



**Wildlife Achievement Chapter**  
**Izaak Walton League of America**  
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## CHAPTER NEWS AND EVENTS

### President's Corner

Hard to believe a month has already passed since our last WAC newsletter. I've taken my own advice to be more involved in what our WAC Chapter has to offer to our members.

My first event was attending the Green Energy committee meeting. It was an enjoyable evening. Green energy is a renewable source of power that does not harm the environment. The power from wind, sun, and water - when harnessed can create electricity to power our homes. Solar panels - now installed at our archery shed was possible by the efforts of our Green Energy committee.

Saturday - October 28<sup>th</sup> I stopped by to watch the Cops & Cowboys Action Shoot. Forty cowboys - all dressed in their best western wear competed against our finest in "blue." On hand were our own Chuck Crooks and Chuck Limparis. Great Time had by all. I strongly suggest to you attending this annual event next year!

Archery Open House - Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Archery lessons were available to children and adults. At first - the targets were missed by the children - until they realized each arrow that hit the target could win candy. As promised - hotdogs cooked by John Porter was served for lunch.

Our WAC Chapter has something for everyone. Take a look at the calendar on our Website - participate in the events and get involved. We really need your help to maintain our grounds and ranges. Our next maintenance day for our chapter grounds and ranges is scheduled for Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. New members are required to participate in approved work projects. This would be a great way for a new member to satisfy a work requirement and meet fellow members.

Our November General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. Come - enjoy our WAC Thanksgiving meal. Richard Fried has promised to work his magic and deep fry turkeys. Hope to see you at meeting.

Until then - take care!

Cherie Aker

WAC President

### 2018 Range Credentials in the Mail

Members who paid their 2018 dues can soon expect to receive their range credentials in the mail. The first batch of credentials go out in mail on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Members that just paid dues in the last few days might not receive their credentials with this batch. If you have not received them within the next 7-10 days, contact Membership Secretary Tim Garrity at [membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org).

The central design element of 2018 range access cards commemorates the centennial of the end of World War I, and was created by the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission. If you have an individual membership and your spouse is authorized to use the ranges, their range credential will have the same design, but on a red-colored background.

Members who want their 2018 membership card have two options to get it. They can either pick it up at the chapter house after January 1st or use the following link to navigate to the IWLA National Members' Sign In Web Page <https://members.iwla.org/apps/#SignIn> and follow the on-screen instructions. Note that your membership card is NOT required for any chapter-related activity. It is mainly a piece of wallet filler for most members. Please let Tim Garrity know if you wish to arrange to get your membership card.



### Membership Renewal Reminder

Members that have not paid their 2018 renewal dues are urged to send payment right away as the November 1<sup>st</sup> preferred payment date has passed. The most recent round of invoices was sent via email on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10pm. Check your inbox for a message received at that time from IWLA WAC Membership ([membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org)) and your spam filter if you do not see one there. If you still do not see one, notify Tim Garrity right away at the above email address.

We use email to the greatest extent possible to reduce postage costs, and minimize the consumption of fossil fuels and paper. Paper-based renewal invoices will be sent only to those that do not have email accounts.

Here is what you are asked to do to facilitate the renewals process:

- It is vital your contact information is current, especially your preferred email address(es). Please notify Tim Garrity right away at [membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org) if your email address(es), phone number(s) or street address have changed within the past 12 months
- Add the email addresses [membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org) and [IzaakWaltonWAC@iwlwac.org](mailto:IzaakWaltonWAC@iwlwac.org) to your list of safe (or approved) senders so related messages do not get filtered out as spam mail.
- When you receive your invoice, send a check or money order (payable to IWLA) for the full amount to the address listed on the invoice. Partial payments will not be accepted and returned.

Members who pay close to the December 31st calendar year deadline face a strong probability that they will NOT get their 2018 Range Access Card before January 1st, resulting in a temporary loss of range privileges. It can take several weeks to complete processing payments and restore access after payment is made.

Thanks to the many members who already paid their dues and to those that expressed their appreciation for our wonderful chapter and all the hard work performed by our leadership to make it an enjoyable place for us to share. It is hoped you will renew your membership and invite family and friends to join us.

If you have any questions or concerns about your membership contact Tim Garrity at [membership@iwlawac.org](mailto:membership@iwlawac.org). If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let him know as soon as possible.

### Visitor Badges

WAC members who bring their family and guests to any of the ranges will need them to wear a WAC visitor's badge. Unlike range access cards, the design of visitor badges is permanent will not change each year. Visitors are only allowed on the ranges when accompanied by members. Therefore, anybody on the ranges without a 2018 range access card or a visitor's badge will be deemed trespassing and asked to leave the property.

