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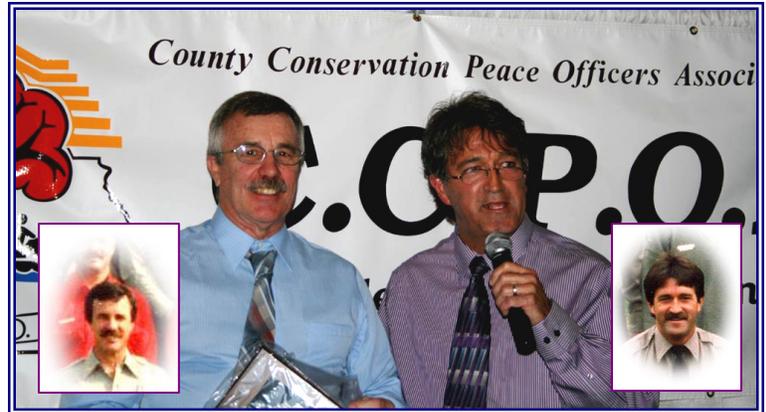
From the President - **Be Thankful!**

Greetings from your new incoming president. Now that Thanksgiving is behind us and the Christmas season is here, we should not forget what we are truly thankful for. For example, be thankful the summer season is over and the campers won't be back until next year. *(This is like sending your kids back to school)* Be thankful that hunting season is in full swing and it has not snowed too much **yet!** Be thankful that we have recently completed the most successful CCPOA fall conference yet. But most of all reflect on what you have in your life and **be thankful.**

Your CCPOA committee is already looking forward to next year's conference (October 3-5, 2011). Our first planning meeting will be held in January during Winterfest. If you have an interest in becoming a committee member please contact any current committee member. I look forward in serving as your president of this great organization and will work with the executive committee to continue "**Excellence through Professionalism**"

Brian Lammers

Director, Hamilton CCB



Ray Delmege (Polk CCB, Ret.) and Tom Hazelton (Linn CCB), Co-Founders of the CCPOA, reunite at the Silver Anniversary Banquet some 28 years after they originally began talking about some "phantom" park ranger association in 1983.

A BLAST from Our Past!

It's always a great time to reminisce, take a look back, and celebrate a success or two....but it's even better to be able to do it with people that were part of the process. And so it was on October 5, 2010 that a chance came along to do just that! For those of you that were able to join us – *and most all of you were there!* – it was a special moment in our history that you were able to be a part of. Whether it was the 16+ alumni & guests, the evening entertainment, the great food, exhibitors, awards or camaraderie – thanks to each of you for sharing your evening with us.

The following pages capture some of the moments from our three days in Des Moines – the workshop, the reception and the banquet – all of which came together for one fantastic 25th annual gathering. Enjoy the waltz through it one more time, and we'll look forward to seeing you soon at Winterfest 2011 or a regional spring CCPOA workshop!



*Dick Shepard, Park Ranger
Polk County Conservation Board
CCPOA Founding Member # 31*

With all that excitement and hoopla surrounding our **25th Silver Anniversary Celebration**, we had one glaring omission during the recognitions at our banquet - we accidentally overlooked one of our original members ☹. **Dick Shepard** joined the CCPOA on June 11, 1986 with a batch of fellow Polk CCB officers – therefore being one of the original officers stepping up to dispel that "Rambo Ranger" label that was being tagged on all of us. We apologize for this oversight, and thank Dick for the 25+ years of dedication to his career and to the CCPOA of Iowa. *Thanks, Dick!*

DATES & THINGS ON DECK

WINTERFEST 2011	January 24-26, 2011
Western Regional Workshop	March 16, 2011
<i>(Pocahontas CCB)</i>	
Eastern Regional Workshop	TBA
<i>(Iowa CCB)</i>	
CCPOA 26th Annual Fall Workshop	Oct. 3-5, 2011
<i>(Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA)</i>	



The Woodbury CCB "186 Club" – 192 in 2011!

Yes, it is worth mentioning again! The peace officer staff of the Woodbury County Conservation Board will have a total of **192** collective years of service in 2011! **WOW!** From left to right in the picture above – **Don Haahr** (34 years), **Bill Anderson** (34 years), **Bernie Ketelsen** (39 years), **Bob Fundermann** (13 years – *what a puppy!*), **Mark Peterson** (33 years) and **Mark Haindfield** (39 years). Truly an amazing statistic. Why, if you stretch that number back in history – they had someone on duty in 1818 – James Monroe was in his first term as U.S. President; the first known Christmas carol was written – Silent Night; and the Missouri River was, well, curvy! CONGRATS to our fine brethren once again! ☺

C.C.P.O.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010-2012

President	Brian Lammers	Hamilton CCB
Vice President	Tucker Anderson	Clayton CCB
Secretary	Nick Beek	Plymouth CCB
Membership Training	Pat Shehan	Webster CCB
Chief Firearms Instr.	Bob Fundermann	Woodbury CCB
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At-Large	Pie Rieghard	Keokuk CCB
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We encourage your communication with any member of your organization's Executive Committee with your ideas, questions, concerns, etc. Training program ideas are always welcome, as are articles or information for periodic newsletters to the membership. Feel free to contact the CCPOA via email at: CCPOA@linncounty.org



THE PICTURE !

