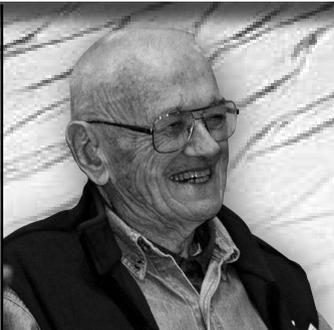


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Every successful organization goes through several phases of evolution. First is the creation and laying of the foundation where its purpose and goals are defined. Next is the development and rapid growth where those goals are clarified and the operational programs are developed. Finally, the organization reaches a period of maintenance where growth slows and the refinement becomes more subtle. A building provides an appropriate metaphor with a foundation, walls and columns, and a roof. If Charles M. Dole and Roland Palmedo can be considered foundation blocks of the National Ski Patrol, then Donald F. Page is certainly among the pillars that provided critical support for our organization through the development and growth period.

Born in Hanover, NH, Don spent much of his life living in East Greenbush, NY with his wife of 54 years, Eleanor. He started skiing in 1932 and competed on both his high school and college ski teams as an alpine and Nordic competitor. During WWII, Don served with the US Army in Europe from 1944-1946 as a tank commander. Post-war he graduated from Dartmouth and then received his doctorate at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Don worked as a research chemist for 37 years with Sterling Drug Research Institute, retiring in 1988.

With a patrol career that spanned over 60 years, Don's NSP resume would be difficult to duplicate unless you were to combine the records of several Patrollers. Patrol Leader, Region Director, Assistant Division Director, Division Director, and National Board Member represent just a few of his

NSP accomplishments. Before we delve into the details of his patrol history, a look at what brought him to the NSP will help provide a larger perspective of his contributions to the sport of skiing that spanned many decades.

One of the key reasons that the National Ski Patrol came into existence was due to ski racing. The death of Dole's close friend and fellow Amateur Ski Club of New York member, Franklin Edson III, at the Ghost Trail downhill race in 1936, which triggered Dole's safety studies, and the National Races in 1938, where the NSP was born, are just two examples of the connection between racing and the NSP. It can be argued that had it not been for racing, the creation of the NSP may not have occurred, or at least would have been delayed. Most of the founding members of the NSP were either racers, or involved in racing in some way.

Don Page certainly followed in their path. Not just as a racer, but concurrently with his contributions to the NSP, Don was an award-winning race official, holding technical credentials at the very highest levels of international ski racing. Don was a member of the Albany Ski Club for over 60 years and held many leadership positions in the club. He was licensed as a Referee and Technical Delegate by the USAA and was a member of the Eastern Alpine Officials Committee. Internationally, he was licensed as an FIS Alpine Technical Delegate. He served as a race official at numerous collegiate, national, and international alpine competitions such as the US and Canadian Alpine Championships, Nor-Am events, FIS World Cup, and Olympic races.

His race officiating and NSP experience dovetailed in 1980, when he was asked by then National Chairman Harry Pollard to be the NSP liaison to the Olympic Games in Lake Placid. It was also at the 1980 Olympics that Don served as Chief of Start for the women's alpine events, which he would later recount as one of his most memorable officiating posts. He was the Chief

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Gatekeeper for the FIS World Championships in 1989 and the Finish Controller for the FIS World Championships in 1999. Not only an official, displaying an attribute that would be duplicated in his NSP career, he was also involved in education and training as a member of the US Ski Association Alpine Officials Education Committee and the Technical Delegate Committee.

We celebrate Don's life as a fellow member of the National Ski Patrol. His contributions to our organization started almost immediately upon his becoming a member and continued, almost uninterrupted, for over 60 years. His patrol career started in 1955, after a skiing accident, when he joined the NSP as a member of the Albany (Ski Club) Patrol. In 1958 he was elected Patrol Leader. As a club patroller, Don found himself providing support for his club at many of the ski areas throughout the northeast. During this time, he was also training new patrollers; putting his Red Cross credentials as an Instructor and Instructor Trainer to good use.

His leadership ability was quickly recognized and in 1961 he was elected as the Section Chief of the Capital District Section of the Central New York Region, a position he held for four years. Once again his expertise and native leadership abilities saw him being appointed as the Assistant Regional Director of the Central New York Region, in charge of the region's Ski and Toboggan Program in 1966 he was active as a Senior S&T Examiner. The NSP recognized Donald F. Page as a rising star and in 1967 he was appointed as the Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan Program Chairman, a position that he held for about a year. Then Division Director, and soon to be National Chairman, Harry Pollard appointed Don to the post of Assistant Division Director for Line Operations for the Eastern Division. He held this position for seven years and served under Pollard and then Division Director Hall. Don succeeded Hall as the Eastern Division Director and was elected to that position for three consecutive terms, a feat matched by few other Division Directors. He completed his last term in 1981.



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As if running the largest Division within the NSP was not enough, Don took on the multi-year task of creating the Patrol that would provide rescue services at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, New York. This special Patrol would operate from 1978 through 1980 and it is a testament to Don's calm leadership and clear vision of what was required that many political pitfalls that could befall efforts related to the Olympic Games were avoided.

After completing his three terms as Division Director, Don continued to serve on the NSP Board of Directors until 1986. While on the Board he served on the Bylaws Committee.

Although retirement at this point was certainly earned and well deserved, Don kept giving to the NSP and skiing public. He joined the Catamount Patrol in 1986 and continued to serve as the Division Bylaws Committee Chairman and also as the Division Election Coordinator. He even found the time to run an Introduction to Ski Patrol School at Stratton Mountain into the late 1980s. Don attended the Division officers' meetings without fail and the respect that he commanded was evident in that he was elected to be Parliamentarian of this headstrong group at every meeting that he attended. Here his knowledge of not only parliamentary procedure, but also NSP history, and his good humor were invaluable.

Leader, trainer, officer, and an exemplary beacon for other Patrollers, Don's capabilities far outstripped those who had come before; so much so that the Eastern Division created an annual award in his name for the Division's Outstanding Administrative Patroller. Don was also recognized through his appointment as National #2182, receipt of two Yellow Merit Stars, a Meritorious Service Award, a Distinguished Service Award, and numerous Certificates of Appreciation. Don joined a very select group as a recipient of the Minnie Dole Award and his final National recognition came in 2014 when he was inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame.

Any one of the previous paragraphs describes significant achievements for an individual. That they may all be attributed to just one Patroller requires a truly expanded understanding of what is possible when it comes to the "Service" portion of the NSP motto "Service and Safety." But the impact of Don's contributions to our great organization does not stop with his passing. Beyond the outstanding leadership example and role model that he was for so many past, current, and future leaders of the NSP, Don was a key participant in a chain of events that today directly impacts every member of the Eastern Division and arguably all members of the National Ski Patrol. Among the significant milestones of Don's NSP career is a two-year period when Don served on two committees that would radically change the way that the Eastern Division was governed.

In 2002, the National leadership offered all Divisions an opportunity to re-form their governance structures as part of a proposed global restructuring of the National Ski Patrol known as the "G1 Initiative." The Eastern Division immediately created its first committee, known as the "Transition Committee," to start with a blank sheet and determine if a revised governance structure was needed and, if so, what it would look like. Don

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## RECAPPING the Year

by John Kane, Division Director

Are we having FUN yet? I have had a lot of FUN and many new experiences meeting a lot of new friends in our NSP family. How? Visiting eight regions with various programs, two meetings in our division, two meetings in Denver, and almost making my days at my home mountain. Additionally, Deb and I have a new grandson. Many of you saw him looking at my NSP logo and, yes, he will be a patroller one day!

I have many things to be thankful for but none more than our Eastern Division Staff. Yes, we have been dealing with distractions (national website issues, communications here and there, and other minor matters) but when it comes to program delivery, I cannot be more proud of the way we are growing our programs. At every event I attended, everyone was involved and contributing to make each of us better at what we do. Many of our feedback forms are positive and informative. Some even critical, but those are the ones we embrace most. Why? Because that one person gave time and thought to let us know about their experience. We look forward to those feedback forms because they tell us what our members want. Keep them coming.

There is no doubt that our single big issue is our national website. From the inception of the revised website to now, it has been getting better. Chris and his committee are working relentlessly to give us a product we can work with and even be proud of. From course registrations to closures and from profiles to patrol rosters there is a lot going on and Chris's team will continue to close in on all open issues. The good news is a lot of learning curves and nagging issues are starting to get resolved.

