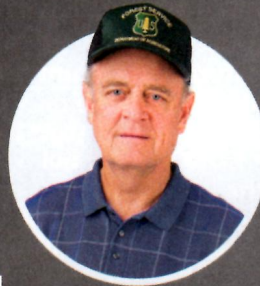


VILLAGES AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT:**A GIFT TO THE NATION:
FROM OHIO AND THE WAYNE
NATIONAL FOREST****by Dan Kincaid, Village of Dunedin**

In 1987, one of the smallest national forests in the country, located in the midst of the hardwood forests of southeastern Ohio, was selected to provide the Christmas tree, a Norway spruce, for our nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. "A Gift to The Nation" tells how the Wayne National Forest came to receive that honor and how a small, dedicated group of forest service employees, local organizations, agencies, schools, businesses and citizens rallied around the project to make it one of the most successful in the history of the program.

**Q: WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO
WRITE YOUR BOOK?**

A: I coordinated this project from start to finish: locating the tree, the actual tree cutting, the send-off ceremony and getting the tree transported to the U.S. Capitol. I wanted to capture the history of this event while I could still recall everything.

**Q: WHAT DO YOU HOPE READERS TAKE AWAY
FROM YOUR BOOK?**

A: How a small group of people from federal, state, county and city agencies can work together with local businesses, schools and individual volunteers to make a nationally significant event come together.

**Q: WHAT CLUBS, ACTIVITIES AND
HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY?**

A: Softball, billiards, warm winters and writing.

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