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## Division Director's REPORT

by Cal Goldsmith, Division Director



The holiday season is past, and those of us that are healthy may well be giving an extra heartfelt measure of thanks for that simple but highly prized gift this year. But of course, there almost half a million families, destined to be more, that have suffered devastating loss this past year. We feel their pain and must try to insulate ourselves from this highly efficient, insidious enemy attacking us. But it is very hard to be 100% careful when we can give the disease to someone without even knowing we have it.

The leadership of the Eastern Division recognizes that there is always a way to catch this virus, and to that end we have put out a guidance document, a recommendation, but a strong one, that all in-person region- and division-level training that is not absolutely necessary be put on hold until we can re-evaluate the state of the COVID-19 pandemic later. Region-level in-person training events should only be held with the permission of your RD. It is possible that if the virus has not meaningfully receded, we will extend this recommendation to the end of the season, but that is yet to be determined. We must keep our eyes on the prize of a continuing healthy existence for all our members and their families.

This does not mean, however, that we do nothing. Most of us will be patrolling this year under the extra stress of the pandemic. We will train online. Some will train on-hill in small groups of local patrollers. By now you are aware of how your mountain and your patrol are operating. It will be a year of making do with what we have, and doing what we always do, which is dealing with it. And so, we will.

In other matters, you may have heard that our Executive Director, Meegan Moszynski, left the NSP and that our National Board of Directors is starting the search process for a new person to fill that role, or some version of that role.

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More to come. I am thankful for all the good work Meegan did for the NSP. She put her all into the job and will be missed.

The new section of the *Policies and Procedures*, Chapter 13 Youth Protection: Training and Reporting Guidelines has officially been rolled out and is in force. By December 31, 2020 it required region and division leadership and some instructors/IORs to take online training in protecting under-18 participants in any NSP program or activity region-level or above. You will find more information on the NSP homepage in the header titled "Youth Protection" right under the title "Home." I encourage anyone who is interested, instructor or not, to please take the course. There are three to choose from, two of which are available at no charge (Praesidium and Boy Scouts). It will take you about three hours and is time well spent.

We also have some personnel updates to announce. Kate Tornese, a Western Mass patroller will take over the position of Division Event Planning Coordinator. Kate is tech savvy and has professional experience planning and running events, which is exactly who we need for this position. Welcome Kate and thanks for stepping up to run our division events and letting Donna McGraw retire for real. We'll still miss you though, Donna!

Lisa Rabideau will take over as the Division Instructor Development Advisor after Jim Miller's retirement. Lisa is a 32-year patroller from the Eastern New York Region, is a 30-year OEC Instructor and IT, as well as a 5-year ID Instructor, IT, and Region ID Advisor. Lisa is eminently qualified for this position, and we thank her for taking this critical division position.

Given the great success of Eastern Division's programs, with many more and much larger events happening during the course of the season, the workload of our Division Treasurer has grown tremendously both in scope and amount of

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Introducing the  
**NEW ID  
 Supervisor**  
**LISA RADIBEAU**

I am the new Eastern Division Instructor Development Supervisor and want to introduce myself to you. First, I want to thank Jim Miller for the wonderful job he has done for the past six years as the ID Supervisor. His contributions have helped advance Instructor Development in our division and helped grow the number of instructors in all disciplines.

I patrol at Titus Mountain in the Eastern New York Region right up near the Canadian border. We draw a significant portion of our skiing public from Quebec and Ontario. I have been a patroller for 33 years, acting as an OEC instructor, OEC IT, OEC Region Administrator, and most recently ID Advisor for our region. In my day job, I am an RN working as a Clinical Informatics Manager. In other words, I am the liaison between the clinical world and the information technology world. Sometimes I describe my job as a translator since both worlds use vastly different languages. I have four grown children that ski and snowboard when they can. My husband is also a patroller at Titus Mountain.

This year COVID-19 has caused us to change almost everything we do. Instruction and Instructor Development is no exception. We have been able to transform some of our instruction to the virtual world with tools like Zoom. Again, thanks to Jim Miller for helping to lead the way in doing ID classes virtually, both full courses and hybrid face-to-face sessions. I, too, have had the pleasure of conducting some face-to-face sessions via Zoom. In a region as geographically spread out as mine, it has enabled us to onboard instructors without them having to drive two to four hours for a two-hour session. Although Zoom and other platforms don't lend themselves well to hands-on skills, such as OEC and OET, used for instructor development seems to be working well. The others in the class don't necessarily get to practice with what the instructor is teaching, but it does allow for interaction and constructive critique. I have also been using Zoom for my OEC class, demonstrating the skills and utilizing a webcam so that the students can see the demos.

One of my main goals for the next couple of years is to increase our number of ID Instructors in the division. In order to grow instructor numbers in all disciplines, we need to start with Instructor Development. Maybe we tap into those in our patrols that are teachers off the slopes. I encourage you to send any ideas you have to either your region ID advisor or me so we can continue to fill our ranks from the many talented individuals we have at our mountains and Nordic areas. I look forward to working with all of you in the division to keep NSP East strong.

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work involved. Therefore, we have created the position of Assistant Division Treasurer and have tapped EMARI Region Safety Team Advisor Dallas Coffman as our first Assistant Treasurer. Dallas is a financial pro and has all the professional training and experience needed to give Hugh Blocker, our Division Treasurer, the help he needs. Thank you, Dallas, for taking on more work than you have already.

A few quick program updates. The bike patrol has now been designated an NSP program, curriculum for which will be developed in the coming months. The division will be looking for a program advisor in the coming months. The Outdoor Risk Management (ORM) Program is developing its curriculum now, under the leadership of Steve Barnes at the division level and Mark Petrozzi at the national level. And the Aerial Evacuation Resource Guide (formerly the Lift Evacuation Manual) has gone to print and is available online from the NSP website. This was a joint effort by NSAA and NSP and has been long anticipated.

I hope we all get on snow. Be careful and follow the precautions on our Eastern Division and the National website, as well as those of your state and your local mountain/patrol. Don't let down your guard. Remember you are living through a once-in-a-century event. It's unusual, surreal, and hard to fathom at times. But it will pass. Let's all make sure we're all here to see it go.



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The Eastern Division presented John Kane with a new retirement buddy.



## CONGRATULATIONS JOHN KANE for a job well done!!



Along with his new buddy, John received a wood glider to enjoy on the deck at his home in HurriKane Cove, Maine. The plaque is engraved "Presented to John M Kane III for Inspirational Leadership, Eastern Division Director 2016-2020."



Joanne Kenyon, an extremely talented quilter, who patrols at Crotched Mountain in New Hampshire made an amazing quilt for Donna McGraw's retirement gift. Each region director sent a picture of their region's logo to Joanne which she incorporated as a border to surround the Eastern Division logo on the quilt.



