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Kalispell, Here We Come!

Time is running out. It's a scant 4 weeks until we convene at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell, Montana in the beautiful northern Rocky Mountains. Reservations for hotel rooms have been coming in for some time now and there are several days before and after the core Reunion dates of September 9th through the 13th where the rooms available at our special rate at the Hilton are sold out. The nearby Hampton Inn has agreed to handle the overflow at the same rate (\$109/night) for those before and after dates. If the block of rooms we have reserved for our core Reunion dates at the Hilton fill up as expected, we may have to prevail on the Hampton to help us out there as well. *A word to the wise; make your reservations NOW* online at

<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/F/FC AKSGI-FWMEET-20130906/index.jhtml>

or by phone at 406-756-4500. If calling in, be sure to mention that you are with the Fish and Wildlife Service Retirees. **NOTE!** If you want to stay either before or after the actual reunion dates of September 9th through the 13th, you will need to phone in. If you run into any problems, Jerry Grover can help. Phone him at 503-684-1809.

That was the bad news. The good news; this will be the biggest Reunion ever and lots of your friends and cohorts will be there, enjoying the events we have planned and soaking up the sights and sounds of one of the most scenic pieces of country on earth. You don't want to miss it. *Join us.*

Agenda Highlights. We think we've developed an agenda that will please and interest everyone. In addition to the many planned events, there is plenty of free time set aside for folks to do things on their own. There have been a few changes to the agenda since our Spring newsletter and some additional last-minute changes still might be made. Nevertheless, we don't think anyone will come away disappointed.

A complete "current draft" agenda is provided at the end of this article but here are some of the "**highlights**".

Monday Evening: The "Greenwalt Walk for Wildlife" at Creston National Fish Hatchery. This will be a 1K walk along the recently completed outdoor classroom and interpretive trail through a peaceful wooded area at Creston and includes a dinner at the site. There will be an extra \$25 cost for this event, but the funds go to a good cause, the hatchery's Friends Group.

Tuesday AM: Keynote speaker Ken Goddard from the Ashland (OR) Fish and Wildlife Forensics Lab starts off the day, followed by presentations by officials of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) on benefits and legislation affecting retirees. This is then capped off by a presentation on a very hot-button topic, the management of the National Bison Range. Free time in the afternoon and our renowned "Icebreaker Social" with some great hors d'oeuvres and free local microbrews in the evening.

Wednesday: This is our day and we have planned an all-day excursion to the National Bison Range, an area not only unique and of profound biological significance but also the topic of controversy and political debate. Remember that discussion the day before??

Thursday: In the AM, Deputy Director Rowan Gould will be there to tell us what's going on in Foggy Bottom and to discuss the future of the FWS. That will be followed by a panel on another polarizing subject, the restoration and future of the gray wolf in the northern Rocky Mountains. After another afternoon of free time, we'll have an incredible banquet and our silent auction. Our banquet speaker will be Joel Sartore, conservationist, author and photographer extraordinaire, a Fellow of the National Geographic Society, who will speak on his work and travels for NatGeo.

Friday: We have been hoping to put together an 8-hour guided tour of Glacier National Park to begin after closeout. Logistics and costs have been an issue and most of those attending the reunion are planning to tour the park on their own. In spite of the low level of interest to date, we haven't given up yet. We will keep you posted on whether or not we can make this happen.

Registration. We have managed to hold down costs for the Reunion and the registration fee for this year's event will be \$100 per person. This fee will cover the Social, the Banquet, break refreshments, transportation and speakers. As indicated above, it will not cover the "Greenwalt Walk for Wildlife" at Creston. The \$100 registration fee also will not cover any costs associated with a guided tour of Glacier National Park, should we be able to arrange for one. *(Please keep posted on our website for the latest on this topic.)*

At the end of this newsletter is a *Reunion Registration Form*. We strongly encourage everyone to register **before** the reunion to be sure that we can provide for you and to help us complete our planning. **Even if you had previously completed a “pre-registration” form, we need you to fill out one of these Reunion Registration Forms.** You can fill it out and send it in by snail mail **or**, if you are among the more technically proficient, you can fill it out and submit it online at our website, <http://www.fwsretirees.org/LatestUpcomingReunion.html> Regardless of how you submit your registration form, you can also pay online by using the Pay Pal feature.

