

# Jon Warren

Jon retired after 33+ years of service having held several positions in "the field" and in the central office. He began as a Forester on the Kettle Moraine State Forest in Campbellsport in 1964. In October of that year he married Beverly Wicklund who has served 48+ years of a life sentence with him! Bev began working as a Registered Nurse (RN) in West Bend, WI that same month.



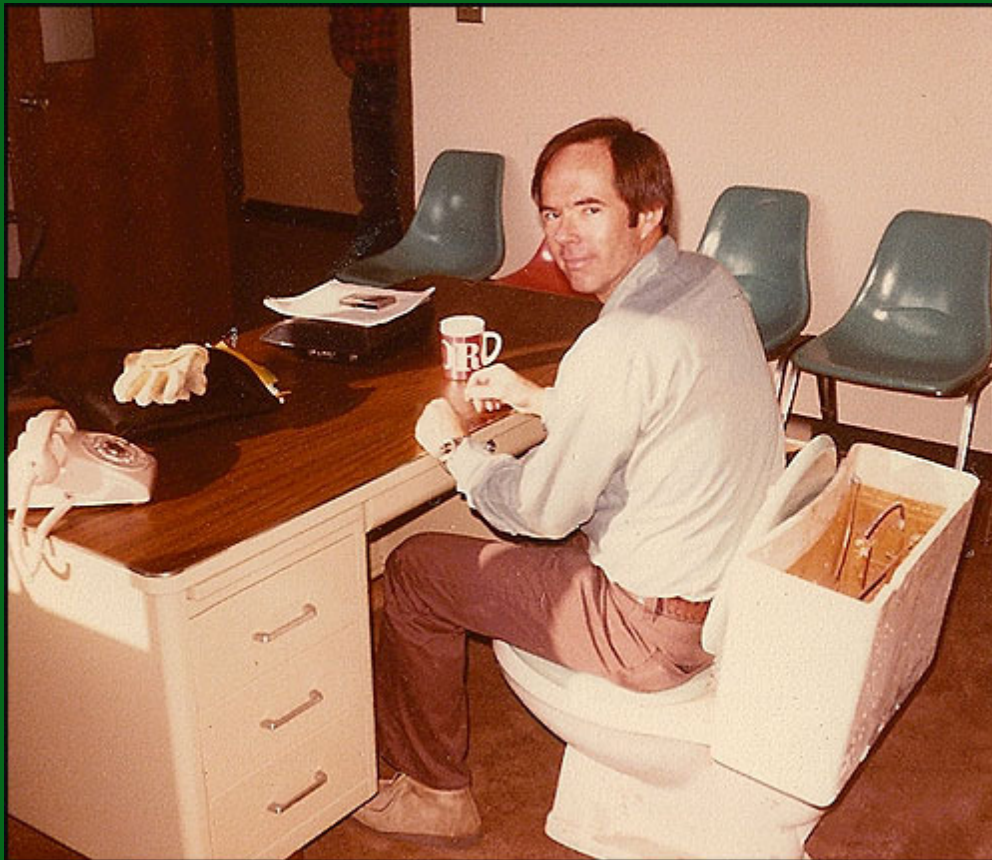
Bev and John  
1964

Jon was commissioned as a combat engineer officer in 1965 and served as a platoon leader at Fort Carson, CO for a year where he taught the use of military explosives. He continued his service in Vietnam where he led his platoon in combat until 1967. In April of that year he returned to Wisconsin to become the Park Superintendent at High Cliff State Park which is located on the northeast corner of Lake Winnebago. In addition to his park superintendent responsibilities Jon was a Special Conservation Warden. He maintained those credentials for more than 20 years until he transferred

to the central office in Madison.

**Jon and Bev lived in the park for seven of the ten years that he was the superintendent and lived the last three years in Menasha. By then they had three children (Scot, Sean and Sheila), and Bev was working as an RN in Neenah.**

**In 1977, Jon was promoted to the Area Director position in Wautoma and transferred to a similar position in Fitchburg in 1978. Bev began working as an RN at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. Jon continued as the Madison Area Director at Nevin until 1988 when he transferred to a temporary budget management position in the Bureau of Engineering.**



**Madison Area field staff recognize the importance of their Area Director and seat him accordingly!!!**

**In January of 1989 Jon transferred to the Bureau of Forestry's Administrative Section Chief position where he worked until he retired in 2000. Bev retired from St. Mary's one day before Jon did.**

**Throughout his working career, Jon's outside interests involved family**

activities. Camping in state and private campgrounds were major activities most summers unless family trips to places like Yellowstone, the Tetons, and the western United States took priority. As each of their three children became old enough, Jon introduced them to water fowl and deer hunting. Sean continues to be Jon's primary hunting partner and a hunting highlight for them was an elk hunt in Idaho with a mutual friend, Jeff Casto.



