLE)**

**Includes:** transportation to the Platte River (with a possible diversion to the Elkhorn River, depending upon water conditions) within 40 minutes of the conference hotel; small sack lunch, and shore dinner at the conclusion; canoe, paddles, and life jackets. Wear appropriate clothing and sun screen!



Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

**HENRY DOORLY ZOO TRIP & "BACKDOOR EXPERIENCE" (CODE: 6)**

**Includes:** transportation to the zoo; general admission ticket; IMAX theater ticket; and special "backdoor tours" of the Aquarium and the Rain Forest with guides to explain what makes these attractions work.

Visit the Midwest's most highly acclaimed zoo. See the world's largest indoor rain forest; the largest aquarium between Chicago and San Francisco -- with walk-through tunnel; an extensive collection of rare cats; the largest free-flight aviary in the United States; the Zoo's Animal-of-the-year; educational pavilion; and many other interesting indoor and outdoor exhibits.

**CABELA'S ROAD TRIP (CODE: 1)-- (LIMITED TO 90 PERSONS)**

**Includes:** transportation to the Cabela's store at Kearney, NE; admission fee to the new Great Platte River Road Archway Monument over I-80; early dinner picnic at Fort Kearney State Historical Park. Lunch on your own at the Arch.

Offered due to requests at the St. Louis conference about the feasibility of a trip to the world renowned Cabela's sporting goods store. This is Cabela's smallest store, but has available most everything that you would see in their catalogue as well as a bargain room where you might find just what you're looking for at a reduced price. The trip will be about 2 1/2 hours each way on coach buses -- a little time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

*Special Spouse, Guest, and Children Activities  
during the conference*

Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**FORT ATKINSON (CODE: 4) -- (LIMITED TO 90 PERSONS)**

**Includes:** transportation to historic Fort Atkinson State Park just north of Omaha; lunch at the fort.

Lunch will be an outdoor Dutch Oven cooking experience which will require some participation by attendees. You will learn how to prepare, and participate in the preparation of, an entire meal using Dutch Ovens. Preparation and EATING of the food which you help prepare will take approximately two hours. After that, you will be free to explore the fort, which has been partially restored to its original condition, and the park museum. There will be living history exhibits with actors dressed in period costumes to explain life at the fort in the 1800's.

**MAHONEY STATE PARK / SAC MUSEUM/ SIMMONS SAFARI PARK --(CODE: 3) (LIMITED TO 280 PERSONS)**

**Includes:** transportation to the three facilities listed above; admission to each; \$5.00 activity pass and picnic lunch at Mahoney State Park. Other expenses for gifts, food, or activities will be at attendee's expense. All three are within two miles of each other just off I-80 at the Platte River within 25 minutes of the conference hotel.

You will be able to travel through the **Dr. Lee Simmons Safari Park** on your tour bus. Free roving exhibits include: elk, whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope, bison and a few other species. There will be an opportunity to stop at the visitor center and view the species on display there. Approximately 1 1/4 spent hours here.

At the **Strategic Air Command Museum** you will see: the SR-71 Blackbird, B-52, F-86, an Apollo space capsule, and dozens more exhibits of historic U.S. military aircraft. All are housed indoors under two gigantic roofs. Approximately 2 hours spent here.

Attractions at **Mahoney State Park** are: miniature golf course, swimming pool with slides & water park; horse back rides; observation tower on bluff overlooking the Platte Valley; indoor activities center with climbing wall, electronic DART shooting game, large climb-through tube playground; outdoor playground; main lodge restaurant; marina with snack bar and paddle boat rental; golf driving range; hiking trails. Remainder of afternoon here.

**OTHER LOCAL ATTRACTIONS** Maps and brochures pertaining to local attractions, as well as public and rental transportation information, will be made available for those who wish to venture out on their own.



# 2001 NAWEOA CONFERENCE

## HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

The Omaha Holiday Inn Central Convention Center has been selected as the site of the Annual 2001 NAWEOA Conference. It has recently been purchased by Bristol Hotels & Resorts and will be completely remodeled by the 2001 conference. Bristol also manages the Hampton Inn which is located just across the parking lot from the Holiday Inn. Located only two blocks north of Interstate 80 exit #449, access is extremely simple. If you're coming from the east or west, follow I-80 to Omaha; from the north or south follow I-29 to the junction of I-80 at Council Bluffs, IA and jump onto I-80 west for a few miles. By air you'll want to fly into Eppley Airfield which is only about 15 -20 minutes from the conference hotel. Eppley is served by about 12 different airlines. There are several car rentals available at the airport or you may request the complimentary airport transportation services of the Holiday Inn.

