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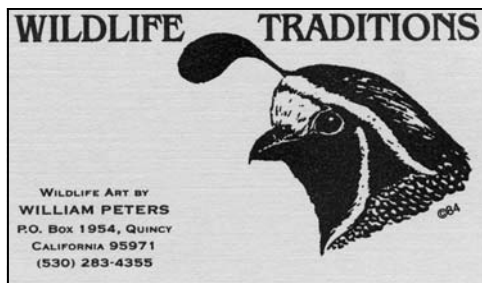
2010 NAWEOA Wildlife Officer of the Year Wisconsin Conservation Warden **JEREMY PEERY**

Left: Jeremy's wife, Wendy Center: Jeremy Peery
Right: NAWEOA Vice-President Rich Cramer

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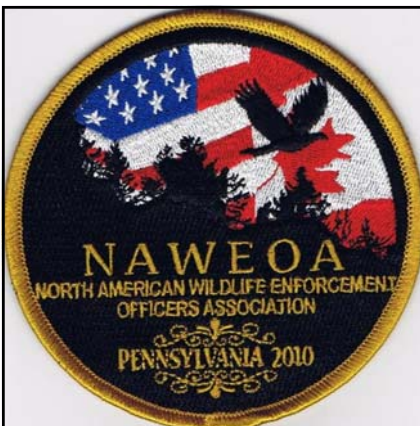
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SOUVENIR PATCHES AVAILABLE

← **2010 NAWEOA conference patches** remain available for purchase. The cost per patch (including shipping and handling) for all patches from 2004 through 2010 is \$7.00 USD.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWEOA

Mail to: WCO George A. Wilcox
P.O. Box 480

Millville, PA 17846

[1996 through 2003 patches are only available over-the-counter at the Game Warden Museum (www.gamewardenmuseum.org)]

"RECOGNIZING THE GOOD GUYS"

is a special column which was initiated by Pat Brown a few issues back. We will continue to recognize Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have received awards or recognition in the Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter. This recognition may be from their own agencies, officer associations, civic groups, outdoor-oriented organizations, etc.

So be prepared to send appropriate information about your fellow officers who have received awards since the previous Spring issue of the NAWEOA Newsletter.

This information should be sent to your NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representative so that he/she can compile a list for your Region. It should be received by your J-Rep no later than February 15th.

Fortunately, we hear of many Wildlife Enforcement Officers who have been honored by a variety of awards and recognition.
Make sure that we hear about your fellow officers!

Unfortunately, there is limited space to recognize these officers in the Newsletter, so the information will be limited to:
Name, rank or title, agency name, award name, and year if appropriate.



MEET NEW REGION 3 DIRECTOR SHAWN FARRELL

Thank you all. I am thrilled to be serving Region 3 as your new Director. I would like to congratulate and thank Rick Nash for his two terms as Region 3 Director. Great job Rick!

I have been employed fulltime by the Department of Natural Resources since 2002. As a conservation officer I am responsible for patrolling the area of Region 3 West. My wife Shelley and I have two boys, Spencer (14) and Ryan (11). We reside in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Most of my spare time is spent at ball fields, hockey rinks or school gymnasiums watching my boys "chase their dream". With time left, I enjoy being outdoors hunting, fishing, canoeing and participating with various community-based volunteer organizations.

I first became involved with NAWEOA in 2003 when I attended my first conference in Newfoundland and since then have attended four more. In 2009, I was part of the organizing committee to host the NAWEOA conference in New Brunswick. I am currently serving a second term as president of the New Brunswick Conservation Officers Association after serving two previous terms as treasurer.

I am looking forward to representing Region 3 and NAWEOA and will do so to the best of my ability. Take care and stay safe.

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POLICY: ROSTER UPDATE

(Adopted Winter, 2009, Cambria, CA)

~ Request for roster updates should be made by the Directors to the Jurisdictional Representatives.

~ Jurisdictional Representatives should respond by sending updated rosters to the Secretary/Treasurer.

~ If there are any issues or problems with the roster the Secretary/Treasurer should respond back to the Director. The Director should contact the Jurisdictional Representative and it is up to the Jurisdictional Representative to respond back to the Director correcting the issue. Once corrected, the Director should respond back to the Secretary/Treasurer.

~If the Secretary/Treasurer does not get a response, he should contact the Vice-President and President to follow up on the lack of response from the Director.

~ Requests for address changes outside the regular roster updates should be made to the Directors to forward to the Secretary/Treasurer in the correct format.

The President's Message

By Kevin Schoepp



Hello all! I'm just back from the 2nd Annual Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony at the Game Warden Museum. I want to say how proud I am of all those who organized and participated in the ceremony. I wasn't able to attend the ceremony last year and I am thankful and honored that I was asked again and was able to speak at this year's ceremony. It truly was a meaningful experience for me. The message I share with you all is the message I gave at the ceremony.

Happy Hunting, Stay Safe and Enjoy your Fall.

GAME WARDEN MUSEUM 2nd ANNUAL FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL CEREMONY August 28, 2010

Special Guests, Fellow Officers, Friends and Family.

What is this organization of about 8,000 "game wardens" from all across the continent all about?

It is about fraternity and mutual support and networking and educating.

It is about belonging to an organization that has as its purpose the promotion and protection of our profession and the natural resources we have sworn to protect.

It is about spreading the word that we are professional resource law enforcement officers.

It is about sharing our struggles and successes with others who do the same job and often face the same challenges.

It is about recognizing our own and celebrating the successes of really outstanding officers.

And yes, most importantly, it is about recognizing and remembering those who have given the supreme sacrifice in protecting our natural resources.

Each year at the annual conference the membership honors our fallen heroes; those who have lost their lives in the line of duty during the past year. It's a difficult time. I've looked into the eyes of a loved one, lost in all that has happened, and they've looked back. I've seen the emotion and anguish in the fellow officers as they participate in the ceremony to recognize their own. And I've

looked at my wife and my son and I'm not ashamed to say I've shed a tear.

The North American Game Warden Museum and Memorial Garden serve as a monument to what game wardens across the continent stand for. I've walked through the memorial garden and looked at the names, dates and places, and I'm always taken to another place. Today is a time to reflect and as we hear each of the names of the many men and women being honored, I encourage each of you to do so.

Each one of us can honor each of these heroes in the little things we do. Take the time to introduce a niece or nephew to fishing. Organize a community event and spend a day pitching in to clean a local waterway. Call that TIP line with some information on a fish or wildlife violation. But above all, realize that it is really up to each of us to be a steward for the natural environment. In doing so, we are carrying on what was so important to each of our fallen colleagues.

The officers being recognized today aren't only our heroes. They're people who made a difference in their homes and communities; to their families and their friends. To be sure, they are missed, but they aren't forgotten and each has left their mark.

As game wardens, we all have that secret or favorite place in

our district that calls us back again and again. It's in our make up; it's just the way it is. There are no worries there. To some it might be that high mountain pass. Or, for others, it could be a secluded trout stream. For me, it's that seemingly ordinary duck pond that may be just over there. I'll be going back again and again and we can all take comfort in knowing that each of the men and women we honor today are at their favorite place.



I have with me today a Saskatchewan Game Guardian badge that was given to me a number of years ago by a senior officer. It's circa 1920, I believe. Probably similar to the ones many of our fallen officers would have worn. I take the badge out from time to time and, as I've looked at the marks on the tarnished metal, it's never my reflection looking back. As the seasons change and as we do, too, let us never forget the difference that each and every one of these game wardens made.



2010 NAWEOA CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONIES

By Kevin Schoepp

The 2010 North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association annual conference was officially opened on July 14, 2010, at Cranberry, Pennsylvania. The opening ceremonies for the 29th annual conference were a great start to a wonderful week.

Delegates gathered in the conference area at the Four Points Sheraton. The opening ceremonies began under the direction of WCO Matt Kramer who served as the Master of Ceremonies. WCO Kramer (also known as "Good Kramer") was front and center at a number of functions during the conference and did an outstanding job.

National Forest in Jasper County, Georgia.

Officer Upton was shot when two individuals hunting coyotes with a high-powered rifle equipped with night vision apparently mistook the officer for game.

Officer Upton was a 4-year veteran of the US Forest Service and had previously worked as a game warden for the Department of Defense, US Marine Corps, in Beaufort, South Carolina, and as a conservation officer, game warden and pilot for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Jessica, and a 4-year-old daughter, Annabelle.

The invocation followed and was given by DWCO Rev. David Watkins.

Next the conference was called to order, the NAWEOA Executive Board was introduced, and there was the roll call of jurisdictions. Welcoming remarks were provided by Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director John Arway and Pennsylvania Game Commission Director Carl Roe.

Former Pittsburgh Steeler and motivational speaker Craig Wolfley gave the keynote address to the delegates. When Mr. Wolfley donned his No. 73 Steelers jersey, you knew that a highly charged message was to follow. His theme about perseverance, teamwork and rising up to the challenge, mixed in with some colorful stories from his Steelers days, was a good way to get the conference started. By the way, can you say Tunch Ilkin??

The Pennsylvania Game Commission Honor Guard was a highlight of the opening ceremonies and the customary posting of colors was spot on. The national anthems for the United States and Canada were performed by Mr. Jeff Jimmerson. Mr. Jimmerson is well known in the Pittsburgh area as he performs the national anthems at Pittsburgh Penguins hockey games.

The tribute to our fallen officers followed. This year NAWEOA recognized the loss of US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Christopher Arby Upton. The honor guard brought in the United States flag and performed an impressive flag-folding ceremony. WCO Jack Lucas played the bagpipes. The flag was presented to a representative from the US Forest Service. WCO Matt Kramer read "Fallen Officers 2" and "Tribute to Fallen Officers". The following circumstances surrounding Officer Upton's death were shared by NAWEOA President Kevin Schoepp:

It is with regret and deep sympathy that today I read to you circumstances of the on-duty death of US Forest Service Officer Christopher Arby Upton.

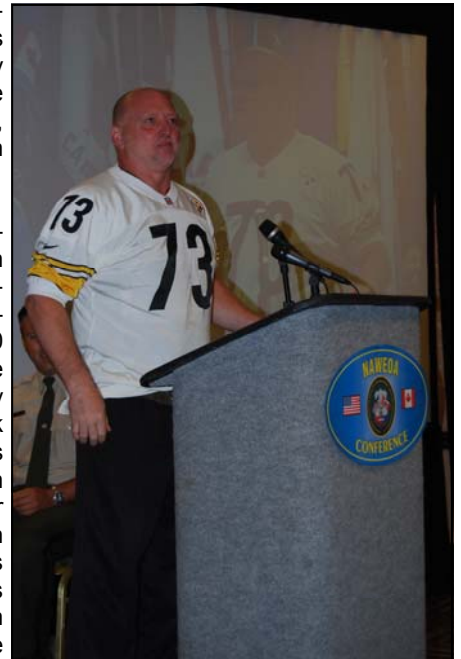
Our deepest sympathy goes out to Officer Upton's family.

The details related to the loss of Officer Upton are as follows:

US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Christopher Arby Upton, 37 years of age, of Monroe Georgia, lost his life in the line of duty on March 5, 2010, while on routine patrol of the Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Recreation Area in the Chattahoochee-Oconee

The morning ceremony wrapped up with NAWEOA Vice President Rich Cramer announcing the 2010 NAWEOA Officer of the Year as Jeremy Peery from Wisconsin. Look for the article in this newsletter on Warden Peery's nomination for this award. VP Rich Cramer (also known as "Bad Cramer") and his band of merry men (many PA officers) were front and center at many venues (mostly hospitality) and did an outstanding job throughout the week.

That wraps up the opening ceremonies. The officer luncheon, followed by NAWEOA business and officer exchange presentations, filled the remainder of the day.



2010 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award

Wisconsin Conservation Warden JEREMY PEERY

**Nominated by
David Zebro, Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources**

Conservation Warden Jeremy Peery has worked diligently to build a law enforcement program that balances enforcement and community needs while exceeding expectations in many facets of a warden's duties. Jeremy's enforcement efforts demonstrate an effective and efficient enforcement program that blankets a wide array of resource activities and averages approximately 100 citations per year. In 2009 Jeremy recorded 131 citations, and 81 assists demonstrating that he is always willing to help others when requested. On the environmental side, Jeremy issued 7 citations/criminal complaints along with 17 warnings. Enforcement is only as strong as the educational impact experienced by the violator and Jeremy documented 651 contacts that resulted in the issuance of a warning, each indicating his dedication to people learning from their mistakes. Jeremy is the only Warden stationed in Rusk County, a county that has a population base active in hunting and fishing activities with plenty of land on which to pursue those activities. Rusk County covers approximately 936 square miles, has over 90 lakes, two major rivers, 141 miles of trout streams and over 86,000 acres of public land.

