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## **Smokejumper biographies for 1951 rookie class, A-H**

National Smokejumper Association

## **1951 Rookie Class A-H**

### **Robert Zelwin Aliber** (Missoula '51)

Bob jumped the 1951 season at Missoula. He graduated from Williams College in Massachusetts with his bachelor's degree in 1952 and attended Cambridge University, Cambridge, England 1952-1954 on a Fulbright Scholarship where he earned his master's degree. Bob then served in the Army 1954-56 before earning his Ph.D. from Yale in 1962. His bio is so extensive that it can be found in Wikipedia and includes Staff Economist, Commission on Money and Credit, New York, 1959-61; Staff Economist, Committee for Economic Development, Washington, 1961-64; Senior Economic Advisor, Office of Program Coordination, Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of State, 1964-65; Graduate School of Business University of Chicago 1965-2004 and much more.

Bob was a professor of International Economics and Finance at the University of Chicago. He is best known for his contribution to the theory of foreign direct investment.

Bob is an NSA Life Member and has donated generously to the NSA Scholarship Program.

### **Stanley Scott Barclay** (Missoula '51)

Stanley, 60, died October 27, 1986, at the Easton, Washington Airport of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was born May 24, 1926, in Spokane, Washington. Stan was living in Kittitas, Washington, at the time of his death. Stan graduated from Hill Military academy, a private college prep school in Portland, Oregon. His occupation in 1950 was listed as an artist and oil painter and he owned his own business at age 23. Stan enlisted in the Army in July 1944, served in the paratroops during WWII and went to Whitman College in Washington where he lettered in Track and Field. He jumped at Missoula 1951-55.

### **Walter Begalka** (Missoula '51)

Walter, 83, died February 6, 2012, in Ketchikan, Alaska. He attended South Dakota State University before transferring to Colorado State University, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Management in 1951. That same summer, Walter trained and jumped from Missoula, his only season. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1952 through 1954. His entire career involved work with wood products, and Walter was talented in woodworking, building large doll houses as a specialty.

### **Roy L. Belli** (Cave Junction '51)

Roy was born June 14, 1931, in Passaic, NJ. He grew up in Ridgewood, NJ and graduated from Ridgewood HS in 1949. His education continued with him earning a BS degree in Mathematics from Utah State University in 1953, a MS degree in Personnel Administration from George Washington University in 1965 and a MS degree from American University (Washington, DC) in Technology of Management in 1985.

Roy had a 30-year career in the US Marine Corps from 1953-83, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He was an officer of artillery and served staff duty at the Battalion, Division and Marine Corps Headquarters level. He served aboard the USS Boxer (LPH-4), was an instructor at the US Naval Academy and attended the US Naval War College.

Following his military service, he was an Adjunct Professor for Computer Information Systems at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, VA from 1985-95. Since 2000 Roy has resided at Willow Valley Retirement Community in Lancaster, PA., where he is active in church, community, and philanthropic activities. Roy jumped for one season in 1951 and is a Life Member of the NSA.

### **Joe Blackburn** (Missoula '51)

Joe, 88, died December 17, 2019, at his home in Plummer, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1953 and entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg. Joe was later assigned to the 12th Special Forces Group and retired as a Major.

Joe then became a Conservation Officer with the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game and eventually was a regional supervisor. After retirement from that position, Joe served as an enforcement agent for the Idaho Outfitter and Guides Licensing Board. In 1996 he was elected as Benewah County Sheriff and served a four-year term.

Joe was an avid runner competing in 13 marathons and 12 triathlons. He jumped at Missoula 1951-53.

### **Clyde D. Blake** (Missoula '51)

Clyde died June 19, 2018, after a battle with cancer. He graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in Forestry in 1953. He served two years in the USAF and was in the reserves until 1959. Clyde worked for the USFS as a forester and ranger all over the Pacific Northwest retiring in 1988. He then worked the next eight years for the state of Idaho. He jumped at Missoula during the 1951 season.

**Lt. Col. Harry Brizee** (Missoula '51)

Harry, 80, died Sept. 24, 2012, in Annandale, Virginia. He earned a degree in Forestry at the University of Idaho in 1954, as well as a U.S. Army commission. He spent his college summers working for the Forest Service and jumped from Missoula in 1951.