While the Holiday Inn Central is not in downtown Omaha, there are several restaurants and shopping facilities nearby. Public transportation is available for shopping or sight-seeing excursions around the city.

Amenities at the Holiday Inn Central include: Holidome Indoor Fun Center with a walk-in indoor pool, sauna, two whirlpools, electronic game room, multi-station playground, miniature golf, fitness room; 600 rooms with direct-dial phones cable TV with in-room movies, iron & full boards, coffee makers and more; handicap access & room available; complimentary parking; internet access and calling cards; two restaurants -- Benton's and Grandmother's.

Bristol has agreed to hold several blocks of rooms in the Holiday Inn Central, and an additional block in the Hampton Inn which is across the parking lot, for NAWEOA guests as indicated below:

BLOCK NAME	RATES (up to 4 persons)
<b>NAWEOA/Annual Meeting Holiday Inn Central</b>	<b>\$92 US (single, double, king) \$130 US (2<sup>nd</sup> floor poolside room) \$160 US (suites, poolside suites)</b>
<b>NAWEOA/Canadian Block Holiday Inn Central</b>	<b>\$92 Can (single, double ,king)</b>
<b>NAWEOA/Government Block Holiday Inn Central</b>	Foregoing Gov. Rate in 2001
**Late reservations may be able to receive these rates (if rooms available) by mentioning NAWEOA Conference	
***Quoted rates DO NOT INCLUDE applicable state, local taxes.***	

For reservations at Holiday Inn Central,  
3321 S. 72<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68124:(402)393-3950

Identify yourself as **NAWEOA Conference** guest according to the **specific block of rooms** which apply to you, as listed above.

### DRIVING DISTANCES TO OMAHA (miles)

New York City	1,250	Winnipeg, MB	640
Jacksonville, FL	1,345	Montreal, PQ	1,381
Dallas, TX	672	Fargo, ND	420
Los Angeles	1,568	Chicago, IL	469
Vancouver, BC	1,847	Denver, CO	540
Edmonton, AB	1,637	Saskatoon, SK	1,174
St. Louis, MO	439	Boise, ID	1,233
Raleigh, NC	1,272	Pittsburgh, PA	916





# *ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS*

## **Area State Parks and Recreation Areas**

all within 20-30 minutes of conference hotel

**\$1.50 daily or \$14.00 annual vehicle entry permit required**  
+ **daily camping fees** or cabin / room rental fees

**Maps and brochures** available upon request by:

calling (402) 471-5497

e-mailing: [jfuller@ngpc.state.ne.us](mailto:jfuller@ngpc.state.ne.us)

visiting the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission website

<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us>

## **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AND TENT CAMPING**

**Eugene T. Mahoney State Park** - 149 electrical pads and small primitive tent site. Two small fishing lakes, numerous pay-as-you-go activities.

**Louisville State Recreation Area** - 205 hard surface electrical pads and 106 non-electrical; small swimming beach and 5 small fishing lakes; access to Platte River

**Two Rivers State Recreation Area** - 93 electrical pads and 330 non-electrical; small swimming beach; 3 small fishing lakes; one stocked pay trout lake; access to Platte River

## **RENTAL CABINS**

**E.T. Mahoney State Park** - 39 modern cabins and 40 hotel rooms at the lodge; numerous activities

**Platte River State Park** - 19 modern cabins; 30 non-modern, "camper" cabins; 8 teepees on raised platforms; several pay-as-you-go activities

**Two Rivers State Recreation Area** - 10 Union Pacific cabooses which have been converted to cabins with self-contained kitchenettes and bathrooms.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Holiday Inn provides a complimentary shuttle to and from Eppley Airfield.

### **Rental Car Agencies at Eppley Airfield:**

Avis, Budget, Dollar, Hertz, Enterprise, National Thrifty



## OMAHA AREA ATTRACTIONS

Although small by comparison to other major US cities, **OMAHA** is the largest city in Nebraska with a population of 470,000. It's large enough to provide most any amenity that can be found on either coast, but without the congestion. The drive from the Holiday Inn to Eppley Airfield is about half the distance across the city, but only 20 minutes at the most.

