## Membership Application/ Renewal/Update

Fill out and mail OR use online form and PayPal on our website at http://www.fwsretirees.org

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	New Application (1st Year Free!)					
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☐ Information Update						
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FWS Program (at retirement):						
Office and Region:						
Retirement Date:						
You	ır Interest Area(s):					
	<b>Heritage</b> - oral and written histories, artifacts, photo records, celebrate station anniversaries					
	Mentoring - youth activities, new employees					
	Communication - newsletter articles, web page, friends groups, members, current employees					

☐ **Travel with other members** - national and international volunteer projects

☐ **Membership** - Regional captain, recruiting,

□ Reunion location - site selection, tours, program, auction, Walk for Wildlife

#### Memberships:

marketing

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1-yr: \$25	□ 2-yr: \$50	) □ 3-yr: \$75	□ 5-yr: \$10
Lifetime:	\$500 □ N	ew Member: 1s	t year free
Send a m	embership <sub>l</sub>	<b>pin</b> (one per me	mber only)

Make check payable to and mail completed application to:

Treasurer, FWS Retirees Association 698 Conservation Way Shepherdstown, WV 25443

A retiree is any person who worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and has now retired, including their spouses or partners. If you were caught up in a reorganization, retired from another agency, or took on a second career, but still consider yourself part of the FWS family, you are an eligible retiree. Among these are colleagues who were formerly in Research, Animal Damage Control, or certain National Fish Hatcheries transferred to State operation.

## Why Join!

- Stay connected to USFWS,
- · Renew friendships,
- Make new friends with similar interests,
- Travel to unique wild places, and/or
- Do volunteer work for fish and wildlife conservation.

Join online at:

http://www.fwsretirees.org

Or request a form to mail: treasurer@fwsretirees.org

The Retirees Association is a 501(c)(3)organization.

Donations are tax deductible.



#### What is the FWS Retirees Association?

The Association of Retired Fish and Wildlife Service Employees (FWS Retirees Association) is a non-profit organization of colleagues who have worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and have now retired. Members may include spouses and partners as well as retired and active employees. Members also include persons who worked with and retired from another agency, or took on a second career, but still consider themselves part of the FWS family. Among these are colleagues who were formerly in Research, Animal Damage Control, or with stations transferred to other agencies. As one member described the Association:

"We Are You - when you finally lay down your tools and embark on the next stage of your career in the protection and conservation of our nation's natural resources. Although retired, we have not shed our passion for all things wild and wonderful: we have just thrown away the clock, taken off the handcuffs, and divested ourselves of bureaucracy."

"We are about having fun, staying active, appreciating the natural world, and continuing to contribute to the conservation of fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

First and foremost, we thoroughly enjoy maintaining connections with former

colleagues and making new friends. We remain active through travel, volunteering, and keeping involved with natural resources conservation. We continue our relationship with the Service and the many issues that drove us for so many years."





#### **Association Members:**

#### Participate in fabulous Reunions!

National reunions are held about every two years at some idyllic location across the nation (Kalispell, Charleston, San Diego, Kennebunkport, Albuquerque, the Texas coast, and more).

These weeklong festivities include wonderful food, drink, and camaraderie sandwiched in with informative presentations, hot topic panel discussions, and tours of nearby natural resource wonders.





Travel to exotic places and/or Volunteer time and expertise for national and international natural resource efforts.

# Mentor youth and current employees.

The Association mentoring program is designed to assist current employees and to inform and interest youth in fish and wildlife and possible careers in natural resource conservation.





### Help preserve the rich history of the Service by recording oral histories of former employees, and by obtaining and preserving artifacts and records.

**Support and assist at events** and programs that highlight the heritage of the Service such as significant anniversaries and celebrations.



Stay Connected – The Association communicates with over 2600 retirees through periodic newsletters, electronic bulletins, its website (www.fwsretirees.org), and Facebook. Members keep abreast of issues throughout the country and take appropriate action to influence decisions that affect fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

