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The Hardest Choice is Often the Best One



by **Dan Goerlich**
2020 APSAF Chair

A while back my friend Brian, who was a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy at the time, volunteered for combat ground duty in Iraq. We exchanged an occasional letter and e-mail during his time there. Through these communications I became aware of a paradox that he faced. Prior to leaving the United States, Brian made arrangements for his affairs to be handled in the event of his death. Dying in Iraq at that time was a distinct possibility. Yet, while serving in Iraq, he eventually reached the point where he needed to make arrangements back home so that he would have a vehicle to drive and place to live when he returned. On a day-to-day basis, my friend did not know if he would live or die. Yet, he had to plan for either contingency.

At the time of this column, the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Research Center estimates that there are 7,540,679 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide. Of these, 27% (2,023,347) are in the United States. Worldwide 421,948 deaths have been attributed to the disease, with 113,820 (also 27%) of these in the U.S. I don't need to belabor the statistics. We all have been living with the pandemic for many months now, and hard choices are having to be made at many levels. One of the lessons I learned from Brian is that he continued to do his duty under difficult circumstances while making contingency plans for the alternatives that may be presented, and he kept his head during the process.

For over two years the APSAF Centennial Meeting Planning Committee has been working diligently to plan an amazing 100th anniversary celebration. For the last several months planning committee members continued their efforts despite many uncertainties introduced by the pandemic. At the May 6 Planning Committee meeting and subsequently the May 26 Executive Committee meeting, APSAF leaders engaged in thorough conversations regarding whether the Centennial meeting should be held in January 2021 as planned, or postponed to a later date, based on the best information we have at this time about coronavirus,

projected impacts, and related matters. We sought input from a variety of sources, including opinions from public health experts, and relied upon our own good judgment and common sense in the process.

The executive committee members were both thoughtful and unanimous in their decision to postpone the APSAF Centennial meeting to January 2022, with the preference to remain in Asheville during the meeting's traditional time frame, and to conduct the program as a full-scale celebration as currently planned. The bottom line is that we anticipate health, safety, and economic circumstances will be more favorable in January 2022 to conducting a meeting that the members expect and deserve. This was a hard choice, but it was also the best one given what we know today.

Since then planning committee members have had discussions with sponsors and partners and are in the process of renegotiating contracts. APSAF 2021 Chair Adam Downing and I will be planning a virtual APSAF business meeting and awards program (with perhaps a few other surprises) for **January 28, 2021**, so please hold that date, and we will share further details in the next *Trail Blazer*. Also note that special events and activities will be held throughout 2021 in a manner appropriate to the circumstances that exist at that time as we celebrate APSAF's Centennial year.

I know that foresters are a resilient bunch. Everyone reading this either has faced and overcome, or likely will eventually face (and overcome), challenging personal and/or professional circumstances. If you need support during the months ahead, whether the circumstance be pandemic-related or otherwise, please reach out to me, a member of the leadership team, or an SAF colleague in your area. We know APSAF members and their families that are impacted by COVID-19 and other challenges, and our thoughts are with you.

In case you are wondering, Brian survived...and so will we. ~ Dan, June 12, 2020, dalego@vt.edu

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Hi everybody,

There's a lot of good stuff happening in APSAF. We want you to share and be seen.... and have launched a *NEW* Facebook page.

Yes, there are not one, not two, but three APSAF Facebook pages. Seriously, who wants to sit in the bathroom when the real party's in the kitchen, right? So please come follow/friend our REAL party... I mean page.

Ignore all impostors. Go to Facebook and search [@APSAFORESTERS](#). (Or click on the words.) You'll know you're in the right place if you see posts on the recent hurricanes and the Winter Meeting. And then, once you've done that, join us in sharing your CFE opportunities, meeting photos, and other relevant professional information.

I sure do appreciate your support, especially because Facebook sent me a note congratulating me on 20 friends. whoo. hoo.

All my best,
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**Have ye ever listened to some folks for a minute and then thought . . .
Their cornbread ain't done in the middle.**





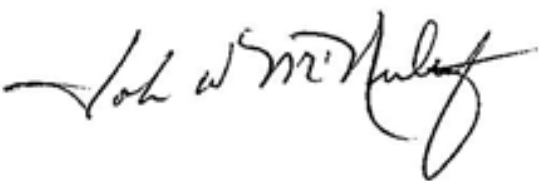
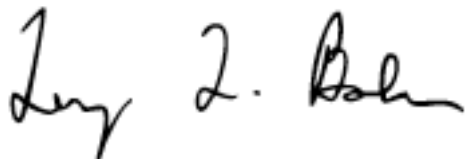
Recent turmoil has been difficult for everyone across the nation. Graphic images have weighed on each of us in different ways. The Society of American Foresters does not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment or bullying. It is important in these times to acknowledge the hurt, uncertainty, and enormity of the events taking place in our communities.

As a professional organization we are committed to *setting the standard in forest management, bringing science, best practice, and the best people together to actively shape the future of the profession and our nation's forests.* In this moment, it is important that we continue to support all of our diverse membership, particularly our African American foresters, natural resource professionals, and their families. We are all part of the SAF community and their families are part of the communities we serve as natural resource managers. This is our time to support them and each other.

