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# MIKE DUPUY

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## **A PARTIAL BIOGRAPHY OF MIKE DUPUY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFC**

I am married and have two children of college age. In addition to hawks, falcons and owls, we have five dogs, three cats, along with a few farm animals, homing pigeons and game birds.



As to my day to day hawking I principally fly Goshawks and also fly falcons as time and quarry allow. I am also a licensed Raptor Propagator, and I am currently working to breed Goshawks, Barbary Falcons, and Eagle Owls.

This is my second term as AFC's Vice-President, and I welcome your vote to elect me President. If you have any questions or suggestions, I invite you to call me, write me, or text me. You may reach me by phone at 570-837-1551 or 301-633-8355. You can also reach my by email at [vp@falconryconservancy.org](mailto:vp@falconryconservancy.org) or [mike@mikedupuyfalconry.com](mailto:mike@mikedupuyfalconry.com)

In the past three years I have attended and participated in all but three Board meetings. I have Chaired Board Meetings when the President was unavailable. I am in regular contact with AFC members, and falconers around the country.

I led the charge on developing tools to recruit new members, for example I have worked with members, the Board and Officers to create the membership recruitment postcard, a new membership form, and creating our new fledgling Social Media Presences. I also developed a program to thank our top donors.

I am committed to AFC's stand to Fight for Falconers Rights!

I worked with our Washington D.C., Law Firm to develop a response to the Bird Abatement regulations at no cost to the AFC. The document was used by AFC's President and other falconers and organizations to respond to the Federal Register call for comments on the Bird Abatement regulations.

I developed the 911 legal aid service available to AFC members for a free 30-minute consultation with our attorney. I facilitated such introductions to three members who had problems of a legal nature.

I am committed to continue the AFC's opposition to the California Game Commissions assertion that it has unlimited search authority when it comes to falconers. I will nominate current AFC President, Troy Morris to head our committee advocating for the Constitutional rights of falconers. What happens in California will help clarify what rules should be applied in the rest of the country.

My company provided the voice over for one of our CA Fourth Amendment Videos, at no charge to the AFC.

I will work to expand and improve the AFC's communication with our members.

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I have written numerous Falconry Journal articles for National, International, and state Falconry Clubs.

I have built a life around my passion for falconry, I founded Mike Dupuy Hawk Food (MDHF) in 1999, own a public speaking business that focuses on teaching people about falconry and raptors. MDHF donates some \$4,000 or more a year to Falconry and Raptor related organizations.

I currently have several Apprentices and regularly help people identify falconers from around the country as potential sponsors.

I started documenting the lives of falconers on video back in 2005, including Beebe/ Webster (13 hours side by side), Heinz Meng, Tom Cade, Steve Layman and many other well known and lesser known falconers. I have also documented all four International Festivals of Falconry.

I currently serve as President of the Pennsylvania Falconry Association, and will be chairing the 2018 Field Meet. I have served as the US representative (NAFA) to the International Association for Falconry. I have served on numerous committees for state, National, and International Falconry organizations.

I have attended some 9 National Field meets, 5 California Hawking Club Field Meets, 4 NY State Field Meets, and many other state Field Meets. I have practiced Falconry in the UAE, UK, Ireland, and South Africa. I have participated in researching Goshawks in Pennsylvania and the Ridgway's Hawk in the Dominican Republic.

I won an unwarranted case brought against me by the USFWS. See link for details as recorded in the press (listed only as a source of all articles not as a solicitation) <http://www.gofundme.com/mikedupuy>

I pledge to remain responsive to all members and champion your concerns whenever possible.

I ask for your vote so I can continue the work I have begun on behalf of the AFC's members.

Thank you,



Mike Dupuy