### **IWLA WAC Shotgun Range Badge Designation**

Range access badges that have your member number in parenthesis indicate the successful completion of shotgun range certification. The sticker is customarily only intended for use during the year the test was passed. However, if you take the shotgun course in the September-December timeframe, your new range badge will have already been printed for the next year, so it will NOT have that designation on it.

If that is the case, you are asked to keep your current year range badge with the shotgun sticker on it along with the succeeding year range access badge when you get it. If you are ever asked to show that you are approved to use the shotgun ranges, you can simply provide your current year badge with the sticker on it.

### **Probationary Work Requirements**

Probationary members are urged to complete any remaining work requirements before the end of their second membership year is finished. Opportunities for conservation work credits diminish near the end of the calendar year so do not delay. You are urged to check the chapter web site <http://www.damascusiwla.org/calendar2017.html> for a list of upcoming projects and related points of contact (POC). Reach out to the listed POC to ensure they still need assistance as some work projects can only accommodate a limited number of members. If you are unsure about your probationary membership status, please contact Nick Giuliano at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com).

All members, regardless of physical abilities, are required to complete two work projects per year for the first two years of their membership in order to fulfill the terms of their probation. At least one of these projects, each year, must be conservation oriented. Chapter leadership will provide opportunities for members to make a contribution during work projects that require physical labor (i.e., range maintenance). Tasks can be assigned that require minimal or no physical labor.

Each work project listed on the chapter's web site includes a point of contact and that person's name, email address and phone number. Members with limited abilities should contact this person ahead of the event to discuss the nature of the event and determine what work they can perform.

In the event that unusual circumstances prevent a probationary member from successfully fulfilling any probationary requirements during the probationary period and suitable accommodations are unsuccessful or are unavailable, the Board of Directors, by a two thirds majority, may suspend, excuse, modify, reduce or extend any such probationary requirements and/or probationary period. Such unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to, physical, mental or emotion conditions, deployment in the military, employment in an unusual occupation or such other unusual circumstances as determined by the Board of Directors.

You need to legibly complete the sign in sheet made available for each work project in order to get credit for the work you perform. Likewise, you should check the chapter newsletter in the following months to ensure your name is listed for the associated work project(s).

### **Conservation (Meo Curtis )**

Fall Watershed Clean Up.

On Saturday, November 3, we had a very good turn out and a beautiful day for cleaning up the roadsides and river crossings in the Upper Patuxent. There were about 24 people doing the pick

up work, about a half dozen more ‘roving’ around to take care of full bags and supply more bags and water as needed, and another 4 lugging tables and chairs and preparing for lunch.

There were two ‘big’ finds on Saturday—21 tires in multiple locations along Long Corner Road near the Patuxent River and some purses with multiple identification and credit cards. The purses were reported to the police and turned out to have been stolen out of cars. As Nick Giuliano put it: “[Y]our Team not only cleaned up one heck of a mess, you also solve crimes.”

Thanks to all who participated in particular Jeff Deschamps, Rich Fried, Jim Piatieski, and Judy Riley as the rovers and Jose Scoseria as El Cocinero. Photos taken by Ed Maynes, who volunteered as photographer, will be posted on Facebook when available. Thanks also to Montgomery County Division of Highways for taking this big pile of trash away for proper disposal.

Report from Off-site Activities. Photos from the following events were posted on the Chapter facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/IzaakWaltonLeagueDamascus/>

On Sunday October 15, 16 members did maintenance work on trees at the Brookeville site. This included replacing some tree protection and clearing invasives. This site is on MNCPPC land and is our oldest continuously worked site not on chapter property.

On Sunday October 22, 10 members did maintenance work on trees at the Pigtail Area. This site is on WSSC property. Work here focused on clearing invasives.

#### Upcoming Chapter Events

Sunday November 12. Christmas Tree Maintenance. 9:00 a.m. Meet at the green maintenance shed. Contact Lee Cascio at [lccascio@gmail.com](mailto:lccascio@gmail.com).

Wednesday November 15. General Membership Meeting. Katherine Nelson, Planner Coordinator with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), will be the featured speaker. She will talk about MNCPPC efforts to preserve and restore the County’s natural areas and how volunteer groups like our Chapter are helping with partnership projects such as those at Reddy Branch and Rachel Carson Parks.

Sunday November 26. Reforestation planting and project maintenance at Rachel Carson Conservation Park. 9 a.m.-noon. We will be planting native trees and maintaining cages in previously planted areas. Contact Barry Fleming at [barryjflem@verizon.net](mailto:barryjflem@verizon.net) to sign up.