Who Will Be There. We already have over 120 of your fellow retirees who have registered or indicated they plan to attend and more are signing up every day. Their names are listed at the end of this newsletter. This list will be updated periodically and posted on our website at www.fwsretirees.org. Check to see how many of your old co-conspirators will be there looking for you.

Silent Auction – Something New. This year, we have chosen two items that are on the auction block and have made them available for bidding prior to the reunion and to members who will not be at the reunion. Bids may be submitted by snail mail, e-mail, phone and must be secured in advance with either a credit card or check and received no later than September 2nd, the Monday before the reunion, to be counted. Only one bid per person may be submitted in this manner so it should be a good one as it may be your final bid. The highest of these bids will subsequently become the starting bid at the reunion. People not attending may, however, designate someone at the reunion to continue the bidding for them during the reunion. A bid sheet is included at the end of this newsletter.

The items that are available for early bidding are:
A Guided Fly Fishing Trip for Trout on O’Dell Spring Creek in the Madison Valley of Montana. This is a one-day trip which also includes wildlife viewing and wetland restoration tour. It all takes place in the Madison valley on world famous O’Dell Spring Creek near Ennis, Montana. O’Dell Spring Creek is considered by many anglers to be one of the premier brown and rainbow trout fishing spring creeks in North America. The guided trip includes beverages, lunch and “tried and true” fly’s, all provided by the 14,000 acre Granger Ranch land owner and by retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Rob Hazlewood. Guests would arrange their own lodging and transportation to Ennis, Montana. Transportation to and from Ennis to the ranch will be provided. The day long adventure would include bringing a non-fishing guest.

A One Week Stay at a Vacation Cabin on Lake Umbagog in Northern Maine. The cabin is just 8 miles south of Baxter State Park and 2 ½ hours from Acadia National Park. It has 3 bedrooms, a large deck overlooking the lake and with a view of Mount Katahdin, a ¾ bath, electricity and well water, a full kitchen and satellite TV. It will be



available in July or August of 2014 and may be had hosted or unhosted. The value of the host, in addition to some cooking/cooking assistance is guide service to other amenities in the area and probably most important, guided use of a motorized party boat. The boat is a major asset to have on this 18,000 acre lake system with numerous water hazards. Unhosted guests will have access to canoes and kayaks but not the party boat. Minimum value of this week stay is estimated at \$750 to \$1000.



More detail on these wonderful auction items can be found on our website at www.fwsretirees.org.

Sign-Up Genius: Connect With Others. With so much free time and so many optional tour possibilities, our retirees will be going hither and yon. In keeping with our “green” philosophy and to reduce our carbon footprint, we have set up an online digital bulletin board to help members connect with one another to plan trips, share rides, save gas, and enjoy each others company. The program is called Sign-Up Genius and can be accessed at the following link: www.signupgenius.com/go/70AOC4BABA72EAO2-reunion/7167874

Some of the events or tours being planned by retirees that you will find on Sign-Up Genius but which are not part of the reunion include:

- A 3-day keelboat trip down the Upper Missouri River
- A 7-hour hike on Mt. Aenæs led by Larry Stolte
- A half-day rafting trip on the Middle Fork
- Trail rides out of nearby Gaynor Ranch
- Rounds of golf on some of the area's 8 challenging courses
- A visit to the Whitefish Mountain Resort

Detailed Draft Agenda.