It was this time last year that we, the Eastern Division, voted to beta test this undertaking – a new system. We are a division that takes on the hard issues because we have the talent and knowhow to see it through. I know that many of you have a lot of opinions and good solutions to help with the IS team. Chris knows who you are. I am certain that he will reach out at a time that makes sense. I know I have been asking for your patience over these past months. There is still work to be done and it is being done. The Customer Care Team at our national office is up to speed on most of the issues and has been integrated more into the solving of FAQ problems. However, when and if we see new issues arise please stay within the Chain of Command (COC). If you have not experienced using this protocol then everything is working well for you. If you have had the experience of using this protocol I want to THANK YOU for all that you are doing to help with this IT process.

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was a key member of this first committee and his knowledge of local, Section, Region, and Division structures and their history, along their positive and negative attributes, proved invaluable. After a year of regular meetings, and with his input, it was determined that improvements could be made in the management structure of the Regions and the Division.

Three committees were then formed to take those concepts and to build the finance, governance, and bylaw structures to implement the changes. Don served on the Bylaws Committee for the following year. And how did these two years have such an important impact on the Patrollers of the Eastern Division? One of the key changes that occurred because of these years of committee work was the “one Patroller, one vote” concept, that placed the election of key officers in the hands of line Patrollers. In the beginning of the transition process Don was very clear that he felt that the outcome, if successful, should benefit line Patrollers and this goal was clearly met. “Member driven” finally became a reality as Don's vision came to fruition. We benefit from that vision every time we cast our votes.

We now have lost Don and will miss his quiet leadership, his informative correspondence that was always prepared on his typewriter, his warm smile, and freely-offered camaraderie. There will be other pillars to help maintain the structure that we know as the NSP. But like the columns of a grand mansion that eventually need to be replaced, there will be no matching with modern elements the stately grace and fine qualities of the original, Donald F. Page, PhD.

*Rick Hamlin*

*Past Division Director, NSP Historian*

Your patrol directors, region instructors, and officers have been very busy managing a lot of the new changes in processes but are also taking time to make sure your issues, concerns, and even accolades are being sent to the appropriate parties. We are very interested in what you have to say. The more we know what is important to you the faster we deal with it. If you are interested in what is going on week to week, check in with your patrol directors and region staff. They have the latest updates from national and from the Eastern Division. You can also go to [www.nspeast.org](http://www.nspeast.org) where you can find links to all our regions. Check it out!

NSP signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Park Service. National Nordic Advisor Rick Shandler, Butch MacQueen, Joe Manna, Bob Bernatos and others were on hand for this important and historic signing. This MOU allows us to expand NSP programs, services, and events on these great and vast properties. We will be taking advantage of this great opportunity to grow our programs in these very unique places. Look for new events and exciting venues this coming year.

The WMASS Region hosted an MTR/Lift Evacuation Best Practices Forum at Ski Butternut in Great Barrington, MA last October. It was a spectacular event with the best of the very best in aerial lift operations, high-angle climbing and rescue, resort ownership, legal, and insurance from all over the

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division attending. Chris Cruz and Dave Childs did an outstanding job putting this event together. Hopefully there will be more coming next year.

At the Boston Ski & Ride Expo I had the opportunity to serve on a shift with patrollers from the EMARI, NH, and ME Regions. We had a lot of traffic come by our booth where we talked about what we do, answered some of the "Safety in Service" questions, handed out NSP swag, and even got some young adults and adults to sign up to become patrollers. Bernie Valle of Wachusett Mountain did a great job setting up the booth. It is really cool to interface with our skiing and riding public.

The OEC Supervisor Teams hit the ground early last August with continuing education forums to deal with the business of OEC and to navigate the IT system for course registration. Throughout the year the OEC team was prepared to work through, and around, whatever obstacles got in the way. Great job OEC Team!

The OET (still calling it S&T) Team are really looking good in those black Patagonia jackets. Nice job Bart Gabler. From Killington, to Sunday River, to McCauley, to Elk Mountain the OET Team held patroller schools that included Intro to Certified; Senior Clinics; Senior T/E Prep; Trainer/Evaluator Evaluations; women-focused groups; and ski, toboggan, and skiing-skill clinics. The team does a great job matching up patrollers with similar skills and desires to get the very best out of the varied programs offered. The wide-ranging choices available may seem overwhelming but a finely-tuned group of trainers led by Jim O'Connor and his Steering Committee makes it seamless and inviting for all who attend.

The YAP program, led by none other than Craig Larson, has been building and growing. Craig made several visits to small and large areas to stimulate the program. YAPs are the future of the NSP. If you missed the YAP Seminar at Bolton Valley, VT this year you missed a GREAT one. Over 4' (FEET) of snow created a FUN park all over the mountain. What a blast we had; oh, the kids had fun too! By the way, do you know or have you met the oldest YAP in the program? He is a 57-year member! Not a 57-year-old member – a patroller who has been registered for 57 years! He started as a "junior" (aka YAP). Any guess who this is? Great job by all!

Make sure you check the Eastern Division calendar and see what Avalanche, MTR, Nordic, and others have coming up for you over the summer and fall months ahead. The Certified Program has a summer boot camp in Maine. This is our 9th year doing this. We also have another one in the fall in upstate New York. Be on the lookout for these and more events

NSP and Subaru participate in other major events like the Boston and New York marathons, bike events for charities like the American Lung Association's "Cycle the Seacoast" and "Trek across Maine," and many other resort functions. We want to be there to support our public in all sports during all seasons. They appreciate your volunteerism and we appreciate the opportunity to support and serve these charities that do great things. THANK YOU!

The Eastern Division is always looking for great stories about events you have been to, some key information all patrollers would benefit from, or further valued communications that might interest others. Have you seen the over 30 interviews of Meet a Member of the National Ski Patrol with Mark Clem? It is about the average day in the life of a rank-and-file patroller. Some you don't know and others you do! It's a pretty cool idea and now it is getting a lot of hits from our website, YouTube, and other social media outlets. *Trail Sweep* Editor Laura Tucker likes to feature stories about patrollers doing extraordinary things. There are many patrollers that could easily fit into a story line. Please help us to highlight these patrollers and what they are doing to not only promote Safety and Service at your area but in the private lives.

With regard to the past National Board of Directors' election, the Eastern Division has to show better attendance at the ballot box – a lot better! It really does come down to doing our part to vote candidates through. It is sad to see that many of our patrollers do not see the value of their vote. We, as members, fought for our right to vote – one member, one vote. Why is it that only 24% of our Eastern Division membership voted? Does the other 76% not care about what we are doing with their dues? Is this a communication thing? We are committed to find out. We are tasking our election committee to hit the road to explain the value of voting and why your vote has meaning in the larger scope of NSP.

Many patrollers really only care about their local patrol. There may be many reasons for that or just one. Whatever it is, we as a division owe it to every patroller to make sure they are getting the information necessary to make informative decisions about a candidate they want to represent their ideas at the National Board level. Please help us get the word out to all patrollers. And remember – VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

As I conclude the first year in my first term I want to thank you for your support and for all you do! As always, my door is open to all of you. I look forward to seeing you at the Eastern Division Annual Meeting in Albany.



# NEW YORK STATE SENATE Honors CNY Region Patroller

by Jeff Paston, CNY Historian

A Central New York ski patroller has received a high honor from the New York State Senate for his role in the Battle of Iwo Jima during World War II. Martin Connor, National #4469, has been added to the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. He was a Marine Corps corporal 72 years ago taking part in some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific Theater.

Marty is now registered as an Alumni Patroller after serving more than 50 years on the Labrador Ski Patrol in the Central New York Region.

The recognition on May 16 by the State Senate is just the latest to bring attention to Marty's wartime service. He and two Syracuse neighbors were the subject of a story in a series of NBC News reports in 1995, "The Greatest Generation," by Tom Brokaw.



Martin Connor, left, and NYS Senator John DeFrancisco at awards ceremony in Albany on May 16. (Photo from Sen. DeFrancisco's office.)

[ Martin Connor, National #4469, has been added to the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. ]

The three teenagers joined the Marines in 1943 and later found themselves on the Japanese Island of Iwo Jima. In the intense fighting, Marty's two friends were wounded. Being separated in battle, each thought the others might have been killed. It wasn't until after returning stateside that they were reunited.

For his part in the battle, Marty received the Presidential Unit Citation, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the American Theater Victory Medal. He would later author a manuscript about Iwo Jima and the Marines' courage and spirit in the battle.

After his discharge in 1946, Marty returned home to Syracuse to finish high school and attend LeMoyne College. For 65 years, he owned an insurance company in the city. He also pursued his passions of tennis, hunting, and skiing.

In 1957, Marty invested in the then-new Labrador Mountain and joined its ski patrol, which registered with the NSPS three years later. He was awarded National Appointment #4469 in 1974, and a Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

His nomination to the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame was made by State Sen. John DeFrancisco, who represents Marty's state senate district.

