

# NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



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**2017 NAWEOA OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
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**Shane Ramstead**  
***Alberta Fish and Wildlife***

Vice-President Shawn Farrell (right) presenting the Officer of the Year Plaque to Officer Shane Ramstead, Alberta Fish and Wildlife

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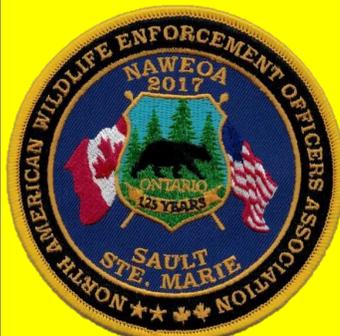
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## The President's Report

By Shawn Ferrell



I am truly honored to be serving as your President. When I attended my first NAWEOA conference, it became clearly evident this was an association I wanted to be part of. After becoming involved with NAWEOA as a regional director, I never dreamed I would be filling the position of President after completing 2 terms as regional director. I want you to know that I am committed to

serve the membership and above all, keep the association's best interests in mind.

On behalf of the NAWEOA Executive, I would like to thank Ontario Conservation Officer Justin Punchard, the Ontario Conservation Officers Association, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and all those involved in the planning and carrying out a very successful NAWEOA Conference. This year's 36th Annual Conference was held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and was only a vision a few years back when Justin was serving as NAWEOA regional director. The timing was great due to the fact the Ontario Conservation Officers Association was celebrating 125 years of service to the residents of Ontario and Canada was celebrating 150 years as a country. The collaborative efforts of officers, spouses and other volunteers certainly showed great team work and with such, a successful conference ensued as they did an incredible job hosting north of the border.

I would like to congratulate and thank Dave Webster for his 10 years of service to NAWEOA. Unfortunately Dave could not attend this year's conference due to the wildfires in British Columbia. Lew Huddleston has moved to the Past President position and Region 4 Director Rick Langley (Arizona) has stepped up to the Vice President role while Jason Sherwood (Wyoming) fills the role of Region 4 Di-

rector. The only other change in directors was in region 7 where Larry Hergenroeder (Pennsylvania) replaced Kevin Clayton. Thank you Kevin for the work you have done as Region 7 Director. I am looking forward to serving you the membership and working with our executive board.

This year Scott Haney completed his term as Conference Liaison. Scott was also unable to attend due to a family emergency. Scott with the support of his wife Nettie has spent an incredible amount of time planning our past few conferences and this year was no exception. His expertise, dedication and passion to NAWEOA ensure attendees had a memorable experience while attending. Thank you Scott and thank you Nettie for the support you have given. Richard Cramer has agreed to replace Scott as our Conference Liaison. We are very fortunate to have Rich filling this position. He has served 10 years on the board and brings a wealth of knowledge to NAWEOA.

Unfortunately our partnership Brent Wyatt-West and Paul Dinnerman has come to an end. They will no longer be selling advertising for our IGW magazine. Carlos Gomez has agreed to come back on board to secure advertising for the magazine. Thank you Carlos.

The next couple of year's conferences will be hosted by other agencies/associations. The board will be overseeing the conference planning as each agency/association forges onward with their preparation. Contracts have been signed for Cheyenne Wyoming (2018) followed by Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (2019). Tennessee has showed interest in 2020. It has been a while since we had groups step up and this takes a tremendous load from the shoulders of the executive board. Thank you. If any other agencies/associations are interested in hosting please contact Rich Cramer.

Summer has gone by way too fast and fall is now upon us. I anticipate your upcoming season will be busy – take care and stay safe.

## The Vice President's Report

By Rick Langley



Thank you to all who attended the Summer Conference and participated in the elections, whether you were a candidate or part of the voting membership. Congratulations and welcome to President Shawn Farrell; I look forward to a productive year under your leadership! I am truly honored and humbled to be your new

Vice President. I also want to thank and congratulate all of the returning Regional Directors and our two new Regional directors; Larry Hergenroeder from PA for Region 7 and Jason Sherwood from WY for Region 4. Kevin Clayton from MA is leaving the Board and I want to express my gratitude to Kevin for his leadership, drive, and desire to maintain NAWEOA as a professional organization. I hope we continue to see you each summer Kevin.

To begin with, I want to congratulate and thank the Ontario Conservation Officers Association and the Ontario Min-

## The Vice President's Report (continued)

By Rick Langley

istry of Natural Resources for the outstanding support and organization they did for the summer conference in Sault St Marie, ON. Scott Haney, Conference Liaison, also did an incredible job ensuring that everything would run seamlessly, and it did! Scott was unfortunately unable to stay for the conference and see the fruits of his labor, but family comes first! This was Scott's last conference as the Liaison and I cannot express the gratitude I have for the years of hard work, sacrifices and support that Scott has contributed to the Association. On that note, I also want to welcome Rich Cramer from PA as the new Conference Liaison. Rich has agreed to give us at least the next two years in this position and the Board is extremely grateful to have him on board.

I am really excited for the next two years and I feel that NAWEOA is poised to break free from the financial hardships of sponsoring the annual conference. This will free up the Board from doing everything to ensure the conference will happen, to being more proactive and looking for ways to benefit the membership, promote and encourage recognition for the outstanding work of officers, and continue to bring our membership together for outstanding training and comradery.

The Wyoming Game Warden's Association is sponsoring the 2018 Conference in Cheyenne, WY July 16-20, 2018. They have been doing a lot of planning and coordination and things are lining up beautifully for an out-

standing conference. They are soliciting ideas for the training you would like to see at your conference. If you have some thoughts on presentations or material that you would like to see, please contribute your thoughts to Kelly Todd ([Kelly.Todd@wyo.gov](mailto:Kelly.Todd@wyo.gov)), or Aaron Kerr ([Aaron.Kerr@wyo.gov](mailto:Aaron.Kerr@wyo.gov)). Cheyenne Frontier Days immediately follows the conference, so if you would like to experience one of the best rodeo spectacles, please stick around for a couple days after the conference. You will want to plan ahead and reserve rooms ASAP!

Oklahoma has also signed a contract to sponsor the 2019 Conference in Oklahoma City. There are a bunch of notable sights and opportunities around OKC that I am excited to see. I have no doubt that our friends from Oklahoma will put together an outstanding conference for us. I finished writing this at the last minute and just sent one of our officers off as part of a team responding to the rescue efforts in Houston. At the same time I'm monitoring the Facebook posts from my friends in Montana and Canada who are dealing with rampaging wildfires and praying for rain. British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan officers are all dealing with evacuations, protection efforts, and public safety as well as worrying about the safety of their homes and families. Praying for the safety of all of our officers and first responders assisting in these disasters.

## The Past President's Report

By Lew Huddelston



The summer general membership meetings basically revolved around three issues. (Outside of the officer exchange presentation.

The three items were the 2017 treasures report, the dealing with Brent Wyatt West and them trying to get big name advertisers for The International Game Warden magazine and

the financial audit that was passed by the general membership at the summer conference general membership meeting in Vermont.

I'll address all three of those items for the general membership not able to attend the summer meeting.

After last year's summer meeting the board heard some concerns about the treasures report that Secretary Treasure

Steve Beltran provided. The feeling seemed that the amount of information provided wasn't up to the level of the previous secretary treasurer.

This year Steve took those thoughts to heart and provided the most in depth and thorough financial report I have been involved with since I've been associated with the Executive Board. When Steve was done with his financial report he had essentially gone through line by line letting the general membership see here everything dime was spent. If there was a specific question concerning a particular line item debit, Steve was able to pull up the item and explain specifically what the money went to. Kudos go to Steve and the complete and transparent financial report provided to the membership.

That leads us into one of the other items. Last year the general membership voted to have an audit done with our financials. As I started contacting our tax accountant to broach the subject he provided me quite a bit of information that he needed to provide the appropriate service

## The Past President's Report (continued)

By Lew Huddelston

the membership wanted. Just so everyone knows there are two different types of audits. One is a general audit where the auditor picks a number of random debits and asks to see the documentation provided to justify payment. They make a number of random inquires and make sure everything balances. That type of audit would cost from \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00 per year. The second type of audit is a forensic audit where the financials are gone over with a fine tooth comb. The accountant told me a forensic audit is normally done when an entity feels there has been some sort of embezzlement taking place. The accountant told me a typical forensic audit runs typically twice the amount of a general audit. They also told me their accounting office doesn't do forensic audits. At that point the board decided to go back to the general membership asking for more guidance concerning the audit. The questions needing answered were, what type of audit we should do, what year or years we should audit, how much should we spend. The transparent and thorough report Steve provided the membership gave the membership enough confidence the decision was made and voted upon to suspend the financial audit.

The third item was the disappointing news that Brent Wyatt West was not going to resign the contract we had with them for another year. As of right now we are back in the same spot we were in a couple years ago as far as IGW. The magazine continues to be self-sufficient but not rally a source of income to NAWEOA.

The board is moving forward exploring another option for the future concerning IGW and a potential business to look for advertisers.

I hope everyone had a great time during the 2017 Saulte Saint Marie Ontario Canada conference.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Cheyenne Wyoming next July.

And yes, I'm loving retired life!!!!

## Region 4 Director Jason Sherwood



I'm humbly honored to be writing this note to introduce myself as the Region 4 Director of NAWEOA following the elections at this summer's annual conference. NAWEOA is very "near and dear" to my heart and I am very excited for this opportunity to further expand my involvement in the association.

As for my background, becoming a Wyoming game warden was my goal long before I entered high school. I was hired as a contract game warden in the spring of 2001, and after working assignments across much of the state, I eventually was promoted to be the East Casper District Game Warden in 2005. I transferred to become the Laramie Region Access Coordinator in 2006 and have remained in this position ever since. As the regional access coordinator, I work with private landowners across southeastern Wyoming to create "no-fee" access opportunities for hunters and anglers. Participating landowners receive a small monetary payment, liability protection, and the rules set through the access program become enforceable regulations. I focus extra enforcement on enrolled properties and am available assist the region with other enforcement and management issues. I have also served on the Wyoming Game Wardens Association board for more than ten years, recently step-

ping down as the association secretary.