As the national organization representing foresters, we choose to ensure all voices are welcomed, valued, and affirmed. *"Successfully engaging people with diverse perspectives strengthens our communities, provides essential resources, and creates thriving forests"*. Those words are included in both our Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Anti-Harassment Policy. We stand committed to the ideals in these statements and are proud to have them. We are committed as an organization to bring the best people together to shape our profession.

To our African American members, we are here for you now and always, as we are for all our members. We strive to listen, learn, and grow together as one SAF.

Sincerely,

 Tammy Cushing 2020 SAF President	 Gene Kodama 2020 SAF Vice President
 John McNulty 2020 SAF Immediate Past President	 Terry Baker Chief Executive Officer

District 8 Board Report, by Anne Jewell

Happy to serve

In our undulating waves of uncertainty, acceptance, and weariness of these tumultuous and emotional times and circumstances, I hope you are all finding moments of calm and renewed clarity. Being caught up in these massive social shifts and revelations can make it hard to stay focused on the task at hand, but it also provides new context on the value of that which we have prioritized in our lives. It certainly has put a spotlight on those most dear to us in our family and friendships. I find myself intrigued and hopeful with the clear evidence of community resilience. SAF is one of my dearest communities and I have been proud of the response and flexibility of our organization since it has all been focused on the care and compassion for its members' health and wellbeing in all regards.



The SAF Board of Directors has gone to full virtual mode, forgoing our planned meeting in Oregon to instead meet via Zoom for a full day. Yes Zoom, our newest love/hate relationship technology! But it is good to see familiar faces, even if only in pixel form on our computer screens. Regardless of the lack of direct personal interaction, the Board and many SAF committees have been as industrious as ever with a whole array of initiatives and accomplishments.

The most significant activities are focused on the finalized sale of the Gifford Pinchot building (April 30th) that has served as SAF headquarters in Bethesda, MD, and planning for the impending relocation of the office and its staff to Washington, D.C. Additionally, the convention center that was going to be hosting the National SAF Convention had to cancel since it was slated to be converted to a medical facility. Instead of postponing the annual event, SAF is working to provide a virtual event. While still in design, and while there is no intent of "recreating" the original convention in virtual format, there is hope that the virtual event will open participation to members who typically have travel limitations. Watch for more information and potentially some "sample" virtual session to be offered prior to the event. The National Office has also been moving forward with filling staff vacancies and has brought on Lori Rasor as full time National staff as Director of National Awards and State Society Liaison. Membership currently stands at 9,750 with 263 new members, with renewed efforts of evaluating membership dynamics and articulating the values offered by SAF to prospective members.

Lastly, I would encourage each of you to check out the myriad of working groups and committees as the opportunities are near endless. These groups are active, not only through the National SAF, but also through your local chapter, division, and APSAF. You absolutely get the most out of your membership and this organization when you dedicate your time and talents and inevitably become more connected with the SAF Community. If you have any questions about SAF activities, events, or initiatives, please feel free to reach out. (ajewell2204@gmail.com) ♦♦♦

NOTICE!

When you move . . or pass on! We want to know about it.

Change of address, news, etc. Send to Steve Wilent, Editor, The Forestry Source wilents@safnet.org, Or Phone 503-622-3033 *Continuing Education Calendar*. All events in this category are drawn from the Events Calendar of SAF's Website, tinyurl.com/hb2uamr/. All events must offer Continuing Forestry Education Credits. Space is limited. Mailing address: 10100 Laureate Way, Bethesda, MD 20814. ☞☞☞



Boots on the ground . . . to these upcoming SAF Meetings

APSAF Executive Committee Meetings

September 10, 2020 (virtual)

December, date to be determined

January 27, 2021

Other meetings as required

2020 Summer meetings

•South Carolina, July 1 (virtual)

•North Carolina, July 22 (virtual)

•Virginia, August 11-14 (virtual)

2021 APSAF Annual Meeting


January 28, virtual meeting

2020 National SAF Meeting

Oct. 28-Nov. 1, Virtual meeting,
a first for SAF!

2021 National SAF Meeting

November 1-5, Sacramento, CA

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News briefs

APSAF Leadership Academy

Calling All Future Leaders!
Postponed and reformatted

The APSAF Leadership Academy, postponed from April to August due to the pandemic, will now be reformatted and held virtually. The planning committee is meeting June 18 to convert the agenda to a new format that will still provide participants with the same quality content and deliverables. More information will be shared very soon through Constant Contact.

The Leadership Academy will provide you with skills that promote personal and professional development, adding tangible value that is recognized by employers and prospective members. At the Academy you will learn to:

...grow interpersonal skills

...motivate others

...communicate effectively ...and more

Our national leadership expert and forester, **Tom Davidson**, delivers a distinctive blend of leadership services that combines years of experience in natural resources with expertise in forestry and natural resources, manufacturing, communication, human resources, organization development, and team development.



2020 Student Presentation Winners

Kipling Klimas is this year's student winner for oral presentation at the (APSAF) Conference in Norfolk, VA,



Jan. 30-31. His flash presentation entitled: "Immediate Effects of Prescribed Fire on Limiting Macronutrients in a Managed Loblolly Pine Forest" engaged the audience of nearly 200 professionals and impressed the panel of judges with his presentation skills and the technical merit of his work.

Kipling's winnings include \$250 cash thanks to a personal

donation from an APSAF member.