The Assembly



& 25-year Longevity Certificates

FOUNDING MEMBERS ON HAND

We were very pleased to have 17 of the original 39 members of the organization on hand for the celebratory evening. ELEVEN of these members are still actively employed within the CCB system. Pictured above: **(Front L to R)** – Brian Herrstrom (Polk), Kevin Maassen (Clay), Mike Sibley (Polk, Ret.), Ray Delmege (Polk, Ret.), Don Haahr (Woodbury), Tom Smith (Johnson), Dan Campbell (Johnson); **(Back L to R)** – Bill Anderson (Woodbury), Dean Bruscher (Polk), Cyrus Hill (Polk, Ret.), Steve Lekwa (Story), Tom Hazelton (Linn), Craig Rhodes (Marshall, Ret.), Jerry Abma (Page, Ret.), Garry Brandenburg (Marshall, Ret.), Dennis Sohl (Plymouth). *(Not pictured: Dick Shepard – see front page)*



"CHEESE!"



The Departure

Pictures in Production

Our 25th anniversary commemorative group picture turned out pretty darned good – *considering the material we had to work with!* The next step will take a bit more time – getting the exact names/CCBs to match all the faces. We hope to have both the 8 x 10 photo & name lists to you in early 2011.....*stay tuned!* ☺

1st Conservation Basic

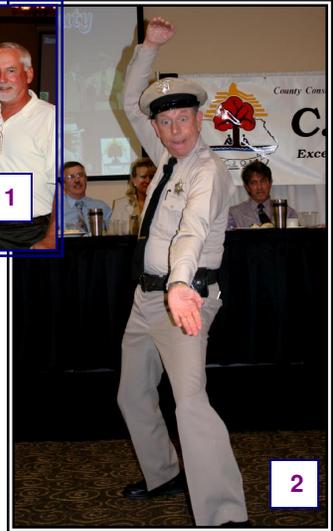


In the late-1970s, ILEA created the "short" conservation basic training. The **1st Conservation Basic** graduated on Feb. 9, 1979 and had 20 CCB officers/14 DNR officers. Pictured above are 5 of the CCB officers: Garry Brandenburg (Marshall, Ret.), Clint Fraley (Clay, Ret.), Tom Hazelton (Linn), Dennis Lewiston (Jefferson) & Jerry Abma (Page, Ret.). Only Lewiston and Hazelton remain as active officers in the CCB system.



20-Year Longevity Recognition

Receiving their 20-year longevity certificates at the **Silver Anniversary Banquet** were: **(Front L to R)** Steve Brunisma (Butler), Dean Mueller (Worth), Pat Rogge (Des Moines), Steve Anderson (Washington), Mike Hendrickson (Black Hawk), David Long (Keokuk); **(Back L to R)** – Dennis Cooling (Jasper), Roger Larson (Scott), Rick Rouse (Scott), Arlen Ciechanowski (ILEA/MCTC), and Craig VanOtterloo (Lyon). Congratulations to each of these officers!



C.C.P.O.A. "Alumni in the Crowd"

Some **17 alumni and guests** joined us for the evening festivities....here are just a few (pictured above).....

1. Larry Haren & Brian Holt (both Hamilton CCB Retirees)
2. Arlen Ciechanowski (ILEA) emphasizes a point to Dan Heissel (Clay) and Roger Kean (Scott).
3. Don Brazelton (IACCB) and John Stuart (Wapello, Ret.)
4. Polk CCB Crew – Mike Sibley (Ret.), Cyrus Hill (Ret.), Brian Herrstrom and Mark Hurm.
5. Kevin Williams (Grundy), Curt Weiss (Muscatine) and Steve Finnegan (Black Hawk, Ret.)
6. Craig Rhodes (Marshall, Ret.) and Jim Radke (Wright).

The Mayberry Deputy

In addition to his banquet entertainment program, David Browning spent time with members (in character) both before and after the banquet. Pictured above:

1. Dave Ong (Scott), Steve Lekwa (Story), Browning, Denny Hagenson (Hamilton, Ret.) and Craig Rhodes (Marshall, Ret.)
2. The Deputy and his patented karate defensive move!
3. Donning a CCPOA cap, the Deputy took a few promo pictures following his performance.
4. Browning in his CCPOA cap, and Roger Kean (Scott) in the Deputy's hat – which is the bigger ham?? ☺
(Special THANKS to Roger Kean for taking pictures during the awards & recognitions portion of the evening!)



Happy Holidays from the CCPOA!