Rain Barrel Sales. If you would like a Rain Barrel to capture and store rooftop runoff, we have a limited number of barrels left available at our cost, \$60. This includes all parts needed for connection to your downspout. The remaining barrels will ONLY BE AVAILABLE for pick up at General Membership or Board of Directors meetings. First come, first served. To find out about availability, contact Jeff Deschamps at [jeff.deschamps@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.deschamps@verizon.net).

#### Other Conservation News

##### Maryland State Park Passes

Don’t Pass This Up! Our State Park and Trails Passport, Golden Age Pass and Every Kid in a Park program aim to make spending time in the great outdoors affordable, easy and fun for the whole family. Maryland State Park and Trail Passports and Golden Age Passes are available online at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Store or by downloading the Maryland Park Service Passport

Form to print an order form and pay by mail-in check. Download at:  
<http://www.shopdnr.com/marylandstateparkpassports.aspx>

The Maryland State Park and Trail Passport available now provides access to our network of state parks now through Dec. 31, 2018, meaning extra time for the yearlong pass if purchased before the end of the year. The passport is available to residents for \$75 and nonresidents for \$100. Adults ages 62 and older can purchase a Golden Age Pass, which provides a lifetime pass entitling seniors to free day-use entry and complimentary boat launch in addition to half-price camping Sunday through Thursday at state parks. All for a one-time service fee of \$10.

In partnership with the US Department of the Interior, the Every Kid in a Park program provides fourth-grade children and their families free admission to Maryland state parks along with national parks and other federal lands across the country. The purpose of the Every Kid in a Park effort is to increase accessibility to public lands and waters for children at an ideal age – primarily 9-10 years of age – to capture their interest, curiosity, and love for the outdoors throughout their lives. The Maryland Park Service will accept this year's Every Kid in a Park pass now through August 31, 2018 at all 72 state parks. The pass is also valid at 16 national parks, six national natural landmarks, five national wildlife refuges and two federal heritage areas in Maryland. More information at: <https://everykidinapark.gov/>

**Sun Nov.12, Christmas Tree Maintenance** 9:00 AM - Contact [Lee Cascio](#)

#### **Thoughts on Veterans Day** (Charlie Mello)

April 1917 – it has been 100 years since the entry of the United State of America into World War I. And this month will the mark the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of that war when hostilities ended with an armistice that took effect on November 11, 1918 at 11 o'clock AM.

World War I was called the “Great War” or “War to End All Wars,” in part because it was thought, among other things, that a change of certain nation states ability to wage war would eliminate the prospect of a future global war.

World War I saw carnage never before seen in battles...trench warfare, a war in the air and most notably chemical weapons, the machine gun and the tank. All of which were seen for the first time in World War I.

Eight years after the end of World War I, the congress of the United States of America requested that President Calvin Coolidge declare a day of remembrance observing the end of hostilities of the Great War that official ended at 11:00 o'clock on the 11th of November (the eleventh month) 1918.

Not to be confused with Memorial Day, which specifically honors those servicemembers who have given their lives in service to our nation, or Armed Forces Day, which honors all current active duty servicemembers; Veterans Day is set aside to specifically honor all those who have heeded the call of the nation and who have worn the uniform of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The observance of Veterans Day has its own history with its creation in 1926 as “Armistice Day” dedicated to the observance of WWI veterans. As appropriate, just after War World II the observance of Armistice Day was expanded to include all veterans of all wars and conflicts when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day. The actual day of the observance of Veterans Day has also had its own history, with different days set for observance other than the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. In 1978 however, November 11<sup>th</sup> was once again the day of the observance.

It goes without saying that as a nation we owe a great deal to the men and women who serve and have served our country. In light of all that we owe to our servicemembers, it is hard to remember, or even acknowledge, that there was a generation of men and women who served that did not garner the same respect and admiration that we give, and rightfully so, to those who currently serve. The forgotten Korean War veterans and the much-maligned Vietnam War veterans came home to a nation that did not share the pride and admiration of a grateful nation.

While I do not even begin to suggest that our current soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen should receive anything less than our best – it is the Korean War and especially the Vietnam veterans that deserve an added “thank you for your service” recognition.

Our treatment of the Vietnam veterans was a national disgrace and we can only hope to right the wrong of how we treat those men and women by recognizing that we owe the veterans of that era the same respect and admiration that we now rightfully bestow on the current generation of servicemembers.

To all the veterans, of all the wars, those still with us and those who have passed, thank you for your service...we are a grateful nation and live as a free men and women because you stood in harm's way for us.