Kipling is a current graduate student at Clemson University in Dr. Patrick Hiesl's forest operations lab. He earned his BS in Ecology from Sewanee, The University of the South. His research is focused on prescribed fire impacts on forest health and water quality in the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains. He hopes to continue applied fire ecology research to advise managers and maintain healthy, functioning forests.

Keith Phelps is this year's student winner for the poster presentation at the APSAF Conference in Norfolk, VA, Jan. 30-31. His poster presentation entitled: "Optimization of the Restoration of Fire-Dependent Habitats on the Blue Ridge Escarpment" engaged many of the 200 forestry professionals during breaks and receptions professionals. The panel of judges with his presentation skills and the technical merit of his work. Keith's winnings include \$150 cash thanks to a personal donation from an APSAF member.



Keith is an M.S. Forest Resources student at Clemson University (advisors Drs. Don Hagan and Patrick Hiesl). His research focuses on forest restoration in the Blue Ridge Escarpment in SC—specifically identifying high priority units for prescribed fire and other restoration activities utilizing habitat surveys, along with other criteria, in ArcGIS environments. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains, writing, and illustrating.

In addition to these two young professionals, APSAF congratulates all the student poster and oral presenters at this year's conference: Daniel Amparo (NCSU), Sarah Bailey (NCSU), George Hahn (VT), Alison Plumley (NCSU), Princess Mutasa (NCSU). The contributions from these students enriched the conference in numerous ways. We also express our gratitude to the university faculty who advise and support these students.

Tribute to Ed Rodger

In 1914, the General Assembly created the "Virginia Forest Service" with two specific mandates – prevent the destructive forest fires and reforest the denuded landscape. An important part of the fire mandate was evident that there had to be an intensive public message to educate the citizens that they must play a personal and important role in preventing these fires. Every member of the agency had to be involved in getting this message out to all – especially to young Virginians.

At that time Ed Rodger was a District Forester in one of the mountain districts. Ed was a natural communicator; he liked to talk to people and understood the importance of a well-planned and easily understood message. He was soon appointed to be the first Chief of Information & Education, at the Headquarters office in Charlottesville. While Ed developed good ideas and messages for the reforestation effort, he became engrossed in a campaign of forest fire prevention. He developed posters, live radio spots, local news releases, night movies in

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local country stores and most important “Smokey Bear” school programs. Field personnel were expected to present at least one program in every elementary school each year. As time passed these young people carried the importance of forest fire prevention into their adult lives. Today, Virginia is recognized as the most successful state as having the lowest number of forest fires and smallest burned acreage in the nation.

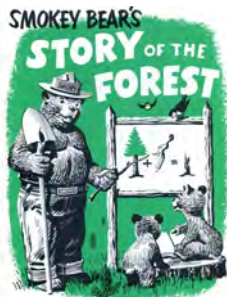
In 1950, a small cub bear was found after a large forest fire in New Mexico. A photographer captured a telling picture and soon the cub became the mascot and icon for forest fire prevention. Today, the “Smokey Bear” campaign is the longest continuous promotion every run by the Ad Council.

A fact not widely known, the way Ed wanted it, is that while he was the District Forester he designed and personally made the first “Smokey Bear” suit. Much of the time and funds were his own. The challenge was the head, but with the help of others in the Virginia Forest Service, they developed a mold of paper and paste, glued “fur” and paint to produce the bear look. This was topped off with an old National Park Service hat. For a while it was a work in progress but eventually became what you see today. Since the authority for Smokey is given to the U.S. Forest Service, they approved the suit and for years allowed Virginia to be the only state that could make their own Smokey suits.



Try as we might, we could not find a photo of Ed. But he might be pleased with this proclamation by Virginia’s Governor Ralph Northam and Secretary Bettina Ring holding the official proclamation declaring August Smokey Bear month.

PERSONAL NOTE



The Golden Smokey is given each year to those individuals or groups who have reached a high standard of fire prevention. Federal law allows no more than 7 in nation each year. I served on the selection committee for 4 years and believe this award is tough! In my 4 years we never gave all 7, it was that difficult. Several years ago, the U.S. Forest Service presented Ed with a *Golden Smokey* for his lifetime work and contribution. That pretty well sums up his accomplishments. Sadly Ed died just before last Christmas. He was a very special person, so dedicated to

DOF, animated fire prevention writer and speaker. Ed’s story is how it became such a hit and remains so today. Lots of history of Virginia’s forest success story is rapidly being lost. ~ *Jim Garner, past Virginia State Forester*



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SOUTH CAROLINA—ALL THE NEWS (SHO NUFF)

*Susan T. Guynn, SC Division Chair. Favorite quote: "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."
~His Holiness the Dalai Lama*



Ponderings

by Susan T. Guynn,
SC Division Chair



As I enter Day 78 of our modified operating procedure for Clemson University, I realize that we still have a long way to go before we find our way out of the COVID-19 woods. We have witnessed unprecedented times around the world and here in South Carolina. One thing that has emerged from this crisis that we have known for a long time but have not addressed, is how forest industry does not promote itself very well. There have been

a plethora of commercials thanking the health care industry, grocery industry, food service industry, and first responders, but I have yet to see one thanking forest industry for keeping us supplied with all our necessary forest-based products, including toilet paper! Forest industry was deemed an essential industry, as it should be, but our contributions to society at large go mostly unnoticed, at least until there is a logging operation that infuriates someone. In that light, forest industry should take advantage of every opportunity we have to promote what we do, the service to society and the environment that we provide, and our value.