Harry, who had joined the National Guard at age 16, was a distinguished military graduate in 1954 and was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division in Germany. He also served in Korea, Vietnam, and England as well as Ft. Benning (Georgia) and Ft. Campbell (Kentucky), and was the Army's legislative liaison in Washington, D.C.

Harry received military decorations including two Legion of Merit awards, a Meritorious Service Medal, three Army Commendation medals and the Senior Parachute Badge. He was interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Harry retired from the Army in 1976. He then worked 21 years at a Horticultural center training disabled adult.

**Paul M. Bryce** (Cave Junction '51)

Paul died in Seattle on February 10, 2002, after a long illness. He jumped at Cave Junction 1951-56, 1958, and at Redding in 1957.

Paul made up for his small size with a lot of determination and grit. He always carried his load on fires and packouts. All of us who jumped in those years knew him as "Pittsburg," which was always assumed to be his hometown.

He enjoyed the camaraderie of smokejumpers and kept in touch with many of the jumpers until his recent illness. He always considered smokejumping to be the best years of his life. He made his last jump, a recreational jump, in 1995 in Kalispell during the 1995 smokejumper reunion.

Paul earned a BA in History from the University of Montana and worked for Boeing until his retirement several years ago. He had made his home in Seattle near the SeaTac airport since 1965. (Courtesy Jimmie Dollard)

**Dail Junior Butler** (Idaho City '51)

Dail, 71, died September 3, 2008, in Holladay, Utah. He was born September 10, 1928, in Shelbyville, Illinois. "This was during the Depression and the necessities of life were not always readily available to our family. Even to this day when I can afford most things, I find myself

reluctant to spend money. My brother-in-law gave me a .22 caliber bolt action Remington rifle when I was 10 years of age. This began my long love for firearms. I was able to shoot a string in two at 100 feet with this rifle. We lived close to the Kaskaskia River, and I sometimes swam as much as 10 miles in a day.

“It was during my senior year in High School that I realized that I needed to get a college education. As graduation neared, I decided to enter a branch of the service and receive the G.I. Bill of Rights benefits. I was still seventeen when I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and the Second World War had recently ended. I served three years with 31 months of straight Sea Duty. My first ship was a small Aircraft Carrier and then I transferred to a Sea Plane Tender that was headed for China.

“To subsidize my G.I. Bill subsidy, I worked during the summers for the U.S. Forest Service clearing brush outside of Republic, Washington, and as a smokejumper in McCall and Idaho City, Idaho. I also worked in the oil fields in Texas and Illinois as a roughneck.” Dail graduated from Utah State University in Geology in 1953.

“My first job was as a Mining Geologist in Cobalt, Idaho, a small mining community in the primitive area situated between Salmon and Challis, Idaho.” Dail worked in Columbia, and Peru.

“I worked in South America and prospected the Upper Amazon area. I walked over 200 miles over the Andes with a large size backpack. While rafting down the Río Yaupi, I got into a long stretch of white water and ended up losing some of my gear and supplies. I was then picked up by the Ecuadoran soldiers patrolling the Border between Peru and Ecuador. They confined me to a bamboo hut that served as a jail and storage area and took away my passport. I waited in jail close to a month while they took my passport first by foot and then by bus to Quito to verify that my passport was legitimate. During this waiting period, I was fed very little and dropped from 165 pounds to around 135 pounds.”

Dail was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Dail and Florence served as missionaries in Venezuela and Peru. He jumped at Idaho City in 1951.

### **Jac Edmond Caward (McCall '51)**

Jac, 86, died May 3, 2017, in Arizona. He was born December 17, 1930, in Nampa, Idaho. Jac is buried in Dewey, Arizona. He was a Corporal in the Army during the Korean War. He jumped at McCall 1951-52 and 1955. Jac had 11 practice and 18 fire jumps.

**Frederic J. Chambers** (Missoula '51)

Rick died July 23, 2003. He graduated from Muskingum University in Ohio with a degree in Geology. Rich took additional engineering courses from Akron University and Arizona State University.

He was a lab technician for Babcock and Wilcox Co. in Alliance, Ohio, for five years before moving to Arizona where he worked 35 years for Honeywell in Phoenix. Rick jumped the 1951 season at Missoula.

