

# Blue Goose Alliance Bulletin

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**The Blue Goose Alliance is pleased to announce the appointment of Don Redfearn as president. He was a founding member of the Alliance and has served on the Board since its inception.**

Don's entire career was spent with refuges, except for one summer at Bear River Refuge with the research station. His first position was as clerk-typist at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Roswell, NM. He was appointed on June 30, 1950 (The last day of the fiscal year in those days). He was transferred to Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge as refuge clerk after a 2-year stint with the U.S. Marine Corps. He attended Utah State University, Logan, Utah. He graduated valedictorian of the College of Forestry, Range, and Wildlife. After graduation in March 1958, he was reinstated/promoted to the position of refuge manager trainee at Monte Vista NWR, CO. In chronological order, he was assistant refuge manager at Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Cache, OK; refuge manager at Ouray NWR, UT; regional master planner and then assistant regional supervisor in Albuquerque; refuge manager at National Elk Refuge, Jackson, WY; and retired from position as regional supervisor of refuges, Alaska regional office in September, 1982.

After retirement Don and Evelyn served as resident volunteers at such outposts of the refuge system as The Arctic NWR and Midway Atoll NWR. In addition they were resident volunteers at Bosque del Apache NWR. Don also volunteered at the Togiak NWR, AK. In total he has spent nearly one year as a volunteer on refuges. Building a house in AZ, being a trader of Navajo weavings, traveling from Alaska to Southern Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and China have all helped to fill retirement time. He is an amateur photographer, hates yard work, plays a mean game of bridge, and walks to ward off couch potato flab.

Don and his wife Evelyn now reside in Tallahassee, FL.

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