Past Division Director Rick Hamlin crowning Donna McGraw as the Queen of the Eastern Division.



Present for the coronation were past Division Directors Rick Hamlin, Larry Close, Jerry Sherman, and John Shipman.



John Kane, past DD; Donna McGraw; Joanne Kenyon; and Cal Goldsmith, DD.

# Long Live the Queen!

September in Lake Luzerne. You know, the picturesque lake in western New York, not to be confused with that pond, Lake Lucerne, in Switzerland. Normally, Lake Luzerne would have been a hive of activity, with the dude ranches humming and foliage viewers blocking traffic on the local roads, but not this year. COVID-19 has the dude ranches, restaurants, bars, and just about everything else shuttered, closed, and vacant. Deserted is the term that comes to mind.

But on the morning of September 20th there was a spark of activity, as cars started to arrive at the park on the west end of the lake, adjacent to Route 9N. These were not a random sample of cars, but cars of a winter bent, four-wheel drive trucks and sport utility vehicles, and a preponderance of Subarus. All were shod in snow tires, some studded, some not, but all prepared for the coming winter, many with long storage containers on the roof. Several of those Subarus were even wrapped in what appeared to be tribal graphics. They arrived in the parking lot in a steady, quiet stream. Clearly something different was about to happen in Lake Luzerne.

The park's open pavilion was the center of activity. Identification of individuals in the growing group was difficult as all wore masks and were practicing extreme social distancing. Yet even with masks and distance, it was obvious that this was not a random gathering. These were clearly a group of highly disciplined people. Subtle gestures among those gathering confirmed that these masked people knew each other, very well. Red, white, and blue shields were visible on much of the predominately black outerwear worn by those gathering.

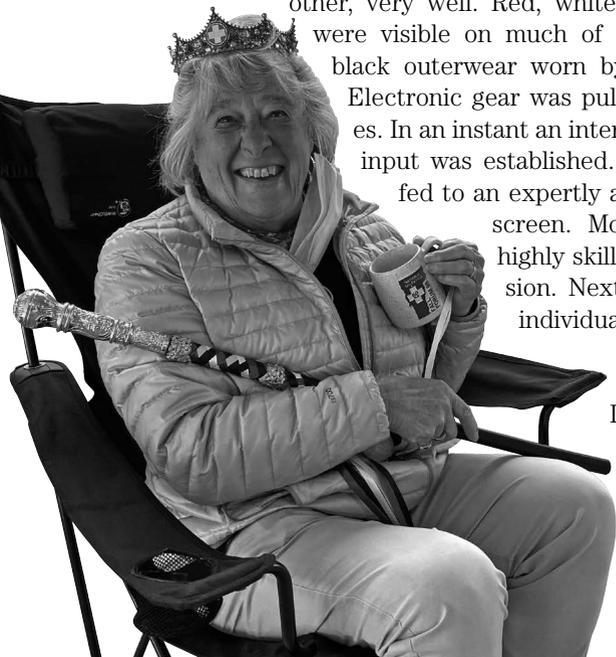
Electronic gear was pulled from road cases. In an instant an internet link with video input was established. Video output was fed to an expertly assembled portable screen. More evidence of a highly skilled group on a mission. Next the food arrived, individual meals in sealed plastic containers, neatly stockpiled. It was clear that this group was planning to encamp for a bit, and they were fully prepared.

One of the most common responses within the Division whenever a difficult question of procedure, process, or history was raised was "ask Donna."

Those present knew that this gathering was supposed to be much bigger. It was to be a gathering of hundreds, from across the country. The venue was to be a ballroom in a capital city, not a park pavilion in the land of dude ranches, far from the bright city lights. The attire would have been business formal, not fleece, Gore-Tex, and Carhart. A banquet was the original model, a big banquet, with all the trimmings, multi-course meal, adult beverages, speeches, presentations, and a roast. A whole evening of celebration, the sole purpose of which was to recognize an incredibly special member of this historic tribe. But it was not to be. The scourge of COVID-19 stopped the inside gathering plan in its tracks. Large tribal gatherings of any sort stopped. Tribe members had to navigate the various travel and sheltering rules of their individual states, complicating even normal gatherings. The plans for the banquet were mothballed, deep-sixed, terminated.

But this tribe is nothing if not resourceful. Can't bring hundreds together from across the country in person at a gala banquet? Ok, new plan, bring those people to an event virtually. Even if it means holding it outside? Sure, why not, outside is the normal environment of this tribe. The colder the better. Follow all the rules for gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic? Check. Goals identified, barriers addressed, and a new plan was developed. This tribe knows how to meet the objective, even if a curve has been thrown. Besides, truth be known, given the choice between Versace and Brooks Brothers or Patagonia and Carhart, the latter will always be the fashion attire of choice for this tribe. Isn't black Carhart business formal anyway? It is in Vermont.

Which brings us back to Lake Luzerne, New York on September 20, 2020. Members of the National Ski Patrol from across the country, either in person or via virtual video connection, converged on the quiet park to celebrate, in the best way possible, the glorious career of Eastern Division Administrator, Donna McGraw. There is no way that this author could even begin to describe the outstanding contributions to the Eastern Division and the National Ski Patrol that Patroller McGraw has repeatedly made throughout her very lengthy term. She has touched virtually every Patroller in the Eastern Division, whether at a distance through the registration process, or much closer via a much-needed dope slap when appropriate. When the National office decided that all registration should be moved online and the National con-



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nection and experience with online activities was tenuous at best, they turned to Donna. Her guidance led to success with something that could have easily been a technological yard-sale. Year after year she fielded calls and held the hands of Patrol Directors across the Division to sort out registration issues, ensuring that all the rosters were complete, and all the dues were collected and accounted for in a timely fashion. One of the most common responses within the Division whenever a difficult question of procedure, process, or history was raised was "ask Donna." Volumes could be told of all the contributions that Donna McGraw has made to make our lives as Patrollers better. And if those contributions were not enough, Donna and husband,

Jerry, are still literally saving lives in retirement. A snowmobiler who recently went through the lake ice near their home lived to describe the experience due to their quick, life-saving actions. Numerous awards and certificates of recognition have been deservedly bestowed on Donna during her career.

There was only one thing left. The Eastern Division has never had a coronation, until September 20, 2020. On that day, in Lake Luzerne, Donna McGraw was made Queen of the Eastern Division. A crown, scepter, grail, a hand-quilted cape, and a bottle of spirits were bestowed upon the Queen. Well-wishers sent their greetings and congratulations via video link. There was much merriment, while appropriate social distancing occurred, of course. We love you Donna, long live the Queen.

# TRANSITIONS Do Not Need to be a Cliff!

by Allan Miller, Alumni Advisor

Throughout our lives, we make a lot of transitions from graduations, to marriage, to jobs, and a lot of other things. As we go through our patrolling experience, we have several transitions also. In this article, the transition from active patrolling to something a little less, maybe even Alumni, is discussed.

