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Reunion 2013



Start planning now to be in beautiful Kalispell, Montana the second week of September 2013 to join your fellow retirees at what should be the best FWS Retirees Association Reunion ever.

The official dates of the Reunion itself are September 9th through September 13th. With these dates, we avoid the major vacation times (and crowds) but should still enjoy very pleasant weather conditions. September 9th would be a travel, arrival and registration day, while the 10th through the 12th would be full agenda and touring dates and the 13th would be for our closeout and any spillover activities and/or meetings.



The Hilton Garden Inn will be our host for the Reunion. They will provide rooms at a reduced daily rate of \$109 complete with a full cooked breakfast option. The hotel will honor these rates for three days before and three days after the actual reunion dates, so if you want to take in some of the sights before or after or just stay and relax a while, it won't break the bank.

The Hilton Garden Inn offers a wide variety of amenities bound to please the tastes of all. The Blue Canyon Kitchen and Tavern provides a great place to meet and relax with friends. For those

looking to get rich, there is the Silver Canyon Casino. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool and spa, a well equipped fitness room, a 24-hour business center, and complimentary WiFi



access throughout. The hotel provides free shuttle service from the Kalispell Airport and, with prior notification, from the Amtrak station at Whitefish, MT, some 16 miles distant.

Local attractions in the town of Kalispell and nearby Bigfork and Whitefish provide many opportunities that should interest everyone, including those not so inclined towards things wild and rugged. There are museums, art galleries, boutiques, and great restaurants and watering holes to attract our attendees. For those inclined to more physical pursuits, there are several challenging golf courses nearby, and numerous opportunities for horseback riding, fly fishing, river rafting and hiking.

If you want to check some of these out in advance, the local Chamber of Commerce put together the following list of possible activities for our group:

1. The Conrad Mansion www.conradmansion.com
2. Museum at Central School www.yourmuseum.org
3. The Hockaday Museum of Art www.hockadaymuseum.org
4. The Miracle of America Museum in Polson on the south end of Flathead Lake www.miracleofamericamuseum.org
5. A self-guided walking tour of historic downtown Kalispell [Self-Guided Walking Tour](#)
6. A cruise on Flathead Lake aboard the Far West www.flatheadlakeboattour.com
7. A visit to Whitefish Mountain Resort – hiking, zip-line tours, mountain biking www.skiwhitefish.com
8. An afternoon in the lakefront village of Bigfork www.bigfork.org
9. Golf at one of our seven courses www.golfmontana.net
10. Take the “Connoisseur Tour” of the Flathead Valley’s Breweries, Wineries and Micro-Distilleries [Connoisseur Tour](#)
11. Hike or bike on hundreds of miles of scenic trails www.discoverkalispell.com

12. Tour Hungry Horse Dam, a Bureau of Reclamation facility on the South Fork of the Flathead River about 20 miles of Kalispell.

Not many areas of the country can boast of scenery, natural wonders, and recreational opportunities as are found in northwestern Montana. Kalispell sits in the midst of the beautiful Flathead Valley and at the northern end of Flathead Lake, renowned for its fishing and other recreational opportunities. In close proximity to Kalispell, there are areas of worldwide significance for those wishing to take the time to visit. Glacier National Park (*photo on right*) is a scant 30 miles the north and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area 30 miles to the east. Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are a five and one half hour drive to the south.



The Board is currently working on an agenda for the Reunion and no final decisions have yet been made on all the events and activities we will ultimately provide for your enjoyment. We will, of course, continue with our tradition of an Icebreaker Social, an Evening Banquet and Silent Auction, along with hosted day-long field tours to sites of interest. There will be meetings of the Retirees Association Board of Directors with its members and of the FWS Heritage Committee. We expect also to have informative presentations by the Washington Office and Regional Office Directorates on current happenings and issues of importance to the Service and panel discussions on a topics or issues of national and/or local interest. Some of the topics being considered include how the Service is dealing with climate change, the possibility of getting research back into the Fish and Wildlife Service, and a panel with very diverse perspectives on the recent de-listing of the grey wolf in the northern Rocky Mountains. (*such as the one seen above in Glacier National Park*). We are also considering setting up tables for various exhibits, daily nature walks, and fun things like a scavenger hunt and open mike sing-a-longs.