Maintaining a consistent effective enforcement program requires a warden to hone their investigative skills. Jeremy displays excellent skills whether minor or major case investigations are conducted. Here is one highlighted case to demonstrate this ability: Jeremy investigated and subsequently interviewed a subject who had allegedly shot at a deer utilizing a spotlight. Upon arriving, there was an untagged antlerless deer that had been cut up and the rest of the carcass was hanging in a nearby shed. Jeremy interviewed the subject and discovered that the subject possessed another untagged deer from this archery season, and two more from last year that were never registered or tagged. Jeremy has built a very strong case documenting probable cause for civil and criminal charges which are now pending.

Community Wardening efforts have benefited both Jeremy and the targeted community. Through Jeremy's efforts many successful, self-sustaining programs have been developed by creating and tailoring the program to fit the community and resource needs. The efforts have enriched the lives of many young people through exposure to resource related activities in hunting, fishing

and trapping. Here are a few examples: Of all the many meaningful community wardening programs Jeremy has been involved in, the most emotionally moving program involves youths fighting life-threatening illnesses. The first special hunt took place in 2005 and again in 2009 Jeremy again organized a hunt for two special youth enabling them to enjoy a hunt of a lifetime. This year's participants were a young lady from Hayward who suffered a brain tumor and a stroke when she was 11 years old. The other was a young man from Tennessee who is battling Hodgkin's Disease.

Jeremy and volunteers met and completed a 4-hour instructional session and then hunted deer in the evening. The program lasted three days and both hunters succeeded in harvesting animals. The sixth annual Youth Outdoor Field Day in Rusk County was organized by Jeremy with help from Safe Hunters of Tomorrow (SHOT). S.H.O.T. is a community action organization that Jeremy helped to organize while stationed in Rusk County. Jeremy worked collaboratively with the S.H.O.T. program and implemented the 2nd annual Rusk County Learn How to Hunt Bears event. This event is a "no-kill" event that focuses on the bear hunt. Jeremy also co-hosted the first ever disabled hunt in Rusk County this year (October 9-10) for veterans who received their disability serving our country. Veterans were able to hunt on the Flambeau Mining Company property south of Ladysmith which has not been hunted in over 10 years. They had four hunters with mentors from the SHOT program and in one evening they harvested 6 deer.



For the last nine years, Jeremy has set up and taught Rusk County's only trapper education class. In 2001 Jeremy was selected as the WTA's Conservation Warden of the Year. In 2000 Jeremy was a member of the BMP trapping committee as the law enforcement representative for the development of trapping Best Management Practices. Jeremy has also taught trapping techniques and enforcement to recruits as well as regional training sessions throughout the state. Recently Jeremy was selected to serve as a warden representative on the furbearer advisory committee. Jeremy is active in the trapping community and well respected for his efforts to advance the sport.

Jeremy works closely and rides along with each Rusk County sheriff deputy on their "recreational vehicle" patrol to ensure that they are enforcing the laws correctly and fairly. Jeremy rides with each deputy at least once to provide some practical guidance as most deputies have no experience in recreational vehicle laws and do not know what to look for. Jeremy's efforts help to build a better working relationship between the sheriff's department and our department. Jeremy is involved in Rusk County's DARE program each year by being a chaperone to the annual DARE Kids Day at the Minnesota Twins game in Minnesota. He also sits in the dunk tank during Ladysmith's Mardi Gras celebration. Jeremy maintains a relationship with the Rusk County Recreational Patrol Officer and when the opportunity arises Jeremy will ride with the

officer on patrol. During one of these joint efforts they issued boating citations and three fishing without license citations. During the fall of 2009 Jeremy demonstrated his strong alliance with the Rusk County Sheriffs Department by assisting them with an armed bank robbery complaint that they had received from Sawyer County. Jeremy offered his assistance and worked jointly with Rusk County on attempting to locate the suspects. Jeremy ultimately single handedly located the driver of the suspect vehicle and a high speed pursuit ensued. Jeremy was fired upon by the subject prior to Rusk County Deputies arriving. Jeremy continued the pursuit after being shot at until the suspect was ultimately boxed in by Rusk County officers. Upon exiting his squad Jeremy exchanged gunfire with the suspect. The suspect was ultimately stopped and seized. Jeremy undoubtedly saved human lives and preserved the safety of many people who will never know what could have happened that day if Jeremy had not intervened.

Each year Jeremy sets up and operates a DNR law enforcement booth at the Dairy Land Implement Appreciation Day with average attendance by over 700 people. The topic is recreational safety involving ATV, boat, snowmobile and hunting. Jeremy sets up and operates a DNR booth at the Rusk County Annual Safety Fair. The display focuses on recreational vehicle safety.

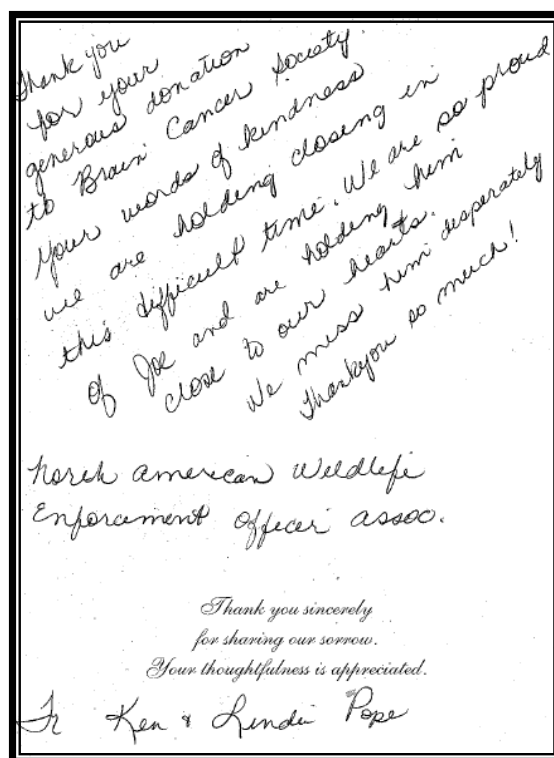
Jeremy's station is loaded with natural resources and outdoor opportunities. Jeremy has obtained a vast knowledge for the resources, and the laws that have been put in place to protect them. One example of Jeremy's case work during 2009: Jeremy and Deputy Warden Phil Grassman were working in Rusk County when they received a deer shooting complaint. It was determined that a subject was driving past a house, when he observed a doe and three fawns in the back yard. He stopped, knocked at the front door and found no one at home. He proceeded to acquire his firearm and shot twice, about 25 feet from the back door of the home, dropping one doe in its tracks while the other ran off, mortally wounded. He retrieved the one that dropped, realized that he did not have an antlerless tag, and transported the deer over four miles to a farm and found someone to tag the deer. The homeowners came home, found the drag marks and were extremely upset. Jeremy investigated and the deer were seized and numerous citations issued.

Jeremy has actively enforced water regulatory and habitat protection laws as demonstrated through his aggressive enforcement. Jeremy also takes time to inform and educate the public on the need to keep boats and equipment free of invasive species and included this information in one of his written newspaper articles. Jeremy met with Warden Bowe at the office and then the two spent the day conducting bait dealer audits throughout the county. In Jeremy's preliminary work, Jeremy found that only 5 of the eight or nine bait dealers in the county had valid permits. Scott and Jeremy were able to conduct 6 audits and found numerous violations. Those violations included no license, not checking minnow traps as required, no health certificates on selling wild caught bait, trapping bait without a valid harvest permit and no daily logs for bait harvested under a harvest permit.

Serving the department as an FTO, Jeremy delivers a memorable training experience to the warden recruits assigned to him. Those recruits assigned with Jeremy over the past few years all comment on the complete experience they receive while working in Rusk County. Jeremy immerses the recruit in the realities of a busy station assignment and the responsibilities that go with it. As a background investigator, Jeremy understands the importance of hiring recruits of qualified integrity and moral character. Jeremy willingly accepts the responsibility of completing a thorough background investigation on each perspective recruit he is

assigned to. Jeremy has served as a DAAT instructor since 2004. Providing an important function to the warden service Jeremy has been instrumental in adding scenario based training that simulates enforcement situations that wardens frequently face in the field.

Jeremy annually participates in the Special Olympics Torch Run Fundraiser by selling shirts and running a 5-mile stretch between Rice Lake and Cameron. Connecting with the community through printed media is another method Jeremy utilizes. He established a monthly newspaper column in the local paper and writes seasonal article regarding various DNR issues and concerns. Jeremy also writes a bimonthly article for trap and trail magazine and has done so since 2001. Every year for three days in September, Jeremy gives hour-long presentations to all Rusk County's fifth graders on the job of a Conservation Warden. Jeremy also gives yearly talks to the Kiwanis, sporting clubs, conservation classes in area schools, the Rusk County FFA chapter in Ladysmith and Bruce, lake owners associations, QDM club and conducts the spring hearing in Rusk County. Internships are an important part of recruiting and inspiring interest in young people about a warden career and Jeremy accommodated three student interns during 2009, making the time served an interesting and rewarding opportunity. Jeremy participates in the Rusk County High School Career Day by setting up a booth and answering questions about the Conservation Warden career and the application process. Serving as a judge for Our Lady of Sorrows school's conservation and environmental awareness speaking contest for 45 6th through 8th graders in Ladysmith is a yearly event for Jeremy and emphasizes the connection between environmental concerns and the conservation warden. Each year Jeremy participates in the Summit Lake Youth Field Day in Sawyer County and in 2009 Jeremy gave 8 presentations on furbearers and trapping to 40 youth participating in the event. Jeremy volunteers for the Shop-With-a-Cop program with the Rusk County Sheriff Department each year that provides money for less fortunate children of the community allowing them to purchase Christmas gifts for them and their families.



GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

By Kevin Schoepp

I will cover the highlights from the executive and general business meetings at the 2010 Conference. The membership is always encouraged to participate and attend the business meetings. The complete minutes can be viewed under the protected site on the NAWEOA website at www.naweo.org. The protected site can be accessed once you have signed up for an account on the website.

Highlights from the Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, include:

- ~ Preparing and approving the 2010-2011 budgets for presentation to the membership.
- ~ Regional Director and Committee Reports.
- ~ Conference Reports from Saskatchewan, Pennsylvania and Idaho.
- ~ Finalizing awards for presentation at the conference.
- ~ Address to the executive from major sponsors of the 2010 Conference. Consul Energy, Chesapeake Energy and Waste Management Corporation.
- ~ 2012 Conference discussion.

The general business meetings commenced on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, with the following:

- ~ Officer of the Year award was announced at the opening ceremonies and the various NAWEOA awards announced and presented during the officer luncheon (refer to separate article).
- ~ Webmaster, newsletter and secretary-treasurer reports were given.
- ~ Lengthy discussion around the 2012 conference and the fact that no jurisdiction has stepped forward to host the conference. The membership gave the NAWEOA Executive Board the direction to determine a conference

location if there is no host through the normal bid process.

~ Officer Exchange presentations by Dave Palmer (Ontario) – traveled to Colorado -- and by Nathan Favreau (New York) – traveled to the Northwest Territories.

Further business occurred in the evening on Friday, July 16, 2010:

- ~ Candidate speeches were given by those running for positions that were open on the board.
- ~ These included Regions 1, 2, and 3 from Canada. Region 6 was open for by-election as well, since Hampton Yates had resigned.
- ~ Conference presentations were given by Saskatchewan (2011) and Idaho (2013).

Saturday, July 17, 2010, involved the following:

- ~ Jurisdictional breakfast in the morning.
- ~ Election announcements at the banquet (Dave Webster – Region 1, Dave Grant – Region 2, Shawn Farrell – Region 3, and Jeff White – Region 6) were elected to the Board.
- ~ Valor award announcements and additional presentations were made during the banquet.

A short executive meeting was held on Sunday, July 18, 2010:

- ~ 2012 Conference options and Fallen Officer Fund topics were the focus of the meeting.

Thank you to all the membership who participated at the NAWEOA business meetings!

NAWEOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT 2010 SUMMER BUSINESS MEETINGS



Left to right: Levi Krause (Newsletter Editor), Jeff White (Reg. 6 Dir), Steve Kleiner (Sec/Treas), Dave Grant (Reg. 2 Dir), Kevin Schoepp (Pres), Marion Hoffman (Past Pres), Randy Hancock (Conference Liaison), Rob Brandenburg (Webmaster), Steve Tomac (Reg 4 Dir), Scott Haney (Reg 5 Dir), Rich Cramer (Vice-Pres), Rick Nash (Reg 3 Dir), Dave Webster (Reg 1 Dir), Clint Deniker (Reg 7 Dir).

