



**NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER 107
CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS ALUMNI**

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A BRIEF REVIEW OF 2006 ACTIVITIES

To Members of N H Chapter 107 CCC Alumni

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The 2006 Financial Report is attached. Note that the balance is only \$200. less than last year. Donations from members was \$100. higher. We had one unusual expense of \$250. to CCC Legacy that is explained below.

We had the usual group of attendees at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 11th. About 30 in all. With a good group from Maine Chapter 111 led by their president, Phil Gouzie. Phil is also the 1st Vice President of NACCA – National Assn. of CCC Alumni –

The memorial to departed comrades had fewer names this past year. We are in fact "a last man's club" with fewer members remaining each year. Obituaries in newspapers don't always mention service in the CCC's.

Five members of Chapter 107; Detroit Hood, Thomas Birch, Lauris Brown, Martin Lindon and Carroll Foster, are on the list of 13 former NH CCC'ers so far that will be remembered this year. = Please send me copies of obituaries in your local papers of CCC men. David Draves has been one of my faithful reporters of obituaries in the seacoast area. Detroit Hood used to cover the Keene/Jaffrey area. Bob Ellis, Bob Freeman & Bill Tonks send some occasionally. =

We are fortunate to have the "volunteers" from the Family Campers' Museum assist in greeting visitors who also visit the CCC museum. I drop in from time to time and am available "on call" when they know there is a group scheduled. I am busy at the N H Telephone Museum three days a week during the summer months. I am fortunate that I recently passed my drivers test with license good for the next five years, at now age 91, hopefully I will continue to be able to drive for that period.

Those of you who are members of our national association, NACCCA, and receive the NACCA JOURNAL are aware that NACCCA is planning to merge with the Camp Roosevelt Legacy Foundation in Edinburgh, Virginia. NACCCA headquarters at Jefferson Barracks, in St. Louis, Missouri is housed in an old military building greatly in need of repair. Also with a rapidly declining membership of only 3,000 members at the present time, it is difficult to provide the services and maintain the information about the CCC's they have on file. In fact, this past summer most of the records and artifacts were donated to and transported to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC.

The proposed merger with the Camp Roosevelt Legacy Foundation will accomplish a goal we have been unable to attain, It will bring a second generation of people interested in continuing and fostering the legacy of the CCC that NACCCA with an aging and declining membership has been unable to do.

"The Camp Roosevelt CCC Legacy Foundation, established in 2001, is a non-profit heritage membership organization whose purpose is to bring attention to the history of the greatest natural resource conservation effort ever recorded. Some federal and state agencies have interpretive displays which address the work of the CCC on their land, however, there is a large segment of this story that never gets mentioned"....."Although the CCC program was terminated in May of 1942, communities all across America are still the beneficiary of its labor and creativity. The legacy of the Great Depression and the public works programs such as the CCC are woven into our lives."..... Joan Sharpe, President....Taken, in part, from the web site of their organization whose motto is " Passing the legacy to the next generation".

This is an excellent "fit" for merger with NACCCA. Some of the members of this organization are also members of NACCCA Potomac Chapter # 13. Camp Roosevelt, NF-1 (National Forest) was home of the first CCC camp, opened on April 17, 1933. It was located on the George Washington Forest, near Edinburg. Historically, this would be an excellent location to establish the new headquarters of the merged organizations.

Ground was broken in September for the USDA Forest Service office and CCC Interpretive Center in Edinburg, Virginia. This building will also become the new headquarters of the former CCC organizations. Funds are being solicited for a CCC Worker Statue to be set up on the grounds. Donations are also being received for inscribed pavers to be placed near the statue. We have subscribed for one of these pavers with a donation of \$250.00 from our Chapter. = I will keep you informed of the progress on the merger and the new organization.

CCC Exhibit developed at New Hampshire Telephone Museum in Warner of photos and items from the 1147th Co CCC. See copy of article in a recent Legacy Foundation newsletter. Come visit. We're open Wed & Sat, 10 to 4.

Don't forget – We will have our Annual Reunion on Sunday, June 10th. at the Dick Diehl CCC Museum at Bear Brook State Park, A notice will be sent the first part of May.

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