

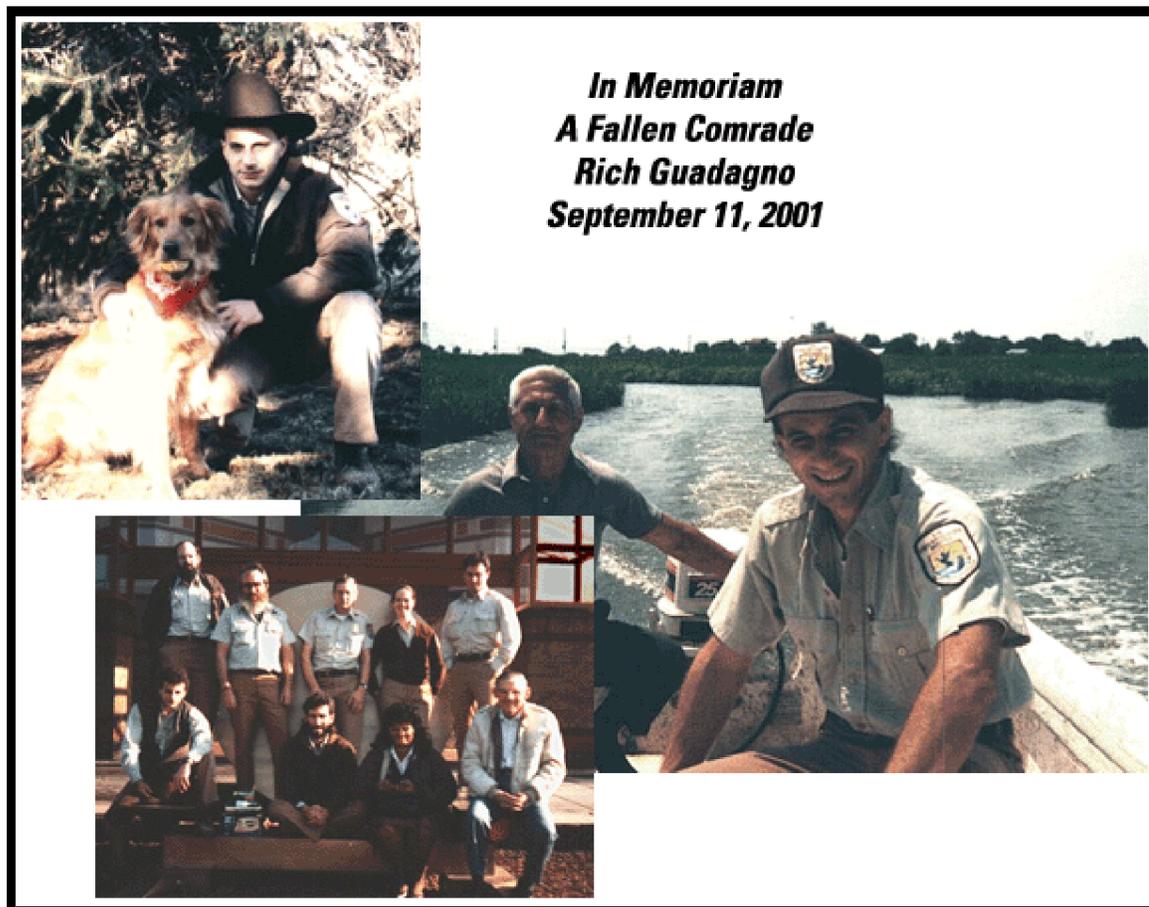


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**Supawna Meadows
National Wildlife Refuge**



***In Memoriam
A Fallen Comrade
Rich Guadagno
September 11, 2001***

*USFWS Photos**

In 1988, Rich Guadagno attended Basic Refuge Academy as a refuge manager trainee at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Many of his Academy classmates remember his passion for wildlife management. Prior to his work at Supawna Meadows, Rick was stationed at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge (Delaware). After his Supawna Meadows tour, Service career moves took Rich to Baskett Slough and Ankeny National Wildlife Refuges (Oregon).

Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge is located along the lower Delaware River in New Jersey. Brackish tidal marshes make up nearly 80 percent of the refuge, providing feeding and resting areas for waterfowl during their migrations. The refuge also provides feeding habitat for nearby Pea Patch Island, which hosts over 6,000 pairs of herons and egrets--the largest colonial wading bird rookery north of Florida on the East Coast.

***Photo captions, top left:** Rich with his dog Lady. (USFWS/Richard Guadagno)

Lower left: Rich with the staff of the then Tincum National Environmental Center. Front row left to right: Richard Guadagno, Joseph Schwagerl, Quanda Hayes, Volunteer John Ballas; back row left to right: Gregory Breese, Dick Nugent, Steve Atzert, Serena Rinker, Terry Mitchell. (USFWS/Bill Buchanan)

Right: Rich with Supawna Meadows NWR volunteer Alex Linski. (USFWS/Dick Nugent)

For more information, go to the [Rich Guadagno Memorial](#)

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