2010 NAWEOA CONFERENCE TRAINING SESSIONS

HUNTING RELATED SHOOTING RECONSTRUCTION

Wildlife Conservation Officer Michael J. Doherty has received over four hundred hours of training in criminalistics, has served as a forensics instructor for initial and in-service training, and has provided training to other agencies as well, including local and regional police. His training session covered recognition, recovery and investigation of firearms evidence by field officers, utilizing case studies and various techniques and equipment with an emphasis on "hunting accident" investigation.

INTERVIEW / INTERREGATION

During his 26-year career, Illinois Conservation Police Officer Jeff Baile has studied, adapted, and customized scientifically proven communication methods for the game warden's specialized duties and venues. One study he conducted revealed anglers who returned a wave could be categorized as being legal over 76% of the time. His three-day course, "Forensic Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques for conservation officers" is the sole interview and interrogation curriculum in the U.S. and Canada expressly tailored to game warden work. Officer Baile's engaging and motivation teaching style, experiences and characteristic way of intertwining these proven forensic methods with practical game warden application permit easy digestion of the methods for immediate field use.

WATERFOWL ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement of waterfowl hunting enforcement is one of the biggest challenges facing the wildlife conservation officer. Complex regulations, lack of training and increasingly sophisticated methods used by violators all work together to discourage many officer from confidently and aggressively enforcing the waterfowl hunting laws and regulations. Wildlife Conservation Officers Jason DeCoskey and Chad Eyler outlined various law enforcement techniques, as well as identification methods, to enhance any conservation officer's abilities.

INTERNATIONAL MARINE INVESTIGATORS

International Association of Marine Investigators operates as a non-profit organization and offers the training and knowledge from investigators working in the marine environment to other professionals associated with that field. I.A.M.I. provides the training needed for conservation officers to be able to combat marine theft, arson, fraud, and other criminal activity in the marine environment.

VERBAL JUDO

Michael Manly of Verbal Judo, Inc. applied the internationally recognized training program in Tactical Communication. This training program highlighted the principles and tactics that are used to calm difficult people who may be under severe emotional or other influences, redirect the behavior of hostile people, defuse potentially dangerous situations and perform professionally under all conditions and achieve the desired outcome in the encounter.

FISH AND WILDLIFE FORENSICS

Wildlife conservation officers may often find that an animal may be linked to evidence because the animal is a victim, the perpetrator, or the witness. The Forensics Unit of the Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory focuses on the use of DNA analysis for the examination of evidence for a variety of legal issues involving wild animals. This training session provided information on what can be determined by different types of analytical methods applied to wildlife DNA and what biomaterials can be used for analysis. The processes that contribute to difficulty of DNA recovery

and how DNA can typically be recovered even from the most degraded samples were covered as well. Attendees learned about the arsenal of molecular tools the Wildlife Forensics Unit has to deal with almost any situation and how they continue to seek, develop and utilize new technology as it becomes available.

PENNSYLVANIA VENOMOUS REPTILE TRAINING

Waterways Conservation Officers Robert Dunbar and Tom Nunamacher's training session with venomous reptiles covered the role of an officer, natural history and identification, regulations on reptiles and amphibians, and venomous snake handling. Attendees learned critical knowledge of handling, measurement and pit tagging of venomous snakes. This vigorous hand-on training session ensured officer safety during the dangerous handling of venomous creatures.

MAN TRACKING

Waterways Conservation Officer Bill Crisp shared his expansive knowledge of man tracking in an informative and captivating training session. On routine patrol activities, conservation officers may often find the need to use different tracking techniques and philosophies for different situations. The course was geared to help officers determine what techniques to use and combine in order to address any situation they may find themselves in. This critical training session progressed from identifying signs at the initial site of investigation to how to present tracking testimony in court. Some topics covered include: the proper use of tools for sign interpretation, how to track at night, proper use of map and terrain during tracking, when to use visual trackers vs. scent trackers (dogs) and counter tracking to avoid possible ambush.

PENNSYLVANIA ELK

Wildlife Conservation Officer Doty A. McDowell has been active in Elk County since 1998. He brought attendees up to date with the history of elk in Pennsylvania, as well as the ongoing research pertaining to this large cervid. He also highlighted various law enforcement cases that have occurred in the past few years. McDowell also brought to light some of the unique social issues that elk bring to the people of Elk County.

COMPUTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pennsylvania State Trooper First Class Glenn Bard is a member of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation — Computer Crime Unit. Trooper Bard presented how computers are used in law enforcement and what to be concerned with while patrolling.

COVERT UNDERCOVER

The use of a highly trained special operations unit is essential to the prosecution of the commercial trade of wildlife. Special Operations Bureau Chief Tom Grohol presented information on how the Pennsylvania Game Commission actively utilizes their team of officers.

CRITICAL OFFICER SUPPORT

David Nicely of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service described the necessity of critical officer support. This training is designed for law enforcement officers and detailed support opportunities provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Every corner of the world is faced with fish and wildlife species on the brink of extinction. Nongame & Endangered Species Coordinator Chris Urban of the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission described the various Pennsylvania species of concern.

2010 NAWEOA AWARDS — Cranberry, Pennsylvania

By Vice-President Rich Cramer

N.A.W.E.O.A. believes deeply in recognizing the commitment of the wildlife law enforcement professional. The awards recognize people and agencies that have performed outstanding work, exemplary service to the public, or have contributed to wildlife law enforcement in other ways. Our awards program is engrained within the constitution of the association and many of our objectives speak to the importance of recognizing our own officers.

Awards are presented annually at the summer conference. Officers in attendance are presented with their award in front of their peers. As you all saw earlier this morning the NAWEOA Officer of the Year was announced during the opening ceremonies. Let's give this years OOO recipient Jeremy Peery one more round of applause.

This year I'm pleased to announce that we received 78 different nominations for our various awards. I credit all those officers who have taken the time to nominate a fellow officer because the honor of being nominated by a peer is, in essence, the real reward.

With so many awards each year, we've established a "Wall of Honor" area near the conference exhibitors. Members are encouraged to take the time to stop by and read some of the nominations. Many are truly impressive.

NAWEOA OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Jeremy Peery – Wisconsin

AWARD OF VALOR - It is given to the officer who performs a heroic act, or risks or receives serious injury, in the line of duty in an attempt to protect him/herself or a member of the public from a dangerous situation or circumstance. It infers bravery in the face of adversity.

Vann Streety – Florida

Zebulon Jordan – Missouri

LIFE SAVING AWARD - Given to an officer whose actions save the life of another person.

Jim Hansen – Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Brian Gyorfi – Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Ryan Smith – Florida

Jane Whaley – USFWS

Jay Baker – Indiana

Deland Szczepanski – Indiana

Kurt Arendas – Florida

Roy L. Rafter – Maryland

Karl Christensen – Maryland

Patrick Thompson – Maryland

Jeffrey Sweitzer – Maryland

Brian E. Witherite – Pennsylvania

Brian E. Dermer – Pennsylvania

Travis McLean – Missouri

Jeff Crites – Missouri

Jerry Elliott – Missouri

Scott Christman – Pennsylvania

Rich Wilcox – Florida

Shannon Martiak – New Jersey

Kevin Mitchell – South Carolina

Aaron Lupacchini – Pennsylvania

David Roberts – Pennsylvania

TORCH AWARD - Presented annually, to an officer from each region, to encourage the professional development of recently appointed officers.

The nominated officer must not have worked as a wildlife enforcement officer more than five years. The officer must have demonstrated a genuine desire to protect the resource and develop professionally and has also demonstrated exceptional ability and initiative in the performance of his or her duties, including public education.

Region 1 – No Nominations

Region 2 – **Shane Brownlee**, Ontario

Region 3 – **Seldon Miller**, Newfoundland

Region 4 – **Julie McKarley**, Idaho

Region 5 – **Benjamin R. Herzfeldt**, Wisconsin

Region 6 – No Nominations

Region 7 – **Mark Schichtle**, Vermont

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – It is given for outstanding achievement or service in the field of Wildlife Law Enforcement, and to NAWEOA Executive or outgoing NAWEOA Directors.

Mark T. Edwards – Iowa

Jeffrey Ray Gohn – Pennsylvania

Arnold McMillion – Florida

Rich Wilcox – Florida

Hampton Yates – Florida

Michael Naujoks – Florida

Jason Cooke – Florida

Sandra Blackburn – Florida

Ben Johnson – Florida

Ryan Healy – Connecticut

Paul Hilli – Connecticut

Raul (Ray) Ramos – Connecticut

Karen Reilly – Connecticut

Keith Williams – Connecticut

Edward Yescott – Connecticut

Patti Ewashko – Manitoba

Matthew T. Miller – Pennsylvania

Mike Girard – British Columbia

Rick Nash – New Brunswick

Tate Begley – Connecticut

Erin Crossman – Connecticut

Jack Lucas – Pennsylvania

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - Anyone who in any way is helpful to the association may be nominated for this award.

Bill Brace – Mississippi

Beau Turner Conservation Center – Florida

Lieutenant Guy Carpenter II – Florida

Lieutenant Kent Harvey – Florida

Captain Rob Beaton – Florida

Julie Jones – Florida

Jeffrey Babauta – Florida

Beau Turner – Florida

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - AGENCY – Presented to anyone who has performed an extra-ordinary service to the association or its members.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Finally, I want to thank all members who have taken the time to nominate a fellow officer for any of the 2010 NAWEOA Awards. Recognizing the good work that our fellow officers do is an important objective of NAWEOA and I want to encourage all NAWEOA members to continue to nominate their peers for the various awards that NAWEOA offers.

**Hiking the Ohiopyle State Park in PA
By Kurt Bahti, AZ**

Several NAWEOA folks opted to hike instead of white-water float at Ohiopyle Park. A group of about ten of us hiked the Fern-cliff Natural Area which is surrounded on three sides by the Youghiogheny River. We were lucky to have Guy Walman and his wife along as they knew the names of the vegetation we saw. Being from Arizona, it was all new to my wife and me. The hike was easy and beautiful with river overlooks.

After lunch, most of us hit the Laurel Highlands Trail. This was a little steeper, actually in places a whole lot steeper than the first trail. Our destination was an overlook. It took longer to get to than planned, so only one of us made it there and brought back a picture to share.

It was a great time with new friends, but someone had broken the AC controls, so it was pretty hot and humid. The high humidity dampened our bodies, but not our spirits.

**Rafting the Youghiogheny River
By Rob Brandenburg, MO**

About 60 brave souls ventured down the Youghiogheny River in rafts. After some instruction, the guides loaded us in the rafts and sent us on our way. The action started immediately. The guides instructed us from their kayaks or from the rocks. It was up to us to paddle through. If you didn't follow directions, you more than likely ended up in the water. Some people ended up in the drink more than once. The brisk water and nonstop action honed our appetites. We were rewarded with an excellent shore lunch. After lunch, we experienced more of the same fun.



Roger Selesse (middle) and Michelle Moran (right) learn what class IV rapids look like

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After the run, we were all treated to a fantastic barbequed chicken dinner with all the fixin's including hand-scooped ice cream cones! The bus ride home was pretty quiet as people pondered the significance of the ceremony. It was a great day!



Over-all winner
Cody Dierking (left)
receiving awards
from
Mark Webb

Bob Verberkmoes walking his way to a medal





Steve Tomac (left)
receiving awards from
Mark Webb

Flight 93 Dedication Ceremony and Torch Run

By Steve Tomac

Most of you remember the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001. In a planned group of terrorist attacks, United Airlines Flight 93 was taken over by terrorists with the intent of striking the United States Capitol. The intended target was never reached as the plan was thwarted by the passengers on board the plane that day. The plane crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing all 40 passengers and crew. The crash site has since become a National Park Service Memorial commemorating the lives of the heroes who died there.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission dedicated a 665-acre tract of land, "State Game Land 93" which is adjacent to the crash site. The Game Commission also dedicated a wetland within the Game Lands in memory of U.S. Fish and Wildlife officer, Richard Guadagno, who was on board Flight 93 and also died in the crash. Conference attendees were treated to a very special opportunity to be a part of the dedication ceremony of that land. Our conference hosts prepared a very special day for us as we all boarded 10 deluxe motor coaches bound for Shanksville. We were treated to a bag lunch and, while en route, we were shown a video explaining more about the events that took place regarding the crash of Flight 93. We arrived at the crash site at approximately 2 p.m. and were able to view the actual location. There was a temporary visitor's center set up with information and displays. The crash site area is administered by the National Park Service and is in stages of construction for a permanent memorial. It was a very quiet and somber crowd as we viewed the area and information.