Along with several other Wyoming wardens, I was able to attend the 2008 Great Falls, MT NAWEOA conference on department time. My eyes were opened when the name of a very familiar Wyoming poacher came up in conversation with officers from nearly 1,000 miles away the first evening. Before the conversation ended, wardens from two other states had joined in to share some great intelligence—and I learned first-hand how widely some of our poachers travel.

In 2012, I was again able to attend a NAWEOA conference with department support. I invited my wife, Trey, to come along. Despite her initial trepidation, she came along and quickly learned NAWEOA conferences are much more family-oriented than most. At the conference, we were both able to attend talks with Dr. Kevin Gilmartin, author of "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement," who was able to help us make sense of our chaotic lives. Aside from one conference Trey missed due to a ruptured Achilles tendon, we have attended every NAWEOA conference since Arizona.

During the 2013 conference's business luncheon, my name was pulled for the officer exchange. Through the association, I was able to spend nearly two weeks working alongside a number of remarkable wildlife officers in various locations across Newfoundland. The experience was in-

## Region 4 Director (continued) Jason Sherwood

credible—we not only shared some technology, tips, and tricks, but their seemingly ever-positive outlook and perseverance were personally inspirational. I feel I will forever be indebted to NAWEOA for this timely opportunity.

After seeing NAWEOA go through some leaner years, a few of us finally convinced our state warden association it was time to bring the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association's annual conference to Wyoming. Last year, we secured the bid to host the 2018 conference in Cheyenne, and, as the local conference committee chair, I am extremely excited to share some very "Wyoming" experiences with conservation officers from across the continent—as well as to bring a diversity of officers to Wyoming. I hope our newer officers can find as much value in the association as I have.

Our plans are well underway and we have a great conference in the works for July 14 – 20, 2018. If you're on Facebook, please join our private group to keep up on the latest developments. The group can be found at <http://>

[tinyurl.com/yb9j9ho6](http://tinyurl.com/yb9j9ho6). The Little America Conference Center and Resort will be the epicenter, and the room block is already open at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/4651?groupID=1703984>. Room rates are between \$89 and \$99/night and the registration website will open very soon. Registration fees will range from around \$200 (US) for members to \$50 for kids, and will include all NAWEOA training and events (except for special sight-seeing/tour opportunities and hospitality nights). This year, the standard registration will include the Torch Run BBQ and T-shirt, as well as a number of other group meals throughout the event. We are working to ensure the conference has an abundance of POST-certified training opportunities, as well as some interesting local alternatives for retirees and family members who aren't as concerned about recorded training hours.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Cheyenne next summer, and am excited to take on this new role as the NAWEOA Region 4 Director!

## Region 7 Director Larry Hergenroeder



I am humbled and greatly appreciate the support received from the NAWEOA attendees in Sault Ste. Marie, to serve as your Region 7 Director. I would like to recognize and thank those that have served in this position prior, whose hard work and dedication has paved the path for me to follow.

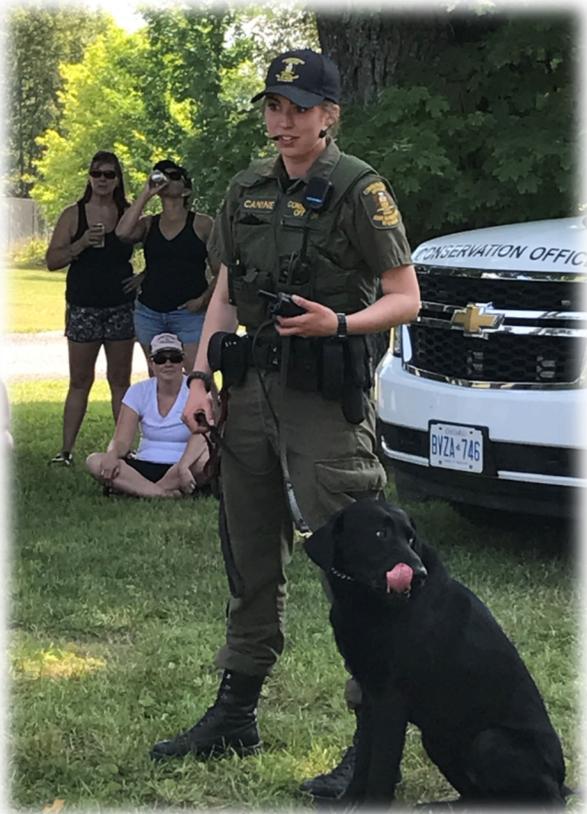
My name is Lawrence (Larry) Hergenroeder and I am a Wildlife Conservation Officer Special Investigator / K9 Handler for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I am married to my wife Missy residing in Grove City, PA. I began my career in 2003 as a Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer. In 2007 I was accepted into the Ross Leffler School of Conservation in Harrisburg, PA graduating as a full time Officer in March of 2008. I was assigned to southern Mercer County which borders Ohio on its western edge. In 2014 I was promoted to my current position which en-

compasses 20 counties in the western third of the Commonwealth.

I am a life member of NAWEOA and the North American Game Warden Museum. I have been a member of the Conservation Officers of Pennsylvania Association since 2003. My experience as a board member includes a three year term as a board trustee for COPA and a three year term as a US Director for the NAGWM serving as Vice-President for the latter two years. I have attended every NAWEOA conference since my first in 2010 serving in many capacities including PA's Warden Skill's Committee, Ceremonial Unit details, and as the Torch Run Chairman for 2013-2015. My interest was immediate to one day join the Executive Board and promote our Association. The time is now and I hope to see many new faces at next year's Conference in Wyoming along with all of the old ones that have become my second family. My sincerest gratitude for the opportunity.

## 2017 NAWEOA Warden Skills By Region 7 Director Larry Hergenroeder

Conference attendees and fourteen, five person teams, converged on the St. Joseph Township Centennial Grounds in Richards Landing, Ontario, for the popular Warden Skills Competition. The Ontario Conservation Officers Association and its retirees stepped up to deliver a memorable event that included six skills stations. Along with the stiff competition, the sounds of music filled the Centennial Grounds with a live performance by the band "Following Sea". Ontario K9 Officer, Megan Venoit, performed a K9 demonstration for the attendees, followed by a question and answers segment. Attendees were also welcome to experience the impressive Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources wildlife display trailer.



Competitors hit the grounds running, literally, and in no particular order. One of the skills stations was the Dog Sled Race with wardens competing, head to head, in a race to fill a dog sled with various grocery items. These items included six raw eggs that had to return to the finish line unbroken, or a penalty would have been imposed. All five wardens sprinted to the dog sled, filling it with the grocery items. Four wardens pulled the sled by a rope, while one warden pushed, as they raced out to a flag. The warden pushing the dog sled, had to grab the flag, place it in a holder. The team then, made a 180 degree turn, pulling the sled back to the

finish line. Elapsed times were recorded to determine the points break down. The team with the fastest time was awarded fourteen points, and the team with the slowest was awarded one point.

The next station was the Snowshoe Race, again, going head to head with another team. All five team members placed their feet in nylon straps, on two boards. Teams had to maneuver through a course that had two ninety degree turns, stopping at two traffic cones to retrieve a ball cap for each competitor. Once the ball caps were placed on their heads, they turned 180 degrees, sprinting to the finish. Like the dogsled race, time was recorded for the event, only ending when the last team member had crossed the finish line.

The next station was Ontario/Canada Trivia. Wardens had to answer 25 questions about Ontario, and the other Provinces of Canada. Teams had a total of twenty minutes to complete all 25 questions. To find the answers, they did anything from looking at a Canadian 5 dollar bill, to sprinting across the Centennial Grounds to find a NAWEOA 5K Torch Run t-shirt. Points were awarded for each correct answer and thankfully, not taken away for those that were wrong.

The next station was Furbearer Identification. This again, was a timed exercise. In the event of a tie, OCOA retirees would use the elapsed time to determine the winner. A large duffle bag containing 18 numbered furs was opened and the wardens had to provide the common name for each species. Additional points were awarded when the genius name was added to each furbearer. Finally, wardens had to name the 5 species that required a CITES permit. With the mindset that participants were naming furbearers, OCOA retirees attempted to trip up the competitors by adding a gray squirrel pelt.

The next station was Crime Scene in the woods. Wardens were given a log book, a map and a time limit to walk around the outside of a taped off area of woods. In the taped off area, there were several items stashed among the trees and ground cover. Items had to be identified without entering the taped off area. Leaning over the tape or extending your arm to point out an item, would result in a penalty. A camp site offering clues, for



## 2017 NAWEOA Warden Skills (continued) By Region 7 Director Larry Hergenroeder

what may be contained within the taped off area, made for some keen eye work. Identified was everything from fishing poles hanging in the trees, to foot hold traps and spent shell casings. When an item was discovered, it had to be recorded on the evidence log and marked on the map, identifying its location. Additional points were awarded for each item's description and how that item linked to a wildlife crime. Most teams sent three teammates ahead to find as many items as they could, while two served as the recorders for the items found. As time quickly ticked away, most teams did not find all 50 plus items that were there to be identified.

The final station was somewhat refreshing due to sunny skies with temperatures reaching the 80's. Water Balloon Sling Shot, had wardens launching water balloons from home plate into the outfield of the baseball diamond. Two team members were waiting the projectiles, where any method, including clothing, could be used to catch the water balloons. Points were awarded, only when the balloons were caught without breaking. There were three different zones where points were awarded for each balloon caught. There was one point for the front zone, three points for the middle zone, and five points for the back zone. A total of ten balloons were launched by each team. The team with the highest point total for balloons caught, received 14 points for their efforts.