Aside from society's perception of the forest industry, we have some local issues to address in the meantime. It is with great despondence that the SC SAF Executive Committee has voted to postpone the 2020 SC SAF Division Summer meeting. The Winyah Chapter had a great event planned that included a trip to Yawkey Island followed by a luncheon and business meeting on the campus of Horry-Georgetown Tech. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 coupled with the state of flux of gatherings allowed by the state of South Carolina, the Executive Committee felt it was in the best interest of all of our SC SAF members to postpone the meeting. This means that we will not have an opportunity to gather as a profession and enjoy time together this year. I know that the Summer Meeting for many of us is the time we look forward to seeing our colleagues and friends. I know I will miss the interaction and spirit of the Summer Meeting, but I look forward to attending in 2021.

Given that we have elected to postpone the Summer Meeting, I have organized a business meeting that is required in our by-laws for July 1 with the Executive Committee. The business meeting will be open to all SC Division members and will be conducted via Zoom.

There are a few Chapter reports to share with you. As you can expect, not much activity has been taking place at the chapter level. ~Susan sguynn@clemson.edu.

Keowee Chapter

by Dr. Patrick Hiesl, Chapter Chair

In the past four months, the Keowee Chapter has held one meeting with Dr. Stephen Peairs at Clemson University to discuss hardwood management and the use of herbicides. We have further planned a three CAT 1 CFE credit field tour in the Andrew Pickens Ranger District focusing on bottomless culverts and their use in fish habitat restoration, however, due to Covid-19 the field tour was postponed. Most recently, the chapter has voted on a \$100 donation to the APSAF Winter Meeting in 2021. The chapter donation was matched by a chapter member.

Edisto Chapter

by Jay Jackson and Liz Bourgeois

The Edisto chapter was scheduled to meet in April with a program presented by Tim Evans with Audubon. However, it was canceled due to the COVID-19 crisis. Liz Bourgeois had an article published in the last issue of the *Trail Blazer* on Bee City. The next program at the State Museum is supposed to be on June 7, but I don't know whether we'll have that or not. The program is supposed to be on insects. We're scheduled to have an SAF meeting in September with Vicky Bertagnolli, Clemson Extension, about fire ants.

IN MEMORIAM

Douglas Melton Crutchfield, 88, of Summerville, SC died on March 17, 2020. He served in the US Army from 1953-1955. Crutchfield earned a bachelor's degree in forest management from North Carolina State University in 1959, and a master's degree in forestry from Yale University in 1961. He went on from there to a career, spanning over 30 years with Westvaco, Timberlands Division, Forest Research, in North and South Carolina. He played an integral role in the development of loblolly pine plantation intensive culture, making notable contributions in the areas of stand management, tree improvement, seedling quality and forest fertilization, during a time of great advancement in forest science and technology.

Doug led the development of Westvaco's Forest Science Library. He initiated a program of mentoring for middle school students. Doug was an SAF Golden Member, 60 years. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for over 75 years, an Eagle Scout and Scout Master, attended National and International Jamborees and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He was a student of Revolutionary War history in South Carolina and a re-enactor. A naturalist, he was a docent and guide at Middleton Place and other natural areas. ~~~~~

APSAF Mid-Year Report to the Members

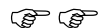
Selected APSAF Accomplishments

by Dan Goerlich, APSAF Chair



The following paragraphs describe various actions that APSAF leaders have completed from January through mid-June 2020.

- The APSAF 2020 Planning Committee completed and submitted the final report for the meeting in Norfolk. Overall, 196 participants attended. The 2020 Winter Meeting raised \$7,217.28 for APSAF and \$4,813.07 for the Virginia Division.
- The APSAF Centennial Meeting Planning Committee met monthly, with additional significant efforts taking place in subcommittees and through electronic communications on a continuous basis. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Planning Committee, made the difficult decision in late May to postpone the Centennial meeting until January 2022 as addressed elsewhere in this *Trail Blazer*.
- The full Executive Committee met January 29, March 17, and May 26 to conduct APSAF business. In addition, the voting members of the Executive Committee met on April 16.
- All APSAF members without e-mail addresses were contacted to inquire 1) whether they had an e-mail address they would like to share for receiving the *Trail Blazer* electronically, or if they still required a mailed copy, and 2) if any of these members required support from the SAF community during the coronavirus pandemic (many APSAF members without e-mail addresses are in the high-risk demographic). Out of 58 members, two had no phone or email contacts, six members provided email addresses, 23 phone numbers were disconnected, three indicated that they were not online and would very much appreciate still getting the hard copies, and 24 voicemails were left unreturned.
- APSAF approved \$750 annually as part of standing budget item to support three student interns, one each from NC, SC, and VA, to advance APSAF social media initiatives.
- Members of the Executive Committee met with Southern Region Extension Forestry (SREF) staff to discuss the possibility of APSAF contracting with SREF to maintain the APSAF website. SREF committed to assisting with APSAF website updates over the next three months at a rate of \$15 per hour, a significant discount over traditional service providers. APSAF and SREF will re-evaluate in September to determine if this is something APSAF would like to continue and if SREF has the capacity to assist with longer term. In the meantime, the APSAF website leadership page has been updated with current leader information. Note that the website's "mail to" feature has been temporarily disabled for SAF leadership.
- The Executive Committee increased the stipend for editing and producing the *Trail Blazer* by \$75 per issue. The last time the stipend was increased was 2002.
- The *APSAF Leadership Academy* was rescheduled from April to August due to the pandemic. We are now in the process of transitioning the *Leadership Academy* from a face-to-face meeting in August to an on-line event. The planning committee contracted with Tom Davidson in his capacity with Leadership Nature to serve as the primary trainer. Tom will be joined by APSAF leaders in program delivery. The planning committee meets June 18 to transition the event, and more information will be forthcoming.
- The Awards and Recognition Committee submitted a complete slate of APSAF nominees for SAF national awards. APSAF members were subsequently selected to receive four of the eight national awards.
- Executive Committee members reviewed and approved two Foresters Fund grant requests that were then sent to National SAF in February. One, the Dabney S. Lancaster request for the timbersports competition, was approved by National. One application was received and approved in June.
- A committee was formed to assist APSAF Chapters and Divisions with on-line educational options and meeting hosting during the pandemic. Committee member availability was advertised to the Division Chairs with the request that they let chapters know this service exists.