There are also several field tour possibilities, both as part of the reunion agenda or which might be planned and organized for before and/or after the official reunion dates. If you recall, we did this at



both the Charleston and San Diego reunions and it seemed to work out very well and attracted many participants. Those being investigated include a boat tour of Flathead Lake or visits to Creston National Fish Hatchery, the National Bison Range (*photo in previous column*), or Nine Pipes National Wildlife Refuge. Other trip options are also being investigated.

We want your input. What do you want most to see, do and hear while at the reunion? Let any of your Board members know what most interests you and we will try to make it happen. However, we need your ideas within the next couple of weeks so that we can investigate and plan. We fully expect to have a draft agenda, with field tour information and related costs if any, in our next newsletter, currently slated for release in April, 2013.

Needed: Items for Silent Auction

One of the major sources of funding for the Retirees Association is the silent auction that we hold at every Reunion. We are looking now for items to auction off at the Kalispell Reunion, preferably new or very gently used treasures that would appeal to our members. Do you have a lead on manufacturing companies or retailers that might donate items to us for the auction or do you yourself have something you are willing to donate? We are looking for things such as fish and wildlife collectibles (prints, carvings, decoys), outdoor recreational gear, and just plain "nice stuff". We can handle the shipping if you have something to donate. Remember, because we are a non-profit organization, such donations are tax-deductible. If you can help with this in any way, please contact one of our Board members.

Election of New Board Members

The ballots are in and the top three vote-getters in the recent election for members of the Board of Directors are:

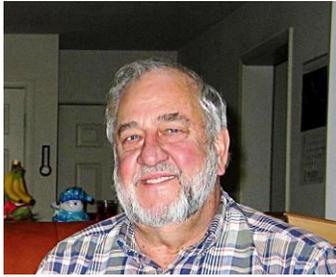
- Larry Shanks (incumbent) from Monett, Missouri
- Jerry Grover (past Board member and Association co-founder) from Tigard, Oregon
- Gail Carmody of Panama City, Florida

Their three-year terms began on January 1, 2013 and will run through December of 2015.

Larry Shanks was first elected to the Board in 2009 and has been the Board Chairman since June of 2012. With his re-election to the Board, Larry intends to continue his efforts to plan for a successful Retirees Reunion in Kalispell, MT. His more long-term goals include getting former FWS Research retirees to join us in our gatherings and to encourage more FWS retirees who are not currently members to join and influence the future direction and activities of our organization. Larry also wants us to become more involved with current FWS activities and to share with new employees some of the history of the agency. He proposes to interview and prepare at least ten oral histories of retirees who live within a reasonable distance from home for the NCTC Archives. Larry and his wife Carleen make their home in Monett, MO.



Jerry Grover was reelected to the Board after a two year absence. Jerry was one of those insightful individuals



responsible for the establishment of the FWS Retirees Association and responsible for ramrodding several of our past reunions. Even before his re-election, however, Jerry volunteered to assist the Board with arrangements for our upcoming reunion. Jerry traveled to

Kalispell MT to visit and evaluate the local hotels that we felt might be able to accommodate our needs. He then negotiated with the best of these potential host hotels and was able, on our behalf, to get the Hilton Garden Inn to agree to very generous contract arrangements. Jerry has also been very active in compiling oral histories of former Service members of note and is expected to continue this into his new term. And of course with Jerry comes his lovely wife, Judy, who in the past has also been very active in Association and Board activities. Judy and Jerry reside in Tigard, OR.

Gail Carmody embarks on her first term with the Board but is no stranger to the Association or to our activities. A member since her retirement, Gail has been a major player in the Region 4 pilot program for the youth and mentoring programs under our grant from NCTC. She also volunteers locally for the Emerald Coast Regional Environthon, the Natural Resources Diversity Initiative at the University of Florida, and developing EcoGulf with the Florida State University STEM Institute. Since her election, Gail has agreed to take on the very difficult task of Association Treasurer.