Most of our life transitions involve taking on more. As we pursue our education, each step involves more to learn from an ever-increasing body of knowledge. Marriage, children, growth through our careers seem to add to all we do. We take these on, and we establish our own style of adding to the seemingly ever-increasing list of to-do's. An ever-accelerating pace and effort goes along with all this.

Finally, we reach a point in life where we start to slow down a little. Driven by a number of items, some controllable some not, we start to decrease the list of the things we do. How we cope with these changes is a matter of our preferences and our style and it is important to consider and think through before making decisions that are hard to reverse.

When it comes to patrolling, we have made a choice in our lives to give of ourselves and contribute to the well-being of our ski area's customers. We provide first aid and numerous other services to help them enjoy the area and the time they spend on our trails.

So how do we respond when the circumstances of our lives lead us to the decision to reduce our patrolling activity and time commitment? In the short time since taking on the Division Alumni Advisor position, I have talked to a lot of patrollers both active and alumni and some who are no longer connected to NSP at all.

The pandemic has led to a lot of situations where the necessity of suspending patrolling activities comes abruptly

without the time usually spent considering options.

All this leads to what I hope you will agree is a better way to approach the transition. That way is to go down a ramp rather than fall off a cliff.

Many times, the first consideration is running sleds. If circumstances indicate the need to avoid this activity, there are possibilities that do not require discontinuing active patrolling. The designation of "Patroller" is intended to include on an active patrol, individuals who fulfill all the other duties of alpine or Nordic patrollers, with the exception of Outdoor Emergency Transportation (a.k.a. hauling sleds). In my 32 years of patrolling, I have encountered very few patrols that take advantage of the patroller classification. I am eager to learn the rationale of why patrols who need staff, do not utilize the capability of patrollers to do first response and first aid without transportation. There is a long list of other duties and responsibilities that patrollers, who want to slow it down a little, can do. It seems that one of the best times to become an instructor is when experience adds to your knowledge base to truly bring reality to the classroom. Yet, it is quite unusual for a patroller with a lot of experience to decide to contribute by becoming an instructor.

Depending on the patrol and the mountain management's protocols, keeping less-active patrollers "on the payroll" is not necessarily more expensive for the mountain. That needs to be investigated and questioned in order to understand the options which always exist. Part of the process needs to be resisting the comfortable feeling of doing it as it has always been done and finding other alternatives that utilize the talent we have to the best advantage for our patrol and mountain. Change need not be an abrupt transition.

Call me at 518-441-3899 with your thoughts, ideas, and questions. We want to learn to do it better.

# Hall of Fame

## WILLIAM (BILL) BOULTER



### Contributions to the National Ski Patrol

Bill Boulter joined the National Ski Patrol in 1983 with the Watertown Ski Patrol in Central New York. By 1985, he achieved senior alpine patroller status. He served as an OET instructor and instructor/trainer actively supporting the senior program for more than a decade. He found his passion in 2002 when he was named the Central New York Region Awards Advisor. He developed several local awards at the region level and in 2006 was named the Eastern Division

Awards Advisor. Bill brought his creativity to his new assignment and was a champion of several new division awards. Under his leadership, the awards program experienced remarkable growth, noteworthy success, and heartfelt appreciation from award recipients. Bill introduced a new award known as the Patriot Star presenting a small pin and patch to honor military veterans for their service to our country. In 2012, Bill was named the National Awards Advisor bringing his passion, enthusiasm, and creativity to a new level. In 2012 (during his first term) Bill was approached by Tim White, National Ski Patrol Executive Director, who challenged him to create a National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame. He was clearly up to the task. With the support of the National Board of Directors, Bill authored the initial criteria, designed the pin and plaque, and

took it one step further recommending the first five nominees as members of the Inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2012. Following Board approval, Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole; Roger Langley; Harry Pollard Jr.; Gretchen Besser, Ph.D.; and Warren Bowman, MD were inducted at the National Ski Patrol's 75th Anniversary Celebration in Denver, Colorado. The creation of the Hall of Fame was historically significant and Bill Boulter's perspective, vision, and devotion to the National Ski Patrol Awards Program has had a very positive impact our membership at all levels of the organization.

**Year Inducted:** 2020

**Primary Patrol:** Dry Hill Ski Patrol—Central New York

**Years of Service:** 37

### Leadership Positions, Program Activity, Awards and Recognitions

- 2012-2018 ..... National Awards Advisor
- 2006-2012 ..... Eastern Division Awards Advisor
- 2018 ..... Distinguished Service Award
- 2014 ..... Meritorious Service Award
- 2000 ..... National Appointment #9164
- 2002-2006 ..... Region Awards Advisor – Central New York
- 1987-1993 ..... Patrol Director Dry Hill Ski Patrol
- 2000 ..... Blue Merit Star
- 1990-2000 ..... Senior Outdoor Emergency Transportation Trainer/Evaluator
- 1985-Present ..... Outdoor Emergency Transportation Instructor

## LAWRENCE (LARRY) CLOSE



### Contributions to the National Ski Patrol

Larry Close joined the National Ski Patrol in 1968 and attained his senior classification in just four years. His progress continued and very shortly thereafter, he earned Certified #99 and National Appointment #5083. From the beginning, there was never a doubt that the National Ski Patrol had gained a remarkable, enthusiastic, energetic, and highly skilled asset that would epitomize the motto "Service and Safety" in the years to come. Larry Close began

at the ground level and worked his way up the ladder of success. He served his patrol, his region, his division, and the National Ski Patrol at the highest levels. His contributions to the Professional Ski Patrol Association (PSPA), the Young Adult Program, the Outdoor Emergency Transportation Program, and the Senior and Certified Programs were enormous. His wisdom, foresight, and leadership capabilities were clearly recognized when he was elected to the National Board of Directors and validated when he was ultimately selected to serve on the Executive Committee. For more than five decades, Larry Close has honorably served the National Ski Patrol with distinction.