In recent years, Marty has devoted much effort to repatriating "souvenirs" taken from dead Japanese soldiers. During and after the battle, personal documents, diaries, medals, and other mementos were collected and brought back to the States. In the years since, former American Marines have realized these "souvenirs" had far more meaning to the families the Japanese left behind. Marty has been in the forefront of returning these items to Japan.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION,

the 3 W'S  
(What,  
Why &  
When)

by Jim Miller,  
ID Supervisor

### What is Continuing Education?

Continuing Education (Con Ed/CE) is one step in the process which NSP instructors in ALL disciplines must complete as part of their instructor recertification.

Con Ed has two parts. Discipline-specific skill review and Instructor Development (ID) review. The skill review is self-explanatory. You practice the skills you need to teach your students.

The ID portion seems to be the part that most CE classes forget to do, but it is just as important as the practical skills. Instructors review parts of the ID class they took prior to becoming an NSP instructor. How adults learn, human relations and communication, instructional management, lesson planning, lesson content and instructional resources, instructional methods, monitoring and evaluation, administration, mentoring, and the American Disabilities Act and NSP Training Programs.

The instructor development portion of Con Ed is NOT a full ID course. The ID section only covers a portion of the *Training the Adult Learner Manual*. Do you have a copy of this manual?

### Why Continuing Education?

The National Ski Patrol provides the objectives in the NSP discipline you teach. You, as an instructor, are required to teach ALL the objectives listed in your instructor's manual that is provided by the National Ski Patrol. You are not allowed to skip objectives.

Skills can diminish over time, both practical skills and teaching skills. Improper or inadequate skill demonstration/instruction or delivery of material to your students can create problems for the skiing/boarding public we are entrusted to serve. Remember that old saying, practice makes perfect.

### When is Continuing Education Done?

Every NSP instructor has to enroll and complete a registered Con Ed course every three years for each discipline they teach.

The Continuing Education and Training the Adult Learner Manuals are available for download on the National website under Member Resources/Education Resources/Instructor Development or on the Eastern Division website under Programs/Instructor Development.



by Melissa Walden, American Lung Association

The 8th annual Cycle the Seacoast event took place on May 7, 2017, with over 300 cyclists and 200 volunteers participating in support of the American Lung Association. The one-day, multi-route cycling event is held at Redhook Brewery in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, each year on the first Sunday of May. Cyclists choose from 25-, 50-, or 100-mile route options and raise funds to support the American Lung Association's mission: to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education, and advocacy. Cycle the Seacoast has raised over \$90,000 this year for the American Lung Association.

NSP provided a number of volunteers to participate as both riding medics and route vehicle drivers for the event. The American Lung Association is very thankful to have had NSP members John Kane, the Eastern Division Director and member of the Sunday River Ski Patrol, and Dave Walker, an NSP board member and member of the Wachusett Mountain Ski Patrol, participate in the event for the first time as route support vehicle drivers. Their vehicles were provided by Subaru, the NSP's signature sponsor. The American Lung Association ensures safety along each route by providing numerous volunteer-driven vehicles that are used to transport cyclists as needed to the next rest stop or finish line.

Tony Curro, of the Sunday River Ski Patrol, has been participating in Cycle the Seacoast for four years and this year participated in the 25-mile route. He stated, "The work of the American Lung Association is especially important to me as my mother had lung disease. Having the Subaru/NSP Outback vehicles was a great addition this year and cyclists riding the event immediately recognized the function and importance of those vehicles."

Curro has worked closely with event manager Melissa Walden to help recruit medically certified cyclists to participate as "riding medics" along each route. Over the last four years, he has helped to connect numerous NSP members with Cycle the Seacoast.

"Cycle the Seacoast is made possible by the work of hundreds of volunteers, many of whom have been personally

touched in some way by lung disease," said Jeff Seyler, the president and CEO of the American Lung Association of the Northeast. "We are so grateful to the National Ski Patrol and their team of incredible leaders that helped to make sure this year's ride was safe, meaningful, and energizing for all of our participants and the many supporters who are working for a world free of lung disease."

Cycle the Seacoast riding medics Erich Bohrmann and Joseph Rogers, both Sunday River patrollers, participated in the 100-mile route. Said Bohrmann, "This ride is beautiful. From colonial Wentworth, the Oceanside mansions in Rye, the inland horse farms and old mills back to the ocean, the variety of scenery, landscape, and architecture make this a gem of a tour. Sign me up every year."

Roger Begin and Jim Wackell, both Sunday River patrollers, participated as riding medics on the 50-mile route. "I found it to be a great way to start my cycling season while supporting ALA," said Begin. "It was a fun opportunity to be part of this well supported ride along the scenic NH coastline."

Added Wackell, "Participating as a volunteer medic in Cycle the Seacoast has been a rewarding way to blend my enjoyment of cycling with a worthy cause. It's nice that what started as a gratifying niche in the ski industry 20-plus years ago has found a way to transcend the seasons to provide support to events like Cycle the Seacoast. A special thanks to Tony for making the connection between NSP's skill set and passion for volunteerism with the American Lung Association. The ride was well organized and the attention that the staff gives to logistical details is what makes this ride such a pleasure to support."

The American Lung Association welcomes the partnership with the National Ski Patrol and invites NSP members to consider participating in the Cycle the Seacoast next year on Sunday, May 6, 2018. For more information, or to register to volunteer for the 2018 event, visit [www.BikeTrekNewEngland.org](http://www.BikeTrekNewEngland.org). Please contact Melissa Walden, event manager, with any additional questions at 207-624-0306 or [Melissa.Walden@Lung.org](mailto:Melissa.Walden@Lung.org).



Jim Wackell, Dave Walker, Tony Curro, Roger Begin, John Kane

# This Year in CERTIFIED



by Bill Jordan, Supervisor

This year's certified exam was held at Hunter Mountain NY. It was a typical 2017 winter weekend...raining!

Hunter Mountain was a gracious host and has always been an exceptional supporter of NSP and its programs. Special thanks to certified member Dave Young for his effort in pulling this event together.

Between certified members, candidates, and volunteer help this exam was attended by 129 people. At this year's event it was my pleasure to award Certified #813 for the successful completion of the program to Andy Novick of Loon Mountain.

Two certified precourses were held this year; one at Sunday River where one patroller was successful and another at Killington where three patrollers passed. Although the number of applicants to the program was down, there is a substantial number of patrollers who plan to get started. Ken Kelly, Elk Mountain Patrol and Certified S&T Chair, was responsible for organizing these well run precourses.

The certified program continues to reach out to potential candidates by holding a certified ski and toboggan training clinic at Elk Mountain in January and Killington and McCauley Mountains in February. These events offer candidates and interested patrollers an opportunity to practice their skills under the supervision of certified patrollers. On the OEC side of things Jeff Baker, Bristol Mountain, and John Kane, Sunday River, ran boot camps over the summer. These clinics gave Eastern Division patrollers an opportunity to practice complicated OEC scenarios similar to what they would face at the exam. They also spent time fine-tuning all other non-snow aspects of the program.

There are many opportunities across the division to get access to training for the certified program. There is an unbelievable amount of talent in the ranks of our membership willing to run formal or informal training clinics in any discipline. If the patrollers in this division don't take an interest in this worthwhile program they may never

have access to these incredible resources.

The 2018 Certified Exam will be held at Killington Mountain, VT on March 22 to March 25.

This will be our Golden Anniversary and planning for a special weekend is already underway. If you can make it to Killington please let us know, all are welcome.

## CALLING ALL CERTIFIEDS!

50th

March 23-25, 2018 –  
mark your calendars now.

That weekend will be the  
50th ANNIVERSARY

of the Certified Program and the celebration  
will be held at Killington, where it all started.

Reach out to all the certified members  
you've known over the years who are  
no longer patrolling and make sure they're  
aware of this very special event.

*And keep watching for more details!*

We're looking for pictures from  
old certified events.

If you have any please contact  
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and he'll tell you where you can send them.

# AVALANCHE

by Chuck Boyd, Supervisor

The ski season has ended for most us and we have switched into our summer modes. Several of us will push it until the last ribbon of snow is skied, with low avalanche danger. The avalanche program report that was presented at the Spring Officers' Meeting in Albany will be posted on the division website.

David Childs received the Eastern Division's Avalanche Scholarship award. His plan is to use it to attend the National Avalanche School in Breckenridge, Colorado, October 22-26, 2017. David is on track to become a NSP Level 2 Avalanche Instructor.