•The Executive Committee will be pilot testing a new process that provides APSAF members the opportunity to apply for consideration for APSAF leadership roles. This is an effort to ensure that members have an opportunity to express interest who may not otherwise be approached if their interests are not known to nominating committee Chairs and their networks.

•The APSAF Treasurer continues to do an exceptional job with the finances. As was decided at the Executive Committee meeting in Norfolk, funds were transferred from the APSAF money market account to the APSAF reserve investment account. The funds have not been invested yet, and they are in the brokerage account as cash pending input from the investment committee. In addition, APSAF earned income from the silent auction and raffle in Norfolk that was added to the KPF endowment, and these funds were deposited to the account and remain there as cash. APSAF taxes were filed using form 990-N. Please see the APSAF net worth statement below for balances. 🌿🌿

The Treasurer's Report *by Tony Doster, TDoster@resourcemgt.com*

Net Worth - As of 5/31/2020 (Includes unrealized gains)

6/12/2020

Account	5/31/2019 Balance	6/30/2019 Balance	9/30/2019 Balance	12/31/2019 Balance	3/31/2020 Balance	5/31/2020 Balance
ASSETS						
Cash and Bank Accounts						
First Citizens Basic Business Checki...	9,462.88	9,660.53	15,548.82	32,414.12	22,538.09	25,780.83
First Citizens Money Market Savings	20,014.51	20,015.34	20,017.86	20,020.38	20,022.56	10,022.83
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	29,477.39	29,675.87	35,566.68	52,434.50	42,560.65	35,803.66
Investments						
APSAF First Citizens Brokerage	39,961.42	41,213.74	42,357.52	43,373.00	40,117.27	53,291.95
KP Funderburk Endowment	100,457.58	105,054.20	106,814.56	112,438.11	99,635.66	113,036.92
TOTAL Investments	140,419.00	146,267.94	149,172.07	155,811.10	139,752.92	166,328.86
TOTAL ASSETS	169,896.39	175,943.81	184,738.75	208,245.60	182,313.57	202,132.52
LIABILITIES						
Credit Cards						
First Citizens Visa Business Credit C...	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	480.00
TOTAL Credit Cards	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	480.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	480.00
OVERALL TOTAL	169,396.39	175,943.81	184,738.75	208,245.60	182,097.57	201,652.52


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'APSAF from the Beginning'

by Derryl Walden

The recently completed, and soon to be published, History of APSAF document records accomplishments of the many foresters who helped make forestry in the south and nation what it is today. One section of the 250 page book includes personal accounts by several of these individuals through oral history interviews recorded by Susan Yarnell around the turn of the century. These accounts provide both personal and professional insight of forestry during the second half of the 20th century. Below are several abbreviated excerpts from **Kenney Funderburke's** reflection on his long and varied career. The history document fleshes out the rest of his story and also those of others who have greatly impacted APSAF.

KF- My first job as a professional was Assistant District Forester at Walterboro, South Carolina with the South Carolina State Forestry Commission. I was the ADF for Forest Management. I was with them for nearly 13 months. Then through a friendship with a particular individual at Westvaco, who, when a vacancy occurred, asked me if I might have interest. He encouraged me and arranged an interview, which I did in Charleston and I was selected. Beginning a 40 year career, I joined Westvaco on January 20, 1951 and I retired May 1, 1991, which is a lifetime. I entered as a field forester in wood procurement for the Charleston mill. Which was one of the three largest in the world at the time, and still is massive, between two other massive mills. Four of us logged the mill. I would leave home most times 5 o'clock in the morning on Monday and I got home 1 o'clock in the morning Saturday morning if not 1 o'clock in the evening, the afternoon on Saturdays. My territory ran down south to Starke, Florida, west to Americus, Georgia. Back up to Toccoa, Georgia in northeast Georgia and then in a line back along the Santee and Edisto rivers. I serviced about 25 wood dealers, some of whom shipped 50 cars of wood a week to us. I did most of their timber cruising, and lived happily ever after....

