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Letter from the President

Randy Dunkel

I didn't know what I was getting myself into when I agreed to assist Warden Supervisor Jeremy Peery with his Leadership Academy project! Jeremy and I have worked many hours to bring the Wisconsin Conservation Warden Honor Guard to fruition and all of our hard work culminated in the opportunity to participate in the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Madison on Friday, May 10th. At several points during last Friday's events I said to myself,

"this is why I did it! No, this is why! No, *this* is why!" But when presenting arms in formation between the Capitol Building and the Law Enforcement Memorial with the American Flag directly in front of me and a single somber bugle playing Taps behind me, tears rolled down my face and I said to myself, "**THIS** is why we do this." It was obvious that the additional work I brought upon myself was nothing when compared to the reward it wrought.



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Photo from the Field—Clark County LTH Turkey



"This picture was taken on Sunday, April 7 during a lunchtime blizzard. We were heading from our morning hunt to lunch at the Neillsville Gun Club when we put a stalk on some turkeys. WDNR Intern Jared Donar was mentoring Tyanne's sister and was hunting on the other side of the property. I glanced over at Tyanne and saw her covered in snow looking like a Siberian sniper and thought, 'I have to get a picture of this.' The story behind this picture is really fun because just as I turned around from taking the picture, I saw the birds coming our way through the woods. They looked like ghosts through the snowstorm; visibility was only about 100 yards or so and 14 hens, two jakes, and a big tom came single file through the woods within range. I was so proud of Tyanne because she took to heart what she'd learned about isolating a turkey before shooting, since only one turkey was allowed. Tyanne was super excited about the close encounter and didn't appear too disappointed at not getting a bird."

-Warden Adam Hanna, Clark County

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Contest Time!

If you haven't noticed, we are in desperate need of a catchy newsletter title! Here's your opportunity to shine and create a media legacy that will live on in all future newsletter publications!

Submit your newsletter title ideas by June 4th, 2013. We will compile the suggestions, and a winner will be selected at our June 4th board meeting (see back page).

The winner of the contest will not only receive the chance to have their brilliance immortalized for future newsletter readers. They will also receive a free WCWA t-shirt!



You can enter as many times as you have ideas. Submissions can be made on our [Facebook page](#) or by emailing info.wcwa@gmail.com with the subject of the email being "Newsletter Title".

Letter from the President [cont. from page 1]

It started when we attended the Honor Guard Training at the Oak Creek Police Department this past March. While others worked to square away their Honor Guard uniforms, Jeremy and I began talking about what we would like to see in ours. Shortly after the training, I headed to the drawing board to design our uniforms and Jeremy got out his pen and paper to develop the Department's Honor Guard policy. Communication was constant and easy. We found we had similar ideas of what we would like in a uniform. The most important part was to honor our past without forgetting the present.

With a commitment from the Wisconsin Conservation Warden Association to fund the uniforms and equipment costs and the commitment from the Department to fund operational costs our work was a go! The fundraising was no small task, but our members raised and donated enough funds to purchase five uniforms, special pins, and other equipment that were all important to Friday's success.

While other uniforms are flashy and have loads of color and shine to them, we decided to let our uniforms follow tradition and added professionalism in the form of detail and dedication. People throughout the day of the Memorial Ceremony expressed their eagerness to see the new uniforms and said how much they liked our style. "Out of all the Honor Guard uniforms here, I like yours the most!" For another person from another Honor Guard unit to say such a thing is one of the greatest compliments, because we all

take great pride in what it is we represent within our agencies! Comments like that made the 15+ hours of personal time spent on polishing my boots worthwhile.



In order to be good at drill and more particularly rifle manual arms, you must practice. Nearing the end of practice on the first day the Detail Commander came to the back of the group to where Jeremy and I stood facing each other practicing and asked us to be the final pair to guard the Memorial. He prefaced his asking by reminding us that absolutely everyone would be watching us. But without hesitation, we agreed! And that is why I spent all those hours standing in front of a mirror with nothing but an imaginary rifle practicing rifle manual arms!

There were many more times throughout the two days in Madison that would remind me why I was putting in extra effort, but all my efforts were nothing compared to the efforts of the individuals whose names are etched in the memorial. If you want to see a Marine, who has served three separate combat tours and is supposed to be a hardened warrior cry, all you have to do is hold an American Flag in front of him and play Taps. I was reminded that I am so lucky to have served and am even luckier to continue to serve. Others lose their lives in less honorable fashions and some never are given the chance to serve with such honor. I have been given the chance to pay my respects to those who served before me, with me, and who will serve after me and for that I thank you!

*"Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the
sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.
Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.
Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the
sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh."
-Lyrics to Taps*

On April 5, 2013 this year, we had the honor once again of providing scholarships to deserving students in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. This year we were able to give out 6 scholarships with the addition of the Cordero "Cord" Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship.

In the words of Cordero's parents, Vicky and Roger, "while in his early career in high school, [Cord] grew more interested in conservation. He wanted to make sure the joy & experiences he had in the outdoors would be able to be enjoyed by others for generations to come." We are truly happy to be a part of remembering Cordero by providing this scholarship.

Congratulations to all the recipients!

