

## ***Possible \$ breaks for vets in your club***

The State of California is showing gratitude for disabled vets. I just found out about one example when renewing my fishing license for 2012. If you are a veteran with a disability rating of 50% or more, the cost of an annual license is \$7 and a few cents, vs. the more than \$40 regular price. Details are at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/fishdescrip.html> (the 5th class of license listed). And, also for vets with war time service and a 50% or more disability rating, or who have been a prisoner of war, there is a Distinguished Veteran lifetime pass to state parks available. It enables a vehicle, the driver and passengers within the vehicle, and a towed boat to get into a state park for free. Some counties also honor this pass for their parks. Details are on getting the pass is on line at <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/dpr619.pdf>.

For the initial disabled vet fishing license, a copy of the VA rating showing the disability percentage granted must be presented. In subsequent years, showing the previous year's license is sufficient.

The park pass documentation procedure is basically the same—a document showing the VA rating and which establishes service in, and a war and a related a disability. Hope this helps some of your club members to save a few \$!

## ***Upcoming Hall of Fame event***

This is an early notice about the NCC's Hall of Fame induction event for 2012.

The Hall of Fame is one of the Council's two major annual fundraiser. Since we have no offices or paid staff, the NCC is able to apply a huge portion of funds raised to conservation and education. And the events are fun!

The 2012 Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner Honoring Hall Janssen will be on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindberg Avenue, Livermore California. Mark your calendar!

Clubs often reserve club tables for this event. In addition to the induction, there is an auction of fly gear and lots of comrade—Hope to see you there

## ***Hot Conservation Issue***

By now, I am sure you are aware of the battle over stripers. For over 130 years Stripers and other fish coexisted well in the Delta. Now the California Fish and Game commission is being asked to sharply increase take limits on stripers as a way to reduce the impact on the listed split tail species. In my view this is an attempt to eliminate the Stripers. I recall being at a California Legislature hearing where the take of the EPA listed species by the pumps that send water from the Delta south was addressed. The "incidental take" figures for Delta Smelt killed by the pumps was staggering. So the "solution" proposed is to reduce striper populations while not doing a damn thing about the pumps. What's next? Eradicate Non-native Largemouth Bass? Smallmouth Bass?

You can do something about this—The attached file are (in PDF and Word) can be taken to a printer and printed on a post card. Your club membership could then sign and mail them. Or they could be emailed to the Commission at [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov).

The NCC is printing cards that will be given to attendees at the Sacramento ISE show.

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