Thank You. Leaving the Board after three years of service are **Frank Cockrell and Steve Rideout**. These fine gentlemen provided outstanding guidance and service to the Retirees Association and their contributions over their terms are greatly appreciated. If you chance to see them at our next reunion, please buy them a drink.

Benefits of Membership. A comment on this recent election. To be eligible to vote in our elections, you must be a dues-paying member of the Association. A mere 350 members out of nearly 3000 retirees on our mailing lists were qualified to vote this past year. This is an appallingly low number. This is your organization, working to do things that benefit all FWS retirees and the active Service. Aren't you interested in being an active participant and in having a voice in the direction your Association takes in the future? I can't believe \$25 a year is more than you can afford to keep things going and in setting a course for our future efforts and events. Please join us as full-fledged Retiree Association members and sign up today, either by filling out the form at the back of this newsletter or by signing up online at our website <http://www.fwsretirees.org>. If you are not already a member, please let us know what it would take to get you to join? We really want to know and we want you to be

active participants in this, the only such organization specifically set up to serve you.

Membership Contact Information

The Retirees Association maintains a database with the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of all FWS retirees who have consented to provide such information. There are currently nearly 3,000 living retirees in that database. We are very frequently asked to provide addresses or phone numbers of some of those individuals to other retirees wishing to get in touch with their former colleagues. We are also occasionally asked about the possibility of producing a "Directory" with the names and contact information of all Fish and Wildlife Service retirees. As a Board, we have discussed this possibility in depth and have decided against such an action for a number of reasons. First, the costs of producing and mailing such a directory would be prohibitive as would the necessity of periodically updating the information contained therein. There are also privacy issues to be addressed. We would first need to contact every member to obtain their consent to release their contact information. Many would be concerned about the release of their information being used for commercial purposes.

Alternatively, we have decided to continue with our current practice of having Board members provide such contact information when asked. Should you desire to contact someone in our database, simply ask any of our Board members (our names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided in our newsletter and are available on our website) and they will get that information to you in short order.

Have You Moved?

To keep you in the loop and to send you the latest newsletters, happenings and events, we need to have your current contact information. If you have a new mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address, please let us know. You may use the form at the back of this newsletter or you can phone or e-mail the new information direct to our database manager, Kelle Quist; Phone: 1-413-339-4718; e-mail: wquist1@verizon.net

Letters to the Editor

Have something you want to express your opinion about? We will try to publish at least one letter to the editor in each edition of the newsletter. Send them to Jim McKeivitt at jimmymac@usamedia.tv

October 25, 2012

Role for the Retirees Association?

I see that our Retirees group is doing some great things in keeping folks involved, celebrating the lives of those who have passed, and informing us about issues (e.g. your recent action alert about our Refuge System).

However, I cannot help but think we could do a bit more. Have we thought about sending a representative or two to the Hill each year, to brief congressional members and staff on issues relevant to fish & wildlife conservation? Have we thought about sending Retiree reps to accompany our employees who make such annual pilgrimages ... to introduce or ask the tough questions that active Service personnel cannot (perhaps with some agency funding to offset our travel expenses)? I'm suggesting an "issue educational role" for us on the Hill rather than any lobbying *per se*. But

frankly, if we do not lobby for our former agency budgets, our active colleagues, and our nation's resources, who will? Just some thoughts, folks ... to give our retirees something to think about and a way to make our contributions even more relevant. Please feel free to pass this on.

Sincerely,
Carl Burger
Ridgefield, WA

Miscellaneous

Historic Fishing Licences. D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives is currently working on a historic photo book entitled "*Spearfish National Fish Hatchery*". Their contract is with Arcadia Publishing and the book will be an addition to their "*Images of America*" series. They are looking for an historic South Dakota or Dakota Territory fishing license that they can scan and include with the 180+ other images. Please contact Carlos Martinez at 605-642-7730, extension 223, if you can help.

Streamlines. Fall 2012 saw the inaugural issuance of "*Stream Lines*", the Mountain-Prairie Region's new Fisheries Newsletter. With this periodic newsletter, the region hopes to reach a variety of people to help them gain an understanding of the success of the Fisheries Program by highlighting accomplishments in Region 6. To view this excellent newsletter, visit the Region's website, click on the *Fisheries* tab, and on *Resources* in the drop-down menu.

