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FOREWORD

*Our beloved country, today, faces many great problems, domestic and foreign. Veterans of the original Civilian Conservation Corps matured in another era when America faced similar and seemingly insurmountable problems.*

*Perhaps this will explain why the National Association of CCC Alumni (NACCCA) was born and has developed into a national organization of distinction and purpose.*

*NACCCA seeks to recapture those values which made America a great nation. Values which, we believe, are not lost forever but which have been misplaced during these hectic times of almost total engulfment by the material side of life.*

*NACCCA and its members, by their actions and examples, hope to contribute to the reversal of this trend.*

*The association has members in each of the fifty states. There are chapters in several states and many more under development.*

*Now we need continued and growing enthusiasm and support for "AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME."*

*Won't you join us and pass the word to other CCC brothers.*

**ROBERT L. GRIFFITHS**  
Executive Director

## THE NACCCA STORY

The decade 1933-1943 was a critical period in American history. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) played a big part in bringing our country and its people back to normal during those difficult times.

The billions of trees planted, the millions of acres of land reclaimed; the parks, bridges, dams and fire trails built; plus all the other projects are still much in evidence today.

Equally important, the CCC took millions of unemployed young men off the streets, gave them hope, helped them to be self-supporting and build self-respect and taught them how to be men. Many learned to read and write, obtained diplomas, or learned a trade. A large percentage served their country honorably and with distinction in World War II. Most went on to be outstanding citizens and a credit to their country and communities. **THE CCC WILL ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF THOSE HELPED BY IT.**

The experience gained and the benefits derived during the nine years of the CCC should be studied carefully. This unique program coped successfully with a grave national problem which, some forty years later, is once again a source of great national concern.

About four million Americans — mostly male — were associated with the CCC. Today, about two million are still with us and the majority are part of the growing Senior Citizen population. They are increasingly concerned about the mounting problems facing both young and Senior Americans. They are still concerned about the depletion and abuse of our country's natural resources.

This is why, **four decades later**, those associated with the CCC are building the National Association of CCC Alumni. **These gray heads, through organized effort, intend to revive, and preserve the comradeship, nostalgia, history and**

**accomplishments of the CCC while at the same time, doing something tangible to solve today's problems.**

Initial national headquarters were located in Sacramento, California, birthplace of NACCCA. Relocation to Manassas, Virginia was recently accomplished in order to be near the nation's capitol.

NACCCA, through its national headquarters, chapters and members, will support national, state and local legislation and programs dealing with the problems of young and Senior Americans as well as those problems related to our environment and resources.

By means of conventions, reunions, chapter meetings and other gatherings, NACCCA will provide the added pleasure of just getting together, renewing old friendships and talking over old times.

Reference files are being developed at national headquarters to help the members locate old CCC buddies and provide various kinds of data about the CCC.

A monthly NACCCA Journal is published as a principal means of contact between and among the members and their national headquarters and providing timely news and information.

A number of projects are under consideration including a National CCC Museum/Library/Memorial and a 1983 commemorative postage stamp honoring the 50th anniversary of the CCC. There will, of course, be others.

The voice of each member governs at all times and particularly at the national conventions, where national officers are elected and resolutions processed which determine the policies and programs of the association. The second national convention takes place in 1981 in Kansas City, Mis.

NACCCA IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION and was established as a non-profit organization in August, 1977. Articles of Incorporation # 823879 were filed with the California Secretary of State on 16 August, 1977. Information regarding NACCCA rules and regulations, eligibility, election and duties of officials; conventions and meetings; committees, etc., are fully covered in the association's by-laws. Copies of both documents will be furnished, upon request, to any qualified individual desiring to review them.

Membership is open to any individual associated, in any capacity, with the original Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1942). This includes enrollees, military personnel, state forestry personnel, educational advisors, hospital personnel, district headquarters civilian personnel and ALL associated with the CCC. Membership is also open to any widow, widower or other close relative (at the discretion of the Executive Council) who wishes to obtain a membership in memory or in honor of a CCC veteran.

When any group of ten or more members and/or potential members express a desire for formation of a chapter, and the necessary initiative and leadership are present, chapters are encouraged and supported. Several chapters are already in existence with many more in the planning and development stages.

### REMEMBER ★ RETURN ★ RE-LIVE

While NACCCA is dedicated to the preservation of the past, our fundamental purpose is to utilize our wealth of experience and talent in a viable campaign to seek out, identify and initiate actions to make the sunset years of (our members) life the most rewarding - the most productive - and the most satisfying of all.

We are concerned, not only with the immediate problems of the Senior American, but also with our young who are just beginning their journey into a future already shadowed by the clouds of economic uncertainty and impending shortages

and depletion of the energy sources that keep this nation prosperous, productive and a world power.

We recognize in the unfortunate stratification of our society, that youth may have its day, but not always its say and does not enjoy equal status or equal opportunity. Economically, many are about in the same position we NACCCA members were in 1933. Another revitalized CCC could be the answer and should be given most serious consideration by our representatives in the Executive and in the Congress.

Each member of the NACCCA has the opportunity to promote and contribute to an organization which is dedicated to the well being of all its members and which provides each individual:

- (1) the opportunity to participate in a movement to conserve the natural resources of their country.
- (2) to help the youth of America with their problems much as they were helped forty years ago.
- (3) to participate in, and contribute to, an organized effort to solve the mutual problems of Senior Americans.
- (4) the opportunity to locate old friends and relive and recall the days of their youth with those who shared them.
- (5) to become active as an interested contributor to life in America today, rather than become a statistic in another file of retired, do-nothing older citizens.

Your annual membership of \$12.00 or lifetime membership of \$100.00 includes your spouse, your subscription to the monthly journal and all the other benefits that accrue with membership.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT –  
IT IS NEEDED.