**Year inducted:** 2020

**Primary Patrol:** Greek Peak Ski Patrol—Central New York

**Years of Service:** 52

### Leadership Positions, Program Activity, Awards and Recognitions

- 1989-1993 ..... Eastern Division Director
- 1968-1989 ..... Eastern Division Assistant Director
- 1985-1987 ..... Eastern Division Certified Program Chair
- 1978-2006 ..... Eastern Division OET Staff and Steering Committee
- 1976-2020 ..... Outdoor Emergency Transportation Instructor
- 1976-2000 ..... Outdoor Emergency Transportation Instructor Trainer
- 2008-2020 ..... American Heart Association CPR Instructor
- 1976 ..... Yellow Merit Star
- 1977 ..... National Appointment #5083
- 1992 ..... Yellow Merit Star
- 2001 ..... Green Merit Star
- 1993 ..... Distinguished Service Award
- 2018 ..... 50 Year Lifetime Member
- 1968-1978 ..... Scotch Valley Ski Patrol Director—Eastern New York
- 1978-1980 ..... Hunter Mountain Ski Patrol Director—Eastern New York
- 1981-1985 ..... Eastern Division Region Director
- 1986-1995 ..... National Ski Patrol Board of Directors
- 1990-1994 ..... National Ski Patrol Board of Directors Executive Committee
- 2001 ..... Awarded Lifetime Certified Status

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**NICK COLLINS**



**Contributions to the National Ski Patrol**

Nick Collins joined the National Ski Patrol in 1946. His patrol career began as a “Junior Patroller” and his ensuing leadership and support of that program helped develop future leaders who have served as members of our National Board of Directors, National Program Supervisors, and countless leaders at the division, region, and patrol levels. He served the United States Army for 40 years before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel serving two foreign

deployments during the Vietnam War. During that period, he brought his avalanche and mountaineering expertise to two patrols in the European Division. Nick Collins passed away in 2019 but left us with an amazing legacy of personal contributions for the Avalanche and Mountaineering Programs at the national level when he was selected as an Eastern Division Project Coordinator. Working in concert with Division Advisors Doug Graham (Avalanche) and Ron Clark (MTR-HOF#29) in his role as Staff Engineer at the US Cold Regions Research Laboratory in Hanover, New Hampshire, he orchestrated more than 25 years of high-level educational conferences directly benefitting the NSP and the US Army 10th Mountain Division. In addition to organizing the technical agendas, he routinely staffed these seminars with experts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, the National Weather Service, the American Avalanche Association, and the International Snow Science Workshop. Educational offerings were focused on topics such as snow science, cold weather physiology, cold weather injuries, cold weather operations and survival, prolonged exposure in a nonfreezing environment, and high-altitude physiology and illness. Multiple lectures and reference materials were provided by experts like Dr. Charles Houston, a world-renowned scholar, mountaineer, author, and inventor whose 1950 study expedition to the Khumbu icefall mapped the route subsequently taken by Sir Edmond Hillary’s first successful Mt. Everest ascent. Several of Dr. Houston’s works were instrumental in the development of the NSP’s Mountaineering Program.

Guest lecturers also included Dr. Murray Hamlet, Director of Cold Research at the US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Massachusetts. It is estimated that nearly 1000 people, including NSP members, Military Special Operations personnel, and international researchers attended. The impact of these seminars, that included a rust and blue National Ski Patrol parka redesign in the mid-1980s, has been significant in developing, advancing, and updating our educational materials and capabilities. These seminars were open to all members of the National Ski Patrol. The seminars ended after September 11, 2001, when access to the CRREL facility was restricted. Nick’s personal knowledge and expertise not only helped the NSP fulfill its mission of “Service and Safety” to the snow sports industry but helped enable that service by ensuring the safety of all who have served as Outdoor Emergency Care and rescue providers.

**Year Inducted:** 2020

**Primary Patrol:** Brattleboro Ski Patrol–Southern Vermont

**Years of Service:** 73

**Leadership Positions, Program Activity, Awards and Recognitions**

- 1982-2018 ..... Avalanche Instructor Trainer
- 1982-2018 ..... Mountaineering/Mountain Travel and Rescue Instructor Trainer
- 1986-2011 ..... Eastern Division Project Coordinator for advanced Avalanche and Mountaineering Seminars at the United States Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL)
- 1986-2014 ..... Brattleboro Ski Patrol Director
- 1964-1987 ..... American Red Cross First Aid Instructor
- 1986-2016 ..... Outdoor Emergency Care Instructor
- 1964-2019 ..... Avalanche Level 2 Instructor
- 1966-2018 ..... Mountaineering/Mountain Travel and Rescue Level 2 Instructor
- 1970 ..... National Appointment #3532
- 2011 ..... Distinguished Service Award

**ROBERT (BOB) SCARLETT**



**Contributions to the National Ski Patrol**

Bob Scarlett began his patrol career in 1975 as a college senior at Saint Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Shortly thereafter, he achieved his senior alpine classification and went on to serve as the Ski Liberty Patrol Legal Advisor and Patrol Representative. He served his patrol and region as an instructor and instructor/trainer before becoming the Eastern Pennsylvania Region Legal Advisor. He served in the position for nearly two decades. His

outstanding leadership and legal contributions to his patrol and region led to his selection to serve as the Eastern Division Legal Advisor from 1997-2006 playing a key role during the complete rewrite of the division’s bylaws. His legal contributions at the national level include revisions and changes in many documents including National Ski Patrol’s Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and *Policies and Procedures*. Bob Scarlett has made numerous contributions to the Outdoor Emergency Care Program including his authorship of the le-

gal chapter for the textbook, and support of our National and Division Medical Advisors and their committees. His strong relationship with the National Ski Areas Association and his sound and reliable legal guidance has helped to ensure that the National Ski Patrol remains a strong and independent nationally chartered institution.

**Year inducted:** 2020

**Primary Patrol:** Ski Liberty Ski Patrol–Eastern Pennsylvania

**Years of Service:** 44

**Leadership Positions, Program Activity, Awards and Recognitions**

- 2018-Present... National Ski Patrol Board of Directors
- 2007-2017 ..... National Legal Advisor
- 2007-2017 ..... National Legal Committee Chair
- 1997-2006 ..... Eastern Division Legal Advisor
- 1997-2006 ..... Eastern Division Legal Committee Chair
- 1980-1997 ..... Eastern Pennsylvania Region Legal Advisor
- 1995 ..... National Appointment #8118
- 2001 ..... Distinguished Service Award
- 2004 ..... Meritorious Service Award
- 2015 ..... Minnie Dole Award
- 1998, 1999, 2011, 2017.....Yellow Merit Stars

# Mount Peter KIDS CAMP Safety Education Program

by Chris McCabe, Mt. Peter SP

During the 2018-2019 winter season, in conjunction with the Mount Peter Mountain School (PSIA/AASI), Mount Peter developed a safety program to educate the younger skiers in their Kids Camp.

The program has grown exponentially; there were just under 650 participants participating during the 2019-2020 season. The program focus is on snow safety, lift safety, and the Skier Responsibility Code.

Mount Peter Patrol teaches the children, in small groups, the importance of properly wearing their helmets and how the other equipment they wear, such as goggles, gloves, ski clothes, boots, and bindings plays a role in keeping them safe. They also talk about riding aerial lifts safely, using “Sit Back & Hold On” and “No Horseplay” models. When discussing the Skier Responsibility Code they focus on skiing in control, trail identification signs, and yielding to the downhill skier in addition to the other points of the code. These sessions last between 30 and 40 minutes, and are held twice every Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

It has been well received by the youth and the parents as well. Many parents ask if they can sit in on the class. A side benefit has been that the skiers become more comfortable with ski patrollers, and the kids learn that patrollers are there to help them. In many situations the patrol has been looked upon as the snow police. Mount Peter is striving to make their ski patrol more friendly and approachable, as a source of assistance and information for their guests.