KF-I picked up my boss one night at the Norfolk airport and we were driving down to Manteo, which was where our headquarters in eastern North Carolina was. I inquired what the future was for Brazil, what the prospects for forestry were within the company. He looked at me rather sharply and said, why? I said that I didn't mean to inquire about things that were none of my affair, but I wanted to get my name at the head of the list. He said ok, and we then continued to talk about business affairs of the moment. About a year later, he called me and asked if I were serious. Are you still interested in the Brazil situation? I said yes and he said, I'll call you back in a minute. This was on Saturday, and he had had some trouble finding me, because I was in west Georgia looking at a piece of dirt over there. I waited, he called back and said Dave [Luke] wants to talk to you at 8 o'clock Monday morning in his office. Go to New York. "Sir?" [laughs]. So thirteen trips to New York later, I was the manager of forestry for Rigesa, the sub of Westvaco in Brazil.

SY-That's quite a move.

KF-Lengthy. The mill site that I chose was at Tres Barras in Santa Catarina, Brazil. We lived on the mill site which was 2500 acres. Built a house which was due in 6 months, it took a year and week for that house to be completed. My wife stayed in a hotel in Campenas in the state of Sao Paolo for 6 months while I commuted every week, two weeks, three weeks. We were 100 miles and more from the pavement, that being in Curitiba, the capital of the adjoining state of Paraná. We were 200 miles, in effect, from the nearest English-speaking people in the westerly direction. We were 450 miles from the end of the paved road, really.

SY- When was this, that you went down there?

KF-1956, in February. I remained there as manager, hired staff, ran the whole program, everything from the accounting to the acquisition to the research to property management, repair and maintenance. Break it today and stay up all night fixing it. Break it again tomorrow, stay up again all night and fix it. I got off a Braniff DC-6 on a Sunday evening about 7 o'clock in Sao Paolo, and was met by the guy who was then the president, Bud Collette, who later became chairman of the board for Coleman-Matheson. I had known Bud previously and knew that I would enjoy working for him. In my multiple trips back and forth getting ready to make the household move, I came back down to Brazil, walked into Bud's office, and he said, "Sit down, I hate to tell you this, but I'm leaving the company and going back to the States. Going to work for Travis McClendon in Louisiana. The production manager, John Wheeler is going to become the Director President of the company." OK. Makes no difference. And it didn't, really. The program was successful.

But to go back, I got off that plane not knowing more than three words of Portuguese, which I had picked up while reading magazines, adventure stories. Monday was spent in orientation around the office, the headquarters of the mill, the little mill that we had in the little city of Valinhos. On Tuesday, I boarded a DC-3 along with the Brazilian director, who spoke English. This aircraft, a Varig, probably the best airline in Latin America. We promptly lost the left engine on take off. A real introduction to South American aviation! A couple of hours later, after the pilot had finally crammed it back down on the concrete, we got another Varig DC-3 and made the trip down to Curitiba. Hired a taxi, established a long-lasting friendship with the taxi driver. Used him frequently, and hit the red dirt trail for Tres Barras. I was then dumped in the Hotel Sholtze, which was a wooden hotel, and we'd better put quote marks around hotel. It was reminiscent of a Swiss or

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Billy Newman, VA Division Chair . favorite quote: "Say what you'll do, do what you say, and if that goes south, do the right thing!"



Perspective – World War III ????



by **Billy Newman**
Virginia Division Chair

On this Memorial Day and with another edition of the *Trail Blazer* upcoming, I think about the sacrifices made for the freedoms that we enjoy in the USA.

I had the good fortune to meet a gentleman a few years back while working on a forestry consulting project. He was 94 years young at

the time living on his own, driving, and generally, doing very well. As we were examining his timberland, we began to chat about our backgrounds and life.

He mentioned that he had served in WW II as an Army tail gunner in a B-17 bomber stationed in England. (Think we are isolated due to coronavirus?? This gentleman had a different perspective on isolation!!)

An airman needed to complete 25 missions in order to be *eligible* for discharge or transfer into another unit. While we are not guaranteed the next breath, think about waking *every* day and facing the realization that it could be your last!!! Think, too, about being fortunate enough in surviving that last mission only to be told when you returned that you would need to complete **another 5** missions in order to rotate out. (At that time, airmen casualties were at a rate higher than ground troops due to the US running daylight bombing missions over Germany, while the British were bombing in the comparative safety at night. Figure that one out?????!!)

After listening to the gentleman complete his story, I said, Mr. so and so, I want to **THANK YOU!** for your service and sacrifice for our country. To which he promptly and matter of factly explained, "No thanks necessary. It's what was *expected!*"

While every generation has greatness within it, those folks on a wholesale basis have been called the "Greatest Generation"! The gentleman's statement is self-explanatory!! **Selfless not selfish.**

I have a sign in my office that says it another way - "*If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read it in English, thank your military!!!*" On this Memorial Day, a big THANK YOU to our military, both past and present for their dedication and sacrifice!

However, at this time, we are in another war, but this enemy is faceless and invisible. It, too, is a world war and we have lost

over 100,000 of our country men, women, and children to it. The first responders, doctors, nurses, medical technicians, hospital and nursing home staffs, and medical researchers are waging the front line battle in this war.