I also spoke at the SOM about mentoring and how difficult it can be, but we owe it to ourselves and the NSP. As an Avalanche IT, I have had the privilege to mentor several outstanding young instructors, only to see them move out west and achieve great things for themselves. We always continue to look for new instructors, and at least I get to go out and visit with my instructors who school me on what they have been learning since they departed.

Powderfall was an amazing event! The first two days before the event were a lot of work at the two-day face-to-face NAC meeting, but afterwards I got to teach patrollers for two days, ski powder, and meet patrollers from all over the country. The next Powderfall is tentatively scheduled for 2019. Plan to go as a vacation and add some days on to the beginning or end.

During this meeting the NAC agreed to restructure our program according to the new American Avalanche Association's Professional/Recreational Education Guidelines. After two long days of editing, we have an outline, but it is still a work in progress. These new changes will allow us to continue to be an industry leader in avalanche education.

After being at Aspen for a week, we were acclimated and were ready for some backcountry skiing. We had heard about a place called Marble, south of Carbondale. A call to Shane Edmonds, the avalanche forecaster for the mining company which operates in the canyon that we wanted to ski, confirmed that avalanche conditions were low. The choice of Marble Peak was a good one for the first time in the area. On the way to Marble, I received a text from Ed Carlson, the National Avalanche Supervisor recommending an old historic inn that we should stay at. The Redstone Inn turn out to be a fabulous place. We continued the trip planning, locating the maps that we needed, downloading the avalanche bulletin, and packing for an early departure. The day was perfect; blue sky, sun, and little to no wind. A hard freeze the night before provided a solid surface to start on. We used ski crampons at the start of a steep skin, which, without the ski crampons, would never have been achieved. As we gained altitude the snow began to soften. After about four hours of skiing we reached the 11,500' summit and some amazing views. A few pictures, something to drink and eat, we then stripped skins and dropped in to over 4000' of beautiful corn snow, reaching the car by 1:00 pm. Being savvy backcountry skiers, we had buried a couple of local craft beers in the snow to celebrate a fun ski. My wife, Linda, and I cannot thank all the great people that we have met through ski patrol and the adventures we have experienced with their help. Get out and meet some of these people, they are at every NSP ski patrol.

In closing I would like to remind patrollers and instructors that the Avalanche, Mountain Travel & Rescue, Nordic (AMN) continuing education event is to be held on the weekend of September 15-17, 2017 at Winding Trails XC ski center in Farmington, CT. Stay tuned for more details as we continue to plan this event.



# MTR Season ROUNDUP

by Steve Devine, Supervisor

First let me say “Thank You” for allowing me the honor of supervising the Eastern Division MTR program and thank you for reading this article. It has been a fantastic year, with some great events and a few that we tried to deliver but fell short.

The Avalanche, Mountaineering, and Nordic Conference that was held at Valley Forge in September marked a milestone for the National Ski Patrol and the National Park Service commemorating the signing of a Joint Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations. This is huge because it opens the doors for the NSP to provide services in and for the National Parks, and allows both organizations to take advantage of each other’s training programs.

Also, this past September, thanks to the hard work of Chris Cruz, David Childs, the WMA Region with assistance from Ski Butternut and the Great Barrington Fire Department, hosted a “Lift Evacuation Best Practices” Seminar. Twelve very experienced industry members held a panel discussion and led field practice stations with 50 ski industry members and patrollers attending.

We have approximately 83 MTR instructors in the division and continue to expand the ranks through the instructor mentoring process. We continue to develop more instructors and deliver more courses especially in regions where the MTR program was under-represented. Thanks to all of you who help mentor new instructors and those of you endeavoring to become instructors. You ensure the future of all ski patrol programs. We are collectively working hard to remove obstacles that can make it difficult to develop instructors and deliver courses so that patrollers can meet senior-level prerequisites. I am happy to say that in the division all program supervisors are well coordinated, supportive, and mindful of the needs of other programs.

We successfully published a new *MTR Instructors Manual* which is available on the NSP website

under Education Resources and Instructor Resources. Please note that the Eastern Division accepts AVI Level 1 Module 1 as a sufficient prerequisite for the MTR Level 2 course. Our MTR 2 courses do not take place in actual avalanche terrain.

We had great success this past winter running concurrent events and sharing instructors and training/testing opportunities. Thanks to the hospitality of Highland Forest County Park in CNY Region and the hard work of Joe Homola and Gary Bustos, in one weekend we successfully ran three events; a Nordic Senior Evaluation, an MTR 2 “indoor” session, and an overnight Nordic Master MTR Search and Rescue Module. To further leverage our instructors and reduce costs associated with program delivery, we plan on combining more classes including Nordic Skills and MTR 1, and AVI 1 and MTR 1.

We have many courses already on the schedule for next season. Gore Mountain has graciously offered to host the MTR Challenge in 2018. We do not have a date yet, but we are considering a late February or early March Sunday when snow conditions are best. We are trying to improve the MTR 1 experience and have developed a “study at home” module that will allow class participants to get much of their basic knowledge covered before class, allowing more time for hands-on field work and fun during the actual 2-day class. Please go to the NSP website and search on Division Name Contains “East” and Course Name Contains: “Mountain” or check the calendar on our division website.

The Avalanche, Mountaineering, and Nordic Conference will be held September 15-17 at Winding Trails. I hope you all have a great summer and please consider registering for the fall AMN conference. All are welcome.



## SOCIAL MEDIA and the Eastern Division



by John Laitala, Web Administrator

Did you know the Eastern Division is on Facebook? We are on Instagram and Twitter, too. Social media is a big part of everyone’s lives today. We all use it! Whether it is Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. the list goes on and on. The Eastern Division wants to increase its online presence but we cannot do it without you.

The next time you snap a #selfie with your patrol family or when you’re taking part at an upcoming OEC refresher, don’t just post it, share it. #Tag the #Eastern-Division. Share your stories and pictures with the rest of your fellow patrollers. If that does not work for you, you can always send your pictures and stories to me and I will post them to the #EastDiv profiles. The Eastern Division needs your help to increase our social media footprint.

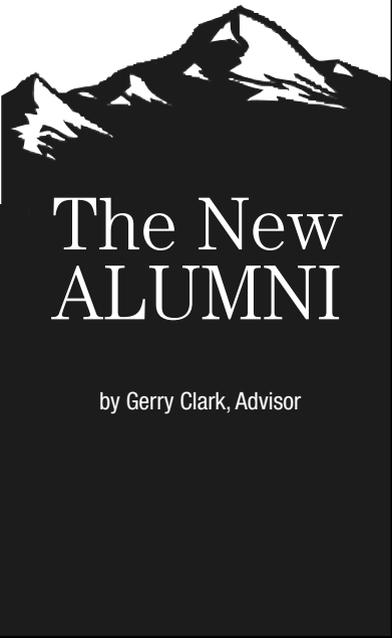
This summer be sure to tag and share your fun. #EasternDivision #NSPEast #EastDiv.

The Eastern Division’s social Media profile names, as well as website and email address are:

Facebook: @NSP.East / Twitter: @East\_SkiPatrol / Instagram: @nsp.east

Website: [www.nspeast.org](http://www.nspeast.org) / Email: [nsp.eastdiv.web@gmail.com](mailto:nsp.eastdiv.web@gmail.com)

#ThankYou!



# The New ALUMNI

by Gerry Clark, Advisor

Alumni are no longer what we use to think of. They are a mixture of all ages who for one reason or another are either unable to fulfill the commitment of patrolling or have decided to take a break due to work, education, family, or some personal reason. It doesn't mean that they won't be back, they very much can and some will.

The best advice to any patroller who is taking a break from patrolling is to stay in the loop. Give them the information on how to become Alumni. Tell them how they can stay involved in NSP. Communicate to them when your refresher is and welcome them if they come. Explain to them that if they keep their certifications up to date, they will not have to take a full OEC course in order to start patrolling again.

Alumni who maintain their OEC credentials are a valuable resource. Think about it, maybe they can't make the full commitment of your patrol requirements but maybe they can assist on days when you are truly shorthanded or when school vacation rolls around or when you are having a race or a special event. Alumni, whose certifications are current, can always help. Those who are OEC instructors can help at a refresher or an OEC course. At the final OEC exam when you need to have a village to get it completed in a day Alumni can help. You can see there are many reasons to keep your patroller who is taking a break on your mailing list and if for some reason they don't return the following year, contact them and see what their plans are, and yes, suggest they join Alumni if their plans are not to patrol. Another great reason is voting, Alumni can vote on Board Elections.

Take a minute and think of the number of Young Adult Patrollers (YAPs) who might still be patrolling if they knew that all they had to do was attend the one/two day annual refresher to stay current and could come back without having to take a full OEC course which involves a lot of time and money.