Sunday, September 8 - Early Arrivals

- AM/PM** Optional No Host Field Trips
- PM** Informal No Host Reception
Entertainment, Board Games, Show and Tell (LE travel exhibit; artifacts from NCTC, etc)

Monday, September 9 – Regular Arrivals

- AM/PM** GeoCache Introduction
Optional Field Trips
Registration
- 1 PM** Board of Directors Meeting (Open to all)
- 5-8 PM** Lynn Greenwalt 1K Walk for Wildlife

Tuesday, September 10 – Reunion Opening

- GeoCache Competition
- Bird Count near Hotel
- Registration continues
- 8:30 AM** Welcome – Mamie Parker

- Opening Remarks – Larry Shanks
 Area Highlights – Chamber of Commerce
- 10 AM** Keynote Speaker – Ken Goddard, Ashland F&W Forensics Lab
- 10:45 AM** Retiree Legislation Benefits Update – Jessica Klement and David Snell, NARFE
- 11:30** Presentation – *Management of the FWS National Bison Range* – Dick Gritman
- PM** **Free Time**
 Suggested Options:
 Flathead Lake Boat Trip
 Whitefish Mountain Resort
 Local Kalispell Tours
- 6-8 PM** Icebreaker Social (with hors d'oeuvres)
- Wednesday, September 11**
 GeoCache Competition
 Bird Count near Hotel
- AM/PM** **Field Tour** - National Bison Range and Nine Pipes National Wildlife Refuge
Optional Free Time
- PM** Dinner on your own
- Thursday, September 12**
9 AM Announcements
9:15 AM Future of the FWS – Deputy Director Rowan Gould
9:45 AM Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp – Dom Ciccone
10:10 AM Travel/Volunteer Opportunities – Donna Stanek
10:30 AM Panel Discussion – *Wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountain Area: Reasonable Perspectives on a Very Hot Topic*
- PM** **Free Time**
5-10 PM Reunion Banquet and Silent Auction
 Guest Speaker Joel Sartore, National Geographic Society
- Friday, September 13** – Closeout
AM Business Meeting Updates
 Remembering Departed Colleagues
 Reunion Evaluation and Closing Thoughts
Possible Guided Tour of Glacier National Park

Have You Moved?

To keep you in the loop on relevant happenings and events and to send you the latest newsletters, we need to have up-to-date 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**

Election of Board Members

Each year, the terms of three members of the Association's Board of Directors expire. And each year, every dues paying member gets a chance to run for one of those seats or nominate someone else to run, and, once a slate has been identified, to vote for the candidates of their choice. Terms begin in January. Accordingly, elections must be held in the fall or early winter, meaning that a slate of candidates needs to be identified soon. The duties of Board members are not onerous. Members meet

via conference call every month and a modest commitment of time devoted to Association business is frequently required of members between each conference call. If you yourself are interested or know of someone you feel would make a good Board member, please let us know. We need a good and active Board to keep this Association running smoothly.

Miscellaneous

A Thank You from NCTC. The Association just received a letter of thanks for our personal and financial support of the fifth annual *Student Climate and Conservation Congress* held at NCTC. We helped to pay for three speakers that spoke to the high school students attending the Congress. In addition, Ex-Board Director Denny Holland, along with his wife Kathy, spent a week networking with the students and answering questions about the Fish and Wildlife Service and the careers to be had working for the agency.

FWS Rated One of the Best Employers for the 50+ Crowd.

Does this make you want to go back to work? The AARP has rated the FWS 14th in the nation as a place to work for those over 50 years of age. Interesting stats: Some 39% of the Service's total workforce is age 50 or above and the average tenure of those workers is 22 years. Check out the article online at:

<http://www.aarp.org/work/2013-aarp-best-employers/fish-wildlife-service-aarp-best-employers/>.



Bob Hines "Tuna" Mural. During his years with FWS, artist Bob Hines painted six murals for the Department of Interior. Five of the six have been found and identified but this classic mural of "Tuna Fishing" remains elusive. If you know of its whereabouts, please contact FWS Historian Mark Madison (mark_madison@fws.gov) as he seeks to track down this lost piece of our heritage.

Update on OPM Annuity Tax Info. In our last newsletter, we advised you that OPM would no longer be mailing hard copies of the Form 1099-R, the tax form for annuitants, as of January 2014. Whether they have changed their minds or simply forgot to tell us the first go-around, that is no longer the case. While they still want you to opt in for receipt of electronic copies, they now inform us that you do not have to take that option. Any annuitant that does not sign up for the electronic version will still

receive a hard copy. Check them out at www.ServicesOnline@OPM.gov.