The region strongly encourages constructive criticism and ideas for topics on this new venture. Reader input is vital in helping them provide a quality product. If you care to provide comments, direct them to Carlos Martinez at D.C. Booth, 605-642-7730.

Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp. Former Association Board member Dom Ciccone wrote to inform us that a new non-profit organization has been formed: Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp. Dom is now on the Board of that group along with

fellow FWS retirees Bill Hartwig, Carolyn Bohan, and Vaughn Collins. This group of stamp, wildlife, and refuge enthusiasts is modeled after the very successful

Friends groups that support many of our National Wildlife Refuges across the country. Theirs is a simple goal: to increase the appreciation and sales of duck stamps. An information campaign by this group is just beginning. To find out more about this worthwhile organization, check out their website at <http://www.friendsofthestamp.org/>.

Website. Very soon, you will see dramatic changes and updates to the FWS Retirees Association website. The Board, with the able assistance of retiree Linda Purviance, is reviewing what needs to be done to make the site more attractive, more informative, and easier to navigate. Check out the current

website at <http://www.fwsretirees.org> and, if you have suggestions for format or content, let us know.

Book about FWS - Fiction?? Former police officer Michael Hervey wants us to know that he has written an action thriller in which the protagonist is a young FWS refuge law enforcement officer stationed at Pinckney Island NWR in South Carolina. Might be enjoyable reading. You can check out the first chapter at his website <http://www.michaelhervey.com>. Michael has also donated a few copies for us to sell at our Kalispell Reunion. Any FWS authors so inclined??

Passing of Colleagues

If you are aware of the passing of any retired FWS employee, including those who left the Service because of organizational changes or late career changes, please let us know so that we can let their former co-workers and friends know.

Leslie F. (Les) Beaty (1941-2013) passed away unexpectedly of lung cancer at the age of 71 on January 6, 2013 in New Mexico. Les was born on July 2, 1941, in Austwell, Texas. His dad was a Fish and Wildlife Service refuge manager and the Beaty family lived near whichever refuge he was working at the time, initially in Texas and later in New Mexico and Oklahoma. Following in his father's footsteps, Les pursued a career in the natural resource field. He worked summers for the Service at refuges in Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico while attending college. He obtained his B.S. degree in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University in 1964. It was while at CSU that he met Sharon Ann Clark who he married shortly after graduation. Their married life together began in Kansas, where Les had been assigned as Assistant Refuge Manager (Trainee) at the Kirwin NWR. Later assignments took them to Tishomingo, Washita, Wichita Mountains, and Sequoyah NWRs in Oklahoma. After attending a Departmental manager development program in D.C., Les was reassigned in 1971 as Refuge Manager of the Mark Twain NWR near Quincy, Illinois. In 1974, Les took on the job of Chief of Operations for Refuges in Region 3. In 1976, the Fish and Wildlife Service sponsored his enrollment in graduate school at the University of New Mexico where he obtained a Masters of Arts degree in Public Administration. The following year, 1977, Les was made Chief for Resource Management for Refuges in Washington, D.C. Their expected two-year tour there lasted more than five years, and it wasn't until 1982 when orders came to return to the Regional Office in Albuquerque where he served in different positions over the next 12 years, first as Chief of Planning and Support Services and then as Deputy Assistant Regional Director of Wildlife Resources and later of Federal Aid.

Les elected to take an early retirement in 1994. Although he was only 53, Les had 33 years of credible service. In retirement, Les and Sharon moved to Edgewood, New Mexico, east of Albuquerque. His retirement from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, however, did not change his desire for the agency's well-being; he became treasurer of the Blue Goose Alliance which is working to gain independent agency status for the Service. And he wanted it known that, while his career took him to various positions in regional and national offices, he never really left (or forgot) refuges.

Les is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sharon, his son Brett and daughter Danelle, and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, if

anyone wishes to honor Les, a donation in his name to the Blue Goose Alliance will be greatly appreciated.