This war will ultimately be won, and it will be through the *selfless* efforts of these courageous folks who fully understand the *personal* consequences that it will happen!! To them, while wondering if they might be next, it is what is expected!

Brings us to the question that as foresters, What is *expected* of us? We'll delve into that topic in the next issue. Billy, enviroforllc@netscape.net

PS- By the way, the gentleman's age the time he had flown 30 combat missions, survived to tell about it, and rotated into a non-combat unit.....19!

Chapter Reports

Rappahannock Chapter, by **Mark Books, CF, Chair**
While our March "Free Tree for Me" event was cancelled and our April in person chapter meeting postponed, like everyone else, the we are busy implementing "Plan B."

Utilizing technology, i.e. Zoom, we started off on May 11 with the chapter's first ever virtual chapter meeting. It was great to see those who could participate, check in with each other and move forward with the chapter's finances. The chapter appreciates chapter member **Tom Davidson** for providing the Zoom services along with useful Zoom tips.

Speaking of Zoom, whether you are a new user or a seasoned one, check out the excellent tutorial videos from chapter member **Shannon McCabe**. I know I learned much from them. Thanks for providing them Shannon.

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Coming up on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Virtual Chapter Meeting. The June program will be The Virtual Leader, a timely program that will overview the eight major success competencies for leading

and managing virtual (or remote) teams. The program will cover what makes virtual teams particularly challenging and what skills need special emphasis in the remote environment that Forbes Magazine and many others say is "here to stay."

The presenter will be Rappahannock Chapter Member and Past APSAF Chair **Tom Davidson**. The program will be one hour in length and is approved for 1 CFE Category 1 credit. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the presentation and socialize for up to 30 minutes afterwards. All are welcome to attend.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Jun 17, 2020, 4:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tjYqdOusrj4tGdfM-RZdFJHjAOBWuRGfUMTg0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College by **Caroline Fitzgerald, Student Chapter Sec.**

Summer weather is finally starting to settle in the air at Dabney S. Lancaster. In-person classes were cancelled for the spring 2020 semester in March, and all classes were moved to an online format. Professors and students still met on video platforms to substitute for the in-class lectures and kept high spirits through everything. All events for the spring semester have been postponed or cancelled. The Mid-Atlantic Woodsman's Competition has been postponed until April 10th, 2021. DLSCC's May graduation was cancelled, with hopes of holding a ceremony later on this summer. We are very proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 and the long-lasting impact they have left here at DLSCC and in the forestry program.

Virginia Tech Student Chapter by **Jennifer Gagnon, Faculty Advisor**

During the shortened 2019-2020 school year, the Virginia Tech Student Chapter had many accomplishments. In the fall, they became an officially recognized student organization on Virginia Tech's Gobbler Connect and held a bake-sale which raised over \$400 for the organization. Three students travelled to Louisville, KY to attend the National SAF meeting, and seven attended the APSAF Winter meeting in Norfolk. After spring break, they planned to hold a second bake sale, help with a tree planting service project, and elect officers for 2020-21. Alas, these plans were not to come to fruition, as they did not return from spring break.

Fortunately, plans are underway to elect new officers early on in the fall semester. To prepare the new leaders and to provide an additional incentive for stepping up to be a leader, all officers and committee chairs will attend a leadership training session, providing them with the skills they will need to run an organization while in school and to be successful in their careers.

Many thanks go out to the graduating seniors in the

Chapter, in particular all of the officers. We wish you the best of luck in your careers and hope you choose to remain an SAF member. **Sam Matson**, the 19-20 vice president, will be working as an urban forester with the City of Roanoke; Andrew Johnson, the 19-20 treasurer, is starting a doctoral program at the University of California at Berkeley, and **Emily Barrett**, the 19-20 public relations chair, will be starting a master's degree program at Virginia Tech this fall.

And a reminder, the Virginia Division of SAF will cover 50% of recent graduates' membership dues for their first year as a forestry professional. To take advantage of this generous offer, you must be a member of the Virginia Division. Please contact **Jim Schroering**, 804-834-2300, or jim.schroering@dof.virginia.gov for more information on this program and to get contact information for your local professional chapter (they'll LOVE to hear from you). ☺



Attending the evening reception at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, during the 2020 APSAF Winter Meeting. Pictured from left to right, back row: John Munsell (former chapter advisor), Emily Barrett (public relations chair), Colin Gates (secretary), Trevor Pauley (membership chair), Jacob Taraschke; front row: Jennifer Gagnon (co-chapter advisor), Annie Ligush (chapter president), Ryan Mahoney (social media chair), and Paul Winistorfer (Dean, CNRE).

Late news from North Carolina

Remembering **Robert "Paul" Bullard**, 83 . . . He passed away at his home in Fort Barnwell March 22. Paul was born February 20, 1937 in Evergreen, NC. He served in the Army National Guard, and upon graduating from NCSU in 1962, with a degree in Forestry, he proudly worked 30 years for the U.S. Forest Service. During that time he worked and resided in California, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia before returning home to NC as District Ranger of the Croatan National Forest, from 1982 to 1992. After retiring in 1992 he started his own forestry consulting business, Buzzard Corner Forestry, LLC, and worked until his passing. He very much enjoyed his time as a Noble in the Road Runners Unit of Sudan Shriners where he participated in 250 trips, covering over 200,000 miles to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville, SC, Cincinnati, Ohio and Charlotte, NC. ■■



NORTH CAROLINA: WHAT'S NEW IN THE OLD NORTH STATE?