The benefit of this is noticeably clear. In comparing injuries from 2018-19 to the 2019-20 season, the following results are seen: aerial lift-involved injuries are down 57%, skier collisions have been reduced 33%, and injuries to the target age group of 6-15 years were reduced by 28%. Overall, there was a reduction in on-snow injuries by 22%.

In addition to this program, patrollers are encouraged to be proactive in their patrolling techniques and to interact with our guests in a friendlier manner while speaking with and greeting them at the lifts.

Mount Peter Ski Patrol is promoting the mission of the NSP – Safety & Service. We promote the safe enjoyment of snowsports by instituting mountain safety education and awareness for guests collaborating with other like-minded organizations and programs developed by the NSAA.



# Safety Events in the COVID Era

by Melinda Mingus, MD, Supervisor & the ED Safety Team

Safety education can prevent accidents. Fewer accidents mean fewer patients needing treatment in our first aid rooms. Fewer patient encounters mean fewer potential asymptomatic exposures for patrollers. So, during this tricky time of canceling events due to COVID, you might want to consider the current implications and importance of hosting a “safe” safety event at your mountain.

We have had a lot of questions regarding the feasibility of conducting safety events this ski season. Some of us work at ski areas that might not open because of COVID restrictions. Others may be working with different shift arrangements and fewer people. All of us will be affected. Putting on a safety event may seem unlikely; however, the stats show that skiers and riders have purchased passes, the kid’s programs are full, and backcountry gear is sold out.

*What are the pros of hosting safety events during this 2020-2021 season?*

- Events can be conducted outside using our fantastic ED NSP logo tents.
- Most people (including us) will be outside.
- There is reduced concern about COVID transmission when outside.
- It’s not difficult to physically distance when outside.



- We will have new safety kits.
- All those skiers and riders will need safety message education.
- Safety education can prevent accidents and injuries.
- Safety events are a great way to recruit patrollers.
- Safety events can help area management reduce spread by setting up their station near the lodge entrance and reminding skiers to wear masks and use hand sanitizer. Offering hand sanitizer would be good swag this year!
- Safety events can also be held in conjunction with local ski shops. CT Region combined a safety event with their ski swap.

*What are the cons of hosting safety events during this 2020-2021 season?*

- The ski areas have enough to worry about in addition to scheduling safety events.
- We have enough to be concerned about, other than to have patrollers doing a safety event.
- If it rains, we won’t be able to move the event indoors.

To reserve a SAFETY tent: [bit.ly/NSPtent](https://bit.ly/NSPtent), or, click here: <https://easterndivisionnsp.org/nsp/safety-tent-requisitions/>.

Go with the Pros! Think about safety events as a strategy to prevent accidents and potential COVID-19 spread. Start planning safe Safety Events for your region!

[Note: The term “COVID” is being used loosely in this article to stand for infection with SARS-CoV-2 as well as COVID-19 symptoms.]



## WINDHAM MOUNTAIN Honors Patroller

Windham Mountain will rename the “Wheelchair Double” chairlift to “Baker Lift” to commemorate the life of Ronald Baker, a full-time ski patroller who passed away on September 4, 2020, succumbing to multiple organ failure after a hard fought battle with prostate cancer.

Baker joined the ski patrol program in 1994 and became an Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) instructor in 1998, taking over the entire training program at Windham Mountain shortly thereafter.

After earning his master’s degree in education from Plattsburgh State University, Baker became a high school social studies teacher at Shaker High School, in Latham, New York. In 1974, he began volunteering for his hometown Fire Department in Colonie, which eventually led to him serving as Deputy Director of EMS until retirement.

His lifelong dedication to both education and medical service led to his unique teaching style at Windham Mountain that demanded perfection and attention to detail. Responsible for training all the patrollers, he developed men and women into lifesavers for over 20 years.

“He was a wealth of knowledge. He expected the best out of you, nothing less” said Maggie Brabazon, Ski Patrol Director, continuing to say, “he was passionate about training patrollers and made sure that everyone was ready for any situation.”

Baker was a staple within the Windham Mountain community, not only for his on-mountain services, but for his larger-than-life personality as well. He was as much a teacher and mentor as he was a best friend to his colleagues and played a significant role in developing Windham Mountain’s OEC training program for patrollers.



# TIMID DECISION MATRIX

by Jon Wilson, Certified Chair

I recently ran into two Young Adult Patrollers at an outdoor ski swap. In and amongst the usual conversation was a specific question, “What decision process went into cancelling the annual Certified exam?” I was impressed with the question and explained my answer.

They had never heard of the TIMID decision process and thought it was “cool.” I am not certain a decision matrix has ever been termed as cool, but I am impressed that they asked the question and I want to ski with these two “cool” YAPs anytime if they are already thinking this far ahead.

The question raised was in respect to the cancelled Certified exam at Sugarloaf, Maine in March of 2020. TIMID is the abbreviation for: Time, Information, Media, Image, Decision.

## TIME

I was aware of the COVID-19 outbreak and the medical impact from the beginning stages. I realized I might need to decide to cancel the exam. I knew there were a few attendees making the trip the week before to Smugglers’ Notch, as well as some boarding flights on Monday for an early arrival to Boston and then travel to Sugarloaf. I knew that the COVID-19 infections at the time were doubling every six days. Having followed it for three weeks prior, there were close to 25 to 30 cases the week before in Maine. Saturday was the best option to cancel. It provided time on Sunday for those to cancel flights. It allowed attendees time to cancel reservations, and it allowed the Sugarloaf team enough time prior to food being ordered to eliminate that cost.

## INFORMATION

This category was the most difficult. I could not trust the “news” or “politicians” in their assessment/knowledge of the COVID-19 virus. The WHO and the government were slow to decisions as Italy and China were in lockdown. The main source of information came from medical professionals in Italy and the United States, mainly ER docs, and my prior knowledge in the pharmaceutical industry of how a virus can increase in numbers. The John Hopkins COVID-19 maps and stats were extremely helpful.

Many attendees were traveling through high rates of infection areas. New York City and Boston were the main concerns. I paid particular attention to

the higher rate of infection age population data. I learned that there was up to a two-week window of incubation. I learned more about quarantining and what is necessary to have precautions in place, specifically temperatures and medical history.

I also incorporated a phone conference with the leadership team and gave each member an opportunity to make their opinions known. I thanked each for their insights and let them know that I would be making the decision within two days. Information on current COVID-19 trends, and on medical testing before the event could not guarantee everyone’s safety.

