

Nicolas Ruoco, Host America's Gatekeeper: The Story of Paul Kroegel

I have always found the story of Paul Kroegel fascinating and have been very proud of his accomplishments. When I was young I was amazed at the fact that there was a statue dedicated to him. Being so young, I had not fully understood his impact.

Several years later there was a tribute to Fish & Wildlife Services at The Smithsonian Institute; I finally began to understand and appreciate the importance and the impact my great-great grandfather had on America's history and have wanted to be a part of it, but never really had the opportunity to do so.

I am very excited at the prospect of being able to contribute to his legacy and hope that I can in some way continue to do so in the future.