Henry Randolph, NC Chair. Favorite quote: "Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Disruption"

by Henry Randolph



Disruption has been the theme since our Spring edition of the *Trail Blazer* and it certainly feels like this disruption has impacted all aspects of our lives. In my Spring edition comments I emphasized the importance of growing our membership at the chapter level to increase the overall success of our professional organization. Who would have guessed in the few short months that have passed that

we would be prohibited from gathering in person at the chapter level? The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in disruption to the economy and financial markets, uncertainty in timber markets, employment concerns, and overall stress in our personal lives. How many of us thought we could survive a spring without March Madness? College Baseball? High school proms and graduation?

Emerson's quote above echoes well with most of us as foresters. My running wisecrack is that as foresters: "We self-quarantine daily and we are also working to solve the toilet paper shortage." Humor is a great release mechanism during stressful times, but there is strong scientific evidence that confirms our theory that time in the forest improves mental health and reduces our stress level. Japanese doctor and author Dr. Qing Li, in his 2018 book, promotes the concept of Shinrin-yoku or Forest Bathing to help find health and happiness. In uncertain times like these, I am thankful that as foresters our profession affords us the daily opportunity to spend time in the forest. It's also important to understand that disruption of the status quo (whether traditions, old habits, or business practices) often results in the creation of new ideas, new solutions, and new normals. Think Zoom meetings.

"This too, shall pass."

I first heard this phrase from Dr. Chuck Davey at NCSU in the early 1990s. I don't recollect the exact malaise that Dr. Davey was referring to at the time that he murmured this wisdom to a forest soils class, but it has stuck with me ever since. I have used this phrase frequently over the last few months if for no other reason than to encourage and reassure myself. After doing a little research, the history behind the phrase is that a powerful Persian Emperor asked his wise sage to create a phrase that was true in all circumstances, whether good or

bad. His response was simply "This too, shall pass." The concept behind this phrase was to keep the emperor humble in prosperous times, as well as to encourage the emperor during trying times. I think we can all benefit from this wisdom as we continue into the summer months amidst disruption and uncertainty.

Thanks to the Triangle Chapter as they continue working on our "Virtual Summer Meeting" scheduled for July 22. Mark your calendars as this should be an exciting opportunity to participate in a professional meeting from remote locations. Professional interaction with relevant continuing education opportunities are only one of the benefits that help maintain and recruit members to SAF. Registration information should be arriving soon and I look forward to Zooming with you in July.

Stay Safe and Be Patient.

~ Henry, hrendolph@gfrforestry.com



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Kenney Funderburke, from page 10

German chalet, and I had an introduction to the fleas that infest humans. When the dots in the rice at dinner began to move, I began to lose weight.

KF- My first assignment was to survey with a Bronton pocket compass and a cloth 25 meter tape, that was 2500 acres. So I hired 2 guys, with lots of arm-waving and shouting and pointing. They taught me Portuguese of a sort, and I taught them how to swear lustily in English within two weeks. Things worked out well. I remained there as manager for five years. Was succeeded by Walter Penny and came back to the States as Assistant Manager of the Timber Sales Department of the company. I toiled in that until the death of my boss in a traffic accident. Then certain political moves were made and there was a reshuffling of the department. I handed over that department, which was split in two, and moved to Appomattox, Virginia, better known as Happy Valley. And tried to change all the signs from Lee and Grant to Lee, Grant, and Funderburke. To a degree I was successful, a limited degree. At that time, I was responsible for the timber production on five woodlands, North Carolina woodlands, 300,000 acres. Plateau woodlands in Pennsylvania, 55,000 acres. West Virginia woodlands, which at that time was 112,000 acres. The budding Central woodlands, which was in early stages of acquisition, and Virginia woodlands which had some 150,000 to 170,000 acres at that time. I kept Pied-



Kenney was awarded the Order of the Palmetto (the highest civilian award in South Carolina) for helping to establish the forestry exhibit in the State Museum.

mont Airlines solvent. I wore out many suits in the back seats of their birds. (continued in the 100 Year History of APSAF book, to be published soon.) ■

[Editor's note: We sadly reported Kenney's death March 9, 2019 in Summerville, SC at age 92. If you knew him, you knew he was bigger than life. If you didn't know him, you wished you had. We carried a brief one page tribute in the Spring 2019 Trail Blazer.]

More South Carolina news!

William W. Miller, 50 year SAF Golden member graduated from Clemson University with a Forestry Degree in 1964. He spent a year on active duty with the Air National Guard then worked with International Paper Co. at the Delta Woodyard near Whitmire, SC for about a year. Will then worked as a forester with the South Carolina Forestry Commission for about 10 years in the Spartanburg and Greenwood areas.

He was the company forester for Southern Brick Company from 1976-2014, which was owned by the Patrick & Adams families. During his forestry career he performed a wide array of forestry practices promoting forestry on company lands. His experience and professionalism resemble the ideals of the Society of American Foresters and his career and his person are to be recognized as such. Congratulations, Will! Submitted by Mike Keim, Co-Chair Enoree Chapter, SC. Division.



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