The rifle Jon is holding was a retirement gift.  
2005

All three are now adults and the two boys are married. Scot and Jill live in Stoughton and have three children; Mychelyn and twins Scot and Shane. Sean and Jean live near Delevan, and Sheila lives in Madison. Family gatherings continue to be important parts of Jon and Bev's lives.

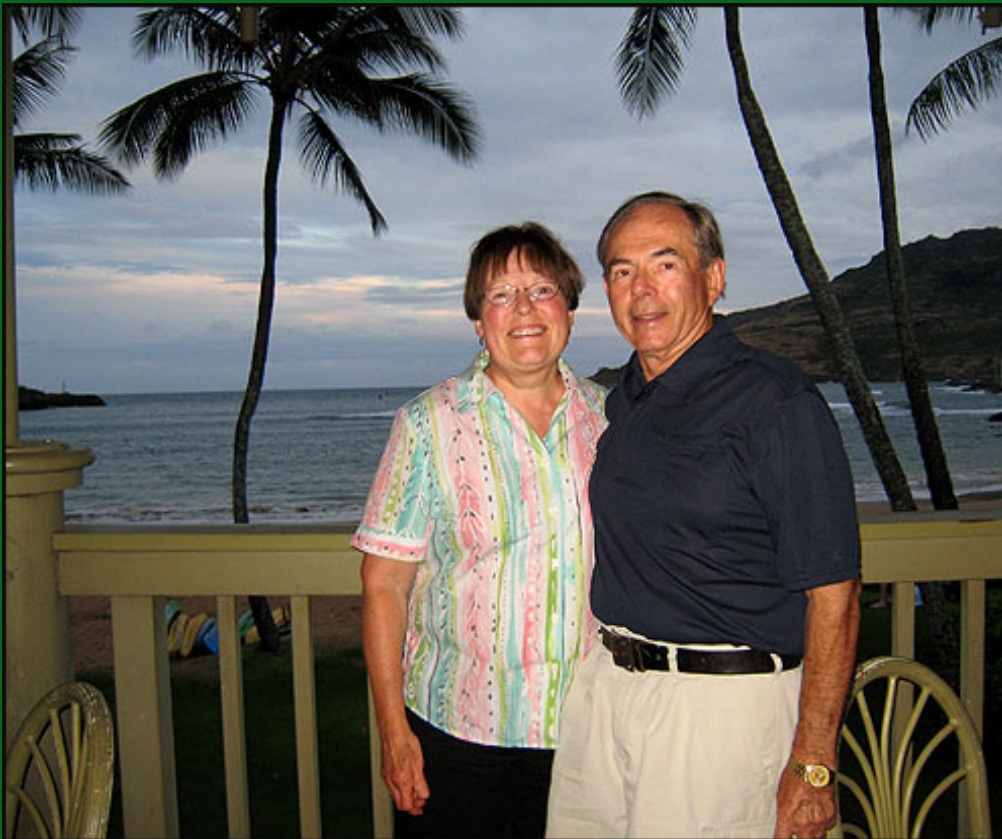
After their twin grandsons were born in 1990, Jon and Bev took an active role in raising them and their granddaughter. All three are now adults in their twenties.

Jon was a member of the Fitchburg Park Commission for several years and presently is a member of the Friends of Wisconsin State



**Parks board of directors. He is a past president of his church council, on the church building team and sings in the church choir. He has been driving part time for the Zimbrick Corporation for 7+ years.**

**Jon and Bev joined a gourmet cooking group in 1978 and continue as members where they enjoy gourmet cooking (and eating). They are active gardeners and maintain as many as thirty five hybrid rose plants in addition to numerous perennials. They enjoy traveling and have made several trips to Florida, the Southwest, and Hawaii.**



**Bev and Jon in Hawaii  
Anniversary dinner October, 2011**

**The Warrens are planning a major trip to Europe to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2014.**