**Lawrence Ray “Larry” Clark** (Idaho City'51)

Larry, 89, died January 19, 2017, at his home in Baker City, Oregon. He was born on July 3, 1927, at Rupert, Idaho. After growing up in the Rupert, he was drafted into the Army during WWII where he served in Korea. Returning home, he attended Southern Idaho College and Westminster College in Salt Lake City where he received his teaching degree.

Larry taught in Fairfield, Idaho, and at the naval base in Iceland before moving to Baker City in 1963 where he taught middle school until retirement. He jumped out of Idaho City 1951 and 1953, and McCall 1952 and 19564-60. After smokejumping Larry was the foreman on the first helitack crew in Idaho, working out of Hailey.

**Phillip E. Clarke** (Cave Junction '51)

Phil, 77, died February 11, 2011, in Medford, Oregon. He graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 1951 and was drafted into the Army in 1953 and served honorably during the Korean War. Phil trained at Cave Junction right out of high school, jumping there in 1951-53 and 1955-56, interrupted by military service. He went to Redding in 1957 to start the smokejumper base there and joined Orv Looper (CJ-49) in 1959 to start the Alaska Smokejumpers in Fairbanks.

After finishing there in 1966, Phil ran the Tok Lodge in Tok, Alaska and then built many homes in Fairbanks and North Pole, Alaska. He moved his family to Delta Junction, Alaska, in 1976 to become the fire chief for the Delta Camp during the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. After the pipeline became operational, Phil joined the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company as a safety-fire specialist, from which he retired in 1994.

**David E. Clippinger** (Missoula '51)

David died March 3, 2015, in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the age of 83. He was born September 12, 1931, in Cincinnati, Ohio where he graduated from Withrow H.S. He was a graduate of the University of Miami (Ohio) and

served in the Air Force as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. As a SAC pilot, he flew with the 506 Strategic Fighter Wing.

David had a 35-year career in Real Estate and was one of the founders and owners of West Shell Realtors, which had 20 offices and 750 salespeople. He served on the City Council in Mariemont, Ohio, and was successful in obtaining lands for parks and green space. He was a tennis player, backpacker, and skier. In 1996 Dave was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the USTA National Ranking Men's Doubles (tennis).

David was jumped at Missoula during the 1951 and 1952 seasons where he logged nine practice jumps, seven fire jumps, and one rescue jump. He was an NSA Life Member.

**Gilbert L. Coody** (Cave Junction '51)

Gil jumped at CJ during the 1951 season.

**Taylor F. Cottle** (Idaho City '51)

Taylor died October 6, 2003, from complications with Parkinson's disease. He was born July 18, 1922, in Fish Haven, Idaho. Taylor grew up in Boise, graduated from Boise High school and attended Boise Jr. College prior to enlisting in the Navy in 1942.

Taylor was stationed in San Diego and Corpus Christi, Texas for radar training. He then went to the Solomon Islands to dismantle radar.

After the war, he worked for the USFS as a lookout during the 1945 season before attending the College of Idaho working on his pre-med requirements. In 1947 he transferred to Utah State where he earned his master's degree in Physiology and entered medical school at the University of Utah. He jumped at Idaho City 1951-53 to help pay his medical school tuition. He made 22 fire jumps over these three seasons. Taylor graduated from medical school in 1955 and did an internship in Spokane, Washington.

Taylor practiced medicine as a General Practitioner in Pocatello, Idaho, Shelley, Idaho, and Boise where he retired in 1997. He was active in the Church of Latter-day Saints serving a mission in Bolivia.

**Warren F. Crabb** (McCall '51)

Warren died November 23, 2000. He jumped at McCall during the 1951 season and got eight fire jumps during his rookie season.

Possible research information on Warren: Born August 21, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. Died in Bradenton, Florida. Was a student at the University of Idaho in 1951.

**Gordon C. Cross** (Cave Junction '51)

Gordon died November 25, 2008, of complications from pneumonia. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Forestry and jumped at Cave Junction for three seasons interrupted by two years in the Army. Following in the footsteps of his father, a famous Alaskan bush pilot, John Cross, Gordon became a commercial airline pilot. Gordon started his career with Wien Air Alaska in 1955. He retired to Las Vegas in 1990.