After all the blood, sweat and tears, a long line formed, stretching the length of the food pavilion. Attendees were served burgers and brats, hot off the grill. Sides of coleslaw, chick peas and salad, were offered as well. Plenty of

refreshing cold drinks were available to help beat the heat. During the meal, the live entertainment, "Following Sea", continued performing music. A creel was passed around to



gather a donation for their performance. Over \$450.00 was collected. The band donated the proceeds back, to benefit the Fallen Officer's Memorial Fund. This was a class act by the band mates of "Following Sea".

With all of the points needing to be tallied, The Warden Skills Chairman waited until the Friday night banquet to announce the winners. The top three teams were called to the banquet floor, including the 14<sup>th</sup> place finishers, Team "Sho Me Five". In good sportsmanship, with this team placing last, members were awarded a pair of goggles and a walking stick.

Team "Sudbury Wolves" were the events third place finishers. Team "Duty Free" took the runners up position. With an overall score of 67 points, Team "Fort Frances" was crowned the 2017 Warden Skills Champions. Congratulations to the winning team!

As the prestigious Warden Skills Trophy was raised in victory, another chapter of its legacy comes to a close. Next year our Wardens will do battle, competing for top honors in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A big thank you goes out to the Ontario Conservation Officers Association, its retirees and the NAWEOA Executive board, for another day filled with fun, food and friendly competition.

## 2017 NAWEOA Torch Run By Thomas Caifa

The 17th Annual NAWEOA Torch Run was held on Tuesday, July 18th at Bodnar Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Over 250 participants completed the scenic run/walk along the St. Lawrence River on the scenic Hub Trail. Once again, the weather was picture perfect for the event – sunny and warm with the temperature hovering around 70 degrees.

The race ended at the Bodnar Park Pavilion, where the runners and walkers then enjoyed a pulled pork dinner courtesy of Low & Slow Smoked Fusion Barbeque, a great local establishment. Special thanks go to the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association for supplying the beer!



After dinner, the awards ceremony was held to recognize the winners in the five classes of competitors. Top honors for fastest time of 20:49 overall went to 14-year-old Cole Arnold. The kid was fast! Other runners and walkers placing in their respective classes were:

### MENS DIVISION

1ST	Wyatt Bubak	22:01
2ND	Carlo Pace	22:56
3RD	Adam Hymas	23:18

### WOMENS DIVISION

1ST	Jennifer Perrone	24:45
2ND	Julie Slack	26:41
3RD	Karen Burgess	27:14

### OVER 50 DIVISION

1ST	Ray Dierking	26:39
2ND	Ken Snowden	26:55
3RD	Dave Beavers	30:42

### YOUTH DIVISION

1ST	Cole Arnold	20:19
2ND	Reese Arnold	20:25
3RD	Matt Beltran	27:03

### WALKER DIVISION

1ST	Bob VerBerkmoes	38:11
2ND	Roger Selesse	40:22
3RD	Elise Walter	42:27

I would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers, NAWEOA, the Ontario COA and the NAGW Museum board members for making this event a success. Thanks to all of you, we raised over **\$10,300** for the North American Game Warden Museum – our 3<sup>rd</sup> highest amount ever! I hope to see you all in Wyoming next year.

## 2017 NAWEOA Board Elections By Brock Lockhart

During the 2017 NAWEOA convention in Ontario a number of board positions saw turnover and new members stepping up into new roles. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating the following individuals to the executive. Lew Huddleston is now in the Past President position as Dave Webster has completed his commitment and moved on. Shawn Ferrell has taken on the role of our current President, therefore leaving a vacancy in the Vice President role. We welcome Rick Langley as the new Vice President. Additionally there were some changes in some of the Regional Director positions. We are lucky to have two

new members on the board. Jason Sherwood and Larry Hergenroeder will fill in for Regions 4 and 7 respectively. And lastly we extend a welcome to Richard Cramer who will act as Convention Liaison for the executive.

Please join me in welcoming these folks into their new positions and in thanking those who have filled them previously. Our association relies on its membership to step up and make commitments such as these in order to promote and endorse our profession as Wildlife Officers.

# 2017 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award Officer Shane Ramstead, Alberta Fish and Wildlife By Shawn Farrell



This year's recipient is a second generation game warden whose father was one of the Founding Fathers of NAWEOA as well the first NAWEOA President. Shane's nomination was a collection of narratives from fellow officers that have worked with Shane throughout his career. I will touch on the highlights that some of them provided.

## **Chris Watson, District Fish and Wildlife Officer**

Shane is the son of legendary Fish and Wildlife Officer Lew Ramstead and his beautiful wife. As was typical of many Officers of that day and age, the family moved about the Province rather regularly through Shane's early life.

They say this demonstrated commitment and performance over an extended period of time is worthy of recognition, which is something I think we all would agree on. It will be tough to find another provincial Fish and Wildlife Officer that rivals Officer Ramstead's enforcement actions and detailed occurrence documentation on ENFOR. It is apparent that Shane continues to deliver to all expectations of our enforcement and compliance

program to an extremely high level with over 300 enforcement actions in this last year alone. One has to keep in mind that living in a small community and putting forth this kind of enforcement effort can result in a lot of distain, but quite the opposite is true. Individuals refer to Shane as a hard working Officer who's no nonsense approach to law enforcement is commendable and understood.

Officer Ramstead has always represented our Branch well and epitomizes what a professional resource based law enforcement Officer should become. Appearance is but one component that defines or contributes to an officer's professionalism. Shane's consistent and proper adherence to dress and deportment was recognized decades ago and as such he was called upon to represent the Branch as a member of our honor guard. These were important times for our Branch and our Association as our dress tunics had been removed from service leaving Officers only their everyday work uniform to attend formal functions in. Shane and the Alberta Game Warden Association took steps to ensure that tunics and an honor guard would eventually lead us down a path

# 2017 NAWEOA Officer of the Year Award (continued) Officer Shane Ramstead, Alberta Fish and Wildlife By Shawn Farrell

where all Officers would once again be issued a proper dress tunic in raising awareness and professionalism within the Branch.

This professional appearance may have those that don't know Shane believing that he was most comfortable in an office environment but nothing could be further from the truth. Shane's knowledge and competence in the bush would rival many of the greatest early game wardens, as an expert trapper, angler and hunter Shane has come to know the fish and wildlife resource in his district as well or even better than most biologists of the region. It is this connection to the land, with the fish and wildlife resource, with aboriginal communities and stakeholder groups who truly depend and cherish these natural wonders that separate Shane from most others. Certainly the people that know Shane the best understand and appreciate this.

Shane's commitment and understanding of our natural resource was reflected in a recognition award he received from the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation in 2014. The Nation awarded Shane this rare honor to pay tribute for the outstanding service and efforts he had put forth within the community over the past 25 years. These efforts included working with senior crown prosecutors and the community as a whole, to trace the genealogy of First Nations members to secure hunting rights which was aimed at preventing lengthy and often time consuming legal challenges. The same could be said of bull trout conservation, Office Ramstead was recognized with the Bull Trout Conservation Award for his persistent patrol efforts and dedicated enforcement plans. As a founding member of the Grande Cache Tourism and Interpretive Centre Shane's effort and involvement devoted as a founding member were formally recognized on October 16, 2016 in the Centers 20th Anniversary Commemoration.

Officer Ramstead is well known for his community involvement. Through the years Shane has coordinated fundraising efforts, planned dinners and partook in meeting and other public engagements as a community steward.

From our newest recruits, right on up thru the ranks from District Officers, Inspectors, and Superintendents, Officers have gone to Shane for advice, to use him as a sounding board, to share ideas, to discuss values, to even contemplate the current direction in which we are moving as a Branch. Shane's passion for this career, this lifestyle is undeniable, it is nothing short of incredible and to see this passion carried forth thru a lifetime. Like many of us, his pursuit of excellence on the job clouded his ability to balance time with family. The job became an all-encompassing responsibility, putting him on call 24/7. Recognizing this fault, Shane uses these personal examples to encourage those who follow, to understand the need to place family first, and in this last decade has managed to master this important task.

In his role as a supervisor and mentor he has enabled us to learn the job, to have impact in our community, to remain diligent in our efforts, to focus on what's most important for the resource. By modeling professionalism and dedication he has inspired us all to become better. Shane has allowed us to stand on the shoulders of a true giant, he has challenged us along the way and made us better individually, and in doing so we have become stronger as a Branch.

## **“Dan Downie - Fish and Wildlife Officer, Grande Cache District”**

I have worked with Officer Ramstead since I started with Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Branch in the fall of 2015. Even before I got to Grande Cache several Officers had told me that I got posted to a great district with one of the best District Officers in the Province. It was evident when I arrived in Grande Cache that over 30 years of service, and most of them in the Grande Cache district, had not affected Shane's drive or desire for the job. I can remember the excited look on his face when he found a vehicle parked at one of the local fishing hot spots. It's like it was his first day on the job and he was still going to catch every offender. From walking rivers to hiking mountains, Shane was always willing and eager to do what was needed to protect Alberta's resources.

I have had several conversations with people from Grande Cache, as well as people from other parts of the Province that have met Shane, and all of them speak very highly of his professionalism and the effort he puts into his job. It quickly became obvious that Shane conducts himself in the most fair and professional manner to have previous violators continue to talk to and respect him.

Throughout his time in Grande Cache, Shane has left a long lasting impact on the people that live here and the town as a whole. Shane was instrumental in developing the Town of Grande Cache Tourism Center and provided nearly all of the wildlife mounts that are in there today.

## **“Mike Ewald Regional Problem Wildlife Specialist, Northeast Region”**

Working with Shane for 17 years in the Grande Cache District was a great learning experience. He was far more a partner than a boss. Shane allowed me to be the game warden that I wanted to be, but slyly added his passion for the resource. He did not have to tell me how to do the job; he showed me. His work ethic and dedication to the Fish and Wildlife Officer career is second to none that I know of. While in the role of District Officer and running six Provincial Recreation Areas, he consistently went out year after year and wrote more enforcement actions than anyone

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else in the area. His career is an example of how a District Officer can still be a very active field officer and not get tied to the office and buried in paperwork. Shane is extremely articulate and could push out more paper in a short time than I could even dream of.