Each region has an Alumni Advisor who is there to assist you, answer your questions, and send you in the right direction. If I can assist, I can be reached at [Gerrynsp@earthlink.net](mailto:Gerrynsp@earthlink.net).

# What a NORDIC Season!



by Phil Galka, Supervisor



Division Nordic staff helped complete the adoption of a National Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service and the National Ski Patrol. This is a fantastic achievement that took over a year to complete. Congratulations to Rick Shandler and the National Nordic Program staff for this accomplishment.

Division staff is assisting with Nordic patrol expansion across the national system. The Cross Country Ski Area Association is very interested in how the NSP Nordic Program can help with Cross Country Ski Area operations. Eastern Division Staff is assisting with this effort.

We continue developing new Nordic ski patrols. Congratulations to the Maine Region for establishing their first Nordic program. They are already planning the launch of their second one in the northern part of Maine.

Discussions are in progress to open a new Nordic patrol in the area of Gore Mountain. We hope to complete this in the upcoming year. If you have a cross country area that could benefit from having a Nordic program in your region please reach out to me.

The division supported a Nordic Senior Evaluation that was held in Highland Forest, New York. Highland Forest is a great Nordic facility and their patrol did a great job hosting the event. This division-operated program guarantees Nordic senior training opportunities to patrols with limited Nordic resources. On behalf of the division I would like to thank the Highland Forest Cross Country Ski Area and the Highland Forest Nordic Patrol for all the support we receive.

Nordic Master candidates continue to work hard to complete the certification process. Candidates from the WNY, WMA, and NJ Regions are in various stages of completion. Congratulations to Mary MacQueen of Allegheny State Park Nordic Patrol on being awarded Nordic Master #11 upon her completion of the Nordic Master program in April.

Next season's schedule is being drafted as you read this. Watch the Eastern Division's website calendar for the Division's Annual AMN Refresher and Nordic Program events.



What a great season. For a long time, my gear sat out ready for use as I dreamt of one more day; just one more day of skiing. I was not ready to hang up the boards and put away the jacket!

Our youngest patrollers are getting more opportunities to train than ever before. Young Adult Days and Weekends happened across the division. These events are designed to meet the needs of those 15- to 18-year-old patrollers. Hands-on training does not need to be 'watered down' because of age. The talent and skills demonstrated at these events prove just that; all patrollers, regardless of age, should be held and trained to the same standard. Six regions (NH, NVT, EMARI, SNY, ENY, and WAPP) held an event catering to young adults. One region event was cancelled. Fourteen of our 15 regions have a Young Adult Advisor.

This year's YAP Seminar was held at Bolton Valley, Vermont, March 17-20. Fifty-two young adults from 29 differ-

# YEAR IN REVIEW

by Craig Larson, Supervisor

ent mountains attended. Bolton Valley pulled out all the tricks including a 53" snowstorm three days before our arrival. Friday was an epic day leaving participants with one word. DEEP! Young adults were encouraged to PLAY all weekend; P-participate, L-learn, A-articulate, Y-yield.

When one knows how to PLAY, they can be effective on and off the hill.

Participants at the seminar can choose to either clinic or compete. Those choosing to clinic spend the weekend working on ski/ride skills, toboggan skills, and OEC skills. This is a great option for a new patroller, a patroller with limited hands-on training, or one looking to learn the newest tricks of the trade. More experienced young adults are choosing to compete in the same three patrol disciplines. Terrain and scenarios for the competition are senior level, hopefully pushing our YAPs to work a little harder and showcase their skills. And that they do! The next generation is TALENTED.

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## Eastern Division Young Adult Patroller Seminar Results

### OEC SKILLS

1. Laurel Omasta – Wachusett Mountain
2. Fallon Repeta – Mount Southington
3. Jordan Parnell – Blue Knob

### TOBOGGAN SKILLS

1. Brandin Harvey – Wachusett Mountain
2. Alex Rousseau – Pats Peak
3. Peyton Meissner – Ski Sundown

### BEST ASSESSMENT

Andrew Burns – Wachusett Mountain

### SKI/RIDE SKILLS

1. Leslie Taylor – Mount Snow
2. Alex Rousseau – Pats Peak
3. Lena Nyblade – Tussey Mountain

### Overall

1. Jordan Parnell – Blue Knob
2. Brandin Harvey – Wachusett Mountain
3. Cameron Trafford – Shawnee Peak

### HANS HYSON AWARD

Jordan Parnell – Blue Knob

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If you have not seen the video from the seminar check it out: Eastern Division YAP Seminar 2017 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sa2TezUh07k>. Event photos can be found here: Eastern Division YAP Seminar 2017 Photos at [https://www.flickr.com/photos/nsp\\_eastern-division/page2](https://www.flickr.com/photos/nsp_eastern-division/page2).

Xevo Optics has extended its partnership with the Young Adult Program until 2027 providing swag for events and a reduced price on all their products.

Any products bought with the promotion code "edyap" will receive 50% off.

The 2018 Eastern Division Young Adult Patroller Seminar, March 16-19, location has not been finalized. It will be announced as soon as possible.

The future is bright as today's Young Adult Patrollers will be tomorrow's leaders both on and off the hill. If you need help growing the program in your region, help creating a region event, or have questions regarding the program, please contact me.

Like us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/Eastern Division YAP.

# A BUSY YEAR for OET

by Jim O'Connor, Supervisor

The 2016-2017 season for Eastern Division OET Staff and Regional Advisors kicked-off at Killington last December before Christmas and after the Women's World Cup left the area. Ample early snowmaking on Superstar was key to updating skills and teaching methods on snow at the start of our season. That weekend's weather was a microcosm of the season to come; below 0°F with wind on Friday, powder day in the Superstar woods for Saturday morning warm-up runs, and wind-driven rain at 50°F on Sunday. For many of us the patrol duty season concluded at Powderfall in Snowmass, CO, an event that I must recommend for all patrollers.

Most of you attended one or more of the 282 OET courses registered by staff and instructors across the division. The requirement for all patrollers, Toboggan Refreshers (TREF), accounted for 102 courses, followed by 55 Toboggan Enhancement Seminars (TES), and 33 Snowsport Enhancement Seminars (SES). Toboggan Trainer Workshops (TTW), Snowsport Trainer Workshops (STW), OET Instructor Continuing Education (OET IC), and Introduction to Patrolling (PAT) made up the rest of the course offerings. Four Patroller Schools and 10 senior evaluation events were part of the course registration process.

Our season's goals of communicating OET objectives and integrating the division's OET programs with the new NSP course offerings were brought back to the local and regional level by Staff and Regional Advisors. The latest in PSIA/AASI terminology and instructional methods and the application of these methods to teaching patroller skills and toboggan handling are being delivered at Patroller Schools and courses conducted around the division. This is a process that will continue over the coming seasons.

Patroller Schools, individual courses, and quality assurance at senior evaluations happen because of the hard work and leadership by the Instructor of Record (IOR) and staff. Thank you Bart Gabler and staff for managing OET Quality Assurance at senior events. Thank you to all IORs and the IORs who lead and organize the Patroller Schools and YAP Seminar. Here are the season's statistics:

Patroller School and YAP Seminar	IOR	Approximate Patrollers	Attendance Staff	Recert TEs	New TEs
Elk Mt., PA	Matt Nebzydoski	108	17	15	1
Sunday River, ME	Dave Smith	65	22	4	2
Killington, VT	Don Mills	47	14	13	1
McCauley Mt., NY	Jon Wilson	95	35	14	3
Bolton Valley, VT	Greg Boberg	50	16	NA	NA

Additional Patroller Schools are being considered for the 2017-2018 season. What do you think? The Division OET Steering Committee is meeting in August to plan the upcoming season using surveys and course feedback to steer the focus of next season. Staff and Regional Advisors will kick off the OET season at Killington, December 8-10, 2017.

Store your ski equipment properly and stay ready for next season. And don't forget to Laugh Often, Love Snow.

# WHO ARE the OEC Supervisors? AND WHAT do they do?

by Paula Knight, Supervisor

The National Ski Patrol consists of a collection of volunteers that reach out to lend a hand and offer assistance in a multitude of ways. The network of people that give of their own time, talent, and treasure is just astounding. Part of this most important group is the seven patrollers that serve as the OEC Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor Staff. Their job is to be the eyes, ears, and arms of OEC and the many programs that are associated with National Ski Patrol's hallmark program, Outdoor Emergency Care.