Although roughly in the center of North America, **Omaha is not "the middle of nowhere"**. Find out for yourself. Learn first hand about

### **MIDWESTERN HOSPITALITY and NEBRASKA - The Good Life!**

Come visit!!

**Boys Town** - A National Historic Landmark Site. It was founded by Irish-born Father Edward Flanagan in 1917. Today, its 900 acres are home to more than 550 troubled young boys and girls and headquarters for its nationwide youth care programs.

**Great Plains Black Museum** - One of the largest black historical / cultural institutions west of the Mississippi River. A vast collection of documents, paintings, rare books and photographs, film and other memorial items descriptive of the black presence in the Great Plains.

**Mormon Trail Center at Historic Winter Quarters** - This new "state of the art" museum tells the story of the Mormon pioneers who built the first non-native settlement in Nebraska.

**Joslyn Art Museum** - Nebraska's premier center for the visual arts featuring works from antiquity to the present. Extensive Bodmer collection of America West.

**Durham Western Heritage Museum** - See restored train cars, traveling exhibits and enjoy a treat from the authentic soda fountain side impressive Union Station, a beautifully restored art deco train station.

**Historic Old Market** - Unique shops, boutiques, pubs, restaurants and entertainment in a historic neighborhood. Shop bookstores to bakeries, art galleries to antiques, clothing to collectibles, then dine in one or more than 30 area restaurants.

**Omaha Children's Museum** - Enjoy interactive and educational exhibits and activities that challenge the imagination. Attractions include the Campbell Science and Technology Center, Creativity Area, Model of Omaha, nationally touring exhibits and programs and activities that change weekly.

**Rosenblatt Stadium** - Recently remodeled host site of the annual NCAA College World Series and home of the Omaha Golden Spikes.

**Omaha Restaurants featuring flavors from around the world** - Steak Houses, Asian Barbeque, Brew Pubs, Central European, Coffee Houses, East Indian, Creole, French, German, Greek, Italian, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Persian, Seafood, Thai, and various American tastes.

**Shopping Opportunities** - Four major malls scattered across the city, dozens of other shopping centers, Borsheim's - the nation's largest jewelry store, Nebraska Furniture Mart - the world's largest home furnishings store.



# NAWEM NEWS

by Del Tibke

The Northern American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association is an organization with over 7,000 members from all US states and Canadian provinces. As an organization made up of game wardens and conservation police officers, we are dedicated to public service in the field of resource protection. We are also committed to promoting wildlife law enforcement as a profession.

To further these aims and preserve the rich history of our work we have initiated plans for the North American Wildlife Enforcement Memorial Museum and Educational Center. This museum will educate the public of the historical and present day roles of wildlife law enforcement and natural resources conservation. The museum will collect, preserve and exhibit examples of enforcement tools and implements, art specimens, historical data, uniforms, and devices used in illegal destruction of natural resources. Literature and audiovisual media pertaining to wildlife law enforcement will be made available to the public. Also, the museum will contain a "Hall of Honors" for all Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers who lost their lives while on duty.

A great deal of planning for the museum has already been accomplished. It will be located at the International Peace Garden on the US-Canadian border. The site has been selected, the Peace Garden administration has signed the lease, and the building has been designed and approved. Both the US and Canadian Museum Corporations have received their tax-exempt status.

The task at hand is to raise the construction funds. The time has come to ask those who will benefit from this project to commit to its development. Help us preserve the rich history of the officers holding the "thin green line". You can be instrumental in the success of this museum by joining as a Charter patron now.

## Patron Categories

- ☐ \$25.00 Single
- ☐ \$100.00 Organization\*
- ☐ \$750.00 Life
- ☐ \$3,000.00 Organization Life Membership #  
(\$1,000.00 payment for 3 years)

\* The \$750.00 Life Membership can be purchased by paying at least \$75.00 per year for 10 years. Please let the treasurers know if you are going to purchase an individual life membership in this manner.

## Corporate Sustaining Categories #

- ☐ \$1,000.00 Bronze
- ☐ \$5,000.00 Silver
- ☐ \$10,000.00 Gold
- ☐ \$100,000.00 Platinum

## Patron Benefits

- NAWEMMEC Membership
- NAWEMMEC Patch (new membership only)
- NAWEMMEC Newsletter

Membership levels marked by \* receive a benefit of a certificate. Individual life members have a choice of a certificate, plaque or a jacket. Membership levels marked by # receive a plaque.

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