Vaughn M. Douglass (1949-2012) passed away in Nashua, NH on September 3, 2012 with his family at his side after a courageous battle with lymphoma. Born in Morrisville, VT, Vaughn completed undergraduate studies at the University of Maine (1971) with a degree in Biology, and graduate studies at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA (1973) with a degree in



Fishery Science. Vaughn began his Fish and Wildlife Service career with the Eastern Energy and Land Use Team in Kearneysville, West Virginia. He later did a stint with the National Wetlands Inventory, prior to moving to the Division of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration in 1984. In addition to his other contributions, Vaughn was the lead

author on the *NEPA Guidance to States Participating in the Federal Aid Program*. He retired as Lands and Development Program Chief after 33 years with the Service on July 1, 2012. Vaughn received recognition by his peers on a number of occasions, including a Certificate of Appreciation from the State Organization of Boating Access, a Region 5 Eagle Award, and the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award. Vaughn is survived by loving wife Joyce (Libby) with whom he spent 41 years of marriage, and by his children Kristen, Andy, and Keith as well as by his five grandchildren. In his memory, the family requests donations be made to: Humane Society of Greater Nashua 24 Ferry Road, Nashua, NH 03064.

Daniel Thomas Forney (1945-2012) passed away at his

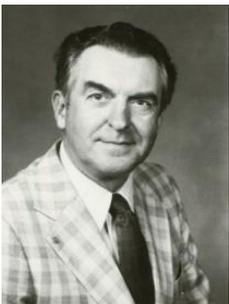
Bowling Green, KY home on September 19, 2012 at the age of 66. The Sonoma County, CA. native was born on November 20, 1945 and worked for the Fish and Wildlife Service as an Environmental Specialist. Dan had served in the U.S. Army and received the Purple Heart Medal, The Bronze Star Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal while serving in the



Vietnam War. Mr. Forney also belonged to the American Legion the V.F.W. and the Masonic Lodge. Survivor's include his daughters Sandy, Kristie, and Dawn, his son Hans, and six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

John Emil Halver III (1922-

2012) passed away suddenly and peacefully at home on October 24, 2012. Born in Woodinville, WA on April 21, 1922, John received a BS in Chemistry from Washington State College in 1944. He married Jane Loren of Tacoma, his bride for over 68 years, and together they had five children, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



John served in Europe with the US Army as an Infantry officer, returning from World War II as a Captain and a decorated soldier, having earned a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, American Theatre Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation (Germany), Combat Infantry Badge, and the Croix d'Honneur from France. Later he also received the Citoyen d'Honneur from France.

After WWII, he earned an MS in Organic Chemistry from Washington State College and a PhD in Medical Biochemistry from the University of Washington, after studies in Nutrition at Purdue University. He began his career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Abernathy NFH (now the Abernathy Salmon Culture Development Center) and was later involved in the expansion of the Seattle Lab, the Willard Lab and several stations around Puget Sound. Using fish as his experimental animal, Dr. Halver developed the standard test diet H440 (which stood for "Halver, 440th try") resulting in nutritional standards used world-wide for salmonids and other fish. He was promoted to Senior Scientist in Nutrition for the Fish & Wildlife Service, and in 1976, joined the faculty at the University of Washington as Professor of Nutrition. He served as a US Science Ambassador under four presidents, and as a private consultant to over 90 countries throughout the world.

Dr. Halver was inducted into the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, the New York Academy of Sciences, the Washington State Academy of Science, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and received other honors from around the world, including the Makila d'Honneur from Spain. He was inducted into the Fisheries Hall of Fame as "The Father of Fish Nutrition". A devout, lifelong Christian, Dr. Halver spent his life confirming his belief that "There is no conflict between science and theology. Science is pursuing truth, and God is the author of Truth".

Memorials may be sent to the John E. Halver Fellowship, School of Aquatic & Fishery Sciences, 1120 Boat Street, University of Washington; Seattle, WA 98195.

Richard "Dick" Thomas Huber Sr. (1933-2012.