All parts of the career as a Fish and Wildlife Officer were mastered by Shane and impressed upon those that worked with him. School, community and industrial presentations were a great way to educate the clientele that we dealt with. Community involvement was another important role that Shane immersed himself in. He showed me how a Fish and Wildlife Officer could gain the respect of certain stakeholders by being professional with an immediate and knowledgeable response to issues and concerns.

Being a Fish and Wildlife officer is certainly a way of life for Shane rather than just a job. Any responsibility taken by Shane or assigned to him was taken with undeniable focus. It was never good enough to "just get the job done". Shane takes all his responsibilities very seriously. Shane has worked very closely with the local RCMP, Forest Officers and Biologists. Shane's passion for, and dedication to, protecting the natural resources of Alberta are impossible to overlook.

## **“Superintendent Kevin Stalker, Central Region”**

District Officer Shane Ramstead has placed himself on the frontline of conservation law enforcement for 35 years. Shane has made me a better manager. First and foremost Shane will always ask the question "why?" He always thinks strategically and wants to know why we are moving in one direction or the other. Over the years, this inquisitive nature has led me to call on Shane as a sounding board and for solutions based in practical frontline delivery. Shane's work ethic has set the bar at a level that, frankly most of us can only imagine and for me would be an impossible accomplishment to sustain. Shane has always been an enforcement guy, plain and simple he loves to catch bad guys. When I speak of sustained effort over the past twenty years Shane has consistently averaged over 125 enforcement actions per year. That might not seem like a lot to some folks, but here is the reality there are very few lakes to patrol in the Grande Cache District. Every ticket has been hard earned on the back of endless trips to the falls on the Muskeg or the pool upstream at the railroad trestle or to the backcountry of Sheep Creek or the Smoky River. Trust me tickets don't fall in your lap with the remoteness that surrounds Grande Cache. An expert interrogator, Shane has an inherent ability to understand what has gone on and will follow every blood trail to the end. With a speck of blood the next thing you know he is seizing a sheep or moose and violators are turning in their friends to lessen their trauma. No stone is left unturned and yet he brings a firm but fair approach.

Shane has been a community game warden in Grande Cache and even those he has charged from Grande Cache know they received respectful and fair treatment and speak of his integrity. When you first meet Shane you can tell he is geared fairly high and is travelling at a mile a minute but that is only to the benefit of those around him. His attention to detail has allowed for numerous problem wildlife candidates to become certified predator response team leaders and those that he has supervised are far better for his efforts.

Shane and I spoke not long ago, we talked about a time when he had lost his vision and wasn't in a good place about his work. I asked Shane if I could have other Officers that may be struggling contact him and would he be OK with openly talking about how he had moved beyond his frustrations. As a true leader he did not hesitate and said he'd welcome the opportunity to do anything that would help a fellow officer to regain their passion for the career.

## **“Superintendent Steven Cross, Northeast Region”**

I came to Grande Cache as a green but eager recruit, but over the next 4.5 years, I would be coached and mentored into a well-rounded Fish and Wildlife Officer. Officer Ramstead would not only teach, but also demonstrate the quality traits of a Fish and Wildlife Officer through his dedication and commitment to the resource, using proper discretion and judgment in all situations, being firm, fair, friendly, polite, respectful, empathetic, compassionate, or courageous as required by the situation, being viewed as trustworthy, credible, and honorable by stakeholders and the public, being a skilled, experienced, and successful investigator, being loyal to the badge and Branch and displaying integrity, professionalism and pride in his career.

Officer Ramstead is well respected and sometimes feared in the community. His passion for the job and relentless pursuit of resource abusers is well known. The reputation for protecting bull trout, woodland caribou, and road corridor wildlife sanctuaries is Officer Ramstead's reward. Everyone knows there is the potential for Officer Ramstead to be watching from behind every rock or tree, but also knows if they are caught they will face a firm and fair judgment.

Officer Ramstead and I were involved in numerous complex investigations. One of the most memorable was in 1994 when four sheep hunters killed five bighorn rams in the depths of Willmore Wilderness. Only four trophy heads were taken and the majority of the meat was abandoned when the subjects heaved the carcasses into a mountain crevasse. The incident was reported approximately three days later by other sheep hunters that had witnessed the event through a spotting scope. Officer Ramstead and I attended the offence location via helicopter to discover the

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carcasses claimed by numerous grizzly bears. We rappelled into the crevasse to obtain photographs and DNA samples. The investigation resulted in a search warrant, statements, seizures, and a complex and comprehensive prosecution package that resulted in \$10,000 in fines (maximum fine at the time) and five years in suspensions. It was a substantial penalty for the time and memorable investigation that made the cover of the Alberta Game Warden Magazine.

Officer Ramstead is also involved beyond his district boundaries in support of the greater delivery of the Branch business and goals. He was involved in numerous provincial projects such as the High Prairie Channel Operations, CWD Collection Programs, U/C Takedowns, and his tenure as a Bear Response Team Leader.

Officer Ramstead not only provided the technical skills of delivering a quality district compliance program or complex investigation, but also the human skills to communicate and build relationships, confidence and trust in your community.

## **“Inspector Kerry Rudneskl, Northwest Region”**

In the fall of 2015, after about a decade of absence, Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officers began active patrols within the Wilmore Wilderness Area. One of the highlights of my career was to be able to deliver that news to Shane and be part of the reintroduction. The initial conversation was simple... I told him we were going back into the Wilmore and we needed a plan. It took no time at all for Shane to build a solid patrol plan that effectively covered the areas where the people were and reinforced the fact that it is a Fish and Wildlife Officer that is the dominant regulator in the back country. Not surprisingly, except for the law abiding public, there were some that weren't so thrilled. Though for a long time he never actively patrolled in the Wilmore, Shane always remained cognizant of who was in there, where they were going and when... which is why it was possible for Fish and Wildlife Officers to ride right back in there like they had never left.

Shane is on his last year as a Fish and Wildlife Officer and I am really not sure how things will play out in Grande Cache once he leaves. I am pretty sure that many locals will breathe a sigh of relief because I don't think there is anyone that has lived in that town for any length of time that has not received a ticket from him. Since 1990 (as far back as ENFOR goes) Shane has written 3129 enforcement actions... this last year, 307. I know that tickets and warnings aren't always a true indication on how hard an Officer works or how busy he is, however common sense makes it clear to anyone that to issue this much paper, a lot of miles have

been put on and a lot of people have met Shane... some with joy... many without.

“Trevor Johnson, Fish and Wildlife Officer, Red Deer District”

To me, Shane Ramstead is the ultimate game warden. In the time I worked with him, it was proven to me that he is a master at every aspect of the job as a Fish and Wildlife Officer. As a field training Officer Shane has a full understanding of the intricacies of law and policy and he also has a great ability to explain and teach the fundamentals to new officers. Whether it is trapping a stubborn bear, conducting a complex wildlife investigation, or building relationships within the community, Shane has succeeded.

While working with Shane, it was tough not to notice and admire his work ethic, dedication, and passion for the job. As a seasonal officer, my supervisors would usually stand back and let the young guy do the job, but not with Shane, he wanted to be there in the thick of things. I could also see that Shane took great pride in his role as a steward of the land and would do everything within his power to protect it. Shane has been an advocate for the conservation of the bull trout, the woodland caribou, and all of the other critters that call the Grande Cache area home.

## **Chris Watson, District Fish and Wildlife Officer**

"There comes a special moment in everyone's' life, a moment for which that person was born. That special opportunity, when they seize it, it fulfills their mission - a mission for which they are uniquely qualified. In that moment, they find greatness. It is their finest hour." - Winston Churchill

For Shane Ramstead this moment, this finest hour, spanned 35 years and for that commitment we are grateful.

# 2017 NAWEOA AWARDS

By Shawn Farrell

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 ingrained 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.

Submitting an award is easy. Go to NAWEOA.org and sign in to the webpage. If you do not have an account register for one. In the main menu under “Awards”, is “Award Application”. Click that link after you are signed in and you will be taken to the online Award Application.

This year I’m pleased to announce that we received 114 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.

## Officer of the Year

Must be a fully certified conservation officer in the state, province, territory, or country in which employed.

Must be a full time field officer, up to and including first line supervisors from the field in the last calendar year.

Both the nominee and person submitting nomination must be a member of NAWEOA.

An officer whose character is beyond reproach.

An officer who is competent, knowledgeable and capable.

An officer who promotes wildlife law enforcement.

An officer who demonstrates professionalism in every facet of life.

**Shane Ramstead** – Alberta Fish & Wildlife

## Valor

This award 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.