## MEDIA

I was aware that with just one case of infection, the fall-out, with NSP being a news story, could impact the ski industry, medical community, and our NSP family. The critical time frame would be during the OEC exams with candidates and patrollers interacting in close proximity while completing surveys.

I could not trust some “news” group that would jump at the opportunity to make the NSP and the Certified team look foolish. This was not an option and the media component had to be solid. We had initial testing components in place for all group gatherings; hand sanitizers and access to all the wash-room facilities would make certain hands could be washed. We had hotel rooms set aside to quarantine people if signs and symptoms presented.

## IMAGE

The image component is twofold. The view looking out and the view looking in. How would others look upon our decision to cancel the exam? How would we impact others leading within the NSP?

Honestly, I was more concerned with others looking at the Certified program when holding the exam. The worst fear was checking a patroller in at the hospital and explaining that he or she had just come from a ski event where 124 people had held a four-day ski patrol exam. I can only imagine the follow-up questions and frustrations.

The view from within the NSP is one of leadership, taking responsibility for the team, and making tough decisions. Yes, I believe we could have held it, but if only one patroller got sick the image would have changed from cutting-edge to cavalier attitude.

## DECISION

The decision to be made was either it was a go or to cancel the exam. This made it somewhat easy. With six components being tested over a three-day period, there were ample opportunities for our patrollers to interact with others and impact our event. The decision was made to cancel the event. We completed our annual meeting remotely via Zoom.

While much has changed from March 2020 and we have learned a lot more about the virus, we still need to protect our patrollers. There is a clearer path moving forward with the recent COVID-19 guidelines, and I believe we can maintain our awareness of the virus and still serve the ski community.

# zoom! zoom! zoom!

by Jim Miller, ID Supervisor

As anyone who can read or listen knows we are in a pandemic due to COVID-19. This has created a lot of anxiety for many including patrollers. Refreshers were canceled. Will my ski areas open? How can I become an NSP instructor?

I may be able to help with the last question.

The pandemic has altered the way we do things. One slightly positive occurrence is that the Instructor Development face-to-face program works well with the virtual classroom. Since May I have been a part of four Instructor Development face-to-face courses, via Zoom, that saw 31 patrollers complete the first step to becoming NSP instructors. The Zoom class while not perfect does allow patrollers to start the mentoring phase of becoming NSP instructors.

Zoom allowed people to take the course from the comfort of their location. We had patrollers from Montana, Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and even that European country in the Alps, Switzerland, take the course.

Check with your regional Instructor Development Administrator or on the Eastern Division program calendar about upcoming ID courses.



On the national front, all NSP instructors needing to be recertified will need to register, through the NSP website, for both Continuing Education AND the Instructor Skill Review (ISR). The ISR only needs to be completed once for all disciplines every three years, while the continuing education needs to be completed for each discipline every three years.

NSP offers the ISR course online. Instructors will print the certificate of completion and forward it to their respective program administrator(s). The administrator will give you the ISR course number for you to register and get credit through the NSP website.

Remember, you also need to teach and be evaluated by an instructor trainer, per discipline, once every three years to maintain your NSP instructor certification.

This is my last article for *Trail Sweep*, my term has finally come to an end. Lisa Rabideau, from the Eastern New York Region, has been selected as the new Eastern Division Instructor Development Supervisor. It has been a great six years and I would like to thank all the Regional ID Administrators and Eastern Division Staff for all their support.

## virtual MTR

by Mike Balk, Supervisor

We have seen the future of MTR education and the future is Virtual.

Imagine traveling to a virtual winter paradise where you can make a virtual Quinzhee shelter without breaking a sweat. Virtual ski tours in the windless and balmy 68 degrees of your home in front of your computer. Just imagine. Now stop being silly and throw out those images.

The future that we have glimpsed was the MTR portion of the hybrid AMN instructor refresher held this past September. While we can't replace the entire MTR experience with online learning, we can teach and learn much of the basic material that has always been delivered via lecture. That will give us more hands-on time during the in-person section of the course.

The MTR segment of the AMN dealt with compass, map reading, and basic navigation skills. We received good reviews and lots of enthusiasm for this new style

of online teaching. We used the Eastern Division's Online Moodle School, with video training and homework that required using a compass, and even forced people to go outside to finish the project! Online training gave people the time needed to fully review and understand the topic.

We are working to build our online repertoire, adding sections on how to prepare for a winter camping ski tour, search and rescue, and even topics like knot tying. After completing the online portion of the course, the student will have a great basic understanding of all of the topics. We can then focus the in-person events on those topics that need hands-on training or do not lend themselves to the virtual realm. Talk to anyone who attended the 2020 "Virtually Unstoppable" AMN and ask them what the future is like. Then come and join us! The future looks great!

# QUESTIONS QUESTIONS QUESTIONS

– I still have Stoke by Craig Larson, Young Adult Supervisor

It all started in September.

“Is it Christmas yet? Is it Dad? Is it?” The questions from the kids began at 6:00 am. I was hardly awake. “How many days till Christmas? Do you have my present yet? Can I open it?” Question after question after question. I knew that day the season of wonder had begun. The questions would continue coming until the day; Christmas Day! My answers didn’t matter. They didn’t matter at all. I could show the calendar. I could count the days. I could explain the seasons. I could try to give an accurate count of hours, minutes, and seconds. None of this mattered. All my answers were irrelevant. My three children wanted Christmas and they wanted it now!

Can you guess how the day went? Question after question after question.

Don’t get me wrong. I love this stage of life – the inquisitive whys, their constant need for knowledge, and the look of amazement when I answer “the hard ones.” I don’t have all the answers. Never have. Never will.

Winter is coming and so are the questions. This is the season of questions. What will the ski season look like? Will the lodge be open? Can I ride the chairlift with my friends? What will patrol look like? Can I go in the top shack? Will I be allowed to patrol? Again, I don’t have all the answers. Never have. Never will.

Are you the kid constantly asking the same questions over and over? Are you the kid waiting impatiently for ‘the big holiday?’ Are you the student seeking knowledge from teachers

and parents? Or are you the Young Adult Patroller asking what now? What’s next?

This winter will look different. Skiing and riding will be different. Ski patrol will be different. Ski areas and ski patrols will develop policies, change and adjust policies, or close due to circumstances out of their control. As this season changes so does the Young Adult Program.

Our approach this season will be different!

We may not make turns together due to restrictions. We may not hang out in the lodge due to travel bans. We may not have gatherings of young adults. However, this program will be present!

If you have never followed the Eastern Division Young Adult Program on social media (Facebook, Instagram) now is the time to do so. We are using these platforms in new ways, ways to engage differently, ways to have fun, and ways to share and grow the program even if we are not together.

