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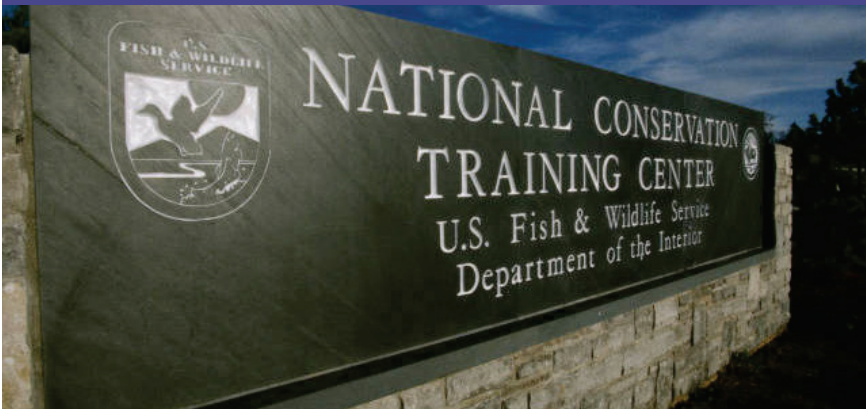
20th Retiree Reunion

National Conservation Training Center



Shepherdstown, West Virginia

November 27 - December 1, 2023



List of all FWS Retirees Association Reunions

Visit our website FWSRetirees.org and click on “Reunions” to see details from each Reunion, group photos, and personal stories as told by the attendees!

- 1999 – National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
- 2000 – National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
- 2001 – National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
- 2002 – Spearfish, SD
- 2003 – Pelican Island NWR, FL
- 2004 – National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
- 2005 – Portland, OR
- 2006 – Albuquerque, NM
- 2007 – National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
- 2008 – Twin Cities, MN
- 2009 – Kennebunkport, ME
- 2011 – San Diego, CA
- 2012 – Charleston, SC
- 2013 – Kalispell, MT
- 2015 – Corpus Christi, TX
- 2016 – Memphis, TN
- 2018 – Lincoln City (Oregon Coast), OR
- 2019 – Annapolis, MD
- 2022 – Spearfish/Deadwood, SD
- 2023 – National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV

Where to next?

Sunday, November 26

Early arrivals for Board Members.

Monday, November 27 – Travel Day

6:30-8:30 AM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Breakfast

8:00 AM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Board Members meet for breakfast

9:00-11:00 AM (Entry Building) – Set up for registration and meetings

11:30 AM-1:00 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Lunch

2:00-5:00 PM (Entry Building) – **Retiree Reunion**
Registration Desk Open

3:00-5:00 PM (Entry Building) – **Greenwalt Walk for Wildlife on NCTC Trails**

Prior registration required. The donation fee for participation will go to the Friends of the National Conservation Training Center, a non-profit citizen’s group devoted to conserving the unique natural and cultural resources of the NCTC and promoting nature-oriented education. They work to promote awareness, enlist volunteers for recreation program assistance, sponsor special events, such as bird and wildflower walks, and

provides understanding and appreciation of ecology and people's role in their environment.

5:30-7:30 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Dinner

7:30 PM (Commons Building/Lounge) – Trivia Night – Grab a refreshment, and have a fun time!

Tuesday, November 28

6:30-8:00 AM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Breakfast

8:00 AM (Entry Building) – **Retiree Reunion Registration Desk Open**

8:30-10:00 AM – (Entry Building/Auditorium) – **Welcome to the 2023 Retiree Reunion!**

- Opening remarks by Cindy Uptegraft Barry, Chair
- Board introductions and reports (5 minutes each)
 - Paul Tritaik, Vice Chair and History Committee
 - Doug Fruge, Treasurer
 - Denise Baker, Secretary
 - Helen Clough, Newsletter and Website
 - Lew Gorman, Grants and Outreach
 - Deborah Holle, Membership and History Committee
 - Conrad Fjetland, Reunion planning
 - Patrick Martin (not present)
- Association member introductions – YOU!

10:00-10:30 AM (Entry Building/Auditorium) – State of the Service by

FWS Director Martha Williams (invited)

10:30-10:45 AM – Break with refreshments

10:45-11:30 AM (Entry Building/Auditorium) – **Southern Maryland Woodlands NWR Land Protection Plan (representing FWS host Region 5)**

- Dan Murphy (Chesapeake Bay Field Office)
- Joe McCauley (FWS Retiree/Chesapeake Conservancy)

11:30 AM - Discuss afternoon agenda & Wednesday's field trips

11:30 AM-1:00 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Lunch

1:30-4:30 PM (Entry/Auditorium Building) – **Tour of NCTC and the FWS Archives**

7:30-8:00 PM (Commons Building/Roosevelt Room) – **Dedication of Jerry Grover Bench with Jerry's family** (wife Judy, sister PolliAnne, sons Jeff, Joel, and Jared, with their families) Enjoy this social time with Jerry's family!