**Bryce Streger**- Nebraska Game and Parks Division

## Life Saving

“Anyone who is eligible to be a regular or deputy member of the association or anyone who is a member of the association may be nominated for this award. It is given for any act at any time which saves the life of another person”

**Louis Moeller**  
**Josh Dilley**

Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
Colorado Parks & Wildlife

**Ben Gallowich**

**Christian Marcoux**  
Canada

**Brandon Kearney**  
Conservation Commission

**Brian Ferguson**  
Commission

**Bryce Phillippi**  
Commission

**Rafael Almagro**  
Commission

**Randall Biber**  
Commission

**Michael Bibeau**  
Commission

**Andy Cox**  
Commission

**Evan Laskowski**  
Commission

**Stephen Laroche**  
Commission

**Benjamin Eason**  
Commission

**Philip Glover**  
Commission

**Benjamin Hankinson**  
Commission

**Kyle Plussa**  
Commission

**Ollie Adams**  
Commission

**Ricky Justus**  
Commission

**Dean Spenser McLean**

**Evan McFerrin**  
Fisheries & Parks

**Brian Piernicky**

**Robert Dekany**  
Public Safety

**Liza Bobseine**  
vation

**Dru Polk**  
Conservation

**Iain McGale**  
and Forestry

**Peter Koskela**  
and Forestry

**Harold Malehorn**  
mission

**Casey Dowler**

**Bill Eastman**

**Cory Loitz**  
ment

**Adam Hanna**  
Resources

**Tyler Flood**  
Resources

Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Environment and Climate Change

Florida Fish & Wildlife Con-

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation

Manitoba Sustainable Development  
Mississippi Department of Wildlife

Nebraska Game & Parks

New Brunswick Dept. of Justice &

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conser-

vation  
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Pennsylvania Game Com-

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environ-

ment  
Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources  
Wisconsin Department of Natural

# 2017 NAWEOA AWARDS

## By Shawn Farrell (continued)

### 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.

Jeffrey (Jeff) Gilham	Alberta Fish and Wildlife (Region 1)
Zachary Kierstead	New Brunswick Dept. of Justice & Public Safety (Region 3)
David Ellsworth	Wyoming Game & Fish Department (Region 4)
Kaitlin Kernosky	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Region 5)
Patrick Gibb	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Region 6)
Robert Currier	Vermont Fish and Wildlife (Region 7)

### Outstanding Service

“Anyone who is eligible for regular membership may be nominated for this award. It is given for outstanding achievement or service in the field of Wildlife Law Enforcement, and to NAWEOA Executive or outgoing NAWEOA Directors.”

John West	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Matthew Stuhr	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Philip Stone	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Joshua Little	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Paul Hein	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Eddie Henderson	Georgia Dept. Of Natural Resources – LED
Bryan Mascio	New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
Matt Nichols	NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Dave Webster	British Columbia Conservation Officer Service
Scott Haney (Retired)	Texas Parks and Wildlife

### Honorary Lifetime Membership

This award is given to anyone who has performed an extraordinary service to the association over a number of years may be nominated for this award. It is one of our most prestigious awards and may only be given in rare circumstances. Anyone who is eligible for regular membership in the association who receives this award shall maintain their voting privileges within the association.

Dave Webster	British Columbia Conservation Service
Levi Krause	Nebraska Game and Parks Division
Robin Brandenburg (Retired)	Missouri Department of Conservation

### Certificate of Appreciation

“Anyone who in any way is helpful to the association and/or its members may be nominated for this award. This includes, but is not limited to speakers, conference or workshop hosts, fundraisers, committee or special project members, citizens or politicians.”

Charlie Todesco	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Ryan Desrochers	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Paul Manuel and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Patrick Armstrong and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Bill Ingham and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Roch Delorme and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Richard Nadeau and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Tim Caddel and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Mitch Baldwin and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Eric Tremblay and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Justin Punched and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Lindsey Couillard and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Pat Brown and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Bruce Tomlinson	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Pat Brown and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Gary Zacher and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Pete Gilboe and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Mike Hamilton and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Marc Breton and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Stephanie Lapointe and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Kyle Cachagee and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Kyle Wood and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

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Megan Venoit and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Quattro Hotel Super 8	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Ashley Alton and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Sault College	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Don Weltz and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Jennifer King-Callon	Sault Ste. Marie Tourism
Gary Martin and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Dan Finos	Thomson Reuters
Jeff Anderson and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Township of St Joseph	Ontario
Vernie "Jo" Tennant	Wyoming	Enforcement Branch and Forestry	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Michael Kent Neal	Munroe County, Arkansas	Ontario Conservation Officers Association	
Rachael Bale	National Geographic	Johanna Rowe	Ontario
Michael Comer	State of Michigan (Retired)	Wendy Todesco	Ontario
Maria Staniscia	Global Payments Canada	Lake Superior Provincial Park	Ontario
Sy Ray	ZetX Corporation	Brian Lachine	Ontario
Michael Van Durme	NY State Dept Environmental Conservation (Retired)	Young's General Store	Ontario
Kim McVicar	Environment and Climate Change	Rod Duhaime and Staff	Quattro
Canada		Following Sea	Ontario
Chief Scott MacLeod	Nippissing First Nations	Wayne Vansickle	Ontario
Clayton Goulais	Nippissing First Nations	Gary Toward	Pennsylvania
Martin Thabault	Environment and Climate Change	Lynette Toward	Pennsylvania
Canada		Emma Livingston	Pennsylvania
		Ryan Beaucage	Nippissing First Nation
		Vernon Bailey	Vernon Bailey Auctions, Ontario
		Haines Packing Co.	

## 2017 Officer Exchange Winners

By Kurt Henry

During the Officer lunch as we do every year we draw two names from each side of the boarder for the much sought after opportunity to go on an Officer exchange. This exchange allows an officer from the USA to visit a Canadian and a Canadian to a USA jurisdiction to work side by side and experience what some have called a highlight of their careers.

This year the winner from Canada was Mike Campese a Officer from Ontario. His alternate is Kerry Wrishko a long time NAWEOA attendee from Saskatchewan. The winner from USA is Christopher Smith from Washington. His alternate is our own web master Mike Reeder from Pennsylvania.

These winners will stay in touch with the region 2 director and decide where and when they are to do this exchange. Assistance is offered from NAWEOA of 1000.00\$ towards this experience.

Each officer that goes also gives a presentation at the next convention of their trip.

This year we heard from three officers that did exchanges last year. They were Roger Selesse from New Brunswick who went to Utah. Ken Aube the Canadian alternate from Saskatchewan who went to Missouri a carryover from 2015. Steve Davis from Utah who visited the very popular destination of British Columbia.

### 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD AT THE 2017 CONFERENCE IN SAULT STE. MARIE, CANADA



## Road to Mental Readiness (“R2MR”)

2017 NAWEOA Conference Training Review

By Jason Sherwood

Communication Operator Patrick Armstrong and Conservation Officer Bill Ingham, both of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, taught a very interesting session at this year’s conference called the “Road to Mental Readiness,” or “R2MR.” The session provided four hours of certified training and great insights to mental health issues.

The class provided background on how the brain works, as well as extensive information to help reduce social stigmas associated with mental health issues. Research repeatedly demonstrates that many first responders are often more likely to experience a variety of physical as well as mental ailments. A major point of the training was encouraging officers to recognize issues early, willingly seek help (and encourage others to) as “injuries” develop, and help avoid more serious “illnesses” which can arise when the simpler problems are left untreated. The instructors provided a continuum model to help recognize differences between “healthy,” “reacting,” “injured,” and “ill” people—as well as providing ideas on how to maintain or improve health for each category.

The instructors discussed techniques for training your mind to be better prepared to deal with stress, using examples from military Special Forces units. Tips on setting goals, use of visualization techniques, being aware of “self-talk” and replacing negative messages with positive ones, and the use of tactical breathing to better control heart rates and associated body processes during stressful events were also shared.

Perhaps most interestingly, the instructors discussed common characteristics of experienced law enforcement officers—and how the same characteristics are found in the “suicide triangle,” a tool mental health professionals use to determine suicide risk. The group discussed the need to watch co-workers closely to help prevent officer suicides and the instructors provided tips on discussing issues directly, listening without judging, taking threats of suicide seriously, directing them to help, and ensuring actions are taken quickly to ensure their safety.

## Riding the Rails along the Trail

2017 NAWEOA Conference Training Review

By Krista Blaylock

The Agawa Canyon Tour Train Ride is a 114 mile long ride through Ontario’s beautiful and rugged landscape and its majestic views. The tour leaves the station daily at 8:00 am from the depot in downtown Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. As the train winds along the track, passengers are entertained by tree top canopy views, views of the great northern lakes and rivers, and occasional glimpses of bear, moose, fox, and wolves.

At mile 102, the train begins a 500 foot descent into the Agawa Canyon and comes to a stop at mile 114 at Agawa Canyon Park. Once in the park, passengers have about 90 minutes to explore the canyon at their leisure. Marked scenic trails in the area lead to waterfalls, look out areas, and provide opportunities for passengers to take beautiful photos.

Personal experience goes a long way. This is a trip I would take again. My three boys, ages 15,9, and 4 years old, and I took this trip, walked all the trails, and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the trip. The train ride was a little long, but the end result was worth it. The only

regret we had was not seeing any larger animals along the way. The boys were able to have a little fun chasing several of the chipmunks while I captured them on camera. I definitely recommend anyone visiting Ontario to take the Agawa Canyon train ride.



## Lake Superior Coastal Tour

### 2017 NAWEOA Conference Review

By Sylvia Melanson

I was part of the NAWEOA registered group who departed the Quattro Hotel, Sault Ste Marie, Monday July 17th, 2017, shortly after 8:00am in a chartered bus on a beautiful, bright, sunshiny day for the Lake Superior Coastal Tour. Our tour guide and narrator was Kyle Wood, Conservation Officer-Wawa, who shared stories and local information as well as pointed out sites along the way; Kyle was fun, friendly, informative & even comical. The tour began by following the coast around the lake winding corners and hills peering through to beautiful scenery of Lake Superior, waterfalls, mountains and villages.



I was fortunate to sit with Shane Ramstead who I later found out the next day at the NAWEOA Opening Ceremony that he had been selected as Officer of the Year for both Alberta Fish & Game as well as for NAWEOA 2017 Conference – such a great honor & accomplishment! Shane & I had great conversation of various trips & travel adventures we both experienced. I was also very touched by his story he shared of his father being one of the primary founders of NAWEOA & having held some of the organization's first meetings in his childhood home. So much work from NAWEOA's conception to its growth today in being such a great organization and having such amazing yearly conferences all around North America!

Our first stop was Lake Superior Provincial Park where we briefly visited the Information Centre followed by an informative & interesting video presentation on the history of the park by a Park Officer. I even won a t-shirt, one of 3 random draws following the presentation. After the video, we had a short time to browse the gift shop and visit the grounds and the beautiful beach located just behind the Information Centre.