Check these often as we gear up for the greatest social media season yet. Check out our livecast “Everyday Heroes.” Look for contests. Search for pictures from previous events. Follow the snowstorms. Need new gear? Want some swag? Tune in. Participate in the program even if it looks different.

Again, I may not have the answers or know what things will look like, but I do know we can make the best of it. Find us on social media and join the adventure. The winter stoke is high!





by Chuck Boyd, Supervisor

WOW! That seems about all one can say about all the changes we have been going through in our personal, professional, and volunteering lives. I also give a big WOW to how well the virtual Avalanche, Mountain Travel & Rescue, and Nordic/Backcountry's annual instructor continuing education went. A big shout out to all the people involved in the planning, practicing, and technical support for this well attended event.

Well, as I write this it's finally cold outside, 30 degrees at my house this morning and everything coated in frost. I see online that several ski areas are making snow, and some have opened. People are aching to get out, but early season skiing has other dangers besides avalanches. With a shallow snowpack all obstacles such as tree stumps, rocks, and logs have not been completely buried and a fall or slide into or onto these hazards could cause a season ending injury before the season really gets started. Also, just a long sliding fall with you bouncing off these objects or being swept over a cliff might have drastic consequences. Already a young woman was killed in Montana while taking a long sliding fall. Be safe out there.

With COVID-19 flaring up, it's wise to make conservative decisions this year in the backcountry. You don't want to end up in a hospital, or tax the first responders and SAR teams with having to come out and rescue you.

What is early season good for? Well, it's time for you to get your gear out and make sure it all functions. Change the batteries in your transceivers and get out to practice rescues in your back yard. Even if you cannot bury the beacon, understanding the functions of your beacon especially for multiple burials and the changes in tones as you approach the buried beacon will serve you well if this happens for real. Check your shovel and make sure that it extends and contracts properly and is not loose or rattle too much. Same with your probe,

does it pull tight and does the locking mechanism function properly? How about the skins, does the glue still work, or is your skin glue covered in dirt, pine needles, or grease from skiing up the cog railway? Then there's your pack. Make sure all the buckles and straps work correctly. When was the last time that you cleaned it out? Is there chocolate stuck to the bottom or sides? And get rid of that two-year-old power bar!

Looking for something else to do? The new avalanche instructor's manual (AIM) is available for download on the NSP website. Just go to the NSP website, log in, then go to Instructor Resources, Avalanche Instructors, and download all seven sections. There will be a rollout course for all instructors on teaching this new material. We will start with the ITs and IORs first, then all the instructors. All avalanche instructors will be receiving an email with instructions regarding this course.

COVID-19 has most of our NSP programs on hold indefinitely including the avalanche program. We are currently working on getting all the classroom material online, so that if we do get to run any of our courses this season, we will only have to meet in person outdoors. The plan is still to try and run three Level 1 courses this season. Last year we had to cancel two full L1 courses, so the demand is there, but how are we going to go about doing this in a safe and productive manner? We will do at least one Level 1 Module 1 online classroom session. This will involve pre-course work through patroller school's Moodle online learning, plus three two-hour Zoom conference calls. We are still working on the details for all this and any help or ideas are welcome.

I'll be in the woods a lot this season on either XC or AT skis and hope to see you all out there. Be safe and enjoy the winter!

# 2020 AWARDS

## National Outstanding Awards

Alpine Patroller	John Beach	ENY
Bike Patroller	Mitch Kline	CNY
Nordic Patroller	Joni Hamilton Porter	NJ
Paid Patrol Dir	Michael McClure	ENY
Nordic Patrol	Allegany State Park	WNY

## Eastern Division Outstanding Awards

Alpine Small Patrol	Lost Valley	ME
Alpine Large Patrol	Mt. Southington	CT
Nordic Patrol	Allegany State Park	WNY
Administrator	Donna McGraw	EDIV
Alpine Patroller	John Beach	ENY
Alumni	Ralph Smith	SNY
Bike Patroller	Mitch Kline	CNY
MTR Instructor	Mary MacQueen	WNY
Non OEC Instructor	Jim Miller	WMA
Nordic Patroller	Joni Hamilton Porter	NJ
OEC Instructor	Amy Reinink	ENY
Paid Patroller	Laura Greifenberger	ENY
Paid Patrol Dir	Michael McClure	ENY
Patrol Rep	Peter Edelstein	GVR
Patroller	Ann Migliaccio	WMA
Young Adult	Erik Edelstein	GVR

## Jerry Sherman Outstanding Division Patroller

William Smith, IV WAPP

## Donna McGraw Patroller for Patroller Award

Nancy Mayberry EPA

## William J. Gross Memorial

Reg Vance NVT

## 990

Kim Terwilliger SNY

## 501c3

Dallas Coffman EMARI

## National Appointment

Steven Lorish	12154	EPA
Nicky Enhorning-Picton	12155	WMA
Tony Alber	12166	EPA
Michael Balk	12173	NJ
Elizabeth Fenner	12190	CT
Eric Waldman	12201	WAPP

## Leadership Commendation Appointment

Hank Beebe 8543 WAPP

## Distinguished Service Award

Keith Winot	EPA
Michael Dodge	EPA
Liz Hermann	WAPP
Marty Silverman	WAPP
Jim Miller	WMA

## Meritorious Service Award

Liz Hermann	WAPP
Marty Silverman	WAPP
Bruce Lorenzen	WMA

## Yellow Merit Star

Bob Cassello	CT
Dallas Coffman	EMARI
Cal Goldsmith	EMARI
Ed McNamara	EMARI
Ryan Overberger	EPA
Michael Fitch	EPA
Steven Andre	EPA
Wayne Arsenault	ME
John Chasse	ME
Gerard DesJardins	ME
Josh Gibbs	ME
John McElrath	ME
Shauna McElrath	ME
Heather Newman	ME
Chris Smith	ME
Jeff Smith	ME
William Skelton	ME
Scott Thistle	ME
Frey Aarnio	SVT
Bill Smith, IV	WAPP
Tom Vandenbosche	WAPP
Ann Migliaccio	WMA
Jim Miller	WMA
David Johe	WNY

## Purple Merit Star

Rick Knight	CT
Michael Fitch	EPA
Mark Kearns	EPA
Kim Colquhoun	EPA
Chris Cioppa	NJ

## Purple Merit Star (cont'd)

Scott Swenson	NJ
Serena Cimini	WMA
Andrew Sauer	WMA

## Blue Merit Star

Emily Appleton	CT
Austin Hochstrate	CT
Josh Regan	CT
Ken Sciuto	CT
Isaiah Zagorski	CT
Cody Friedel	EPA
Theodore Vasburgh	EPA
Russel Cramer	EPA
Tiffany Timko	EPA
Lisa Iannamico	EPA
Noah Cook	EPA
Nicholas Bonamo	EPA
Steve Polansky	EPA
Christian Galvez	WMA
Bruce Miller	WMA