Author, Author! Who knew we had such talent in the Fish and Wildlife Service? In addition to keynote speaker Ken Goddard, who has written many best-selling mystery novels, others among us have taken pen to paper to produce works of interest.

Gary Wedemeyer has written a history of the Western Fish Disease Lab entitled “75 Years of Science: The Story of the U.S. Geological Survey's Western Fisheries Research Center, 1935-2010.” Some interesting photos including a 1966 snapshot of the staff at that time. Publication is available free of charge and can be found at <http://pubs.usgs/gip/149/>.

Joe White retired manager of St. Marks NWR ('96) has just published his second book, this one entitled “*The Blue Goose and Me - A National Wildlife Refuge Memoir.*” Written in a conversational style, the book covers a period of nine mid-20th century years during which he served on Chassahowitzka, Reelfoot, White River, and Wapanocca NWRs. Refuges were still inviolate sanctuaries then, non-consumptive public use just a concept, as were uniforms. Refuge managers spent most of their time out on the marsh, in the woods, on a tractor. In other words “the good old days.” Joe's book available in print form on line from www.createspace.com/3885636 or from www.amazon.com books. The e-book version may also be ordered. Just search by title, “The Blue Goose and Me.”

Message in a Bottle. Mark Madison writes “*This is a mystery wrapped inside a conundrum. I am stumped but wonder if our collective 2500 retiree hive-mind might know something.*” A bottle washed up on the beach near Cold harbor along the Bering Sea in Alaska. In it was an old Fish and Wildlife Service survey form written in several languages other than English, including Russian and Japanese. There was a Seattle address on the form but that has not been a working FWS address for many years, perhaps since the early 1970s. The form was numbered “46”. Take an online look at:

<http://www.ktuu.com/news/dailydigest/beachcomber-finds-message-in-a-bottle-near-bering-sea-ktuu-20130423%2C0%2C2910347.story>.

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 pass that information on to their former co-workers and friends.

Keith Carpenter (1932 – 2013). Vernon Keith Carpenter passed away on Monday, July 1, 2013 at the age of 81. He was born on April 26, 1932 in Clayton, New Mexico, served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology from Highlands University. Mr. Carpenter retired from the US Fish and Wildlife Service after 30 years of service. His hobbies included fishing, hunting and camping. He was a true



outdoorsman. He is survived by his daughters Cathy and Kim, granddaughter, Ann Elise, sisters, Gail and Christine and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who mourn his passing. A Memorial Service was held in July in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Vernon's honor to a local church of your choice or favorite charity. To view information or leave a condolence message, please visit www.danielsfuneral.com.

Larry Dunkeson (1944 – 2013). Larry Dunkeson passed away on May 17, 2013 in Albuquerque at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife Patricia, sons Chris and Mark and grandchildren Katie, Ryann, Jenna, and Nolan and his brother Shilo. Larry's family was his greatest joy.

A native of New Mexico, Larry earned a Bachelors degree in Wildlife Management from New Mexico State University and started almost immediately working for the Fish and Wildlife Service, initially trapping coyotes in New Mexico for the Wildlife Services program. Quickly tiring of that, Larry was hired into Region 2's Division of Wildlife Refuges by Lynn Greenwalt and assigned to Fish Springs NWR in Utah. Following that, he and his wife Pat moved on to Mackay Island NWR in North Carolina and then to Mason Neck NWR in Virginia as that refuge's first manager. Larry then tried a stint with Ecological Services in Olympia, Washington before going back to Refuges at the Desert Game Range in Nevada. He then took a position in the Division of Migratory Birds in D.C. And finally back to New Mexico, this time to the Realty Division of the Albuquerque Regional Office. He retired in 2000 as Deputy Chief of the Division after 15 years in that office. All in all, Larry served 33 years with the Service “taking care of all God's critters.”

A Memorial Service for Larry was held on June 15, 2013 in Albuquerque. He can best be remembered with a contribution to the Valle de Oro NWR Education Fund, care of the New Mexico Community Foundation, 502 West Cordova Road, Suite 1, Sante Fe, New Mexico, 87505.