We then boarded the buses and travelled 2.5 miles to the State Game Land 93 site. Two very large shade tents had been set up with tables and chairs and a vendor was treating the hot crowds to complimentary smoothies and ice water. The weather was beautiful with partly cloudy skies in the mid-80's for approximately 700 attendees.

The ceremony began with the posting of colors, 40 flags for the 40 lives lost. The National Anthem was sung by Officer Matt Kramer and a memorial flag folding was conducted by the well-polished Pennsylvania Game Commission Honor Guard. The newly formed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Honor Guard was also present and gave an impressive presentation and 21-gun salute. Wreaths and a flag were presented to the Guadagno family, and an opening prayer and blessing were given by Reverend



David Watkins asking for blessings on the day's events. Taps was played and an impressive rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed on the bagpipes. The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries from the Game Commission who explained how the land was acquired and the events which led to the dedication that day. A letter was read from President George W. Bush recognizing the heroics of the passengers and crew whose action may have saved thousands of lives by stopping the plane from reaching the terrorists' intended target. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Chief Jim Hall remembered Officer Richard Guadagno as a man who cherished the natural resources and wildlife and fought for righteousness, having deep convictions of right and wrong. Reverend Watkins gave a very moving eulogy leaving very few dry eyes as he quoted scripture, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

The entire ceremony was extremely well planned and very moving. It will certainly go down as one of the most memorable experiences of any conference. Special thanks to Consol Energy for sponsoring the event.

Next came the work.....the Torch Run! The 5k run was held at the same location and followed a beautiful loop of mostly dirt trails through the Game Lands. Participation was great with many walkers and runners despite the humid conditions. The proceeds from the run, which is sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Officers Association, went to benefit the Game Warden Museum.

The results are as follows:

OVERALL WINNER
Cody Dierking — 17:09

WOMEN'S RUN
1st — Anne Paul
2nd — Julie McKarley
3rd — Nicole Wichman

MEN'S RUN
1st—Randy Nelson
2nd — Steve Tomac
3rd — Jason Braunecker

WALK
1st Bob — Verberkmoes
2nd — Brian Hultquist
3rd — Janet Volker



2010 NAWEOA Conference Pittsburgh Zoo and National Aviary Tour

By Diane Nash, wife of NBCO Rick Nash

A good crowd gathered in the hotel lobby first thing in the morning to load up the buses for a trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo and National Aviary. I'm glad we went early – it turned out to be another hot and humid day in PA.

Although the zoo wasn't as large as we were expecting, we had a great view of a large variety of animals and reptiles, and the aquarium was a nice, cool spot to check out a lot of marine life. Walking through the tunnel and having sharks (and other marine life, too) swimming above you was pretty cool. There were a lot of

cameras clicking away as everyone took photos to preserve their memories. The morning was just the right amount of time to tour the entire zoo and then have a quick lunch before loading back on the buses to head to the aviary.



At the aviary, we were given a brief history of its development and information about some of the species we would be able to see inside, then we were sent off to explore on our own. This was a great spot to get a really close-up experience with a huge variety of birds. The kids (and many of the adults, too) were fascinated with the window into the vet clinic where you could watch whatever medical procedures were taking place. It was interesting to hear (and get a demonstration of) how they train the birds so that they can use them in demonstrations outdoors as well – with no enclosure to keep them on the grounds. The staff was knowledgeable and more than willing to answer any questions we had. It was amazing to be able to hand-feed a number of them – although it was good to know just at what angle to keep your arm so you could come away 'poop free'! Feeding the lorikeets especially was a pretty cool experience, and we've never been so close to a penguin. Ah – if only Kathleen hadn't left the camera on the bus!



2010 NAWEOA Annual Conference – Pennsylvania A Spouse's Perspective

By Diane Nash, wife of NBCO Rick Nash

The 2010 NAWEOA Conference in Mars, Pennsylvania, is the 5th one I've attended as a CO spouse and proved to be an enjoyable one, as they usually are! Our family has been planning our summer vacation around the conferences for the past few years now and we'd be hard pressed to get away without the kids giving us an extremely hard time now! Even though they are getting older, they don't want to miss out on the fun and the friends they meet (and keep) at the Conference.

Having hosted the 2009 Conference, the New Brunswick crowd was ready to 'sit back' and enjoy what the Pennsylvania crew had put together. As always, the Conference was full of unique experiences: the story of the challenge coin, the white water rafting and outdoor activities (although I didn't go myself, the stories that came back kept me well entertained for days!), the Pittsburgh Zoo and the Aviary with such incredible access to the many birds – I could've watched the penguins and the lories for hours! The spouses luncheon and free time at Phipps Conservatory - that's the first time I've ever seen a gardener at work with a pair of tweezers, keeping everything well cared for. The moving memorial for Officer Richard Guadagno from Flight 93 and the

dedication of the State Game Lands 93, the imaginative Warden Skills games (I think I can honestly say I'm thankful there wasn't a spouse's division this year – no eating worms and dirt for me!), and the Amish country tour.

We were kept well fed, and there was always someone around to get answers when we had questions. The Pennsylvania committee members I encountered were always friendly and helpful. They obviously did a lot of work to prepare for that week, and I'm sure they were ready for some R&R when the rest of us finally left – not to mention a few 'refreshments'. A big 'Thanks!' again for all of your time and effort.

I know our kids had a good time connecting with old friends and making new ones – as did I. There is a lot of history at the Conference – so many friendships and connections are made there by both the officers and their families. It really is a great experience for the whole family, and one I'd suggest everyone try at least once. But be warned – once you attend a NAWEOA Conference, you just might get hooked!

2010 NAWEOA Conference Senior Skills Games By Steve Kleiner

Pennsylvania was proud to sponsor the Senior Skills Game for the first time ever at a NAWEOA conference. Retired officers are some of the most ardent supporters of NAWEOA and, while there have been activities such as the retirees breakfast and the retirees wine and cheese brunch, the 2010 planning committee thought it would be a good idea to include the retirees in the warden skills day event.

Larry Harshaw, who is now retired from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, stepped up along with his wife Bonnie and a crew of volunteers to run the event. Larry and Bonnie's assistants consisted of mostly retired folks, but there were a couple active officers and spouses helping out as well.

The Senior Skills competition was not only open to retired officers, but spouses and friends of retired officers were eligible to join in. That they did and the mix of retired officers and their spouses on the same team set up some very interesting banter during the heat of the competition.

Originally, there were 9 teams signed up to compete in the retired officer games but, unfortunately, several teams dropped out due to conflicts with previously scheduled nap time.

Some of the participating teams were dubbed Mishmont Mistfits, Coast to Coast, 3 Chicks and a Dude, Old World Wisconsin, and Prairie Weed.

Teams participated in several events. The events were geared to fully challenge these seasoned officers and spouses to step up to the task, but mostly to let them have a lot of fun. With events with names like "Clucking Good Time", "Viagra Shoot", "Corn

Hole" and "Rock of Aged" you can only imagine what the contestants were in for.

One event that brought out the best of spousal bliss was the "Rock of Aged" competition. In this game, the team members were paired up in twos, each pair taking seats in side-by-side comfy wooden-backed rockers. The contestants then were challenged to toss empty beverage containers into a wastebasket placed about 15 feet away. While attempting to score points for each container landing in a waste basket, the contestants were required to be rocking in their chairs and, at the same time, operating a TV remote control with the other hand.

Bonus points were given to contestants who displayed "appropriate crankiness" during the competition. What became quickly apparent was that many spousal teams were already well practiced at being cranky. Clearly, some lingering marital issues were brought forth during the competition. All in good fun, of course, for the entertainment of everyone.

Michele Wiegand sent a note about the Senior Skills Games as follows:

"They were fun games, everyone had the same chance, nothing physical about them. We hope this event continues into future conferences."

The universal agreement by all participating and observing is that a great time was had by all.

Thank you to Bonnie, Larry and all who worked to put these games together.



The year's winning team was Mishmont Misfits consisting of Bob VerBerkmoes (MI), Michele Wiegand (MI), Cheris Beckhorn (MI), and Bob McKnight (Vermont).



Left chair: Christine Kowalachuk; right: Nancy Meyers; both from Manitoba



Although this might not have been the most politically correct event, the old codgers did very well!



Field Notes

Fall 2010

HEROES FROM THE PAST

On October 18, 1908 **Montana Special Deputy Game Warden Charles B. Peyton** was shot and killed in the upper Seeley-Swan Valley while attempting to arrest two Native Americans from a Pend d'Oreille hunting party. These Flathead Indian Reservation members were hunting off the reservation and being investigated for hunting without a license and taking an over limit of deer.



Several days earlier Deputy Warden Peyton had been threatened by members of this same hunting party. Peyton and a civilian named Herman Rudolph that Peyton had deputized to assist him in making the arrest, returned to the hunting party's camp even after the threats. While attempting to make the arrest, Warden Peyton, Herman Rudolph and four of the Native Americans became involved in a deadly gunfight. During the shootout, Peyton and four of the tribal members were killed. Rudolph managed to escape uninjured.

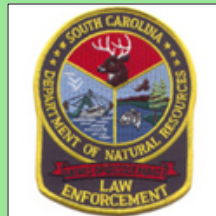
Charles B. Peyton was one of eight special deputy Game Wardens hand-picked by William F. Scott to work for the state of Montana. Scott was Montana's very first Game Warden hired in 1901. Charles B. Peyton left behind a wife named Linnie and three small kids named Hugh, Montgomery, and Dewitt at the

time of his death. Peyton died for a cause he so dearly believed in -- protecting Montana's wildlife. This Deputy Game Warden, husband, and father lost his life in the line of duty for the great state of Montana.

Researched and submitted by Bill Koppen

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**South Carolina Warden Frank A. Floyd** was 40 years old when he died in the line of duty on July 25, 1949. He was shot and killed while attempting to arrest several illegal night hunters 17 miles south of Walterboro. Along



with Warden Thomas Goethe (Floyd's nephew) and the plantation superintendent, Warden Floyd approached



the group of hunters when one of the hunters used a double-barreled shotgun to shoot him in the chest at close range. Warden Goethe returned fire and struck the violator once in the head. Warden Floyd was pronounced dead at the Colleton County Hospital.

The suspect recovered from his shot would and later pled guilty to serve a life sentence.

Warden Floyd had worked for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for 7 years and was survived by his wife and one child.

## ***“...AND THEY'RE OFF!”***



Runners begin the 5 KM run at the 2010 Annual Torch Run at the conference in Pennsylvania. Each year the Torch Run raises significant funds for the North American Game Warden Museum.

The other major summer fundraising event is the golf tournament held in Manitoba each year. These one day summer events bring a combined total of \$25,000 to \$30,000 to the Museum each year .



Do you have an idea for a fundraising event in your jurisdiction?

Please feel free to contact a board member with your ideas at [www.gamewardenmuseum.com](http://www.gamewardenmuseum.com)



## **Message du président**

### **Par Kevin Schoepp**

Bonjour, j'arrive justement de la deuxième cérémonie mémorial annuelle pour officiers abattus qui a lieu au musée des officiers chargés à la protection des animaux. Je suis très fier de ceux et celles qui ont organisé et participé à la cérémonie. C'était une expérience exceptionnelle pour moi.

Le message que je veux vous faire part est celui que j'ai donné à la cérémonie.

Bonne chance, soyez prudent et passé un automne agréable.

MUSÉE DES GARDIENS CHARGÉ  
À PROTECTION DES ANIMAUX  
2<sup>ème</sup> CÉRÉMONIE ANNUELLE  
POUR OFFICIER ABATTU  
LE 28 AOÛT 2010

Invités spéciaux, compagnons, amis et famille :

C'est quoi l'organisation d'environ 8000 officiers chargé à la protection des animaux à travers le continent ?

C'est une fraternité, un support mutuel, un réseau et éducationnel.

C'est appartenir à une organisation qui a pour but la promotion, la protection de notre profession et des ressources que nous nous engageons à protéger.

C'est à propos la propagation du mot que notre profession s'engage à la protection.

C'est de partager nos défis et nos succès avec autres qui font la même profession et qui font farces aux mêmes défis.

C'est de reconnaître les nôtres et de célébrer les officiers exceptionnels.

Mais plus important, c'est de reconnaître et de se rappeler de ceux qui donné le sacrifice suprême en protégeons nos ressources naturelles.