**Ralph J. Croxton** (Missoula '51)

Ralph, 72, died January 15, 1997, in Rochester, Minnesota. He was a WWII Navy veteran and a 1952 graduate of Purdue University. Ralph received his master's degree from Yale University and operated a private forestry business. He jumped the 1951 season at Missoula and got seven training and four fire jumps.

**Glen R. Curtis** (Missoula '51)

Glen rookied and jumped the 1951 season at Missoula and had six fire jumps in addition to his training jumps. He transferred to Idaho City in 1952 and got seven fire jumps. He jumped the 1953-54 seasons at McCall getting 12 fire jumps. Database has Glen as deceased January 20, 2001, but that is not confirmed.

**Robert Eugene "Bob" Cutler** (Missoula '51)

"Dr. Bob," 86, died March 20, 2016, in Albuquerque, NM. He was born April 16, 1929, in Montana. He served as a medic in the Army from 1947-50. Bob jumped at Missoula 1951-54 while attending the University of Montana where he graduated in 1954. Bob went to medical school at Washington University, graduating in 1958, and opened his internal medicine practice in the Espanola Valley in New Mexico for the next 18 years.

His career in medicine extended another 20 years at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he retired in 2000. He was president of the New Mexico Medical Society 1975-76.

**Patrick H. Daly** (McCall '51)

Pat died September 20, 1984, following a massive stroke. He lied about his age and joined the smokejumpers at age 16 in 1951. After a good season in 1951, he had to lay out for a season once his age was discovered. He returned in 1953 and jumped through 1957.

Pat graduated from the University of Idaho in 1957 with a degree in Finance and Economics. He entered the Marine Corps and took officer training at Quantico serving in Southeast Asia and Camp Pendleton until his discharge in 1961. He returned to McCall and jumped the 1961 season. That fall he went to work for the First Security Bank in Boise and served with the Idaho Marine Corps Reserves. In 1965 he suffered a serious stroke and was diagnosed with an inoperable brain aneurysm. Several strokes followed over the years until his death in 1984.

**William H. “Bill” Demmons (MSO-51)**

Bill grew up in Bonner, MT, “a sawmill town with the big Anaconda Copper mining companies—the sawmill (was) where most of us from the local town worked at one time or another.” He went through the local school system in Bonner and graduated from Missoula County High School in 1950. Bill worked for the FS on Blister Rust Control projects summers 1948-50.

Bill graduated from the University of Montana in 1954. He jumped at Missoula from 1951-54. Being in the ROTC program took Bill to Fort Benning, GA, in the fall of 1954 where he was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Infantry. He went into Army Aviation and trained in Texas and Alabama during 1955-56 before being sent to West Germany in 1956 as an Army Aviator assigned to a Field Artillery Battalion.

Bill resigned his Army commission in 1958 and transferred to the Air Force. He was with the USAF 1958-80 and served in the Far East, Southeast Asia, Africa and had two tours in the Pentagon. In 1980 he was back in civilian life doing commercial aviation, and farm real estate. In 2000 Bill retired and is currently living in Green Valley, AZ.

**Danny F. Dibble (North Cascades '51)**

Danny died August 6, 2018. After high school he joined the army and finished his enlistment on Okinawa as a staff sergeant. Danny used the GI Bill and graduated from Washington State University with bachelors and master's degrees. He lettered in wrestling at WSU.

Danny taught in Pullman (WA) schools for 25 years and jumped at NCSB 1951-56. He also taught in Zambia, Maine, Mexico, and the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. In retirement, Danny taught ESL in the Yemen Arab Republic. After living on Whidbey Island for many years he settled in Yakima in 2003.

**Charles W. “Chuck” Dickie (North Cascades '51)**

Chuck died June 15, 2016. He served in the US Navy before earning his bachelor's and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University in 1957.

Upon graduation in 1957 he was employed by the State Department of Agriculture of California in the laboratory system. After seven years of employment in California he was appointed director of the branch laboratory in Rocky Ford for Colorado State University-Fort Collins. He served in that capacity for more than 38 years and retired in 2002. Chuck jumped at NCSB during the 1951-52 seasons.

### **Paul L. Dominick** (Cave Junction '51)

Paul died July 31, 2004, at age 78. He was born in Jersey City September 4, 1925, and grew up in Hoboken, N.J., and dropped out of school after the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

He served in the South Pacific and Europe with the Seabees during WWII. After the war, he joined the 82nd Airborne before going to the Cave Junction smokejumpers in 1951. "The training was different that the Army—the PT was ten times harder." Paul jumped the 1951 season at CJ.