WILLIAM FISHER (1931 – 2103). William Bernard (Bill) Fisher passed away at the age of 82 on May 28, 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was preceded in death by his wife Genevieve; son, John R. Fisher; stepson, Dirk N. Smith. William is survived by his daughter Kathryn M. Bisson of Colorado; stepchildren, Julia J. Harmon of Arizona, Glenn B. Smith of Maine and Genia Vigil of Albuquerque; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Bill served ten years in the U.S. Air Force and 30 years as a cartographer and realty specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A 60 year resident of NW Albuquerque, he was active with the Presbyterian Church and in the community as a Scoutmaster for many years, instilling the love of the outdoors and wildlife to many. Bill was passionate about his family, wildlife, aircraft and classic automobiles. A Memorial Service was held on June 8, 2013 and his ashes were placed in the columbarium of the Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church next to his deceased wife, Genevieve.

John R. Foster (1940 – 2013). John R. Foster, 73, died on May 15, 2013 in Tucson, Arizona after a long and courageous battle with melanoma cancer.

Known to his friends and family as Jack, he was born January 5, 1940 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, graduated from Kalamazoo

Central High School in 1958 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Management from Michigan State University in 1963. While in college, he married Susan B Murray. She and Jack celebrated their 50th anniversary last fall.



During his career with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Jack worked on numerous refuges, including Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge in Illinois, Tamarac NWR in Minnesota, Clarence Cannon and Mingo Job Corps in Missouri before arriving in Montana in 1970 to manage UL Bend and Bowdoin NWRs. He relocated to Arrowwood NWR in North Dakota, then returned to Montana as manager of the

Charles M. Russell NWR in 1987 from which he retired in 1995. Since retirement, he and Susan divided their time between Montana and southern Arizona.

An avid outdoorsman all his life, Jack was active in conservation of habitat for waterfowl in the prairie pothole region of the Midwest, for big game animals in the Missouri River Breaks, and endangered species preservation, primarily the prairie chicken in North Dakota and the black-footed ferret in Central Montana. He was well respected by his employees, supervisors and the ranchers and farmers he worked with and served as a mentor and example for upcoming service employees.

His passion for hunting and fishing took him all over North America. His favorite pursuits were archery, hunting for big game, trekking the "Big Sky" for upland game birds with his beloved Labrador retrievers, and fishing for walleye. He was honored in 1982 with the North Dakota Sportsman of the Year award. Much more important than trophies, however, were his immediate family and the camaraderie of fellow sportsmen and the gathering of friends and family in their common pursuit.

John was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Rotary International, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Montana Bow Hunters Association, and the National Wildlife Refuge Association. He is survived by his wife Susan, daughter Wendy, and sons, Joe and Doug. He also leaves two granddaughters, Candace and Ann, and a sister, Sharon. A memorial service for Jack was held on May 24 in Lewiston Montana. Should you wish, donations in his name may be made to the Central Montana Chapter of Pheasants Forever, Zion Lutheran Church, or a charity of your choice.

Paul (and Jean) Handy 1930 – 2013. Paul Handy passed away on May 19, 2013 in Vancouver, Washington just 17 days after the passing of his wife of 62 years, Jean Sorenson Handy. Both Paul and Jean were natives of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Paul served proudly with the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Germany. He later attended and graduated from



the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's of Science degree in 1958 after which he joined the the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Paul worked for the Service from 1958 to 1985, serving as a Biologist, Hatchery Manager and Budget Finance Director over the course of the next 28 years. But he was a hatchery man through and through. He started at New London NFH as a trainee and later worked at six different hatcheries in four states (South Dakota, North Dakota, Ohio, and Arizona). These assignments were interspersed with training in both warm-water and cool-water fish culture, selection for the Departmental Manager Development Program, and ending up in the Portland, Oregon Regional Office. There he played crucial roles in the Columbia River Fishery Program and the Lower Snake River Compensation Program. Paul was the go-to person in the Portland Regional Office for the Columbia River Basins expansive hatchery building and operation programs requiring close coordination and astute political savvy with the regions native American Tribes, the Northwest states and other Federal agencies.