Dick died Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the age of 79. Dick began his career at Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery in Virginia but soon transferred to River Basin Studies/Ecological Services in the Southeast Region, ultimately becoming the Deputy Assistant Regional Director for ES. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia, daughter, Cindy, son, Richard Huber Jr., stepsons Tommy and Richard Steed, eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe Jiron (1921-2012) passed away on

December 31, 2012 in Albuquerque, NM at the age of 91. Born on the family homestead in Los Ranchos de La Cienega, near Arroyo Colorado, Joe enlisted in the Army and served during WWII. Joe saw action in WWII in two Italian campaigns, served in occupied Germany, and participated in the Berlin Airlift. After an assignment in Washington State, he



switched to the Air Force and was assigned to posts in Washington, Alaska, Germany and Utah. Retiring from the military after 26 years, his civilian career included several positions in retail and a final position in the mailroom with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. "Little Joe", as he was known to FWS folk in the Albuquerque Regional Office in the 1980's, brought a smile to everyone he met.

Joe's hobbies included home improvement projects and doing genealogical research. He was immensely proud to discover his New Mexico family history could be traced back to the late 1700's. Joe was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Lina "Heidi" Jiron and survived by his son Frank Jiron, sister Betty Silva and numerous nieces and nephews. He is interred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

David R. Kimbrell passed away on June 28, 2012 at age 79 in Pulaski, NY where he had been living since shortly after his 1996 retirement from his position as Chief Appraiser in the Washington Office of Realty. He had served in that position for over twenty years, responsible for policies and standards governing evaluation of the many types of properties purchased within the varied land acquisition programs of the Service. Dave began his career with the Service shortly after his graduation from the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University, joining the Realty Division in the Albuquerque Regional Office as an appraiser trainee, eventually becoming the Chief. He was an active member of several professional organizations, notably the American Society of Appraisers and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Dave is survived by his former wife and the families of his two sons and a daughter, all living in Northern Virginia.

William M. Lindsey (1920-2012) died on July 1, 2012.

Bill was born on September 10, 1920 in Spokane, WA. After growing up during the Great Depression, Bill served six years in the Navy, receiving the Purple Heart during World War II for wounds received while on battleship Biscayne in 1943. After the war, Bill attended and graduated from Oregon State University. He married Barbara June Miller in 1951. They raised Bill, Randal, Karen and Janine. He is remembered for his career with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, establishing National Wildlife Refuges. Bill was Region 1 Realty Chief during the 1970s and was instrumental in the early negotiation to establish the Hawaiian Island refuges. After retirement, Bill lived in Lakeview and Klamath Falls, OR from which he traveled and fished. His family delighted in reunions he generously sponsored to Mexico, San Diego and Hawaii.



*Janine Lindsey, Bill's daughter, is looking for information on the refuges her father had been a part of and pictures to go with them to put on a memorial board, so his family could remember his work and life. Here is her contact info: **Phone# 360-352-1137, email: jhawk@gglbbs.com** .*

John D. "Jack" McIntyre (1938-2012), passed away suddenly on December 3, 2012. Jack was born in Jamestown, New York in 1938. After graduating from high school, Jack joined the U.S. Air Force in 1958 just as he became engaged to Mary Little (they wed in 1960 and were married for 52 years at the time of his death). He served at several Air Force bases training pilots on simulators and at the newly opened Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs training navigators.



After his military discharge, Jack pursued a BA degree at Cornell University and Colorado State College in Greeley (now the University of Northern Colorado) while deciding on a career in the fish and wildlife sciences. He then received a graduate assistantship in fisheries at Oregon State University where he completed his MS degree in 1967 and his PhD in Fisheries in 1970. Both dissertations dealt with production and behavioral interactions of salmonids in experimental streams. Jack became the Assistant Leader of the Oregon Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit in 1971 and the Unit Leader in 1973 (as a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee), where he taught through 1977.

Jack then transferred to the Seattle National Fisheries Research Center where he led the Population Ecology Research Section. He was instrumental in the formation of three new field stations (the Columbia River Research Laboratory in Cook, WA, the Alaska Field Station in Anchorage, and the Reno Field Station, NV). He spent a brief period (1978-79) in Red Bluff, CA during the 13 years he was associated with the Seattle Lab.