A chaque année à la conférence annuelle nous reconnaissons nos héros abattus, ceux qui ont perdu la vie en faisant leur profession durant la dernière année. C'est très difficile. Je regarde dans les yeux de leur proche, je vois la perte qu'ils ont subit et il me regarde. Je vois l'émotion et le chagrin de leurs collègues

pendant la cérémonie en reconnaissant un d'eux, je regarde mon épouse et mon fils et je ne suis pas sans chagrins pour dire que je verse une larme.

Le musée des gardes à la protection du nord d'Amérique et le jardin mémorial sert comme monument de quoi que les officiers de garde à travers le continent sont. J'ai marché à travers le jardin mémorial en regardant aux noms, dates et endroits et je suis rendu dans un autre endroit. Aujourd'hui, c'est le temps de réfléchir et d'entendre le nom d'hommes et de femmes qui sont honorés et je vous encourage de le faire aussi.

Nous pouvons tous honorer nos héros dans les petites choses que nous font. Prenez le temps de le faire. Introduisons un neveu ou une nièce à la pêche, organisé une activité dans votre communauté en nettoyant un voie d'eau locale, appelé la ligne « TIP » avec de l'information sur une infraction contre la pêche ou la faune. Mais surtout réalisé que nous sommes tous les ambassadeurs pour notre environnement naturel, en le faisons, nous continuons la chose très importante de nos compagnons abattus.

Les officiers reconnaissants d'aujourd'hui sont non seulement nos héros, mais sont aussi des gens qui ont fait une différence dans leurs maisons et communautés, dans leurs familles et amis. Leurs absences sont manqués j'en suis sûr, mais ils ne sont pas oubliés et chacun ont laissé leur marque.

Comme officier à la garde, nous avons tous nos secrets et nos places dans nos districts qui nous rappellent toujours, c'est dans nos systèmes, c'est ça que s'est. Pas de chagrins là. Pour tels c'est une montagne à monter, pour d'autres un étang de truite en éclosion, mais pour moi c'est un étang de canards ordinaires qui est juste là bas que j'y vais temps après temps. Nous pouvons tous avoir confort que les hommes et femmes que nous honorons aujourd'hui sont dans leur place favorite.

J'ai aujourd'hui avec moi l'insigne de gardien des jeux de Saskatchewan qui m'a été remis il y a plusieurs années par un officier senior, je crois « circa 1920 » probablement comparatif de celle que les officiers abattus auraient portée. Je la sors de temps en temps, je regarde au dédorage du métal et ce n'est jamais ma réflexion qui me regarde.



Comme nous chargeons avec les saisons, il ne faut jamais oublier la différence que chacun de nous font et ceux que chacun de ces officiers de garde ont fait.

**Officier de l'année 2010 « NAWEOA »**

**Officier en conservation de Wisconsin**

**JEREMY PEERY**

**Nommé par :**

**David Zebro, ministère des  
ressources naturelles de Wisconsin**

Officier Jeremy Perry a travaillé avec assiduité pour bâtir un programme dans l'application de la Loi qui balance l'application et les besoins de la communauté toujours en dépassent les exigences d'un officier à la conservation. Les efforts démontrés par Jeremy au programme de l'application de la Loi sont efficaces et effectives. Le programme implique une variété d'activités aux ressources et envisage environ 100 citations pour année. En 2009, Jeremy a enregistré 131 citations et 81 cas d'assistance démontrant son vouloir d'aider les autres quand demandés. Dans le côté de l'environnement, il a émis 7 citations/complaintes criminelles avec 17 avertissements. L'application de la Loi est seulement aussi forte que l'impact éducationnel sur l'individu en question. Jeremy a documenté 651 contacts en résultants à des avertissements, en donnant confiance que l'individu apprend de ces erreurs. Il est le seul officier stationné au comté de Rusk, un comté avec une grosse population qui fait la chasse et la pêche. Le comté du Rusk couvre environ 936 milles carrés, deux rivières majeures, 141 miles de ruisseau pour la truite et au-dessus de 86,000 acres de terre publique.

Pour maintenir un programme en conservation de qualité, il doit avoir un officier avec des habilités en investigation. Jeremy démontre des habilités excellentes dans les cas majeurs ou mineurs en investigations. En voici un qui démontre les habilités : il a investigué et en conséquences à interroger un suspect qui a été accusé d'avoir tiré un chevreuil à la lumière. En arrivant sur le site, il trouva un cerf sans bois, sans étiquette tout coupé avec le reste de la carcasse accroché dans un entrepôt. Il a suivi avec l'entrevue de l'individu en question tout en découvrant que l'individu était en procession d'un autre chevreuil, sans d'étiquettes, tué durant la saison à l'arc seulement ainsi que deux tués durant l'année précédente, sans d'éti-

quettes et sans d'enregistrements.

Les efforts de garde en communauté ont été bénéficiés par Jeremy et la communauté en question. Par les efforts de Jeremy avec grand succès, il y a plusieurs programmes à croissance autonome qui ont été développé et maintenu avec la communauté. Ces efforts ont enrichi la vie de plusieurs jeunes en communication et en éducation les ressources relatives à la chasse, pêche et en piège. En voici quelques exemples : dans tous les programmes valables que Jeremy a organisé dans le programmes de la garde, le plus émotionnel comprend une chasse spécial pour jeunes attint de maladies mortelles. La prière chasse eu lieu en 2005 et encore en 2009 pour deux jeunes ils ont jouis d'une chasse exceptionnelle. Pour cette année, la participante était de Hayward qui est atteint d'une tumeur au cerveau et d'une attaque à 11 ans. L'autre est un jeune homme de Tennessee qui à la maladie « Hodgkin's ». Jeremy et les volontaires se sont rencontrer et compléter 4 heures d'instructions et ont fait les chasses en soirée. Le program a durée pour trois jours et les deux jeunes on abattu un animal avec succès. Le sixième « Youth Outdoor Field Day » fut organisé par Jeremy avec l'aide des "Safe Hunters of Tomorrow (SHOT)". "S.H.O.T." est une organisation communautaire mise en place avec l'aide de Jeremy quand il était stationné dans le comté de Rusk. En collaboration avec le programme « S.H.O.T. », Jeremy mis en place le deuxième événement annuel « Rusk County Learn How to Hunt Bears ». C'est événement est non-tuer dans la chasse à l'ours. Il est aussi animateur adjoint pour la première chasse pour personne handicapé le 9-10 octobre pour les vétérans qui été blaisés en protégeant notre pays. Les vétérans ont eu la chance de chassé dans la propriété minière de la compagnie Flambeau au sud de « Ladysmith qui n'a pas été chassé dans les dernières 10 années. Ils y avaient quatre chasseurs avec leur instructeur du programme « SHOT » et ont abattu 6 chevreuils.

Durant les dernières neuf années, Jeremy a organisé et enseigné le seul programme de piégeage dans le comté de Rusk. En 2001, il fut sélectionné comme officier à la garde par « WTA ». En 2000, il était membre du comité des piégeurs comme officier représentant régionale à la protection pour le développement de meilleures pratiques d'aménagements en piégeage. Jeremy a aussi enseigné les techniques et la protection au programme de piégeage aux gens recrues ainsi que

plusieurs sessions d'entraînement à travers l'État. Récemment, Jeremy fut sélectionné pour servir comme gardien représentant au comité adversaire à la fourrure. Il est très actif dans la communauté de piégeage et respecté pour ces efforts à l'avancement du sport.

Jeremy travaille de proche et en collaboration avec chaque député shérif dans le comté de Rusk avec leur patrouille à ce que les lois sont efforcés correctement et avec justice. Jeremy embarque avec chaque député, au moins une fois, pour partager ses expériences et pour les aidés car plusieurs d'eux ont aucunes expériences dans les lois en ce qui a lieu aux véhicules récréatifs et à quoi porter attention. Les efforts de Jeremy ont aidé à bâtir un meilleur lien entre les shérifs et notre ministère. A chaque année, il est impliqué dans le programme « DARE » dans le comté de Rusk comme chaperon à de la journée jeune de « DARE » au jeu des « Minnesota Twins » à Minnesota. Il a aussi participé au siège dans la « dunk tank » durant les célébrations de « Ladysmith's Mardi Gars ». Jeremy maintient une relation avec les officiers de patrouille de véhicules de récréations dans le comté de Rusk et quand l'opportunité se présente il embarque avec l'officier en patrouille. Durant une de ses opportunités, ils ont donnés des citations sur mer et des citations à trois pêcheurs sans permit de pêche. En automne 2009, Jeremy a démontré une alliance forte avec le département des shérifs du comté de Rusk en les assistant avec une complainte d'un vol avec arme bancaire qu'ils ont reçu du comté de Sawyer. Ils ont travaillé ensemble afin avec le comté de Rush pour essayer d'attraper les personnes en question de ce vol. Jeremy, singulièrement, a localisé le suspect et une poursuite à haute vitesse suivi. Le suspect a tiré sur Jeremy avec que les députés du comté de Rusk ont arrivé sur place, mais Jeremy a continué la poursuite malgré avoir est tiré après jusqu'à ce que le suspect étant emboîté par les officiers du comté de Rusk. En débarquant de son véhicule, Jerry a échangé des coups de fusil avec le suspect. Finalement le suspect fut arrêter et retenu. Sans aucun doute, Jeremy a sauvé la vie et la sécurité de plusieurs personnes qui ne sauront jamais de quoi qu'aurait pu se passer en cette journée si Jeremy n'avait pas intervenu.

Chaque année Jeremy monte et travaille le montage des officiers responsables à la protection du ministère des ressources naturelles au « Dairy Land Implementation » durant la journée d'appréciation avec une as-

sistance d'environ 700 personnes. Le sujet est la sécurité en ce qui concerne les véhicules récréatifs, les bateaux, les motoneiges et la chasse. Il monte et travaille le montage du ministère à la foire annuelle de sécurité pour le comté de Rusk ou le sujet en jour est la sécurité sur les véhicules récréatifs.

Le lien de travail de Jeremy est rempli de ressources naturelles et d'activités en pleine air. Il a obtenu une croissance vaste des ressources et des lois mises en place pour les protéger. Un exemple est un cas que Jeremy a travaillé en 2009. Le député garde Phil Grassman et Jeremy travaillaient à Rusk, quant ils reçoivent une plainte contre le tirage d'un chevreuil. Il fut déterminé que cette personne observa une femelle avec trois faons dans la cour en arrière d'une maison. Quand arrêté, il frappa à la porte de la maison mais il n'y avait personne. Il obtenu son fusil et tira deux fois, a environ 25 pieds de la porte d'en arrière. Il abattu une femelle dans ses traces et l'autre se sauva blessé mortellement. Il ramassa celle abat. En réalisant qu'il n'avait pas l'étiquette pour chasse au chevreuil sans bois, il transporta le chevreuil à environ 4 miles à une ferme pour qu'une autre personne puisse mettre l'étiquette. En arrivant à leur domicile, les propriétaires ont remarqué les marques de trainage et ils étaient très fâcher. En faisant l'enquête Jeremy prit possession du chevreuil et plusieurs citations ont été servies.

Jeremy a activement participé en imposant la loi règlementaire des eaux et la protection de l'habitat pour ces obligations agressives. Il prend le temps d'informer et d'éduquer le public dans le besoin de garder les bateaux et leurs équipements hors l'empiètement des espèces et à inclus cette information dans un article de journal. En rencontrant le garde Bowe dans son bureau, il a donc passé deux pleines journées en travaillant avant les marchands de leurres en travers le comté. Dans son travail préliminaire, Jeremy découvre qu'il y avait seulement 5 des huit ou neuf marchands de leurres dans le comté avaient un permis valide. Scott et Jeremy ont pu faire 6 vérifications et ont trouvé violations. Ces violations incluait pas de permis, pas de vérifications des trappes à fretins, pas de certificat de santé pour la vente de ces fretins domestiques, le trappage de leurres sans permis valide et pas de journal sur le trappage de leurres récolter sur un permit de récolte.

En servant le ministère comme « FTO », Jeremy démontre un entraînement mémorable aux gardes recruits assigné à sa direction. Ces recruits, dessous la direction de Jeremy, au courant des dernières font commentaires à l'expérience complète qu'ils reçoivent de lui en travaillant dans le comté de Rusk. Il immerge les recruits dans la réalité de travailler dans un district très occupé. Comme investigateur avec expérience, il comprend l'importance d'engager des recruits avec un caractère d'intégrité et de moral exceptionnel. Il est aussi toujours prêt à accepter la responsabilité de une enquête complète sur chaque recruit qui il est assigné. Depuis 2004, Jeremy a servi comme instructeur « DAAT ». En provenant une fonction importante au service de garde, Jeremy a été instrumental à l'ajout d'entraînement par scénario qui stimule le renforcement des situations qui vont en faire face dans leur travail.