UWSP Scholarships—April 5, 2013

[Check out the program by clicking here.](#)

Scholarship Recipients for 2013

Harold Hettrick Memorial Scholarship—Steven Chojnacki

Andrew A. Krakow Memorial Scholarship—Elizabeth Schultz

Robert Markle Memorial Scholarship—Isaac Hackett

Einar Johnson Memorial Scholarship—Kyle Lenzner

Emerson Noyes Memorial Scholarship—Elizabeth Deitelhoff

Tyler Kreinz Memorial Scholarship—Samantha Koscher

Cordero "Cord" Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship—Michael Van Offeren

WCEF Banquet—March 16, 2013

March 16th this year saw the start of a new tradition for Wardens and other conservation-minded folk. Our partner organization, Wisconsin Conservation & Education Foundation (WCEF), hosted their inaugural fundraising banquet at the VFW Post 7591 in Madison, WI. The banquet raised approximately \$17,000 for WCEF's funds and was a complete success! We'd like to extend a thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the event or helped make it happen!

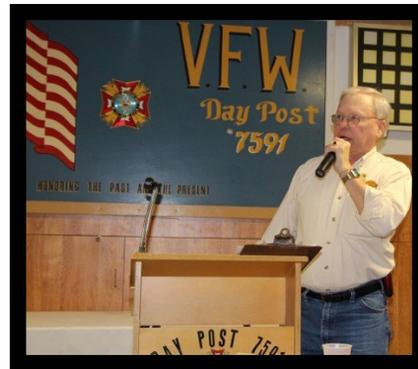
Enjoy these pictures provided by Bill Mitchell. Starting with a photo of the WCEF President, Bill Engfer!



Warden Supervisor Jeremy Peery is pictured below with retired warden Joe Rubesch. Peery is donned in the Wisconsin Conservation Warden Honor Guard uniform which consists of pieces from uniforms from the past and costs around \$1000. We currently have two full Honor Guard uniforms. Dave Zeug (retired warden from Spooner, WI) donated the remarked print "Thou Shalt Not Poach" (138/600) by William Koelpin specifically to raise money for additional uniforms. The print sold for \$400 to Jacob Hansen, a friend to the Association. Congratulations, Jacob and thank you for your contribution to the Honor Guard program!



Many of our members suited up in their WCWA t-shirts to help run the raffles and silent auctions while other members kept it casual and spent the night sharing stories and reconnecting with friends from opposite ends of the state. Pictured: Chief Warden Randy Stark (camo), Warden Jim Horne (WCWA tshirt)



WCEF's Vice President Mike Spors officiated the evening. We heard tell that Mike was working so hard that he didn't get dinner! Now THAT'S dedication to the cause!



We were happy to see so many people go home with treasures from the night. Retired warden Sue Miller (left) was the winner of an original painting done by former hotline dispatcher Shannon Becker based on the 1931 photo of Warden Charles Otto sitting on the steps of his home with a bear cub. Also pictured above is wife of former Deputy Chief Warden Harold Hettrick, LaJeane Hettrick.

Meeting Notice

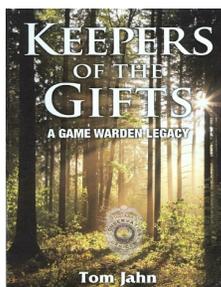
WCWA will be hosting a Board Meeting on June 4, 2013 at the Plover Library downstairs meeting room. The meeting will follow the Wisconsin Conservation & Education Foundation's board meeting.

All members are encouraged to attend board meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like something brought to the attention of your board, please contact your regional representative. Email addresses for all regional representatives can be found on our website.

- ◆ Elections
- ◆ Treasurer Report
- ◆ Membership Update
- ◆ Committee Updates
- ◆ Review of By-Laws
- ◆ Media and Outreach Update
- ◆ Newsletter Contest - Selection of Winner

Book Report

Retired Indiana Conservation Warden Tom Jahn recently published his first book—Keepers of the Gifts: A Game Warden's Legacy. Jahn retired after 36 years as a conservation officer and went to work putting his stories in ink.



As Drew Daily, Indiana State Fire Supervisor states, "Within these pages you will find opportunity to smile, reason to weep, and a sense of the lifestyle that should be adopted by any person charged with "keeping the gifts."

Visit <http://www.tomjahn.com> for more information.

Apparel Sales—May 1-15, 2013

In February of 2013, WCWA hosted our first apparel sales. For the first time ever, members were offered the chance to purchase apparel with the WCWA logo on it to sport while out and about! Interest was high and as such, we intend to continue sales on a quarterly basis with clothing going on sale the 1st-15th of February, May, August, and November.

Most items will stay the same each time we do a sale, but in February we offered the chance to purchase a unique item that will only be offered this time in May and then will be discontinued. The shirt features the saying "Protect Those Without A Voice" on the front and a famous quote from Chief Tecumseh on the back.

If you're interested in ordering apparel, please visit the [Quali-T Inc. website](http://www.wcwa.com) by May 15th to get in on this month's sale.

"Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people."

- Chief Tecumseh



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PO Box 44
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2. Email your new contact information to: info.wcwa@gmail.com
3. Fill out the "[Contact Us](#)" form on our website (above) with "Updated Contact" in the body of the message.

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Email address _____

Are you a member of WCWA? Yes No