They have stepped up to do the heavy lifting of communication and quality assurance for our Outdoor Emergency Care education. They teach Instructor Trainer clinics, oversee the Senior OEC Module, administer OEC courses and refreshers, provide continuing education clinics, and mentor patrollers that seek leadership roles. Their job extends past the ski season and fills most of the year with preparation and development activities.

Your OEC Supervisor staff assists your Region OEC Administrator and Senior Testing Coordinator in the planning and executing

of programs in your region. They are the "go to" people for questions and authorization of programming. It is their job to problem-solve and seek avenues for solutions. If they don't have the answer, they will seek out the answer and provide you with support.

In addition to working at the region and division level, your supervisors contribute their expertise at the National level. Serving on committees, taking charge of special tasks, or delivering workshops on a region/division/national level are among some of the tasks they have been requested to perform. To say that this is a hardworking dedicated group of patrollers is an understatement. They are part of the team that works tirelessly to bring quality and understanding to your Outdoor Emergency Care programs.

OEC Supervisor – Paula Knight (CT, SVT)

OEC Assistant Supervisors

Amanda Cannon (ENY, SNY)

Deb Foss (EMARI, ME, NH)

Michelle Goldsmith (NVT, WMA)

Peter Adams (CNY, GV, WNY)

Flo Rutherford (EPA, WAPP)

Paul Tracy (NJ, Certified)

## OEC Staff NEWS

by Paula Knight, Supervisor

Mike Lord has decided to resign from his Eastern Division Assistant OEC Supervisor position. Determination and understanding of process were among the strengths Mike brought to this position. Mike will be missed; we all wish him well as he returns to his roots of patrolling and enjoys the next chapter in his life's journey.

I am very pleased to announce that Peter Adams has been assigned to oversee OEC programming and delivery in the regions of CNY, GV, and WNY. Peter's responsibilities will include management and overseeing quality assurance in his regions.

Peter brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to this assignment and has hit the ground running. A member of the Song Mountain Patrol, he has many years of experience in administration of OEC programming in the Eastern Division. Peter is an Instructor, Instructor Trainer, and TE in the OEC Senior program. Peter continues to challenge himself by learning about the Certified Program with the hopes of getting involved. Welcome, Peter.

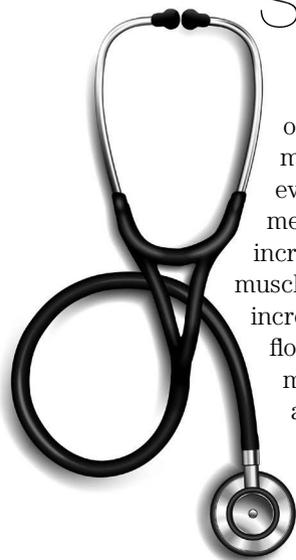
This year's refresher season is already underway with planning meetings and IT/Instructor refreshers. The 2017 Refresher Workbook has been mailed out with the latest *Ski Patrol Magazine*. The *Instructor Guide* will be posted on the website under Instructor Resources.

At the Spring Officers' Meeting the Division OEC Staff hosted a Continuing Education Meeting. The purpose of this workshop was to have a grand sharing of ideas, best practices, and the most current OEC information from the national supervisor's meeting. In the afternoon we had specific workshops to address program updates for OEC online and the OEC Module of the Senior Program (OEC MSP). Attendees for these workshops participated in hands-on activities in both staging an OEC MSP Evaluation and setting up an online Pearson OEC class. The takeaway from all was very positive, reinforcing the need to continue workshops and the ability to network.

When you have questions that are OEC related, please contact your Region OEC Administrator or Division Supervisor/Assistant Supervisor for support in your chain of command. Most of the time we have the answers to your questions. If we need to we can contact the appropriate personnel to seek out answers.

# Acute Compartment Syndrome

by Eric Silva, MD FACEP



Many of our patients are the victim of some sort of injury or trauma. While many of these entities are rather self evident, some are not. Acute compartment syndrome (ACS) is a pathologic increase in the pressure in one or more muscle compartments. The result of this increase in pressure compromises blood flow to the extremity. It can result in permanent damage to the muscles, nerves, and other tissues of the involved extremity. This injury can result in a loss of function or even loss of limb. ACS is considered a true surgical emergency. There are many possible causes of ACS.

OEC 5 defines compartment syndrome as ***a condition in which the swelling of injured muscles within their connective tissue coverings causes pressure that can damage tissue and cut off blood flow.*** That connective tissue covering is known as fascia. It is a tough fibrous tissue covering muscles and groups of muscles. It serves to improve the function and efficiency of the musculoskeletal system. Described as unyielding, it does not permit much increase in the size of the compartment. With damage to the contained tissues there is the potential for increased pressure within the compartment. This increase in pressure causes a decrease in venous return followed by a decrease in arterial pressure. This process ultimately leads to lack of oxygen at the cellular level, resulting in muscle and nerve death unless the pressure is relieved in a timely fashion.

There are numerous causes of ACS, most commonly related to significant trauma. Fractures account for nearly 75% of cases. Generally this is long bone fracture involving the lower leg (spiral boot-top fracture) or forearm. ACS can occur in any extremity compartment including the hand, foot, thigh, or gluteal region. It can also occur without a fracture, as in a crush injury, severe thermal burns, vascular injury, infection, or even a cast or splint that is too tight. Less common non-traumatic causes include bleeding disorders, ischemia/reperfusion injury, IV drug use, and animal envenomation or bite. Typically it is a rapidly progressive process occurring in the hours after the inciting incident or injury.

Recognizing the possibility of Acute Compartment Syndrome is key to making the diagnosis. As in much of our work, mechanism plays a big role in helping consider this entity. ACS is a clinical diagnosis with important diagnostic clues. There tends to be a progression of symptoms as the swelling worsens.

Symptoms such as:

- Pain out of proportion to the apparent injury.
- Persistent burning pain or deep ache.
- Paresthesia (numbness) with onset within 30 to 120 minutes can be found shortly after insult.

Exam findings include but are not limited to:

- Pain with passive flexion of the muscles involved.
- Tense muscle compartment with a “wood-like” feeling.
- Pallor (paleness) and decreased capillary refill.
- Decreased sensation.
- Muscle weakness (onset w/in 2-4 hours).
- Paralysis (late finding).

While these signs and symptoms are not absolutely diagnostic of ACS the presence of multiple signs and symptoms is highly suggestive of the condition.

The definitive treatment of ACS is surgical intervention (unlikely on the hill). We need to be able to recognize the possibility of ACS in our patients. Stabilization of the patient including appropriate splinting and rapid transport to definitive care are key to the successful management of these patients. Supplemental oxygen and proper positioning of the extremity at heart level help us minimize making things worse. We need to make sure there is no unnecessary pressure in the form of dressings, splints, or other constrictive material. Continued reassessment of the patient allows us to monitor the patient for progression of signs and symptoms.

Early diagnosis of Acute Compartment Syndrome and appropriate treatment can give the patient good results functionally and cosmetically. Assessment of the mechanism, signs, and physical findings give us the best chance to recognize and treat ACS. While our interventions on the hill are limited, they can absolutely impact the outcome.

Understanding that we can improve outcomes by early recognition, proper treatment, and rapid transport to definitive care is key to optimizing the patient's results. Failure to recognize and treat this process can result in significant disability including muscle contraction, paralysis, loss of function, amputation of extremity, and even death in severe trauma cases.

# 2016/17 AWARDS



## 2016/17 Division Outstanding Awards

Alpine Patrol (Large)	Ski Roundtop	EPA
Alpine Patrol (Small)	Laurel Mountain	WAR
Alpine Patroller	Deborah Brown	NH
Administrator	Cal Goldsmith	EMARI
Instructor	Scott Wild	GVR
Nordic Patrol	Laurel Summit	WAR
OEC Instructor	Fred Tim	EPA
Paid Patroller	David Smith	EPA
Patrol Representative	Steve Soboleski	EPA
Young Adult Patroller	Carina Hastings	GVR

## Jerry Sherman Division Director Award

Paul Tracy NJ

## Donna McGraw Patrollers for Patrollers Award

Hugh Blocker EPA

## Significant Monkey "990" Award

Cal Goldsmith EMARI

## 501(c)3 Award

Dick Woolf SVT

## National Appointment

Skip Mudge	11740	CT
Inese Jardine	11870	EPA
David Mooney	11874	NJ
Lainie McDonnell	11876	NJ
Matthew Karpinecz	11878	NJ
Stuart Gillard	11880	NJ
Howard Rosenthal	11896	EPA
Donald Kahler	11898	EPA
Eric Speedy	11902	WAPP
Jeff Barter	11924	CT
Mark Vining	11928	CT
Bill Lawton	11936	EMARI
Craig Larson	11938	EMARI