Jeremy participe annuellement comme collecteur de fonds dans la course au flambeau aux olympiques spéciaux en vendant des chemises et coureur dans une course de 5 milles entre les lacs Rice et Cameron. En connectant la communauté en média imprimé est une autre méthode qu'il utilise. Il a établi un article qui apparaît mensuellement dans un journal local et écrit un article qui est saisonnier concernant différents sujets du ministère des ressources naturelles. Jeremy écrit un article bimensuel sur le piège, au magazine senti et le fait depuis 2001. Pour trois jours chaque année, au mois de septembre, Jeremy donne une présentation d'une heure à tous les élèves de cinquième année concernant l'emploi de garde à la protection dans les écoles du comté de Rusk. Il fait aussi des présentations annuelles au club « Kiwanis », clubs sportifs et classes de conservation dans les écoles ainsi au « Rusk County FFA chapter » dans Ladysmith et Bruce, aux associations de propriétaires de lacs, club « QDM » et fait des séances à l'automne dans le comté de Rusk. L'internat est une partie très importante pour recruter et pour inspirer de l'intérêt dans nos jeunes vers la carrière de garde et Jeremy accomoda trois étudiants internes en 2009 en faisant le temps servi intéressant et qui vaut la peine. Jeremy participe à la journée carrière à l'école secondaire du comté de Rusk en créant un kiosk et répondant les questions à la carrière de garde à la protection et le procès d'application. Il sert comme juge à l'école de conservation « Our Lady of Sorrows » et au concours au programme de sensibilisation environnementales pour 45

élèves de la 6<sup>ième</sup> à la 8<sup>ième</sup> année dans Ladysmith qui est un événement annuel pour Jeremy et qui souligne le rapport entre les concerns environnementales et le garde en conservation. À chaque année Jeremy participe au « Summit Lake Youth Field Day » dans le comté de Sawyer et en 2009 Jeremy a donné 8 présentations sur le teneur de fourrure et la piège à 40 participants.

Jeremy est volontaire à chaque année au program « Shop-With-a-Cop » avec le département des shérifs du comté de Rusk qui fournit des fonds aux jeunes moins fortuné de la communauté afin qu'il puisse acheter des cadeaux de Noël pour eux et leurs familles.

### **NOUVEAU DIRECTEUR POUR LA RÉGION 3 SHAWN FARRELL**

Merci, je suis très heureux de servir comme directeur pour la Région 3. J'aimerais de féliciter et de remercier Mr. Rick Nash pour ces deux termes comme directeur. Bon travail!

Je suis employé à temps plein avec le ministère des ressources naturelles depuis 2002. Comme officier à la conservation de la faune, je suis responsable à la patrouille dans la région 3 ouest. Nous, mon épouse Shelley et moi, ont deux fils : Spencer (14 ans) et Ryan (11 ans). Nous demeurons à Fredericton, Nouveau-Brunswick. Mon temps libre est habituellement passé dans les champs de baseball, aux arénas, aux gymnases des écoles en regardant les jeunes courir après leurs rêves. S'il y a du temps de reste, j'aime les activités en plein air comme la chasse, la pêche, le canoë et participer comme volontaire dans des organisations communautaires.

Ma première engagement dans « NAWEOA » fut en 2003 quand j'ai assisté à ma première conférence à Terre-Neuve et depuis j'ai assisté à quatre autres. En 2009, j'ai fait part du comité d'organisation hôte de la conférence au Nouveau-Brunswick. Je suis président, au deuxième terme, de l'association des officiers à la conservation du Nouveau-Brunswick et j'étais trésorier pour deux termes avant.

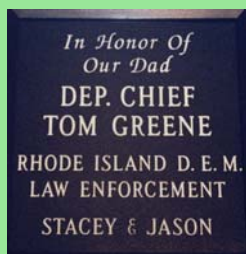
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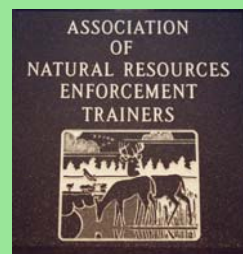


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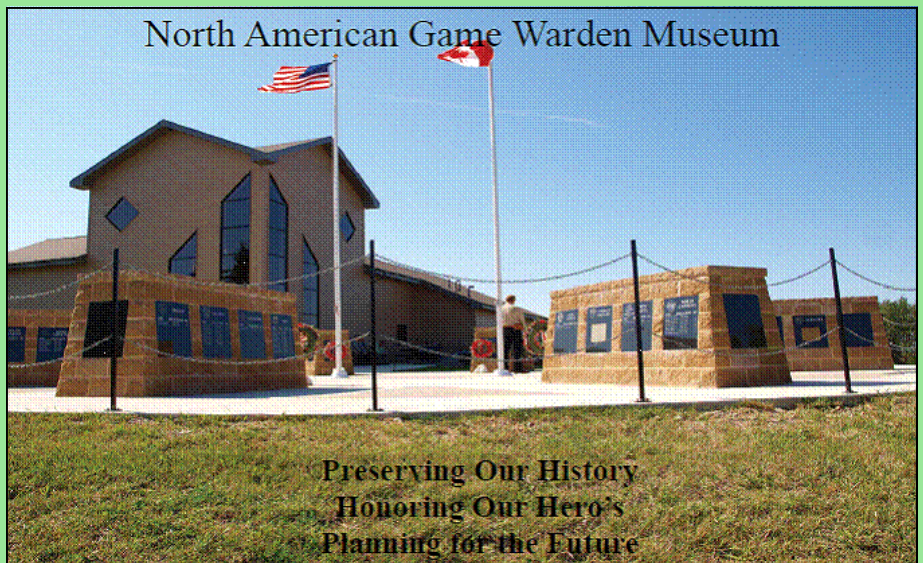
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# 2010 Warden Skills Day

By Jeff White

The NAWEOA 2010 Warden Skill Games were held on July 16, 2010, at the Millvale Sportsmen's Club. The competition included 5 events with 21 teams from throughout North America competing. The 5 events comprising the games were "Kill Phil", "Bear Trap Bonanza", "Amish Horse Power", "Taste of the Wild" and "Quack Up". Lunch, dinner, refreshments and a band were provided, with about 400 people attending.



"Punxatawney Phil", the world renowned groundhog weather predictor, was the target of "Kill Phil", a paintball shooting skill. Twenty "Phil" targets had to be "killed" by up to 4 shooters using up to 100 shots. The event was timed with a "runner" carrying up to 10 rounds per trip, with points awarded for hits and paintballs left. A surprise ammo check made this event even more difficult.



"Bear Trap Bonanza" required teams to unhook a bear trap from a vehicle, back it through a designated course, set the trap, catch the "bear", estimate its weight, shoot it with a dart gun, remove it from the trap, blindfold it, attach ear tags, reload the bear, pull the trap back through the course, and rehit it to the truck. The "bear" was a team member picked before the instructions were given. Twenty-one ear-tagged wardens are running around the continent at this time. When the trap was set, the "bear", wearing a bear hat, had to run a course, eat a doughnut, jump in

the trap, set it off, be processed, reloaded and ride back to the vehicle. Penalty time was assessed, with the best time winning.

The "Amish Horse Power" event was a real crowd pleaser. Two team members had to dress in traditional Amish "Ma" and "Pa" clothing and hook their team of 3 wardens (horses) to authentic Amish buggies. The buggies were pulled through a course with the horses being fed and watered at the turn. The event was timed with penalties for incomplete watering and feeding, loss of clothing, and driving outside of the course. The highlight was the pictures taken of each team after the event. These pictures are located on the NAWEOA website.



"Quack Up" was a timed event depicting duck hunters hunting with their dogs. Teams were required to travel 80 yards across a lake in a canoe with the canoe being propelled by a team member in the water wearing swim fins. "Shooters" in the canoe were allowed to assist paddling with ping-pong paddles. After crossing the lake, the duck was called and shot, and a blindfolded team member, acting as a dog, was released into the lake to retrieve the duck using only whistle commands. If and when the duck was retrieved, the team paddled back across the lake to the finish line. If a warden did not return from the conference, he may still be trying to retrieve his duck.



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# Warden Skills Game Competition Youth Field Day

*By Kathleen Nash, 16, daughter of NBCO Rick Nash*

This year, the conference committee organized a field day for the kids. We were bused early in the morning to a shooting range nearby. We had 5 different stations to visit. There were 4 different ranges and one pond where we canoed.



The canoeing was pretty fun. Some of the kids in my group had never canoed before, and I was very surprised. We paired up and then learned how to get in the canoe properly before pushing out. The instructor got us to all line up and race. My sister and I won the first race, and it soon began to get pretty competitive.

Out of the 4 ranges, I think the rifle range was the best. They had 22 rifles for us to start out with, and we also got to shoot M-15's. There was an option to shoot an AK-47 as well. The other guns the kids got to shoot were shotguns and muzzle-loaders. Both were fun, but I think I liked the muzzle-loaders better.



The last range we got to visit was the bow range. This was one of the most fun activities. I, being a lefty, was impressed when they even had a lefty bow that I could use. It was hard to aim at first, but with the help of the instructors I had it after a couple rounds.

The instructors helped a lot at each different station. For those of us who'd never done the different activities, the instructors really helped a lot. I thought this was a great activity and I thank the conference committee for putting on a great day for kids of all ages.



Spencer Farrell taking aim





# 2010 NAWEOA Conference Kids Program

By Kathleen Nash, 16, daughter of NBCO Rick Nash

The kids program this year was pretty good. There were lots of different activities for us to do. There was a kids activity room set up with lots of different games, TVs, and laptops. I participated in a couple of the activities they had set up during the day. One of those involved building and painting bluebird houses. Each of us got a bag with everything needed to make it, and instructors were there to help the younger ones. We then got to go outside and paint them. Another activity was painting the t-shirts we got to wear to the Youth Field Day with animal footprint stamps.



given out, the organizers pulled tickets from a hat and we got to go up and pick out a prize among the many available.



We also were able to attend the opening ceremonies, the Flight 93 Memorial/Dedication service and Torch Run/Walk, and watch our parents and friends participate in the Warden Skills, while we had a skills day of our own the following day.

They set up a couple different dinners for the kids, sort of like mini-banquets. The food was good and I think we all enjoyed it. On the last day they had another banquet for us and a bucket draw. We each got tickets to put into a draw and then, after the grand prizes were



For the teens, they had a movie outing and a pro baseball game. On Wednesday, the teens took a bus to a nearby theatre and went to see "Despicable Me". There was also an organized outing to see the local baseball team, the Pittsburgh Pirates. Even though I don't enjoy watching baseball much, it was fun because I got to go with friends I'd had from past conferences and new-found friends as well.



# NAWEOA Officer Exchange 2010

## NYC to NWT: Two worlds apart

By Nathan Favreau

On Friday, March 12, 2010, I left NYC headed for NWT. The first letter in the names of the cities and their proximity to marine waters are the only things that the two places have in common. As an Environmental Conservation Officer in the Bronx, my daily



duties may encompass checking solid hazardous waste transporters and checking heavy-duty diesel vehicles for air quality violations. Fish and wildlife

duties are constrained to checking fishermen (recreational and commercial) on the Long Island Sound and in the fish markets and inspecting pet stores for the sale of threatened and endangered species. Visiting the Northwest Territories (NWT) for the officer exchange program intrigued me because I wanted to see species such as arctic foxes and wolverines and experience enforcement of wildlife laws for large game such as caribou, musk ox, and polar bears.

I arrived at the Inuvik airport on March 14, more than 4,400 miles (7,000 km) from NYC. Inuvik is north of the Arctic Circle, but still south of the Arctic Ocean on the Mackenzie Delta where average temps for March range from a low of -20° F (-28.8° C) to a high of -1° F (17.5° C). The air is dry, so little precipitation falls (March average is 0.43 inches or 11 mm). Terrain is relatively flat and Inuvik is near sea level (49 feet or 15 m). While I was there, sunrise was around 8 am and sunset wasn't until after 9 pm.