We then continued our scenic drive to the Rock Island Lodge in Wawa on the shores of Michipicoten Bay on Lake Superior for a presentation by local historian & author Johanna Rowe who spoke about the local people, the area, economy, & livelihood of Wawa and the neighboring communities. Lunch prepared by Wawa's local culinarian Judy Page was hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, pasta salad with ice tea & a light cake topped with local season berries dessert.....delicious! We were able to walk along boulders & the beach area around the lodge admiring the location & the lake and take some nice photos.

Next stop, just off the Trans Canada highway, was the Wawa Information Centre and the new & distinctive replacement famous Canada Goose Monument, which was unveiled July 1st, 2017. The monument is very large & impressive and among the most photographed landmarks in North America. Approximately \$200,000. was fund-raised in order to have this 3rd replacement Canada Goose Monument constructed to replace the previous deteriorated monument. The monument has long attracted visitors & tourists into the town of Wawa as it stands very high on a hill just off the Trans Canada highway and is extremely eye-catching & visible to travelers creating great attraction to visit the monument & town of Wawa.



Last stop to explore was the Wawa General Store. The outdoor of the store had a lot of interesting antiques and unique items along with a neat, large moose statue, as well as the original Canada Goose Monument & its history. Inside the store had something for everyone from ice cream, fudge, candy, summer sausage to fishing tackle,

## Lake Superior Coastal Tour (continued)

2017 NAWEOA Conference Review

By Sylvia Melanson

clothing, moccasins, books, souvenirs and so many other items of interest. The General Store was definitely a neat, fun & intriguing place to explore.

Due to road construction causing travel delays and loss of time, a couple planned stops were omitted and we did not go into the town of Wawa. It was nice that the NAWEOA organizers brought water and snacks on the bus for all which were passed around during the trip. We stopped at a lookout point on our return for a photo opportunity & to stretch our legs. Our journey back to Sault Ste Marie with the wonderful people on the bus, the beautiful weather and scenery was truly enjoyable. The Lake Superior Coastal Tour was a relaxed, informative and fun-filled excursion!



## Spouse/Guest Lunch

2017 NAWEOA Conference Review

By Larry Hergenroeder

The spouses and guests, of the Associations Officers, gathered in the Great Lakes Room of the Quattro Hotel for the Annual Spouse/Guest Luncheon. As they dined on a wonderful buffet, they were greeted by guest speaker, Rev Dr. Michael Comer. Dr. Comer has the accreditation for working in the field of psychology with law enforcement agencies in Michigan and abroad that spans decades. Showcasing his training topic called “Living in a Fishbowl-Where Everyone Knows Your Name- Except It’s Not the Cheers Bar”. Spouses and guests were entertained with the topic that they know all too well, the life of the spouse, of a Game Warden. The kind of life that has most spouses attending their children’s piano recitals, birthday parties, family picnics and a host of other events where the husband, father, wife or mother is nowhere to be found. No matter how the calendar falls it’s always the first day of a hunting or fishing season or “that case” that has finally blown wide open. Acknowledging the sacrifices made by both parties, aids in the cultivation of a happy and healthy marriage.

Dr. Comer discussed the common ground that each of the women attending the luncheon share when dinner gets interrupted by a phone call or a knock at the door. Worse yet, the visit from someone who is not welcome at their door

that has an axe to grind with their game warden spouse. Dr. Comer recognized the inherent dangers of the profession are not always just faced by the ones wearing the uniform. On the lighter side of the presentation, Dr. Comer polled those present asking who has gone to the freezer to retrieve the rack of ribs for dinner to find a set of antlers and a pair of eyes looking back at you. Evidence is part of the job and unfortunately it needs a place to stay until the case is adjudicated.

Unlike most other professions, it is very rare that a game warden’s perception of what they do, from day to day, is actually a job. In reality, it’s more of a calling or a life style. The spouses who support and love these wardens, assume this “life style” together. This comes with living in a small town, in the middle of nowhere, where everyone knows you are married to the game warden. This lifestyle may be exactly what some prefer. However, for others, it may be a struggle. Either way, remember, you are not alone. Ultimately, in the end, the goal is to retire with the ones you love, telling them old stories about the days in the field, with mud on your boots and a pinch pad in your pocket.

## Keynote Speaker: Michael Neal

“Focus Under Fire”

2017 NAWEOA Conference Training Review

By Jason Blaylock

Being a Conservation Officer doesn't bring the term “law enforcement officer” to the fore front of most public thinking now a days. After sitting through Michael Neal's keynote speech at the NAWEOA 2017 conference, myself and many others in attendance were given a new perspective of what it means to go to work every day prepared for anything and having the courage to fight through adversity when it comes.

Michael Neal is currently the Sheriff of Monroe County, Arkansas and was a former Corporal for the Arkansas Game and Fish and was assigned to Lee County. On May 20, 2010, Officer Neal was instrumental in ending a brutal gun battle in West Memphis that resulted in the death of two West Memphis police officers and the wounding of the Crittenden County Sheriff and his chief deputy. What began as a routine traffic stop for two police officers, turned into a tragic shooting, followed by a manhunt for two suspects, and subsequently ended in the parking lot of a West Memphis Wal-Mart when Michael Neal ended the threat by ramming his Game and Fish vehicle into the minivan carrying the two shooters. Not only did he incapacitate the vehicle, he had the presence of mind to return fire while taking heavy gun fire from the two subjects. The subjects were

killed minutes later as local law enforcement ended the threat. The heroic efforts by Michael Neal and other law enforcement that day saved many lives in West Memphis. For his efforts and due to his excellent training and being prepared at a moment's notice, Michael Neal is one of the most decorated Wildlife Officers in the history of the Arkansas Game and Fish.

Michael is a great a speaker and conveyed his thoughts and experiences to the officers in attendance. I had heard his speech before, but Michael has a way of communicating that makes you think about it, and take it with you long term no matter if you've heard it or not. His speech to those officers could be the one thing that keeps them prepared for the next “West Memphis shootout”. The NAWEOA conferences always have great speakers but if you've never had a chance to listen to Michael Neal you are truly missing out on an important life experience that all law enforcement need to hear. Michael's parting words will ring long for each officer in attendance, “always be prepared for the unexpected and keep your focus under fire”.

## 2017 Conference Youth Room

By Jason Blaylock

This year's NAWEOA conference provided many types of entertainment for all ages in attendance. The Youth Room provided many opportunities for the youth to get away from their parents and learn in a fun setting with others their age.

Monday, July 17th, the youth room opened up with a movie and games and a serving of chicken nuggets and French fries. The room was at capacity and all those in attendance had a great time. The adult chaperones even got in on a little coloring and game playing. On Tuesday, July 18th, the youth were entertained with a room full of science experiments pre-



sented by Science North. The oohs and ahs from the kids as they experimented with water, ice and other things brought a real excitement that only got better as the week went on. On Wednesday, July 19th, the youth room was moved, along with the hospitality room, to the Canadian Bush plane Heritage Center. The museum was full of bush planes of all sizes, makes, and represented many different eras of aviation history. There were also lots of video games, a 3D movie, and hands on activities for the kids to busy themselves with. The museum provided the perfect opportunity for parents and

## 2017 Conference Youth Room (continued)

By Jason Blaylock



kids to hangout and have some family fun together. On Thursday, July 20th, the youth room was filled with the fascinating, hidden, and often misunderstood world of in-

sects. En-tom-ica: entertained the youth and adults alike, with their interactive exhibits, activities, and education services. On Friday, July 21st, the youth were entertained on their final night by Aardvark the Magician. Not only did they see a great magic show but they dined on pizza and finished out the night with a movie.

I have been to several NAWEOA conferences over the years and have had not only my children attend the events but I have also helped in putting on the youth rooms, and I must say that Ontario Conservation Officers Association went above and beyond and created an awesome program for the youth. The youth not only had a great time but you could see them learning as the week went on. I want to

give a huge shout out to Justin and Meagan for their hard work and diligence to creating the NAWEOA Youth Room Program this year. Thank you from not only the NAWEOA Board but all of us parents who had children in attendance.



## Hunting Related Shooting Incident Workshop

2017 NAWEOA Conference Training Review

By Roger Selesse

Captain Michael Van Durme, a retired officer, specialized in hunting incident investigation, is also a co-author of blood on the Leaves, Real hunting Accident Investigation and Lessons in hunter Safety, which details 30 actual cases that he or his co-author investigated, including two cases in which he was the victim.

Mike was waiting in class to welcome a group of officers who wanted to learn more about this specialized method of investigation related to hunting incidents

After giving information in class on how to proceed with the investigation, (interviewing the victim and the shooter, gathering info such as; height of individual, position, type of fire arm ,ammunition used, time of day , etc. etc.) the

group was then brought to an area where Captain Van Durme had prepared different scenarios of a hunting incident. (Several active and retired officers assisted him in organizing this activity in the field)

With his many years of experience, he explained that often incident do not happen the way they were reported to the investigating agency. People want to protect each other or themselves. Several of his investigations had proven the contrary.

We all followed Michael along a path and arrived in an area where several, colored threads were strung across a road and having a V shape. At this point he explained a scenario about two different turkey hunters that were hunt-

## Hunting Related Shooting Incident Workshop (continued)

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ing in the same area. The shooters would have taken the victim for a turkey walking toward him. We were given explanation on how this would be investigated. Like where the shooter was at the moment he shoot, his exact position ( standing or sitting, his height ) in order to get the angle of the trajectory of the pellets. Then he demonstrated how to find the evidences of the trajectory of the pellets and to make it a visual picture of the scene.

Little white stickers were put on all holes found in leaves, broken branches, and fresh holes on tree bark. The thread was put on each side for the farthest pellets holes . all this making a clear picture of what the hunter could observed before he shoot. After getting an explanation on how to proceed with this type of investigation, we were all invited to participate in our own investigation in relation to a hunting incident.

Three teams were formed and all received investigation kits and a scenario. After a couple of hours in the field, each team had to complete a report with a conclusion. We were then given more explanation and tips on how to proceed

while investigating. This crash course given by Captain Michael Van Durme sure got the attention of all participants. Guides to investigate hunting related shootings and report forms were made available to all participants.

