

# 2007 Reunion

March 1, 2007

The 2007 reunion of FWS retirees is set for May 17-20 at National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV. The NCTC is the 'home of the Service' and houses its museum and provides the major training for Service employees. Its time to get your reservation in for the 2007 retiree reunion at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Here are the particulars:

**Date:** May 17-20, 2007 (Plan on arriving p.m. 5/17)

**Call:** 1-877-706-6282 before April 15<sup>th</sup>, please for your reservations

**Cost:** \$104 single, \$145 double, per night. All meals and site visit transportation included.

**Registration:** A \$10 fee will be collected upon arrival to offset the miscellaneous costs incurred by the Association for this reunion.

For those people flying, the **Dulles** Airport is nearest. The NCTC will schedule shuttle van service (\$70 /person) for pickup at the Dulles airport on *Thursday, May 17* at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and a Sunday morning return at 10 a.m. You can reserve a spot when you make your reservation.

For retirees with an RV, "dry camping" is available for \$41/82 per day to cover meals. Call Mary Danno (# below) to make arrangements.

For you D.C., Virginia and Maryland people that wish to commute to Shepherdstown for all or part of the reunion events, please contact Mary Danno at the NCTC 1-800-9472, x7459 or [Mary\\_Danno@fws.gov](mailto:Mary_Danno@fws.gov). Commuters will be expected to pay a pro-rata share of the registration and for any meals they take at NCTC. The meal cost is \$8 for breakfast, \$12 for lunch and \$21 for dinner. Mary can give you the necessary information and make the arrangements. We need to know your intentions and get a head count.

For those people wanting to know who has made reservations to attend this reunion, there will be a link on the [www.FWSRetirees.org](http://www.FWSRetirees.org) web page that will be updated regularly.

It looks like another stellar event in the making. A trip is planned to visit and help celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birth date of Rachel Carson at the Patuxent NWR & Visitors Center. This is a very special gathering to remember a very special Fish & Wildlife Service scientist of *Silent Spring* fame, surely a memorable one.

Also, Charles Hasty is scheduled to return and present *Helping Hands* his always highly informative presentation with a take-home handout that is a don't miss and popular update on current retiree benefits. Charles retired from the Atlanta Regional Office as a long time specialist in Personnel. He is now an active consultant presenting seminars to perspective retirees and

retirees throughout the country and to all branches of the Government. He & Betty have not missed a single retiree reunion, he continues to upgrade his presentation and handout, and is donating his time to the FWS retiree family. Once you've experienced his presentation you see just how valuable this part of the retiree agenda is.

Robert Pyle, lecturer, author of 14 books, noted nature writer and ecologist with a PhD from the Yale University of Forestry and Environmental studies, is also on the agenda. In 1971, during a Fulbright Fellowship at the Monks Wood Experimental Station in England, Pyle founded the *Xerces Society* for invertebrate conservation, and later chaired its Monarch Project. He was the winner of the 1987 *John Burroughs Medal for Distinguished Nature Writing*. He currently lives in SW Washington.

An outdoor social gathering on the deck of The Commons with a bar-b-que and local micro-brew is planned. There will also be a banquet dinner.

### RETIREE AGENDA ( Draft)

Wed. *Heritage Committee Meeting (tentative)*

Thurs a.m. “ “ “ “

(Optional - Any retiree is invited to attend.)

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**Wed pm** Assoc. Board members arrive NCTC

5/16 *Goody Bag Stuffing*

**Thurs** 1-5 Board meeting and setting up for reunion

5/17 3-5 pm Arrival & Registration for Retirees - *Meet & Greet*

5-7 Dinner at the Commons

**Fri** 7-8 Breakfast

5/18 9 Bus to Patuxent National Wildlife Research Center

10:30 Tour visitor center and tram tour of facility

12 Bag lunch with Patuxent staff

2 Bus back to NCTC

6 BBQ social on the patio deck. Current FWS employees invited to attend.

**Sat** 7-9 Breakfast

5/19 9 *Helping Hands* - What's new for the Government Retiree?

Charles Hasty

11 Is 'Nature Deficit Disorder' affecting your grandchildren

Robert Pyle, author

12 Lunch

1-3 **Annual Business Meeting - All**

Association Update, Q & A Session

1:30 What's new in the Archives - Mark Madison

2 Tour of the Archives

3 Center Tour for newcomers

6 pm Banquet/Raffle/Auction

Welcoming - Rick Lemon

"State of the Service" FWS Director Dale Hall, invited

**Sun** 9 Memorial at Fallen Comrades site

5/20 10 Check out

10-? Reserved - Retiree Board Meeting, Follow-up Business