Jean and Paul are survived by their four children, Mark, Steve, Patrick, and favorite daughter, Missy; along with 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. A celebration of their lives was held at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver on May 24, 2013.

George Podpaly (1944 – 2013). George Podpaly passed away on January 12, 2013 in Sarasota, Florida at the age of 68. George grew up in the Springfield, Virginia area and, after graduating from college, enlisted in the US Army in 1968. After his enlistment, George worked for the Fish and Wildlife Service's Fisheries Program as a program analyst. His specific focus was documentation of Fisheries field stations' operating costs, maintenance needs (and associated costs), and fish and fish egg distribution for all Fisheries field stations. During a round of field station closures in 1983 and 1984, George's knowledge, understanding and analysis of the Fisheries program was instrumental in limiting the 1983 closures to only 35 field stations and completely stopping the proposed 1984 closures.

George retired from the Fish and Wildlife Service in 2004 with more than 35 years of Federal Government Service. He and his wife Bonnie, a retiree of the National Park Service, moved from their long time home in Arlington, Virginia to Sarasota, Florida in 2004. Bonnie passed away in 2008.. George will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his infectious smile and his generous heart. He and Bonnie are buried in the Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida.

Martha Joe Rice (1943 – 2013). Martha Jo Rice passed away in New Market, Virginia, on June 5, 2013 at the age of 70. Martha was born in Washington, D.C. and spent most of her life in the D.C. Area, except for a short period of time in Denver, Colorado. In her career, Martha worked for several federal agencies, including the Fish and Wildlife Service. Martha served as a secretary in the administrative offices of the Service's Research Division in D.C. where she enjoyed a reputation as one of the most helpful and pleasant employees anyone could ask for. She was always ready and willing to do whatever was needed and she did it with dispatch. Her assistance to field stations and labs was renown and the entire agency benefited from her service.

Following her retirement, Martha moved to the Shenandoah Valley area. She was a gentle soul, a true lover of nature and wildlife, and enjoyed birdwatching and outdoor horticulture. Her survivors include nephew Dale Walton and niece Susan Bailey and several great-nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service for Martha was held on June 10, 2013 in Heathsville, Virginia.

John Seubert (1921 – 2013). Dr. John L. Seubert passed away on May 28, 2013, from complications related to congestive heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Jean, his son, John and daughter Leslie.



John was born in Toledo, Ohio, and served in combat during World War II where he was taken as a prisoner of war. After the war, he received undergraduate and Ph.D. degrees in Zoology/Wildlife Biology from Ohio State University. His professional career began in 1952 with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks where he worked as a biologist and as Chief of Game Research. Starting in 1961, he worked the next 30 years as a research

program manager with the Fish and Wildlife Service and with the USDA-Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) program.

While stationed at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in the 1960s and 1970s, John worked on various research projects to help reduce bird strikes with aircraft and bird damage to agricultural crops. Through this work, John became a key figure

in raising awareness of the bird strike issue. Also while at Patuxent, John was promoted to Co-Acting Director and was involved in the whooping crane and gray wolf captive breeding programs.

In 1977, John was appointed Chief of the Mammal Damage Control Section of the Denver Wildlife Research Center, which he led until his retirement in 1991. There he led teams of scientists conducting research related to wildlife damage management. His research contributions and role as a research leader resulted in many publications and reports.

Even after retirement, John continued to make important contributions to the field of wildlife damage management. He presented a paper on the increasing hazards of Canada geese to aviation at the International Bird Strike Committee meeting in London in 1996. His 1994 paper on evaluating Wildlife Hazard Management Plans for airports was incorporated into the FAA's recently published [Wildlife Hazard Management at Airports, a Manual for Airport Personnel](#). In 2000, John received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bird Strike Committee USA for his work related to wildlife damage management and bird strike prevention.

Throughout his life, John was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman. He enjoyed pheasant hunting and fishing and supported numerous wildlife conservation organizations.