This field training gave us the ability to develop our sense of observation on small detail that otherwise would be neglected. Not only did this exercise give us training in the field, it also the chance to meet other officers who share the same interest.

This type of training his well perceived by all members of our association. The objective of our association is to provide quality training to all members who are attending our annual conferences. To promote networking among different agencies all over North America and to make new friends who has the same interest in our jobs .

Special thanks for the officer who made the contact with Captain Van Durme and made this training available.

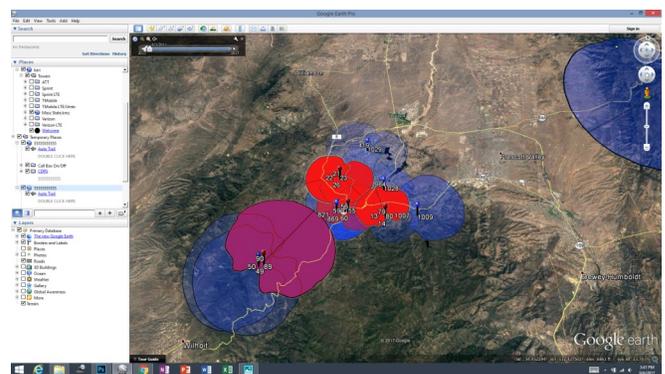
## ZTEX

### 2017 NAWEOA Conference Training Review

By Steve Beltran

I was fortunate to meet the staff and attend the ZETX training at this years NAWEOA conference and found that most of the people in the room shared the same sentiment. ZETX is a one stop shop for cell phone warrant interpretation and presentation. The presenter Sy Ray was enveloped with information on the way ZETX applies blocks of technical data to an end user presentation a grade schooler could understand. So what exactly does ZETX do? Offenders today always have their cell phones with them and those cell phones constantly communicate with cell towers and other devices. Officers have traditionally gotten cell phones and searched their contents failing to realize that if the content on the phone is limited or erased that the cell provider has vast amounts of data available. Not just text messages and phone calls but more importantly location data.

With many of the rural environments conservation police officers work ZETX takes cell phone tower dump infor-



mation and animates it to show the progress, time and location of your offender. The ZETX website allows officers to export their cell tower data, obtained from a search warrant, and pipe it into the ZETX system. This opens up several analytical tools for data comparison. The cell tower data becomes a virtual tracking beacon on the device show-

## ZTEX (continued)

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ing constant ping data reporting back critical location information.

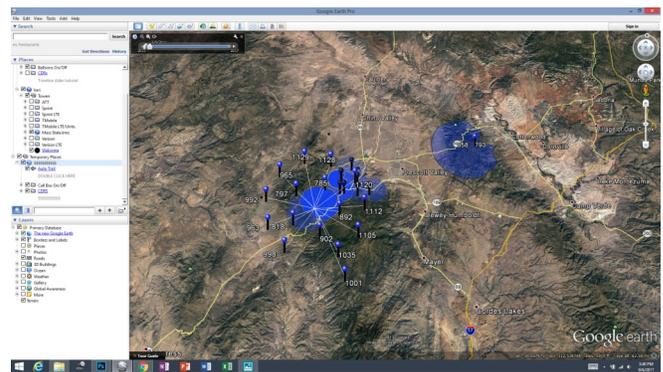
ZETX doesn't just provide system information they have a vast library of information on cell providers and automatic templates for warrant and company requests. Subscribers have a strong support structure from ZETX and their support staff have intimate knowledge of law enforcement. The site ZETX.com has online resource tools for officers and agencies looking to maximize their technical advantage over the offenders. To top off all these features the cost is a single price which covers the entire agency. No more having to share passwords and logins!

To get started Officer's request a digital file from the cell phone carrier, obtained by procuring a search warrant, and then log into the ZETX system. From there the officer generates a file which moves the cell tower technical information into an animated readable google earth file. This file extrapolates the cell tower information and places it into an easy to read timeline and location animation. Each location is recorded and the duration is shown. Officers can then use this data to secure additional information from offender locations by researching business cameras, possible witnesses and also explore dump locations and evidence sites. Knowing where the offenders were before and after the event can expose critical data in solving your wildlife case.

ZETX goes one step further in exploring unknown offender data information. If a remote area has been used for a violation cell tower dump information can be obtained and show device data present in the area at the time of the of-

fense. ZETX uses algorithms to exploit anomalies in the cell phone traffic. These tools can isolate a device for further investigation to determine its owner.

They offer a free trial and Sy Ray, the CEO, offers local training and expertise online and over the phone. As a technical enforcement officer I was really impressed with ZETX technology and look forward to making better cases in my jurisdiction.



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## NAWEOA 2017

### Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada



## Financial Report By Secretary/Treasurer Steve Beltran

Its been an active summer for NAWEOA and a great conference with the help of Ontario. The finances are looking better for years to come with host agencies for 2018 and 2019. Here are our financial positions as of Sept 7th 2017.

NAWEOA		10:32 PM
Balance Sheet Detail		9/7/2017
As of September 7, 2017		Accrual Basis
	Amount	Balance
ASSETS		317,552.39
Current Assets		252,100.98
Checking/Savings		252,297.35
Total Checking/Savings	-31,589.49	220,707.86
Accounts Receivable		-196.37
Total Other Current Assets		0
Total Current Assets	-31,589.49	220,511.49
Fixed Assets		27,114.98
Total Fixed Assets		27,114.98
Other Assets		38,336.43
Total Other Assets		38,336.43
TOTAL ASSETS	-31,589.49	285,962.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		317,552.39
Total Liabilities		0
Equity		317,552.39
Opening Bal Equity		377,840.51
Total Opening Bal Equity		377,840.51
Retained Earnings		-60,288.12
Total Retained Earnings		-60,288.12
Net Income		0
Total Net Income	-31,589.49	-31,589.49
Total Equity	-31,589.49	285,962.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	-31,589.49	285,962.90

# 2018 Conference Cheyenne, Wyoming

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**July 14th–20th 2018**



Visit an 80-acre oasis of luxury service, surrounded by beautifully groomed grounds and a nine-hole executive golf course. Cheyenne's Little America boasts 188 guest rooms, complete with 47 inch TVs, cozy goose down pillows, built-in refrigerators, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, and coffeemakers. Take a break from your hectic schedule with a refreshing dip in the heated, outdoor swimming pool.

Join our private group to keep up on the latest developments. The group can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/yb9j9ho6>.

The Little America Conference Center and Resort will be the epicenter, and the room block is already open at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/4651?groupID=1703984>.

Room rates are between \$89 and \$99/night and the registration website will open very soon. Registration fees will range from around \$200 (US) for members to \$50 for kids, and will include all NAWEOA training and events (except for special sight-seeing/tour opportunities and hospitality nights).



### Address and Contact Info

2800 West Lincolnway  
Cheyenne, WY 82009  
Telephone: 307-775-8400  
Fax: 307-775-8425  
Reservations: 800-445-6945

### Location

Little America Hotel & Resort in Cheyenne is conveniently located at the junction of Interstate 80 and Interstate 25 within minutes of downtown Cheyenne, the state capitol building, F.E. Warren Air Force Base and Cheyenne Frontier Days Park.

## 2018 Conference Cheyenne, Wyoming

### ABOUT CHEYENNE

In his 1876 book, J. H. Triggs documented early Cheyenne: “Other towns of the West have been built and populated with marvelous rapidity, but it has remained with Cheyenne to spring, full-fledged, into existence, as it were, in a single night.”

Wrote the Chicago Times on November 15, 1867, “It’s a city that sprang into existence in a night, in obedience to the waving of a magician’s wand over a patch of wild buffalo grass. The magician was American enterprise; this wand resembled a bar of railroad iron a thousand miles long.”

Charles V. Arnold, an early resident, told the Omaha Weekly Herald, “the eye could hardly keep pace with the growth of the town from one day to another. Buildings sprang up as if by magic.”



So, in 1867, Cheyenne earned the moniker, “The Magic City - Queen of the Plains” and has been with us since.

Cheyenne is in the southeast corner of the state, in Laramie County. Its name is most commonly attributed to the Native Americans in the area whose name was given them by the Sioux. It was originally pronounced "Shay-an-nah" and is thought to mean "people of a different tongue." Fort Laramie to the north, Laramie City to the west, and Laramie County were named after an early French fur trapper who roamed the region, Jacques La Ramie.

Wyoming was the Indian name of a popular city in Pennsylvania and though a hotly debated issue, it won as the territorial name over Lincoln. The distracters contended no state had ever been named after a president. While there was a great deal of sympathy for our recently lost President, politics won out and the name Wyoming held and in 1890, become the U.S.A.’s 44th state.

### Information regarding *NAWEOA Jurisdictional Representatives,*

- ◆ Names
- ◆ Contact information
- ◆ The jurisdictions they serve
- ◆ Etc.

Can be found elsewhere on the NAWEOA website  
*naweo.org*

## 2018 Conference Cheyenne, Wyoming



### **CHEYENNE STREET RAILWAY TROLLEY**

**Address: 121 W. 15th St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
Phone: (307) 778-3133 | (800) 426-5009**

Fully-narrated Historic Tours on the enclosed Cheyenne Street Railway Trolley. The 2017 season begins May 8th and runs through September 30th.

The tours may cover a lot of history during the time of the wild and unbridled west. Some content may include outlaws, gunfights, saloons and brothels. Please be advised that this tour may not be appropriate for families that do not want their children to hear such stories



### **CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS OLD WEST MUSEUM AND STORE**

**Address: 4610 Carey Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
Phone: (307) 778-7290**

The history of the world's largest outdoor rodeo and western celebration comes alive at the Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum. A premier cultural and historical center in Southeast Wyoming, the CFD Old West Museum offers year-round programming, exhibits and activities that celebrate the heritage and pioneer spirit of the American West and the thrilling history of the world's first extreme sport. In addition to exhibiting the rich history of the "Daddy of 'em All,"® the Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum also features some of the most intriguing western artifacts in the region, including one of the most extensive collections of carriages on display in the CFD Old West Museum that chronicle the colorful pioneer history of Cheyenne and the expansion of the American West.