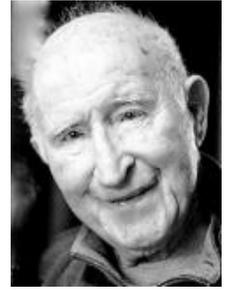
In 1990 Jack joined the U.S. Forest Service's Intermountain Research Station in Boise, ID to lead a new program focused on the conservation biology of native fishes. This leadership role led to important contributions for conserving threatened bull trout, cutthroat trout and Chinook salmon and created a model for technology transfer that has been emulated throughout the agency. He retired from federal service in 1994 but remained active in fisheries conservation roles that included monitoring of threatened salmon populations, Forest Service program reviews, exotic species control efforts in Yellowstone National Park, a Washington State Governor's Panel for Salmon Recovery, and the Independent Science Review Panel for the Northwest Power Planning Council for Columbia River fisheries mitigation. He served as an Associate Editor for the AFS North American Journal of Fisheries Management in 1998. Jack was honored with inclusion in OSU's Registry of Distinguished Graduates in 2001, an accolade reserved for a select few. Jack was also a passionate, expert birder who helped the Audubon Society with many of their annual surveys.

Excerpted from a tribute prepared by Carl Burger, Bruce Rieman, Reg Reisenbichler, Jack Helle, Richard Wilmot, Carl Schreck, Hiram Li and Jim Lichatowich

William Ashton (Bill) Reid (1930-2013). Bill Reid died at his Atlanta GA home on January 14, 2013 at the age of

83. Bill, a U.S. Army veteran, was born in Ohio, went to and graduated from the University of Arizona, and joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1954. Bill first worked at Bear River NWR in Utah and later at Santee NWR in South Carolina where he met Betty, who was to be his wife for 52 years. Bill and Betty then moved to Atlanta where he worked with the Realty Division in the Southeast Regional Office until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and by his daughter Betsy, son Robert and four grandchildren.

Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Utah right after World War II. At Bear River, John pioneered in the development of airboats by installing old aircraft engines on flat-bottomed boats to access shallow water areas in an effort to control a major botulism outbreak, a feat for which he was recognized in a wildlife journal. He also had assignments at Charles M. Russell NWR and was Manager at Desert Game NWR before moving to Portland, OR where he was an Assistant Regional Wildlife Refuge Supervisor. His last Portland Regional Office position was head of a team developing Master Plans for new refuge acquisitions.



John was pre-deceased by his wife of 60 years, Doris, who died in 1998. He is survived by his four children, Joan, Sydney, Jean, and Scott.

Daniel "Buddy" York (1928-2011) died on August 15, 2011 in Rockingham NC at the age of 83. He was born Aug. 5, 1928 in Scotland County NC, a son of the late Hugh Irving York Sr. and Mamie Wilkes York. He was retired after a career with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, spent primarily at the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery in Hoffman, NC.

Surviving are his wife, Nell York; three children, Paula York, Julia White, and Bess Shuler; six step-children, Donna Faucette, Darla Russell, Judy Waldron, Mary Beth Jones, Pat McGee, and Steve McGee; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. York was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Stancil York; a son, Daniel Benjamin York, and a brother, John Caddell York.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Richmond County, 1119 US Hwy 1 N., Rockingham, NC 28379.

Robert George "Bob" Thompson (1935-2012)



passed away on December 5, 2012 in Delta CO. Bob was born on October 2, 1935 in Grand Lake, CO where he grew up. He attended Colorado State University where he was awarded a degree in zoology. Bob spent most of his Fish and Wildlife Service career managing fish hatcheries, including

hatcheries in Leadville, CO, Jones Hole, UT, and Kalispell, MT, among other places. Bob retired in 1995 and returned to Colorado, eventually settling in Crawford, where he enjoyed skiing, hiking, hunting, target shooting, and camping. He was an avid reader and always politically informed. He served on the Crawford town council until his recent move to Delta, CO. Bob fought a brave fight with COPD, and was surrounded by family and friends before his death at home. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Carolyn, his sons Patrick and Paul and daughter Annie, along with seven grandchildren

John Barrend Van den Akker (1909-2012) John passed away on October 17, 2012 at his Oregon home surrounded by family and friends. Born on December 3, 1909, John was 102 years of age at the time of his death. John was a graduate of Utah State University and his first FWS job was at

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