Ian Ellsworth, Senior Wildlife Officer, from the NWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) picked me up



from the airport. He has worked in Inuvik for 10 years. Originally from Newfoundland, Ian worked in Nunavut before Inuvik. He outfitted me with a pair of warm Baffin boots, a down-filled anorak with a fur-lined hood, Ski Doo pants, goggles, wolf gloves, a fleece balaclava, and a Mountie hat lined with beaver. At the ENR compound on the Mackenzie River, we geared up to travel on Ski Doos from Inuvik to Paulatuk (about 400 miles or 644 km). Accompanying us and providing the brand new Ski Doos was Jonah Nakimayak. Jonah, a native of Paulatuk, needed the Ski Doos brought to Paulatuk. Each Ski Doo pulled a sled loaded with camping gear, food, fuel, and personal. Ian wanted to do this trip via Ski Doo in order to check for poaching along the route as most of the area along our route is closed to caribou hunting. It is difficult to cover so much territory and he usually covers it from the air, but this trip provided him the chance to check from the ground.



Ian and Nate checking the GPS

After gearing up, we headed east towards Paulatuk, our route roughly paralleling the Arctic Circle along the edge of the Beaufort Sea. Along the way, we saw a large herd of privately owned reindeer. I knew reindeer were domesticated caribou, but had not realized that reindeer are darker in body color and have shorter legs and muzzles than caribou. As an avid ruffed grouse hunter, I was nearly as excited to see spruce grouse flush just out of Inuvik. The white willow ptarmigan scattered by Ski Doos reminded me of pigeons. By 10:30 p.m., we had traveled 53 miles and stopped in a 10 x 14ft ENR cabin. The cabin was snug and allowed us to hang our gear to dry and eat a hearty dinner. This set our routine: eat a good breakfast, sled all day, and eat upon arrival at the destination at the end of the day. Sometimes that meant cooking steaks around midnight.

Monday brought high winds and hampered our ability to travel, so we stayed in the cabin. On Tuesday, Ian, Jonah, and I continued towards Paulatuk. We crossed frozen lakes and ponds. Vegetation was mostly willow poking up through. We caught a glimpse of a dark-bodied mammal in the vegetation – I hoped for a wolverine but had to be satisfied with a silver fox, a darker version of red fox. We stopped at a cabin to hydrate ourselves, chipping ice from the lake for drinking water and coffee. By late afternoon, we saw the last of the trees for the next couple days. We also saw a caribou herd, which by Ian and Jonah's accounts, obviously had not seen hunting pressure. We set up camp around 11:00 pm at Nulluk, 120 miles from where we started that morning, in a double-walled tent that we tied to our Ski Doos. The



Northern Lights were amazing; I was pretty tired though and didn't stay up long to watch them. Unfortunately, those were the only Northern Lights of the trip.



Wednesday morning we left Nulluk continuing to cross the Husky Lakes, stopping at a fuel cache first thing in the morning. Although the territory is obviously vast, the potential danger of traveling through cold weather in such sparsely populated country didn't strike me at the time. I'm sure this was due to Ian's common sense and preparedness, Jonah's obvious familiarity with the land and the weather, and SPOT technology and a satellite phone backing us up.

We saw a cache deposited by some outfitters, crossed a big bay, traveled across a spit of land, and saw our first musk ox of the trip. We saw a second set of musk ox and eventually kicked out at the mouth of the Horton River and onto the Arctic Ocean (Admundsen Gulf). Although I didn't realize it at the time, we passed the infamous Smoking Hills that have been smoking for centuries. Minerals in the soil ignite as the soil erodes and is exposed to oxygen.

On Wednesday, we traveled 230 miles on the Ski Doos to make it to Paulatuk, arriving at 2:00 a.m. on Thursday morning at Jonah's house. Jonah, a 64 year old Paulatuk elder and great-grandfather, is also an entrepreneur and received a grant from the government for ecotourism and plans to host tourists at his camp. We would fly over his camp on the way back to Inuvik the next day. It is in a beautiful spot where the river meets the bay and surely provides good fishing.

Part of the reason why we pushed on Wednesday was because conditions allowed for higher speeds; the other was that Jonah recognized that strong south winds were picking up. Sure enough, on Thursday the winds were strong (60 mph) and kept us confined to Paulatuk.

Friday morning we met Officer Toby Halle and boarded a helicopter and headed east towards the Nunavut border to check a polar bear hunter. The hunter, an American, was adhering to provincial law as he had hired guides from NWT (non-residential hunters must hire guides) and had dogs (fair chase law). Unbeknownst to us at the time, our helicopter would be back within the week to rescue the hunter and his guides from an ice floe that broke off in their pursuit of polar bears. We returned to Paulatuk to fuel up and then flew southwest

towards Inuvik. As we flew a route that was more inland than our journey to Paulatuk, I noticed more topography and prospecting lines used by companies for readings for fossil fuel prospecting. Along the way, we stopped at a camp to check on a pair of trappers. ENR picked up the three wolverine carcasses and additional furs to bring to Inuvik, where they are sold and the money is deposited in the trappers' accounts. We actively looked for caribou and caribou tracks to ensure that the ban on harvest was being upheld.

When we landed in Inuvik, we saw a Hercules jet being prepared. The Canadian military has an increased presence in Inuvik because of recent intrusions of foreign subs and planes into Canadian water and air space. NWT is rich in natural resources, such as diamonds, precious metals, and petroleum products. By this point, I felt like I had moved onto NWT time. At points, it was tough to figure out the times because of the increasing daylight each day. On Saturday, I flew Canadian Air from Inuvik back to Yellowknife. Gerald Fillatre, Detachment Supervisor of the Arctic Region for Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Pêches et Océans Canada), and his wife graciously hosted me at their home.

Sunday morning, ENR transported me to a caribou check station near Ross Lake on the Ice Road that services the diamond mines such as those of Snap Lake, Diavik, and Ekati farther to the northeast of Yellowknife. After visiting the caribou check station, ENR pointed out a gold mine where the amount of arsenic stored in frozen drums underground could kill every person on earth. Unfortunately, it will cost more to safely neutralize the arsenic than the companies gained by extracting the gold.

At Ross Lake, ENR checked vehicles and talked to occupants about their purpose for using the road (e.g., hunting, trapping). As in other areas of North America, but especially here in the NWT where human density is low and personnel have to cover large areas, ENR relies on reports and information from hunters. Hunters and trappers that cross the check point may be seeking large game and furbearers like wolves, wolverines, and caribou.

On Tuesday, before heading to the airport, I gave a presentation about the duties of Environmental Conservation Officers (ECOs) in NYC to the Fisheries and Oceans federal officers and fisheries biologists that were in Yellowknife for training.

Before leaving the Yellowknife Airport, I saw an inuksuk, a rock cairn used by Inuit in the Arctic to mark navigation routes and hunting locations. The inuksuk at the airport is an inunnguaq, a human form of the inuksuk, which some readers may recognize as a symbol for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. For me, the inunnguaq marked an adventure and an opportunity for which I am grateful.

Thanks to NAWEOA for selecting me to represent the United States in 2010 and for the generous financial support towards travel. Thank you to NWT ENR for organizing my trip. Thank you Ian and Nadine Ellsworth, Jonah and his wife, and Gerald and Adrienne Fillatre for their warm hospitality. Thank you NYS DEC Lt. Bernie Rivers for your guidance and support. Thanks to the NY State Captains and Majors Union, Lieutenants Union, Council 82, and the New York Conservation Officers Association who financially supported my travel.



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"Taste of the Wild" was a three-part event, where team members attempted to identify animal parts by feel only. The parts were located in covered water-filled pools and sealed boxes filled with dry powdered insulation to add to the challenge. After completing this portion, the teams' next challenge was to identify various animals by tasting their "scat". The "scat" was represented by foods that each animal species eats. The "scat" included honey, nuts and fish. The final portion of the skill consisted of aging a deer



by examining its jawbone. Although the event seemed serious, many surprises were found in the boxes including greased hotdogs, peeled grapes and other non-animal parts.

Congratulations to **Clint Deniker**, skills chairman, for providing a great skills competition. The winning teams for the Warden Skills were **"Idaho 2013"** and **"Hot Chicks with Guns"** who won the spousal competition.





## Winners of 2010 NAWEOA Officer Exchange

Left to right: Canadian Alternate, Roy Marchand, NB; US Alternate, Rodney Mee, PA;  
Canadian Winner, Paul Magill, NS; US Winner, Linda Swank, PA.



## Conference Banquet and Auction

By Dave Webster



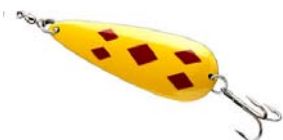
As everyone expected, our conference hosts from Pennsylvania did not disappoint when it came to hospitality. Throughout the week, conference attendees were treated to local delicacies such as smoked elk and deer sausage in the hospitality room along with other snacks and liquid refreshments to keep people socializing well into the evening. There was even a fish fry one night put on by the local officers which was a big hit and, safe to say, enjoyed by everyone.

True to form, the final banquet was a wonderful event held at the conference hotel, Four Points Sheraton. It was a venue large enough to accommodate the large crowd and the various displays and auction items. An excellent steak dinner was provided as we watched the presentation of the valour awards and some finishing touches to NAWEOA business.

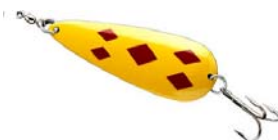
The live auction was the next part of the evening and, as usual, the quality of items to be auctioned was excellent. Some of the items included art prints, crafts, fishing trips and an African safari, just to name a few. At the conclusion of the auction, the DJ got the crowd moving as the lights dimmed and the music started. Everyone was encouraged to relax and enjoy the last evening with old and new friends alike.

I know this brief summary does not do the evening justice, but those of you who were there know what I am talking about, and those of you who weren't there, you missed a good one! Great job, Pennsylvania, and hope to see you all in Saskatoon.





## HOOKED ON SASKATCHEWAN 2011



On behalf of the organizing committee and the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers (SACO) we would like to invite you to the 2011 NAWEOA Conference that will be held in Saskatoon from July 18-24<sup>th</sup> 2011. We are excited to host in 2011 and promise this is a conference you won't want to miss. In addition to the good old fashion Saskatchewan hospitality, you can expect excellent training sessions, great entertainment and a variety of tours. There will be a variety of spousal and family activities offered. Youth events will include on- and off-site events including indoor and outdoor pool games, wii, crafts, zoo interpretive programs, archery, air pistol, HOFNOD, trout pond, plus much more. We would like to encourage families to plan for an extended stay in the province pre- or post-conference.

If you enjoy outdoor adventure, Saskatchewan was made for you. World-class fishing is just the start, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, biking, boating, camping, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, the list goes on and on. Choose from an array of attractions to suit almost every interest. Choose from fun events including small town gatherings and festivals, casinos, spas, great shopping areas and restaurants. Over 250 museums in every corner of our province proudly describe our past, while university-led cutting edge research helps define our future. Art galleries display collections that bring our many cultures to life. Science centers, museums, art galleries, mineral spas, river cruises, or dinosaur digs, if you like interesting, you'll be interested in Saskatchewan. A variety of parks can be found all over the province, many alongside Saskatchewan's 100,000 lakes and rivers. Camping is available within 15 minutes of the conference hotel. In order to ensure you get the most out of your vacation we have a travel planner who can assist you in any and all of your vacation plans.

Check out our website at [www.saco.ca/naweo2011](http://www.saco.ca/naweo2011).

Come see us in 2011 and I promise you will be *"Hooked on Saskatchewan"*

*Steve Dobko*, Conference Chairman

### 2011 Conference Hotel — Radisson Hotel Saskatoon



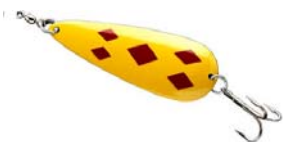
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Reservations: 1-800-395-7046 US/Canada  
Toll-free Telephone: (306) 665-3322 Fax: (306) 665-5531  
Web: <http://www.radisson.com/hotels/sksaskat>

**Conference Rate: \$ 142.00 for a standard room,**  
but treat yourself to a suite:  
Junior suites are \$182.  
One bedroom suites only \$202.00.  
Fantastic value, they need to be seen to be appreciated.

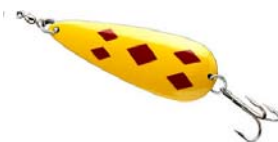
The Radisson is located in the heart of downtown Saskatoon, overlooking the South Saskatchewan River and Mee-wasin Valley Park. It has a very picturesque setting along the banks of the river. With friendly hospitality and convenient location, the Radisson is truly one of the best hotels in Saskatoon. 100% non smoking facility. The Radisson has completely renovated every one of its 291 spacious Saskatoon hotel rooms and suites. Complimentary high-speed, wireless Internet access is provided throughout the hotel for your convenience. In addition, all meeting rooms and the pool with water slide has also been completely renovated. It feels like a brand new hotel. Check out the website! If you want to grab a quick bite to eat during the conference at a time when no meals are supplied check out "Taste of Saskatchewan" with over 50 food vendors right outside the hotel on the river front. A farmers market is located within walking distance of the hotel.