After he left smokejumping, Paul spent 50 years in forestry and retired as a foreman for the Department of Parks in New York City. He was also a former Captain for the Pocatello (NY) Fire Department and was instrumental in starting a judo camp for the YMCA that has been in operation for over 30 years.

### **Delos M. Dutton** (Missoula '51)

Dee died May 11, 2002, in Gresham, Oregon at the age of 75. A career smokejumper, he was based at Missoula through 1965 and from Cave Junction 1966-72 and 1974-75. During that period, he served a two-year active-duty tour in the Air Force. He transferred to the Air Force Reserve from which he retired as a major after 30 years.

Dee graduated from the University of Montana with an accounting degree and a ROTC commission. His smokejumping career included working his way up to foreman in charge of jump training and the parachute loft in Missoula, Project Air Officer for Cave Junction, and founding the Forest Service Southern Region smokejumper base in 1971.

In 1965, he appeared as a jumper on the television program "To Tell the Truth."

Following his jumper years, he was the equipment specialist in the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region where he oversaw standardizing

firefighting equipment, a job he later undertook on a national basis as part of a national task force.

### **Edward R. Evatz** (Missoula '51)

Ed graduated high school in Price Utah in 1947 and graduated from Utah State University in Forestry in 1951. He and fellow graduate **Carl Deward** (MSO-51) headed north for smokejumper training at Nine Mile just west of Missoula. Following that season, he accepted an appointment on the Flathead NF before being drafted into the Army during the Korean War.

Later he joined the BLM and initiated the first advertised timber sale on public lands in Colorado. After several years he became a Range Conservationist and transferred to the Grand Junction office.

Ed worked for the USFS and BLM for nearly 35 years ending his government career as the Associate State Director for the Nevada BLM. In retirement he helped start the Nevada unit of an environmental consulting firm (JBR Consultants). Ed started, managed, and grew the Nevada business unit of JBR for 10 years before retiring in the mid-90s. He is currently living in Reno, Nevada.

### **Howard S. "Bud" Fish** (Missoula '51)

Bud, 59, died from cancer April 4, 1987, in the Truckee, California. He was born September 27, 1927, in Chico, California, and had been a resident of Truckee for the last 25 years. Bud was a forest manager in timber products at Louisiana Pacific and a veteran of WWII. A graduate of the University of California, Berkley, he was a member of the Society of American Foresters. He jumped at Missoula during the 1951 season and had three fire jumps.

### **Donald L. Flohr** (Missoula '51)

Don, 79, of Estes Park, Colorado, died on Feb. 22, 2011. He was born in Greeley on August 22, 1931. After graduating from high school in Superior Wyoming, he started his career with the U.S. Forest Service at a fire lookout station in the Wind River Range of Wyoming. Don worked his way through college as a smokejumper in the summer.

He was a graduate of the University of Montana in Missoula with a bachelor's degree in forest management. Upon graduating, he took a full-time position with the U.S. Forest Service in Rock Creek Canyon outside of Sedona, Ariz.

His 30-year career with the U.S. Forest service included positions in Washington, D.C., Lakewood, Colo., and Albuquerque, N.M., where he

retired. Don went on to spend the next 10 years working for the U.S. government in the state department doing contract work. Don also served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict.

**Richard A. Fogarty** (Missoula '51)

Richard died July 13, 1996, of a heart attack. He was a Marine Corps fighter pilot, retiring as a colonel after which he worked for Allied Signal. Richard jumped at Missoula during the 1951 season.

**Grant I. Gaeth** (McCall '51)

Grant jumped at McCall during the 1951-52 seasons and got at least three fire jumps in the 1952 season.

**Robert I. "Bob" Gara** (McCall '51)

Bob was born in Chile in 1931 and graduated from Haddonfield H.S. in Haddonfield, N.J. in 1949. He graduated from Utah State with a degree in Forest/Range Management in 1953. Bob met **Jack Price** (IDC-50) and **Reid Jackson** (MYC-49) while there which reinforced his interest in smokejumping. After working on a TSI crew in 1950, Bob rookieed at McCall where he jumped the 1951-52 seasons and the 1953 season at Idaho City.