5:30-7:30 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Dinner

Wednesday, November 29 – Field Trip Day

6:30-8:00 AM – Breakfast (Commons Building/Dining Room)

Prior registration required for your selection of field trip.

8:15-8:30 AM (Front of Entry Building) – Option #1: Board bus and depart for Front Royal, VA

8:30 AM-4:30 PM – Option #1 Field Trip (with Bag lunches onboard) to Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, VA and Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA

8:45-9:00 AM (Front of Entry Building) – Option #2: Board bus and depart for Freshwater Institute in Shepherdstown, WV, and Antietam National Battlefield

9:00 AM-4:30 PM – Option #2 Field Trip (with lunch at NCTC) to the Freshwater Institute, Shepherdstown, WV and Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD

5:30 PM (Commons Building/Roosevelt Room) – **Directorate Tribute to the Memory of Hannibal Bolton**

5:30-6:30 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Dinner

7:00-9:00 PM <Doors open 6:30 PM> (Entry Building/Auditorium) – **International Fly Fishing Film Festival with Former FWS Director John Turner**

Thursday, November 30

6:30-8:15 AM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Breakfast

8:30-11:30 AM (Entry Building/Auditorium) – **“Endangered Species Act at 50”** Panels with FWS Assistant Director of Ecological Services Gary Frazer, Moderator

8:30-9:30 AM – Panel 1 - Former DOI Assistant Secretary Don Barry and Former DOI Solicitor Mike Young

9:30-9:45 AM – Break with refreshments

9:45-11:30 AM – Panel 2 - Former FWS Director John Turner, Former FWS Director Jamie Rappaport Clark, Former FWS Deputy Director Marshall Jones

11:45 AM - Group photo (everyone) - gather outside on the front step of the Entry Building

11:30 AM-1:00 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) – Lunch

1:30-2:15 PM – (Entry Building/Auditorium) **Frauds and Scams** by Susan LeFew (AARP)

2:15-2:30 PM – Break with refreshments

2:30-3:15 PM – **Federal Retiree Benefits & Legislation** by John Hatton (NARFE)

4:00 PM Suggestions for location of next Reunion (Spring 2025)

5:00 PM Reunion Banquet, dinner service begins

(Commons Building/Dining Room)

Recognition of Retiree Association Life Members in attendance presented by Cindy Uptegraft Barry

Annual FWS History Committee Award presentation by Steve Chase (John Cornely Remembrance)

Artifacts in the FWS Archives presented by Mark Madison

7:30 PM (Entry Building/Auditorium) - Keynote Speaker
- Historian/Author Douglas Brinkley, "Silent Spring Revolution"

Friday, December 1 - Travel day for most

6:30-8:00 AM (Commons Building/Dining Room) - Breakfast

9:00 AM-12:00 PM (Instructional East, Room 101) - **FWS History Committee meeting**

12:00-1:00 PM (Commons Building/Dining Room) - Lunch

1:00-5:00 PM (Instructional East, Room 101) - **FWS History Committee meeting concludes**

**Lifetime Members of the
Association of Retired U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service Employees
1999 - Present**

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| 1. Denny Holland | 16. Donna Stanek |
| 2. Jerry French | 17. Mike McMinn |
| 3. Tom Smith | 18. Dr. Gail S. Baker |
| 4. Jim King | 19. Ray D. Brunson |
| 5. June McIlwain | 20. Robin Fields |
| 6. John Weisser | 21. Hannibal Bolton |
| 7. Jay Banta | 22. Stephen Parry |
| 8. Barbara Ritter | 23. Debra Corbett |
| 9. Frank Cockrell | 24. Dick Gritman |
| 10. Dale Hall | 25. Bruce Blanchard |
| 11. Robyn Thorson | 26. Rowan Gould |
| 12. Marvin Moriarty | 27. Bob Streeter |
| 13. Tom Taylor | 28. Robert Adamcik |
| 14. Jim Pulliam | 29. Steve Thompson |
| 15. Judy Pulliam | 30. Judy Jacobs |

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| 31. Bill Wilen | 47. Larisa Ford |
| 32. Jim Tisdale | 48. Rick Lemon |
| 33. Bruce Halstead | 49. Sean Furniss |
| 34. Helen Clough | 50. Jim Smith |
| 35. Deborah Holle | 51. Michael Horton |
| 36. Robin West | 52. Jim Kurth |
| 37. Dwight Cooley | 53. Kevin Foerster |
| 38. Toni Stevens | 54. Paul Schmidt |
| 39. Cindy Uptegraft Barry | 55. Bob Stevens |
| 40. Marc Epstein | 56. Patrick McDermott |
| 41. John Cornely | 57. Gail Carmody |
| 42. Nancy Morrissey | 58. Paul Tritaik |
| 43. Karen S. Bollinger | 59. Nancy Coon |
| 44. Walt Quist | |
| 45. Karla Kramer | |
| 46. Lewis E. Gorman III | |

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