

The Four Winds

National Weather Service Employees Organization

NWSEO MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet NWSEO Member George Bancroft

(November 28, 2019) NWSEO continues to collect nominations for our “NWSEO Member Spotlight,” showcasing the work, dedication and talent of our members, inspiring others and connecting all of our union members.

Please meet long-time NWSEO Member and Forecaster, **George Bancroft** of College Park, MD and NWS and the National Centers for Environmental Protection (NCEP) Ocean Prediction Center (OPC). You may have met Mr. Bancroft at one of the conventions. He has attended nearly every one as an active participant and a generous contributor to the NWSEO PAC.

Where are you from originally?

Andover, Mass.

Why did you join NWSEO?

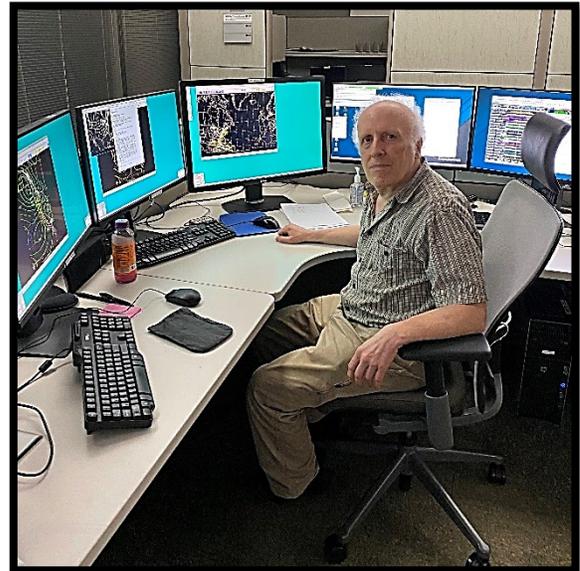
I joined in 1982 while an intern at the NWS forecast office in Anchorage, AK, motivated to do so by an older journeyman forecaster.

How long have you worked in NWS NCEP?

Since 1995 when the old National Meteorological Center in Camp Springs MD was re-organized into the various Centers and Ocean Prediction Center formed.

How did you first hear about NWSEO?

From the union's newsletter the Four Winds and from union members on station, one of whom was a national officer.



How long have you been a NWSEO member?

37 years

What work do you do for the NCEP?

I do rotating shift work as an operational marine forecaster issuing forecasts of winds and waves and warnings for hazardous conditions in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans, keep high seas warning statistics, serve as volcanic ash focal point, write articles on significant weather events, represent OPC at outreach events such as boat shows and visits to ships in port.

What do you ENJOY about your job?

Analyzing and forecasting the variety of active weather in OPC's mid- and high latitude areas of responsibility; and a special case in hurricane season of what happens to tropical cyclones that move out of the tropics and transition into non-tropical mid-latitude type storms in OPC's area of responsibility.

Would you recommend others to support NWSEO, and if so, why?

I recommend browsing through the nwseo.org website to see benefits available to members, history of NWSEO accomplishments, and merchandise.

Final words?

I have enjoyed attending the annual fall Conventions over the years, attending my first one in New Orleans in 1992 and going to many of them since then. At one of the conventions I learned about the PAC. I contribute mainly at the Convention in one lump sum so that the money is available for use right away. I value the work Richard Hirn does using PAC money which is a main reason I contribute.

We are so appreciative for Mr. Bancroft's time and dedication to the work he and the members and employees of NCEP Region do every day and also, for participating in our NWSEO Member Spotlight. We hope this will be a communication tool for NWSEO Members to get to know each other, from across the nation, connect even more and, together, support each other in our work and in building our membership.

**Please submit your Member Spotlight, suggestions, and comments to
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