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Snow has been falling in different depths around the country; and time to renew acquaintances with your fellow alumni and active patrollers. As one of more than 4,500 Alumni members, you are appreciated and valued. Here are items that may interest you as active alumni members.

Alumni Celebrations: Does your old resort celebrate its alumni?

If not, why not start an alumni ski day; it can be as simple as an email to all alums, suggesting a “fourth Friday alumni day” (meet for coffee, ski, lunch, fun; as they do at Dodge Ridge NSP in the Far West Division). The same division is planning March Alumni Celebrations in the Lake Tahoe area and Southern California – can you arrange something similar in your division? And, as you read this, about 40 alumni members and family are enjoying the National Alumni Celebration Week, in Whitefish, Montana. If you missed this year’s event, calendar next year for a repeat, starting Feb. 7, 2021!



NSP alumni from around the west met in Whitefish, MT, for skiing, revisiting patrol tall tales and fun.

New Outstanding Alumni Award approved

The NSP recently approved a new award category for the National Outstanding Alumni. Hence, plan to nominate someone. Check with one of your award advisors within your division for details and “get nominating”! The nomination form will be available on the NSP website under Member Services/Forms and Documents/Awards.

Our NSP alumni members are the heart and soul of the organization



Some alumni use the program to bridge a gap in membership due to changes in their lives, be it family, career, relocation or health.

Brian Fassler joined the NSP in 1992; after 20 years active, he needed to bridge a gap by transferring to the alumni program. Such a move allows Brian the option to transfer back to active patroller status when his life schedule allows. Retired Sergeant Major Fassler notes, “After my retirement from the Army Reserve in 2015, I felt a need to fill

the void left from being a leader and mentor for young people. The National Ski Patrol is a first-rate volunteer organization. There is not a better group of individuals and leaders that exude the kind of values that the Army was built on. Specifically, Selfless Service and Integrity. I feel like I can add value both to my life, and the Patrol.” Thanks, Brian, for your service and alumni membership!

Then there are the veteran alumni who remain actively involved in local patrol and other NSP activities -- such as the huge Sea Otter Bike Classic in California, attracting 50+ NSP patrollers and alumni for course marshal and first aid duty. One of our regular team members is Larry Bolander, Nat'l #4974, who joined the Golden Gate NSP Patrol, CA (pictured at far right, in the orange shirt). In

1971, he served as patrol rep and in a variety of training roles, and did similar duty in the region and division. I asked him why he continues to serve four full days at events like this? Larry notes, “for one thing, I enjoy helping, always have. I enjoy the respect that I have been given and the responsibilities to get things done. I also enjoy all the people that have volunteered to help the public, off the slopes. The Sea Otter crew listens to what I have to say and I appreciate that, more than you can imagine.”



Future opportunity: Volunteer at the huge Sea Otter Bike Classic, at Ft. Ord National Monument between Monterrey and Salinas, CA, April 16-19, 2020

Imagine forming a 50 person bike and trail first-aid safety patrol to watch over 10,000 competitors over four days of intense downhill, cross-country, road bike, dual slalom and Gran Fondo races, handling several hundred first aid codes, making new friends, then disbanding after four days. Alumni and family can join as course marshals for the National

Ski Patrol first aid and safety patrol that serves the huge Sea Otter bicycle classic, each year for the past 16 years. As an additional plus, each participant gets free camping, lunch, t-shirt and their patrol receives a donation for their service. For more insight, please download the **Sea Otter flyer**.

Did you miss out on your renewal date?



If so, here's how to do it...

1. Sign into your account on **NSP.org**. If you are a current member and having trouble signing in, please contact Member Services at **memberservices@nsp.org**.
 2. Select "Hi, (Your Name)" at the upper right of the home page to access your Profile page.
 3. Click on the large blue "Renew Now" button in the left sidebar and follow the instructions.
 4. If the "Renew Now" button is gray, your account may be Inactive or Suspended. If so, please send an email to **alumni@nsp.org** for assistance.
 5. Update your Profile, especially your current contact information.
 6. On the "About Me" tab, select each section's down arrow on the right side and click the pencil icon to edit each section.
 7. After updating your information, be sure to select "Save & Close" at the lower right for EACH section you edit.
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Promoting the NSP Alumni Program

If you know of a patroller who is considering either retiring from active patrolling or in need of a temporary break, please suggest they speak with either their Patrol Representative/Patrol Director or local Patrol Alumni Representative about the opportunities and benefits of the Alumni Program. For a link to the "Become a Member Today" form, click button below or go to the Alumni page in Member Resources at nsp.org. Also, feel free to forward this copy of Alumni E-News to others who may benefit from it.

[Download the "Become An Alumni Member" form](#)

Enjoy the ski season and if you have ideas for future issues of the Alumni E-News, contact your National Alumni Advisor, Tim Viall, **tviall@msn.com**.

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