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### Featured Training Sessions

#### **Alan Carlson - Wildland Serial Arson Investigation**

The presentation covers a major case study of a serial wildland arsonist who, over a period of 21 years, set over 150 wildland fires in a rural community of Northern California. This arson series resulted in numerous structures destroyed, several fires burning over 16,000 hectares each, loss of livestock, a major burn injury to a firefighter, and an average suppression cost of \$4,500,000.00. The presentation will look at both the successes and failures of the investigation and prosecution which led to a 2006 arrest and 2008 sentencing of the responsible party to 40 years in prison. The presentation will focus on “red flag” indicators to identify wildland serial arson along with investigative strategies and tactics specific to wildland arson which all investigators should be aware of and which will provide valuable hints in detecting and investigating serial wildland arson.

#### **Lt. Dale Caveny, Jr. - Surviving a Lethal Force Encounter**

The Physical, Emotional, and Legal Issues that Accompany a Lethal Use of Force. In this presentation we will examine the physical, emotional, and legal issues that accompany a lethal use of force. We will discuss how the incident can affect the officer on both personal and professional levels. We will also discuss how responding officers and supervisors can best handle the situation in a manner that offers protection for the officer while still maintaining objectivity for the ensuing investigations.

#### **Inez Cardinal - Environmental Prosecutor**

Inez Cardinal is a former Conservation Officer and currently a Senior Crown Prosecutor assigned to the Ministry of Environment. Inez will share her expertise and discuss environmental, fish and wildlife case law. Inez's dedication to these cases has rewarded Saskatchewan's Environment with a higher level of protection. Inez will present cases that have concluded in the last couple years and the advantage of being assigned to the Ministry.

#### **Ernie Cooper - TRAFFIC & Wildlife Trade, WWF-Canada**

TRAFFIC has a reputation as a reliable and impartial organization, a leader in the field of conservation as it relates to wildlife trade. TRAFFIC was established in 1976 and has developed into a global network, research-driven and action-oriented, committed to delivering innovative and practical conservation solutions based on the latest information. Wildlife trade is any sale or exchange of wild animal and plant resources by people. This can involve live animals and plants or a diverse range of products needed or prized by humans—including skins, medicinal ingredients, tourist curios, timber, fish and other food products. Ernie will discuss the large volume of wildlife in trade internationally.

#### **Michelle Bacon - Cypress Provincial Park Cougar Study**

Cougars were distributed throughout Alberta historically, but in the early 1900s, likely due to predator control and agricultural expansion, became limited to the southwest region of the province. In the late 1990s, cougars began re-populating their eastern Alberta habitat range. Surrounded by prairie in southeast Alberta and southwest Saskatchewan, Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park is a unique oasis that now supports a cougar population. As no bear or wolf populations exist in the area, Cypress Hills was lacking large carnivores prior to the return of cougars. Michelle will discuss: (1) What is the composition and distribution of the population of cougars in this region? (2) What are the seasonal and human effects on movement and range of the cougars inside and outside the Park boundaries? (3) What is the composition of prey- including livestock- killed by cougars?

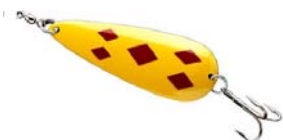
#### **Trent Bollinger – Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC)**

Trent Bollinger is an Associate Professor and Director, Western and North Regional Centre, Canadian Cooperative, Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC), Veterinary Pathology program at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Bollinger specializes in the pathology and epidemiology diseases in wildlife and fish. Dr. Bollinger's current work focuses on chronic wasting disease in deer and elk.

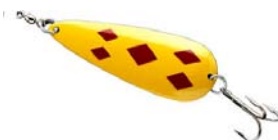
#### **Marc Cattet - Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC)**

Marc instructed Conservation Officers in Saskatchewan and brings a lot of knowledge and research to the table. He relates his knowledge to the field level Officer the importance of animal care, proper dart techniques, and practical application of tranquilizers. In Marc's dart injury research, the RCMP Forensic Lab slow motion cameras were used to clearly demonstrate what occurs once a dart hits an animal. Marc also has extensive knowledge in working with Polar Bears and Grizzlies.





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## Featured Training Sessions — continued

### Yeen Ten Hwang – CWD

Dr. Yeen Ten Hwang is the Chief Ecologist for the Science and Assessment Unit of the Fish and Wildlife Branch at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment. Currently, Yeen Ten deals with the strategic planning for the Fish and Wildlife Branch, specifically in Species-at-risk issues, biodiversity conservation and wildlife disease issues. Yeen Ten Hwang will discuss the ministries approach to dealing with CWD in wild cervid populations.

### Western Canada Law Enforcement Academy

In this presentation information on the research, development, and operation of the Western Conservation Law Enforcement Academy will be provided. This will include information on the cross Provincial and Territorial partnership which has lead to the current five year Memorandum of Understanding for the delivery of a shared academy for the five participating jurisdictions. Information will be provided on breaking Provincial/Territorial barriers, overcoming differences in jurisdictional policy, and the development of common course training standards that was required to make a joint venture across Western Canada possible. This presentation will outline the shared benefits of participating in WCLEA including the strengthening of agency training liability, efficiencies realized in a shared delivery model, development of Western Canadian training standards, and the effective use of training funds that has made this academy a success. This presentation will provide valuable information to those agencies that, like many, are experiencing reduction in budgets and training staff and are looking to alternate delivery models to ensure effective and efficient training of new officers. This is a presentation your agency cannot afford to miss!

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## BUSINESS AGENDA

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### Sunday

- ◆ 1:00pm – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open

### Monday

- ◆ 8:00am – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open

### Tuesday

- ◆ 8:00am – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open
- ◆ 8:00am–5:00pm NAWEOA Executive Meeting

### Wednesday - Uniform Day

- ◆ 8:00am – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open
- ◆ 8:0am – 9:30am Group Photo Grand March
- ◆ 10:00am – 4:00pm Opening Ceremony, Tribute to fallen officer ceremony, Motivational Speaker
- ◆ 12:00pm– 1:00pm Officer Luncheon and Awards Presentation
- ◆ 5:00pm – 7:00pm Torch Run - Supper

### Thursday

- ◆ 8:00am – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open
- ◆ 8: 30am- 10:00am Training Session
- ◆ 10:00am–12:00pm Officer Exchange Presentation
- ◆ 12:00pm – 1:00pm Female Officer Luncheon
- ◆ 1:00pm – 5:00pm Training Sessions

### Friday

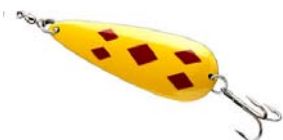
- ◆ Retired Officers Brunch
- ◆ 8:00am – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open
- ◆ 8:30am- 10:00am Training Sessions
- ◆ 10:00am – 12:00pm NAWEOA Business Session
- ◆ 1:00pm – 10:00pm Warden Skills Event
- ◆ Conference Bid Presentations

### Saturday

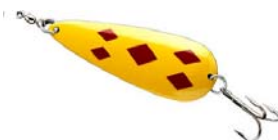
- ◆ 8:00am – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open
- ◆ 7:00am – 8:00am J-rep breakfast
- ◆ Training Sessions 8:30am – 4:00 pm
- ◆ 4:30 – 5:00 Closing Ceremony
- ◆ 6:00pm – Midnight – Banquet - Dance

### Sunday

- ◆ NAWEOA Executive Meeting
- ◆ Return to Jurisdictions



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## SOCIAL AGENDA

### Sunday

- ◆ 1:00 – 8:00pm - Registration Area Open

### Monday- Lunch on your own

- ◆ RCMP Museum Tour - \$60.00 (All day)
- ◆ Synchrotron tour daily - \$12.00 – 1hr
- ◆ Canoe trip 1:00pm - \$35.00 each
- ◆ Dakota Dunes Golf 1:00pm - - \$85.00
- ◆ Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan ( 8pm daily)
- ◆ River Boat Dinner Tour 6:30–8:00pm \$55.00
- ◆ Hospitality 8:00 – 12:00pm
- ◆ Casino shuttle – Every Evening

### Tuesday - Lunch on your own

- ◆ Tour -Trip to Moose Jaw – \$65.00 (All Day)
  - Tunnels of Moose Jaw
  - Canadian Forces Base Tour
  - Western Development Museum
  - SWF BBQ
- ◆ Canoe trip -1:00pm - \$35.00 each
- ◆ Synchrotron tour daily - \$12.00 – 1hr
- ◆ Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan 8 pm daily
- ◆ River Boat Dinner Tour 6:30 – 8:00pm \$55.00
- ◆ Taste of Saskatchewan 11:00am –9:00 pm
- ◆ Hospitality 8:00 – 12:00pm

### Wednesday - Uniform Day- Lunch Supplied

- ◆ Taste of Saskatchewan 11:00am– 9:00pm
- ◆ Synchrotron tour daily - \$12.00 – 1hr
- ◆ Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan 8:00pm daily
- ◆ Officer Luncheon 12:00 – 1:00pm
- ◆ Spousal Luncheon 12:00 – 1:00pm
- ◆ Children Luncheon 12:00 – 1:00pm
- ◆ Torch Run 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Bison Burger BBQ)
- ◆ Hospitality 8:00 – 12:00pm

### Thursday - Lunch on your own

- ◆ Female Officer Brunch
- ◆ Batoche National Park Tour - \$40.00 (8-5pm)
- ◆ Canoe trip - \$35.00 each (1:00 pm)
- ◆ Synchrotron tour daily - \$12.00 – 1hr
- ◆ Taste of Saskatchewan 11:00am – 9:00pm
- ◆ Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan 8:00pm daily
- ◆ Western Development Museum Tour
- ◆ Hospitality 8:00 – 12:00 pm **Sport Jersey Night- Wear your team colors**
- ◆ Bid presentations

### Friday - Lunch on your own

- ◆ Hutterite Colony Tour - \$25.00 each (8:30-11:30am)
- ◆ 1:00 – 10:00pm Warden Skills Event at the Forestry Farm and City Zoo
  - Fish Fry
  - Live Entertainment
  - Youth Games
- ◆ Synchrotron tour daily - \$12.00 – 1hr
- ◆ Canoe trip 1:00 pm - \$35.00 each
- ◆ Taste of Saskatchewan 11:00 – 9:00 pm
- ◆ Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan 8 pm daily
- ◆ Hospitality 8:00 – 12:00 pm

### Saturday - Lunch on your own

- ◆ J-rep breakfast 7:00am — 8:00am
- ◆ Family Day at Pike Lake Prov. Park
- ◆ Saskatoon Berry Barn
- ◆ Wanuskewin Heritage Park - \$12.00 (9-3:00PM)
- ◆ Banquet and Auction (6-12PM)

### Sunday

- ◆ Enjoy a post conference visit to Saskatchewan. Start of a fishing trip??



## 2010

### *Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony Game Warden Museum International Peace Garden*

My Name is Kevin Holland. I am a Montana Game Warden and a new member of the North American Game Warden Museum Board of Directors. I was given the honor of participating in a very special memorial ceremony in September of 2009 and again in August of 2010. I was asked to participate in the reading of the names of fallen officers at the only public memorial service dedicated to Game Wardens, Conservation Officers, Fish and Wildlife Officers, etc., of its kind in North America.

The North American Game Warden Museum is a place dedicated to educating the public about natural resource protection and honoring the memory of wildlife enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The memorial portion of the museum consists of stone cairn monuments placed in a wheel-spoke design. Each monument has memorial plaques for a state, jurisdiction, or province displayed on them. Each plaque lists the names and dates of officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The memorial overlooks an open area of the International Peace Garden with the Garden's Peace Towers in the background.



It was the dream of the founders of the Museum to provide a public memorial for our fallen comrades. This year, we held our second memorial service on August 28th. The service is simple but, like any service for co-workers who have died, it is very powerful and meaningful for those of us who are still on the job or who have worked in this profession.

We notified all the states and provinces and invited all officers and many immediate family members of fallen officers to the service. We understand many cannot come to north central North Dakota, but we have heard from many officers and families from all over North America that they appreciate and support our efforts towards the memorial and the education center.

We invite everyone to join us when we have the annual memorial service. If you cannot make it to our service, then we invite you to stop by the Peace Gardens and see your museum when you take your next vacation to this part of the country.





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## *2010 Game Warden Skills Day - 1st Place Team - from Idaho*



**From left to right: Matt Haag, Marshall Haynes, Rob Howe, Paul Christensen, and Eric Crawford**