

The Newsletter of the National Wildfire Suppression Association

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NWSA Travels to DC

Some of our NWSA representatives participated in a trip to DC to talk with folks on the hill about the Professional Wildland Fire Services. They meet with several congressman as well as USFS Staff from Acquisition Management and Operations. They provided an overview of the industry and the important role we play and the need for listening to the industry as we are the “Boots on the Ground” in their tool box. NWSA also provided a copy of our Cost Analysis for their information.



NWSA provides Instructors for Operation Smokey

NWSA was able to provide 4 instructors to the cadre that consisted of Oregon Department of Forestry Instructors, Washington DNR Instructors, OMD, ONG, OEM and DFPA.

They trained 300 National Guard to be ready if they are needed this fire season as they have done in the past. The training was done at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon.

We want to thank Ed Float, Don Moss, Suzanne Flynn and Gary Smith for representing NWSA.

All instructors received high praise from both ODF and OMD.

Lt. Col. Balakas, USAF said, *“Our folks were provided the highest quality training by outstanding trainers who brought a great deal of experience to the mission.”*



“The NWSA instructors that participated in Operation Smokey Training at Camp Rilea were critical to its success...”

—Russ Lane, Interim Deputy Chief Fire Protection Division Oregon Department of Forestry

Save the Date

NWSA Annual Conference

Location:

Peppermill Resort

Reno, NV

Date:

March 20-21st, 2019

NWSA Invited to National Wildland Fire Leadership Meeting

NWSA was invited by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to participate in the National Wildland Fire Leadership Meeting in April. Claren Nilsson, NWSA Vice President attended this meeting. The goal of the meeting was to engage in discussion on the types of strategies and tactics that will result in measurable reductions in line-of-duty deaths, accidents and injuries. Claren presented on behalf of the Professional Wildland Fire Services and in that she stated, *“We are all firefighters, and I believe that in any presentation about the fallen it should have Professional Private Wildland Fire Service behind the name of the fallen, not contractor. We are not plumbers or electricians, we are firefighters killed in the line of duty.”*



NWSA Workshop

NWSA will be rescheduling the workshops that were cancelled in Region 6 after fire season. We hope to coordinate them with our Chapter meetings in The Dalles and Salem.

They will include presentations by USDOL, BOLI, OR-OSHA, EEO and will be specifically related to firefighting.

We will email out the details once it is rescheduled.

Reminders about Ross

As in past years there always seems to be glitches in the Ross system and this year has been no different. Ross went down earlier this week and when it was rebooted some vendors may have been lost in system. So be sure to go in and see if you can login. If you can't call the Ross help desk and they can help you.

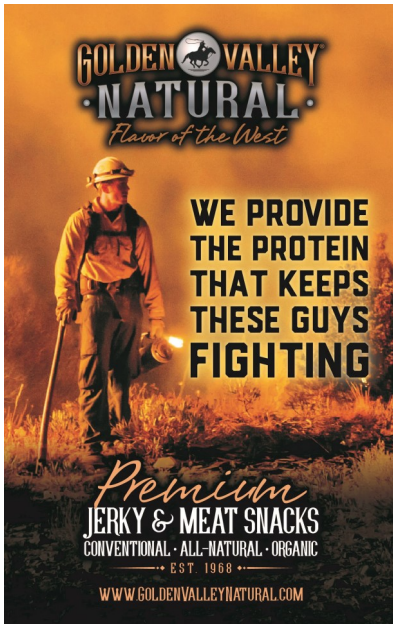
Also Ross has been known to somehow change your dispatch status so be sure to check frequently that you are statused as you want to be.



NWSA is always looking for some great video, photos and story lines for media releases. If your crew folks have some feel good stories from the lines please share them in real time, and if you take some video of your folks headed out, coming home or on the line that you are comfortable sharing with us that would be so helpful. The media need a hook to get their interest, and having those stories shared in real time can help us expose the public to our industry in a way that allows us to talk about who we are.

You can email them to info@nwsa.us and photos in Jpg format and video. We will post them on our Flickr page.





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