## Distinguished Service Award

Walt Behuniak	CT
Ivan Brechbill	WNY
Scott Crofts	EMARI
Al Efron	GV
Peter Elleman	EMARI
Marilyn Nickerson	GV
Michelle Koons	WAPP
Carl Schmidtman	GV
Pam Thompson	GV
Dave Truedson	EMARI
Bernie Vallee	EMARI
Kris Vasiliauskas	GV
Irene Walczak	EMARI

## Meritorious Service Award

Ted Fitzgerald	NH
Lisa Kling	NH
Mike Lord	GV
Ann Manzella	WNY

## Gold Merit Star

Chris Pringle EMARI

## Yellow Merit Star

Mark Archambault (2)	NVT
Andy Bishop	NVT
Gary Bustos	CNY
John Fitzpatrick	WNY
Albert Ghantous	WAPP
Scott Graham	WAPP
Ann Manzella	WNY
Rayna McCassey	WNY
Michael McDonald	WNY
Mike Mullens	WAPP
Marie Osypian	GV
Rena Perkins	NVT
Joan Reynolds	WNY
Heather Rogers	WAPP
Shawn Rogers	WAPP
Steve Sippel	GV
Stanley Stroka	CT
Mary Pat Thompson	WAPP
John Tuttle	CNY
Bradford Wankewicz	CT
H. Stan White	WAPP
Kelly Ziolko	WAPP

## Purple Merit Star

Peter Bayer	CT
Ryan Chase	NH
Mike Duncan	NVT
Ron Fenner	CT
Denise Holmes	CT
Imy Rosenblatt	WAPP
Alex Rousseau	NH
Chris Southworth	NVT

## Blue Merit Star

Richard Barron	WAPP
Kevin Boulard	NH
Sarah Carlstorm	NH
Karen Cote	NH
Rob Curtis	NVT
Gigi Dreskler	WAPP
Ronald Ellison	CT
Riley Glanz	NVT
Tom Howison	WAPP
David Hull	CT
Bill Hunt	WAPP
Andrew Lally	CT
Rick Micoli	GV
Robert Schumann	CT
David Schwartz	NVT
Bradlee Tebbs	WAPP
Brian Weinzierl	WAPP

## Green Merit Star

Dave Bott	NVT
Russ Ford	NVT
Casey Martin	NVT
Tony Telesco	NVT

## Patroller Cross

Dave Marchand	NVT
Brian Thomas	CNY
Herb Treffieisen	NVT

## Patriot Star

Beth Ackerman	WNY
Robert Cooke	WAPP
Fallon Repete	CT
Scott Stoppa	CT
Jacob Townner	WAPP
Nancie Wardrop	CT

## Patroller Achievement Award

Mike Balduzzi	CNY
Richard Bellomo	CT
Mark Bracalento	WNY
Valerie Bruce	CT
Gene Cline	WAPP
Trip Crowley	EPA
Joe Fratianni	CNY
James Fuller	CT
Robert Gerbin	CNY
Philip Griggs	CT
Todd Harrington	CNY
Dave Holloway	CNY
Richard Hopkins	EPA
Larry Hyatt	CT
Ken Joyce	CT
Alan Ketcha	EPA
Kenn Kostuk	CT
Cally Knight	CT
Robert Lachman	CT
Michael Lally	CT
Paul Ludanyi	CT
Thomas Ludka	EPA
David Oswell	EPA
Marie Osypian	GV
Patricia Perry	CT
Jeff Prime	WAPP
Daniel Riccio	CT
Peter Rozdilski	EPA

Pat Saeva	GV
Ron Salonia	CT
Lawrene Scovell	NJ
Jeremie Stearns	GV
Nancy St. Jarre	CT
Robert Strony	EPA
Richard Suraci	EPA
Stephen Suraci	EPA
Paul Voorhees	CT
Frederick Waeldner	EPA
Charles Warren	CT
Rod Weinberg	CT
Kevin Wypychoski	CT
Eric Washburn	GV

## 50 Year National Lifetime Service Award

Jim Boring	GV
Charlie Henderson	ENY

## 55 YEARS

Philip Griggs	CT
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## 50 Year

### Eastern Division Award

Duncan Black	WNY
Louis Cherichetti	CT
Beverly Dillon	CT
Nathaniel Florian	CT
John Flynn	CT
Dale Hardy	NH
Charlie Henderson	ENY
Robert Lachman	CT
John Lawrence	CT
Anthony Ostroski	WMASS
Patricia Perry	CT
Kenneth Post	CT

## Memorial Scholarship Fund Recipients

### RYANN ALEXANDRA TERWILLIGER

- Patroller with Belleayre Ski Patrol/SNY Region
- 3rd generation Patroller
- Plans to attend Delaware Valley University pursuing a B.S. in Equine Management/Science
- She is also considering the field of large animal veterinary science

### BRIDGET M. PORTER

- Patroller with Nashoba Valley Ski Patrol/EMARI
- 2nd generation patroller
- Plans to attend St. Joseph's College in Maine to study Nursing
- Would like to become a trauma nurse

### CARINA C. HASTINGS

- Patroller at Bristol Mountain/Genesee Valley, 7th overall in this year's YAP event,
- Has been accepted to King's College, Direct Entry Physician's Assistant Program

### EMILY APPLETON

- Patroller at Ski Mount Southington/CT Region
- Will attend Central Connecticut State University, pursuing a B.S. in Athletic Training followed by a doctorate in Physical Therapy
- Would ultimately like to work with people with disabilities

# In Memoriam

## B. TERRY AVERY



Terry Avery, former Syracuse Section Chief in the CNY Region and Labrador Ski Patrol Leader died at the age of 88.

Terry made many friends and earned much respect from fellow patrollers during his quarter century in the NSP. He started patrolling in 1962, joining the Labrador Ski Patrol. He was awarded National Appointment #3151 in 1967. At the time, he was serving as Syracuse Section Chief (1966-68). He went on to serve as Labrador Mountain Patrol Leader (1968-70).

He was very active as a first aid and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross and taught many classes to the local ski patrols. He trained many of Labrador's candidates over the years.

Terry loved the outdoors. He organized many canoe trips, bike hikes, and winter mountaineering trips, often spending nights winter camping. He loved to hike the mountains around New York State, including the area around Lab-

rador Mountain. He also taught Red Cross canoeing classes.

Patrollers who skied with Terry recall his sense of humor and the many practical jokes he enjoyed sharing with them. After retiring from ski patrol he continued enjoying his love of the outdoors skiing with friends and other retired patrollers at local ski areas. Terry's son-in-law Kelly Loch followed his lead and joined the Labrador Ski Patrol.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his children, Stephen Avery, Cynthia (Ken) Morgan, Carolyn (Robert) Downs, Janet (Kelly) Loch, Jennifer (William) Street; eight grandchildren; a great grandson; and two nephews. Donations may be made to the American Red Cross or National Ski Patrol at Labrador Mountain.

*Jeff Paston  
CNY Region Historian*

## ALLISON KERL BLACKMAN

One of the great joys I have each year is visiting our Maine Region mountains to reunite with the Maine Region Ski Patrol Family. A highlight is recognizing individuals with awards. Last October at Lost Valley I had the privilege to award Allison Blackman the Eastern Division Patroller Achievement award.

Unfortunately, just a few weeks later, Allison was suddenly taken from us, as all would contend, way too soon. The Lost Valley and Maine Region family lost a special lady. Allison and her husband, Jeff, loved skiing and looked forward each year to the beginning of the ski season. Allison was an OEC instructor, teacher, racer, and National Ski Patrol volunteer for over 16 years. She was always smiling, laughing, and enjoying life. She shared her love and passion for skiing with so many. Nothing made her smile like winter's first snowfall.

Wanting to commemorate her life, Denise Pascucci, Maine Woman's S&T Advisor, and Tracy Steuber decided to make this year's Woman's S&T Clinic a special event to recognize Allison. On January 21, 2017 at Lost Valley, Allison's home mountain, a group of Maine Ski Patrol women gathered for the Allison Blackman Memorial S&T Clinic. Graced with a beautiful blue-sky

day and a special visit from Allison's husband and fellow patroller, Jeffrey Blackman, and her mother, Jennifer Kerl, who participated in the clinic, the ladies enjoyed great instruction from Meredith Currier and Heather Neuman. Each participant received a commemorative T-shirt in honor of Allison.

Part of the registration fee was given to a scholarship fund that has been created in her name to financially assist in teaching skiing to children who may not otherwise be able to afford the experience and thrill of carving a turn down a snow-covered slope. Her legacy on the mountain will live on forever. The clinic raised \$225 towards the scholarship this year.