"I was taught more about firefighting by the 'old timers,' Bob Caldwell, Clyde Hawley, and Richard Peterson. Working and listening to these squadleaders vastly enriched my life from learning to recognize the value of classical literature, to learning how to be a pleasant and thoughtful human being." Bob was in the USAF 1953-57 and became a navigator at Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas.

He left the Air Force in 1957, became a forester for Kirby Lumber Co. (Texas), then enrolled at Oregon State where he graduated as a Forest Entomologist in 1959 and his Ph.D. in 1964. After teaching at Syracuse University, he accepted a professorship at the University of Washington where he taught for 40 years. Bob retired in 2006 and is living in Anacortes, Washington. "I have been consulting in forest products entomology as well as trying to keep fit by rowing twice a week."

**Richard Samuel Gregory** (Cave Junction '51)

Dick,86, died December 14, 2017, in Walla Walla, Washington. He was born on the Gregory Brothers' farm in West Cove, Idaho, located between Palouse and Potlatch, on March 22, 1931.

He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1954 with a business degree. Dick's career included time as an auditor for the IRS and the State

of Idaho, as a real estate broker and time working as security and a shuttle driver in Jackpot, Nevada. He jumped at Cave Junction during the 1951 season.

**Phillip Charles Hanson (McCall '51)**

Phil, 79, died November 20, 2011, in Bigfork, Montana. He was born November 19, 1932, in Susanville, California and moved to Missoula in 1944, where his father was regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service. He joined the U.S. Air Force after graduation and always appreciated the opportunity to fly a jet. Phil jumped at McCall in 1951-53 while working to earn his bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of Montana.

After marrying his wife Sue in 1977, Phil continuing farming for some years before moving to Bigfork and pursuing his hobbies, including crafting fine furniture during the winter months.

**Patrick E. "Pat" Harbine (Missoula '51)**

Pat was born December 15, 1931, In Plains, Montana, where he grew up and graduated high school. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1956 and the Hermann School of Physical Therapy (Houston, TX) in 1958. Pat was a Platoon Sergeant in the Korean War and spent a 40-year career as Chief Therapist at Sacred Heart Medical Center. He was also a Kayak Instructor for 25 years. Pat retired in 1998 and is living in Spokane, Washington. He jumped at Missoula 1951-52 and 1954.

**Charles G. "Jack" Harter (Cave Junction '51)**

Jack, 89, died April 1, 2021, in Lihue, Hawaii. He was born December 26, 1931, in Rapid City, S.D. Jack earned his pilot's license at an early age and bought his first plane at age 18. He jumped at CJ 1951, 54-58 and was a squadleader for Base Manager **Jim Allen** (NCSB-46).

Jack was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. US Army in Korea and was twice wounded in action July 5, 1953, in North Korea.

In 1962 Jack had a dream to start a helicopter business on the Hawaiian island of Kauai offering tours, charters, and other services.

Fifty-eight years later, Jack Harter Helicopters, the original helicopter tour company on the island, is still in business. Despite the competition from as many as 12 other companies, Jack kept his company on top. He had flown over 35,000 lifetime hours.

In 2005 his business pioneered the first ever doors-off tour of Kauai. "We want a way for photographers to capture the raw beauty of the island without the glare from windows."

Today Jack Harter Helicopters operates four MD 500s, 1 Airbus A-star, has six pilots and 32 employees.

**John Virgil Hawk** (Missoula '51)

John, 86, died January 21, 2017, in Santa Rosa, California. Born in Ponca City, OK, on September 13, 1930, John earned a Forestry degree at Oklahoma A&M, jumped at Missoula in 1951 and served in the U.S. Navy 1953-1956

John received Dr. of Ministry and Master of Theology degrees at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained in the Baptist Church. He served as a chaplain at San Quentin, pastor of West Berkeley Mission and counselor at Lytton Springs Men's Social Service Center. In 1965 John and his wife, Roma, were appointed by the Baptist Home Mission Board as directors of the Oklahoma City Mission Center, then to Atlanta to the Center there.

In 1971 they returned to California and John earned a degree in Drug and Alcohol Studies at Pacific School of Religion. In 1979 they moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, and he served as Diagnostician for Presbyterian Hospitality House. He began counseling for the Army there in 1986. In 1989 they transferred to Germany and in 1991 to Navy Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. He retired in 1995.