## Patroller Cross

Peter Buss	WAPP
Eric Dady	WAPP
Scott Fick	WAPP
Carl Gainer	WAPP

## Patriot Star

Paul Dovin	EPA
Jonathan Stewart	EPA
Rich Messina	EPA
Paul DuPont	NJ
Christopher Jones	NJ
Mary Bayer	WMA
Hunter Beauchamp	WMA
Grace Beverage	WMA
Kelley Ericson	WMA
Tanya Estes	WMA
Evan Fitzgibbon	WMA
Jack Greer	WMA
Sara Hartel	WMA
Matthew Hoffman	WMA
Delaney Marbach	WMA
Angela Marsh	WMA
Roy Minton	WMA
Elias Mitchell	WMA
Chris Morrell	WMA
Daniel Neuburger	WMA
Brian Novoselich	WMA
Riley Page	WMA
Angus Paradise	WMA

## Patriot Star (cont'd)

Courtney Rosa	WMA
William Southworth	WMA
Jace Staats	WMA
Frankie Turner	WMA
Weichun Wang	WMA

## Angel Pin

Jackie Galka	NJ
Ophelia Langeraaap	NJ
Erica Phillips	NJ
Laurie Rafuse	NJ
Denise Schmidt	NJ

## 50 Year National Lifetime Service Award

Walter Behuniak	CT
Karen Crolius	CT
Louis Guerrero	CT
Rod Weinberg	CT
Cindy Griffenkrantz	NJ
Amanda Haas	NJ
Michael Pereira	NJ
Erik van den Berg	NJ
Robert Davidson	WMA
Lou Galm	WMA
Kevin Hamel	WMA
Dale Harrington	WMA
Eric Schweitzer	WMA
Gary Spencer	WMA
John Tulloch	WMA
Scott Wilson	WMA

## 55 Year Service Award

James Fuller CT

## 50 Year Eastern Division Award

Cindy Griffenkrantz	NJ
Amanda Haas	NJ
Michael Pereira	NJ
Erik van den Berg	NJ
Lou Galm	WMA
Kevin Hamel	WMA
Dale Harrington	WMA
Eric Schweitzer	WMA
John Tulloch	WMA
Scott Wilson	WMA



Want to see who won Eastern Division Outstanding Awards?

Here is a link to the virtual awards presentations:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eY0hYIE686k&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eY0hYIE686k&feature=emb_logo)

# MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Accepting Applications  
beginning January 1, 2021

by Harriet Frawley,  
Memorial/Scholarship Fund Advisor

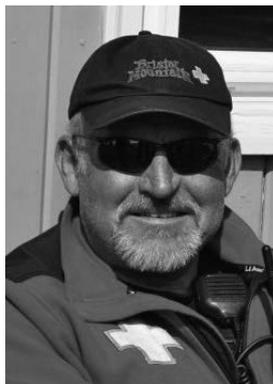
Can't wait to put 2020 behind you? Do you have big plans for 2021 and beyond? Maybe you're a graduating senior navigating virtual college visits, weighing test-optional applications, and writing those all-important essays. Or perhaps you've experienced a break in your career and are considering starting down a different path by going back to school. If so, please consider applying for this season's David J. Nelson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship program is open to Eastern Division patrollers who are seeking to further their education.

Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. The application form is available on the Memorial/Scholarship Program page at [nspeast.org](http://nspeast.org). Once you download the Word document, enable editing so you can type your info directly in and to allow sufficient room for your answers. The application prompts you to include a school transcript. It also asks, "Is there anything else you feel would be of interest to the scholarship committee?" This is your chance to include anything that helps tell your story, a news clipping, original essay or poem, artwork, photographs, etc.

Scholarship awards are announced at the Spring Officers Meeting and recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. My contact info is available on the Memorial/Scholarship Fund page.

## In Memoriam

### JERRY SHERMAN



At age 72, Jerry passed unexpectedly on September 28, 2020. He was born on September 19, 1948 in Norwich, New York to the late Wilson and Lucille (Hayden) Sherman. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Carol (Peters) Sherman and children; Greg (Cyndi) Sherman of Honeoye and Jennifer Sherman of Buffalo; granddaughter, Summer Sherman; siblings,

Matthew Sherman of McDonough, New York and Martha (Harlie) Stowell of Smyrna, New York.

For over 40 years, Jerry was an integral part of the National Ski Patrol. Jerry joined the Brantling Ski Patrol in the Genesee Valley Section of the Western New York Region in 1978. He soon became involved in patrol leadership serving as Junior Advisor, Assistant Patrol Director First Aid, and Patrol Director. He also served on the Bristol Mountain and Hunt Hollow Ski Club patrols. When the Genesee Valley Section became a region in 1990, he was the first elected Region Director. He was an active instructor in OEC, OET, MTR, and CPR for most of his NSP career, leading many MTR and MTR II courses. He also served as a Senior TE in both OET and OEC/EMM.

In 1993 he was invited to be an Assistant Division Director, was elected to the National Board of Directors in 1996, and became the Eastern Division Director in 2000. During his tenure he asked several outstanding and highly respected members to study and make recommendations for change to the governance model. The result of these two distinguished committees created the "One Patroller One Vote" privilege that we now

enjoy. The Eastern Division created the Jerry Sherman Outstanding Division Patroller Award to honor him. Jerry went on to serve as the Eastern Division and National Awards Advisors.

Jerry was awarded National Appointment #7222 in 1990. In 1996 he was selected as the Eastern Division Outstanding Administrator followed by a Gold Merit Star as the National Outstanding Administrator in 1997. In 2010 he was named the Eastern Division Outstanding Paid Patroller. He was the recipient of a Blue Merit Star for a lifesaving effort, received a Purple Merit Star in 2014 for leading a successful lifesaving effort at Bristol Mountain, and received three Yellow Merit Stars. There is an award named after him at the Eastern Division. In 2015 Jerry was inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame.

In addition to skiing, Jerry was an accomplished hiker, completing all the 46 High Peaks in the Adirondacks. This put him in an elite group known as the Adirondack 46ers. He was an amazing craftsman, always helping his friends with projects. Most recently, he completed a beautiful renovation for his own home that his family will be able to enjoy for the rest of their lives. Jerry was an avid hunter, who was always looking forward to hunting season. He loved his life on the lake, always taking his family and friends for boat rides. Music was always a big part of Jerry's life. His musical taste has been greatly influential to his children and grandchild. He was an enthusiastic sports fan, especially a loyal, yet somewhat disgruntled Buffalo Bills fan. Jerry was always taking his grand dogs, Daisy the Pug and Gus the Labrador for walks. He leaves a deep void in the many lives he has touched.

Jerry would want you all to remember, "you can never have enough fleece."