We look forward to an annual event at other Maine mountains in honor of Allison Blackman.

*Dan Pascucci  
ME Region Director*

## DENIS GRAVES

A dedicated patroller, Denis Graves, passed away peacefully from a sudden illness on December 30, 2016. He was at his home surrounded by his loving family. Denis had a passion for helping people that was evidenced by his work at Seven Springs Mountain Resort located in the Laurel Mountains of Pennsylvania.

He joined the patrol in 2006 as a candidate and became an alpine patroller in 2007. He quickly caught on to the emergency care practices and was a natural at handling a toboggan. As such, Denis earned Candidate of the Year

for the Seven Springs Ski Patrol in 2007. He volunteered his time and talent five days a week, every week, during the ski season. In 2013, Denis earned a Blue Merit Star for his assistance with saving the life of a longtime friend of the patrol.

Denis will be remembered as a dedicated and respected patroller, loving husband to Mary, and proud father to Rachel, Courtney, and Benjamin.

*Eva Kunkel  
WAPP Awards Advisor*

# In Memoriam

## DEBORAH COWELL



Deborah Cowell, loving wife and devoted partner of James "JC" Cowell for 27 years, died at home in Vernon, NJ on Sunday, July 9, 2017 after a long illness. She was 55. Her courageous and vibrant spirit will be greatly missed by the many people who admired, respected, and loved her. Debbie led a life of dedicated service, ardently supporting the community through multiple roles of active leadership in outdoor activities.

Born in Amesbury, Massachusetts in 1961, Deb was a graduate of Nasson College in Springdale, Maine with a BS degree in Environmental Science. She worked for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for 25 years.

As a member of the National Ski Patrol for 18 years, Debbie was a leader at the local, state, and Eastern Division level. A valued member of ski patrols at Hidden Valley, now the National Winter Activities Center, High Point Nordic patrol, and Mountain Creek, she excelled in many areas. She was the first female in the National Ski Patrol to achieve the level of Nordic Master in receiving pin #10 April 25, 2015. She received National Appointment 10862 in 2009, the Patroller Cross in 2006, and a Blue Merit Star for her critical role in locating an injured skier at night, off trail, and assisting in providing life-saving first aid in 2000.

In addition Debbie was advisor to the Young Adult Patroller and Women's programs, a respected instructor, and instructor trainer in many areas of NSP training including OEC, Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR), toboggan handling, Nordic patrolling, and lift evacuation. She was also active in organizational roles including as NJ Region Delegate to the Eastern Division of NSP. Her long list of honors speaks to her indelible contributions to the patrol, and her presence will live long in the memories of her many friends and associates in NSP.

As a 20-year member of the Professional Ski Instructors Association she was a Level II Instructor and Master Teacher. She was also a member of the NJ search and rescue organization, SARAT, and a bike patroller.

Rick Shandler, National Nordic Program Director, said the following in his eulogy: *"By now you have all heard about Deb's numerous awards and many of her accomplishments. The fact that many of her award pins were in a drawer and had to be searched out, and polished, tells you something about what Deb found important. She did so much, but she did it for the*

*intrinsic value of the act, not the award or recognition. We often go about our day, and our lives, without the realization of the ripple effect our actions and attitude have on others. What a wonderful example she set. When Deb became the first female Nordic Master, which is an accomplishment in its own right, she did it through hard work and perseverance. To do it while in the midst of fighting for her life... now that's just amazing. Her tenacity and spirit, humor, and fortitude sent a message to many people, especially female patrollers. It was really simple, "Yes, you can!" The article that we published about her in both the Eastern Division magazine as well as the National Ski Patrol magazine helped shed some light on someone who didn't seek the spotlight. She didn't need to seek it, because her light, her brightness, inspired and illuminated, and shone on many others by her simple mantra, "Yes, you can." She exemplified the meaning of becoming a "Master" of one's craft. Her untiring, dedicated, and energetic gift for training and coaching will be the trademark of her life's work. We will be forever thankful that she chose the NSP to be her extended family. Her work and accomplishments with the NSP will be compared and referenced for years to come."*

An active beekeeper along with her husband JC, she won awards for the quality of their honey in Sussex County, was a volunteer beekeeping instructor and mentor, and was President of the Sussex County Beekeepers Association. In this role and as an exhibitor at the New Jersey State Fair in Sussex County, she was an alternate director for the fair and on the committee to raise money for the Richards Building.

During the crisis of 9/11, Deb, as an amateur radio operator, volunteered to assist the Office of Emergency Management by facilitating communications for emergency responders at the scene.

Deb was also a private pilot, a member of the Vernon Camera Club, and an avid outdoorsperson who loved hiking, camping, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and especially enjoyed great times with friends camping in the Adirondacks.

Debbie is survived by her husband James Cowell, her mother Susan Matiejunas, and her sister Susan Link and a nephew Sean Link. She was predeceased by her beloved golden retriever "Mogul."

In lieu of flowers, donations should be sent to charitable organizations; either to Karen Ann Quinlin Hospice, Fairfew Hill Rd. Fredon Twp., NJ 07860 or to Casting for Recovery at <https://castingforrecovery.org/how-you-can-help/more-ways-to-give>.

# In Memoriam

## KEN SCHWEINSBURG



The patrollers of the Western Appalachian Region were shocked by the news on March 19 of the untimely death of Ken Schweinsburg of severe acute pancreatitis. He was 58.

Ken served as the region's OEC coordinator for more than 20 years. In one of the largest geographic regions in the division, Ken coordinated seven OEC refreshers for more than 600 patrollers at 13 patrols; three instructor refreshers in the eastern, western, and southern corners of the region; and an IT refresher each year.

Ken's ability to run an efficient program and keep the refreshers fresh and entertaining for the patrollers while coordinating hundreds of OEC instructors was admired by division OEC advisors and staff.

Years ago, a ski trip with co-workers led Ken down a few unexpected expert slopes and helped him discover what would become a passion: skiing. "He loved it and figured he would go further," said his wife, Debbie. "He wanted to help people at the ski patrol end of it."

Ken joined the NSP in 1987, first at Laurel Mountain, then transferring to Hidden Valley, PA. With Ken's leadership skills he quickly became shift supervisor. He was named Hidden Valley Patroller of the Year in 1995, received National Appointment #9668 in 2002, the Eastern Division Outstanding Instructor award in 2008, Meritorious Service Award in 2009, and received Yellow Merit Stars in 2006, 2008 and 2015.

Always the first one on the hill and the last one to leave, Ken's patrol colleagues remember him as a dependable leader with a good sense of humor who was an integral part of the Hidden Valley Ski Patrol, said Pete Froehlike, fellow patroller at Hidden Valley. Ken was never critical; rather, he looked for ways to compliment fellow patrollers and gave them the support they needed to improve.

"He was the kind of leader that...he never had to ask anyone to do anything," Pete said. "They just stepped up. Ken was always one that led by example."

One fellow patroller commented, "Ken's unbridled enthusiasm for all things NSP is etched in my brain and I will always remember that about him."

Another said, "A true-blue NSP guy with the knowledge and passion to inspire. He inspired me as a candidate and mentor all those years ago. But it's his infectious smile and laugh that will be sadly missed."

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Debbie, and his daughter Dr. Jennifer Schweinsburg who was inspired to go into medicine by Ken's interest in patrolling.

*Marty Silverman  
Past WAPP RD*

## REMEMBRANCE of LOST PATROLLERS

At the Eastern Division Spring Officers' Meeting in April, each region announced the names of active and retired patrollers who passed away.

### CT

Lorraine "Josie" Whitney

### EMARI

Ray Wiggins

### ENY

Beverly Gail Carlson-Sack

Debbie Collin

Jeffery Fitzgerald

Ken Galloway

Chet Harvey

James J. Lomax

Charles Sandora

Allan R. Stern

### EPA

Mark Ecker

Tom Jensen

Peter Lubin

Dick Meyer

Scott Nedal

Gene Stachokis

### ME

Allison Kerl Blackman

### NH

Lee Bates

Eff Blomquist

David Pesula

David Rowean

### NVT

Stuart Gillespie

Ralph Walker

### SNY

Robert Schwartz

Laura Takijian

### SVT

Al Bergman

Jim Boyle

Larry Collingwood

Hildegard Seale

### WAPP

Gary Black, Jr.

Denis Graves

Jack Neal

Ken Schweinsburg

### WNY

Dr. David J. Albert

Brian Armstrong

Al Berman

Richard Klime

Laurette Oak

Hildegard Seale

Michelle Silliker

Jim Webb

Bob Woolingham