### **AMES MONUMENT & SHERMAN HILL**

**Address: Exit 329 Interstate 80  
Buford, WY 82052**

The Ames Monument is a 60 foot high granite pyramid located in southeastern Albany County, Wyoming. It is dedicated to Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames, two Massachusetts brothers who were extremely influential in constructing the nation's first Transcontinental Railroad. The monument was designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, the pre-eminent American architect of the 19th century, and its bas-relief medallions were created by the prominent American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. It was placed at the highest point on the Transcontinental Railroad and serves as a splendid reminder of that great enterprise.



### **BIG BOY STEAM ENGINE**

**Address: 17th at Morrie Ave.  
In Holliday Park  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
Phone: (307) 637-6423**

Even in retirement, Old Number 4004 remains an imposing sight. The world's largest steam locomotive, this powerful coal-fired engine was designed to pull a 3600-ton train over steep grades between Cheyenne, WY and Ogden, Utah. The 4004 is one of the eight remaining Big Boys on display throughout the country.

On display year-round in Holliday Park. The engine is in the southeast corner of the park. You can park your car in the lot accessible from East 17th Street and Morrie Avenue.

## 2017 VISITING OFFICER PROGRAM By Thomas Caifa



After a few years of scaling back, the Visiting Officer Program has once again started to pick up a little steam. This is mainly due to our new museum manager, Zahra Moss, who has taken the program under her wing. Zahra has been a wonderful addition to the NAGW Museum Team and should be commended for all her hard work. It takes a dedicated museum manager to keep this program (and everything else at the museum) on the right track. Under Zahra's guidance, I'm sure this program will start to flourish once again. If you get the chance to speak with Zahra, please welcome her aboard!

The following is a list of visiting officers and other speakers that came to the museum in 2017.

*Gary Labanow - Arizona Game Ranger (retired), June 24 & 25*

*Emily Mercer – Tracking & Wildlife ID Teacher, July 22 & 23*

*Terri Bjerck - Archery Teacher, July 29 & 30*

*Wardens on Wheels Motorcycle Rally – August 12*

*Tom Zick - US Fish & Wildlife Officer, August 12 & 13*

If you know of any game warden (active or retired) that you think might like to participate in the program, please feel free to pass along my information to them. I have done the Visiting Officer Program three times in the past and I really enjoyed it. It's not just the program itself, but the whole experience of staying at the Peace Garden and seeing the museum, a place that celebrates the game warden profession. Presentations can be as simple as the standard "who we are and what we do" or can be more elaborate. Every game warden has interesting stories and since every

state is different, the material is always fresh. Feel free to spread the word!

We go by many different names: Game warden, conservation officer, fish & wildlife agent, natural resources officer, wildlife officer, environmental police and the list goes on. Whatever your badge says, we are all part of the same brotherhood. That brotherhood is celebrated by the North American Game Warden Museum. I thank you all for supporting the museum.





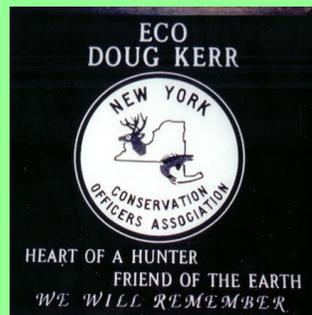
- Paving stones are age, weather and traffic-resistant black polished granite, sized 12" x 12"
- Engraved paving stones provide plenty of room for personal inscription in memory, honor or thanks
- Each sponsored stone will be placed on the museum grounds for public appreciation
- Paving stones can also include an engraved logo
- Stones may be sponsored by individuals, families, organizations or businesses

## Examples of Engraved Paving Stones



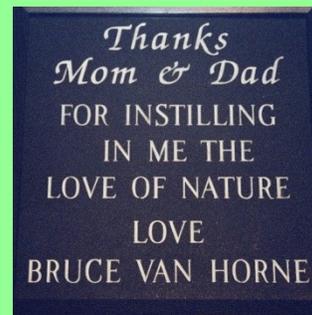
*Honor a Family Member*

*Demonstrate Family Support*



*Memorialize a Fallen Officer*

*Honor Outstanding Achievement*



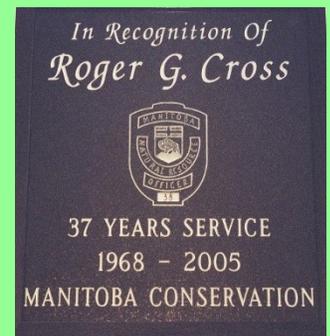
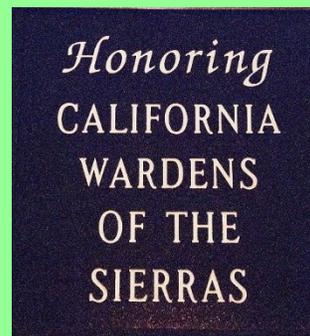
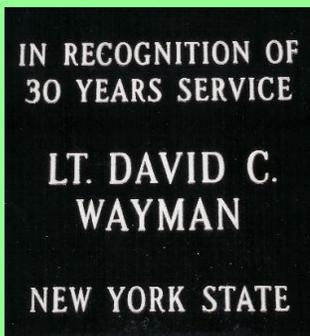
*Just Say Thank You*

*Demonstrate Support*



*Celebrate Partnerships*

*Honor Officer Retirements*



*A thank you card and a photo of your paving stone will be sent to you upon its completion. A gift acknowledgement is also available upon request. Museum staff will be available to assist visitors in locating their paving stone on the museum grounds.*

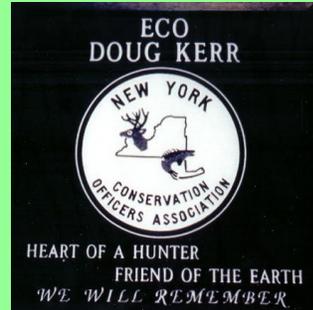


# SUPPORT THE GAME WARDEN MUSEUM PURCHASE A PAVING STONE

## 1. Circle the type of stone your wish to purchase



**Engraved Paving Stone \$150**



**Engraved Paving Stone With Logo \$150**

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 Check, Money Order payable to: **NAWEMMEC** or  
 Credit Card (Master Card or Visa)  
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 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**  
 10939 Peace Garden Road, Dunseith, ND 58329  
 Or  
 P.O. Box 1239 Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0

[gamewardenmuseum.org](http://gamewardenmuseum.org)



## **GAME WARDEN MUSEUM VISITING OFFICERS**

*Each summer the Museum welcomes Officers to participate in our Visiting Officer Program. Officers spend a weekend at the Museum, with accommodations provided. Short programs are typically offered in addition to just "hanging out" at the Museum interacting with our visitors. Not just the program itself, but the whole experience of staying at the Peace Garden and seeing the Museum, a place that celebrates the Game Warden profession, is really cool.*

*Presentations can be as simple as the standard "who we are and what we do" or can be more elaborate. Every game warden has interesting stories and since every state is different, the material is always fresh. The whole experience could be a great family experience. Please consider joining us next summer. See our website for contact information.!*

## **Conservation and Water.**

*The bear, having been euthanized by Officers in Churchill, Manitoba after it had displayed aggressive behavior towards people, became part of a project by Environment Canada to test the durability of micro chip tagging during the tanning and taxidermy process. The Museum plans on developing a display to educate the public on the role that Conservation Officer's play in protecting the people of Churchill and the bears that migrate through the town each year. The display will also expand on the project initiated by Environment Canada and how this enforcement effort will protect polar bears from illegal harvest in the future. It is sure to become one of our main attractions.*

## **CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED**

The Museum is pleased to announce that it now accepts Paving Stone and Life Member payments on both Visa and Master Card.

This really simplifies the process for Life Member applicants, a pledge program spread over a selected time period to become a permanent Life Member of the Game Warden Museum.

Please consider joining this program to become a Lifetime Member of the Game Warden Museum Family. For more information, visit our website or contact our Membership Coordinator at [tandr@zoominternet.net](mailto:tandr@zoominternet.net).



## **POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT**

*A New Exhibit will be open for the 2016 Season thanks to a donation from Manitoba*



## I'd like to become a Museum Member

### Individual *Life Member* Installment Plan

#### Individual Member (Annual) \$25

After renewing this membership two consecutive years, the \$75 you have paid can be transferred toward a Life Membership Plan. You will receive a Museum Decal and 10% off all Museum products.

Payments of \$75 yearly (or any amount over \$75 you may want to add) until reaching \$750.00

With a full paid ( \$750) Life Membership, you will receive a Life Member Certificate, a vinyl Membership Card, Life Member Decal, 20% discount on all Museum products, and an embroidered Life Member Jacket.

### APPLICATION

ANNUAL       LIFE

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Agency & Position \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_

\$75.00 for Life Installment Program (\$75 Minimum, however you can pay more than \$75 if you wish.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount if more than \$75.

**JACKET SIZE** \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 for one year Annual Membership (you may renew two more years consecutively and switch to Life membership)

I plan to continue payments and count my payments toward a Life Membership.

CHECK

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CREDIT CARD

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**Checks payable to Game Warden Museum or  
NAWEMMEC**

Send to;

**10939 Peace Garden Road, Dunseith, ND 58329**

or

**PO Box 1239, Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0**

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*The Trapper*  
by fallen  
Idaho Wildlife Officer and artist  
Bill Pogue



The original pen and ink was hand-colored by the artist for use on the cover of the Idaho Wildlife Magazine.

Bill Pogue's family generously allowed the use of Bill's art work "The Trapper" as a fund raiser for the North American Game Warden Museum.

Proceeds to the Museum and its mission of honoring fallen officers.

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