Just prior to his passing, John was honored by *The Forgotten Heroes Campaign* and presented with WWII medals by the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

John's ashes were laid to rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado, on July 5, 2013. Any letters or cards of condolences to the family may be sent to 1800 Zinnia Street, Golden, Colorado 80401.

Who is going to Kalispell

The following folks have either already registered or have indicated that they will be attending the FWS Retirees Reunion at Kalispell. There is still time to register so why not join them?

Dave and Gerri Allen
Ed Bangs
Jerry and Jane Bentley
Paul and Wini Benvenuti
Gail Carmody
Frank and Elaine Cockrell
Richard and Nancy Coon
Earl and Ann Cunningham
John and Peggy Doebel
Carrol Donner and Wilma Rees
Bob and June Fields
Don and Luann Fortenberry
Ron Fowler
Ken and Donna Garner
Dave and Marilou Gilbert
Jim Gillett
Ken Goddard
Rowan Gould

Dick and Pat Gritman
Jerry and Judy Grover
Gary and Susan Hagedorn
Mike and Ann Hendrix
Denny and Kathy Holland
Jack and Yvonne Key
Jessica Klement, NARFE
Dudley and Leslee Korth
John and Susan Kurtz
Skip Ladd
Curt Laffin and Carol Wallace
Rick Lemon
Dave and Judy Lenhart
John and Inez Malcolm
Larry and Caroline Malone
Tom and Joan McAndrews
Jim McKevitt
Bill and Nancy Meyer

Robert and Irma Miller
Dick and Shiela Moore
Marvin Moriarty
Richard and Lynn Nelson
Jim and Verne Oland
Mamie Parker
Steve Parry
Matt Perry
Robert and Gerry Phillips
Marv and Carol Plenert
Richard and Christie Pospahala
Don Redfearn
Frank and Dottie Richardson
Steve and Carol Rideout
Barb and Jerry Ritter
Gerry Roehm
Ken and Janice Schwindt
Larry and Carleen Shanks

Jim and Rose Shaw
Franklin and Robin Smith
Tom Smith
David Snell, NARFE
Sherm and Nancy Stairs
Dave and JoAnna Stanbrough
Donna Stanek
Bob and Cathy Stevens
Pete and Marlene Stine
Larry Stolte
Bob and Karen Streeter
Jim and Jacque Tisdale
Tom and Barbara Tornow
Herb and Theresa Troester
Terry Villaneuva/ Gid Honsinger
Rolf and Ginnie Wallenstrom
Bill and Mary Wallsdorf
Your Name Entered Here

REGISTRATION FORM

FWS Retirees Reunion, Kalispell, Montana, September 9-13, 2013

I/We plan to attend the Reunion:

Name: _____ Spouse/Other: _____

Phone #: _____ e_mail: _____

Registration Fee: \$100 per person

Registration fee includes break refreshments, the icebreaker social, the banquet, and the tour of the National Bison Range.

I/We plan to go on the all-day tour of the National Bison Range (cost included in registration)

Yes _____ No _____
number going on tour

I/We plan to participate in the Greenwalt Walk for Wildlife and Dinner at Creston NFH (cost \$25 extra)

Yes _____ No _____
number going on walk

Total Amount Due: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____
(Make checks payable to: FWS Retirees Association)

Mail checks and completed registration forms to:

Jim McKeivitt, 3220 Christian Valley Road, Auburn, CA 95602

Note! You may register and pay online at our website: www.fwsretirees.org

Glacier National Park Tour (if one can be arranged)

I/We would like to go on a guided Glacier National Park Tour, Friday, September 13th (cost would be billed separately)

Yes _____ No _____
number who would go on tour

In addition to this form, please phone or e-mail Jim McKeivitt re: the Glacier tour ASAP.

Phone: 530-878-7883 e-mail: jimmymac@usamedia.tv

BID SHEET

Weeklong Stay at Vacation Cabin in Maine (as described in the Retirees Association Summer 2013 newsletter or on the website www.fwsretirees.org) BID _____

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Credit Card – type and number

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