**Shotgun Range Roster** (Steve Olsen)

**December, 2017**

Sat 12 Mash Esfanaji, Mary Esfanaji

Sun 12/3 Mark Gay, Dan Ciambora

Sat 12/9 Mike Webb, Ian Rolfes

Sun 12/10 George King, Gary Giambalvo

Sat 12/16 Arden Young, Jeff Tokar

Sun 12/17 Maj Tavakoli, Mark Lawson

Sat 12/23 Adam & Kim Buynak

Sun 12/24 Rodger Moran, Sean McTernan

Monday 12/25 Range is closed to all.

Sat 12/30 Steve Olsen, Larry Buck

Sun 12/31 Dave Stevenson, Jay DeVan

Substitutes:

Jim Arnold, Gerhard Bartsch,, Roman Drews, Jay DeVan, Jeremy Dvorak,

Gary Green, Joel Gross, Keith Kosian, Tim Mulreany, Steve Myers, Jim

Shay, Bob Shelley, Jake Turska, Paul Turska, Murray Welsh, Hank Williams,

**WAC Range Safety Officer Committee, Rifle and Pistol October Update** – ( John Porter)  
No Report

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS**

If you joined the chapter on or before **November 2015** and you have not seen your name listed in any issue of the newsletter as being graduated to full member status, you are **still on probation**. If you are not sure as to your status, email Nick at [nicolasgiu@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolasgiu@yahoo.com) and you will receive an email of your work history on record.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO OUR NEW FULL MEMBERS**

The following probationary members have Successfully completed their probation and are now graduated to Full Member status.

Stephen J. Smet  
Bahman Adeli  
Joseph T. Felton  
Hossein Moaddab

**Chapter Maintenance Day** (Mostly Range Work)  
**9/24/2017**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Al Goldschmidts, Frank Early, Lee Casco,  
Joe Pauley, John Cianflone, John Hartwell,  
Hans Varmer, Candy Varmer, Andrew Leech,  
Polly Leech and Gerhard Bartsch

**Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Justin Fleck

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation)

Brian Varine and Ivy Huang

**Gardens Maintenance:**

**10/13/2017**

**Member:** Meo Curtis

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Jim Linn, Hossein Moaddab, Dan Lewis,  
Morris Lindesey and Will Mitchell

**Brookeville Tree Maintenance:**

**10/15/2017**

**Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Francisco Reyes, Keith Stroud, Deacon Stroud,  
Katherine Nelson, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piatieski  
and Meo Curtis

**Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Jeff Boeckl, Alan Burrows, Craig Hanson,  
Richard Holcomb, Stephen Meyer, Ron Roff,  
Shannon Roff, Hossein Moaddab, Ronald Stine  
and Mario Skiadopoulos

## **Cowboy Set Up**

**10/27/2017**

### **Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Chuck Crooks, Barb Crooks, Adam Vitelli,  
Vernon R. King Jr, Philip Knowles, Paul Bluteau,  
and Chuck Limparis

### **Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

John Cross, Hank Bharmal, Steve Zobel,  
Mario Skiadopoulos, Sue Bailar and Kevin Lee

### **Chapter Maintenance Day** (Mostly Range Work)

Guy Wright, Al Goldschmidts, Peter Gracyalny,  
Joe Pauley and Bill Leaman

### **Probationary Member:** (Regular Credit)

Ivy Huang

### **Probationary Member:** (Conservation Credit)

Kevin Lee

## **Membership Renewals Mailing**

**10/25/2017**

### **Members:**

Tim Garrity, Shannon Garrity, Chuck Crooks and  
Bill Leaman

### **Probationary Members:** (Regular Credit)

Shannon Emery, Peter Keller, Robert Sperling,  
Brandon Mills, Richard Holcomb, Cody Jenkins,  
Robert Stojinski and Thomas Gay

## **Watershed Clean Up**

**11/4/2017**

### **Members, Family, and Nonmembers:**

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Jim Piateski,  
Nicole Felton, Rich Fried, Lance Kennedy,  
Karl Krehma, Ed Maynes, Jacob Hurley,  
Phil Rafferty, Riley Rafferty, Karl Plitt,  
Jose Scoseria, John Cianflone and Judy Riley

### **Probationary Members:** (Conservation Credit)

Bob Adeli, Susan Bailar, Stephen Brookfield,  
John Luke Espinas, Joe Felton,  
Shannon Bruce, Michael Bruce, John Harrington,  
Val Harrington, Robert Lalley, Robert Clark,  
David Hurley, Ron Roff, Anthony Teems and  
Shane Scott

## **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS** (Jim Piateski [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net))

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month and tracking volunteer hours. Thanks to Cherie Aker, Steve Olsen, Meo Curtis, Tim Garrity and Charlie Mello for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piateski at [jimpiateski@verizon.net](mailto:jimpiateski@verizon.net) and include some contact info in case there are questions. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line

newsletter, please send them to Jim Piatieski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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