**Herman J. "Jack" Heikkenen** (Idaho City '51)

Jack died in Norfolk, Virginia October 22, 2008, of Leukemia. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan where obtained his B.S. (53), M.S. (57), and Ph.D. (63) degrees in Forestry. Jack was an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later taught Forestry at the University of Washington, Virginia Polytechnic and Virginia Tech. Jack was a much-published professor and leading authority on Forest Entomology. Knight/Heikkenen 1982 "Principals Forest Entomology"

**Heinicke, Donald R.** (Missoula '51)

Don was born in St. Louis, MO, and raised in Sand Springs, OK. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M with bachelor's in Horticulture and Forestry in 1954 and the U of Maryland with MS and Ph.D. in Horticulture in 1960. He is a self-employed Orchardist since 1972 when he bought his first orchard in the Lake Chelan area. Don then developed 353 acres called the Cascade Foothills Fruit and Land Co. Don is still a partner and has developed a 60-acre orchard call Heinicke Orchards.

Don was in the Army 1954-56, Asst. Prof. Horticulture U of Wisconsin 60-61, Canada Dept. Agriculture Research Station 61-65, Asst. Prof. Horticulture U of Idaho 65-67, USDS Ag. Research 67-72 and Orchardist 1972-2010.

Don is the recipient of numerous awards and honors in the Horticultural Science field and has been the invited speaker at most (if not all) of the Fruit Grower meetings in the US. He has also served in many community activities including the Central Washington Hospital board, Central Washington Bank board and the Central Washington Health Plan as Director. Don served as a Commissioner for the Washington State Fish & Wildlife Dept. 1998-2001. Don jumped at Missoula 1951 and at West Yellowstone 1952-53.

### **George “Ray” Hendrickson (North Cascades '51)**

Ray died June 23, 2015. He was a paratrooper in the Army and jumped at NCSB during the 1951 season. Ray worked at the mill in Omak for 43 years and was married to his wife, Lorraine, for 60 years.

### **Robert “Bob” Hilbun (McCall '51)**

Bob, 84, died June 10, 2011, in Missoula, Montana. After an honorable discharge from the military, he graduated from the University of Washington in 1948. Bob ran a successful electrical contracting business first in Richland, Washington, and then in Whitefish, Montana, where he started Big Mountain Electric. He earned a pilot's license before he learned to drive a car, and logged thousands of hours during his lifetime. Bob jumped from McCall in 1951 and 1952. Following retirement, he and his wife split their time between Whitefish and Punta Chivato, Baja California, Mexico.

### **Robert J. Hough (North Cascades '51)**

Bob was born February 21, 1933, in Winthrop, Washington, and graduated from Winthrop H.S. in 1951. He rookied at NCSB that summer where he jumped until 1955. He graduated from College of Puget Sound in 1956 and, as an ROTC student, entered the USAF as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He entered pilot training in 1957, made 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in 1958, Captain in 1963, Major in 1968, and Lt. Colonel in 1974. Bob flew many different aircraft including B-47s and B-52s. In 1976 he received his master's degree from Pepperdine University and retired in 1985.

Bob flew over 7,700 hours and 123 combat missions. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Meritorious Service Medal among many

other awards. Bob retired to Olalla, Washington and worked for the State as a Safety Program Manager for 10 years.

**Arthur C. Hubbard (McCall '51)**

Art, 89, of La Grande, Oregon, died November 25, 2016. He was born March 25, 1927, in Dodge, Iowa. He enlisted in the Navy and served as a printer on his ship. After the Navy, Art attended college in Iowa and Utah, graduating as a forester. He enlisted in the Air Force reserve and served as a recruiter ending his career as a Lt. Colonel. Art jumped at McCall 1951-52 seasons and made 11 fire jumps.

**Virgil H. Hutchinson (North Cascades '51)**

Hutch, 71, and his wife Sally, both died May 17, 2004, in an automobile accident. He was born in Gresham, Nebraska, on January 30, 1933.

In his first year out of high school, Virgil jumped at NCSB and then began a 40-year career at Alcoa Aluminum before retiring in 1993. He was active in the Aluminum Workers Union and held positions at the local and national levels. The Hutchinsons had been married 51 years at the time of their death.