



## City of Alexandria Retired Police, Fire & Sheriff Association, Inc. Newsletter

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1ST Quarter

2018

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### President's Message



First, I would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership, and to remind those who have not done so to please mail your dues as soon as possible. If dues renewal slipped off your radar please use this as your reminder to mail your payment today. Contact me directly if you have any questions regarding your membership.

Spring serves as a reminder that Police Week is just around the corner and there are activities that you will not want to miss. The wreath laying ceremony at police headquarters is May 7th at 2PM. The wreath laying ceremony at Waterfront Park is May 8th at 9 AM; followed by the Memorial Service for our downed officers at the First Assembly of God Church at 11 AM. Lunch follows in the parish hall at Noon.

The Cpl. Charles Hill Range is closed for repairs. For retirees covered by the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act who would like to qualify, the police department has made arrangements for retiree qualifications to take place at the PTSA Range, 6101 Fallard Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 on Saturday, June 23. Firing line times are: 7AM to 9AM, 9AM to 11AM, 11AM to 1PM, 1PM to 3PM and 3PM to 5PM. Please watch your email for additional information or contact me with any questions.

Finally, I wanted to thank everyone for your continued support of our organization and I look forward to seeing everyone at a meeting.

Ken Howard,  
President

## Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. All officers were present. Twenty-two members were present.

**INVOCATION** was given by Jim Fisher and all members recited the pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence** for Lost Members.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Ken Howard, M.K. Bryant, Jeremy Lenzner and Mary Bryant were present.

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:** M. K. Bryant

**SECRETARY REPORT:** A motion was made to approve the report, motion seconded and approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Acknowledgement of sympathy cards.

Donation request from Ivy Hill Cemetery - Motion made by Jane Malik for donation of \$150.00, the motion was seconded by Earl Walts and approved.

Thank you card from Salvation Army for the donation of food and cash from the Holiday Party.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Birthdays for January were recognized.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Monroe Bryant reported on the status of the treasury. Motion was made to approve the report, motion seconded and approved. A reminder to all members that Dues Notices for 2018 have been sent out and are due back by the end of February, 2018.

**READING OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES:** Motion made to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded and approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit** - No report

**By Laws** - Committee will be working on an Honorary Member Status

**Data Bank** - Nothing

**Logo** - No report

**Meeting Arrangements** -Members were thanked for the large attendance at the Holiday Luncheon in December.

**Newsletter** - Copies available on website

**Retirement Benefits** - No report

**SICK REPORT:** Freddy Wilson at home.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

M. K. Bryant stated there were several members who had sent in their money for the Holiday Luncheon however due to illness, etc. were unable to attend. He requested that this money be sent back to those members. Motion was made to reimburse members who could not attend luncheon due to illness. The motion was seconded and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held as to providing a dessert at each of the monthly meetings as it is not provided by the restaurant and different members have been providing the dessert. Members stated that they are in favor of discontinuing the dessert except on special occasions or if a member decides to provide at their own expense.

Shirley Howard stated that the door prize at the February luncheon will be two tickets to the Valentine Dinner at the American Legion on February 16th.

President Ken Howard thanked Jane Malik for her seven years on the Board of Directors and all the past help and assistance to the organization.

President Howard thanked the Holiday Luncheon Committee, Mary Bryant, Shirley Howard, Sue Story, and Linda Conner for all their hard work to make the luncheon a success.

**New Member Applications:** Bill Kehoe, Fire Department; Kevin Brown, Sheriff's Office; Richard Myers, Fire Department. Motion was made to approve these memberships, motion seconded and approved.

**FIFTY-FIFTY:** won by Jeremy Lenzner - donated back to the Association

**DOOR PRIZE:** Sandy Flynn

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Howard called the meeting to order at 11:30.

**INVOCATION:** was given by Donnie Unchurch.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** all.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Ken Howard, Present  
Monroe Bryant, Not Present; Away On Vacation  
Jeremy Lenzner, Present  
Mary Bryant, Not Present; Away On Vacation  
Liz Kirk, Present

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:** No past presidents in attendance.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** A motion was made to waive the reading of the Secretary's January minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Birthdays for February were recognized.

**TREASURER REPORT:** MK will provide the February report at the March meeting since he is currently on vacation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from the City sent to retirees concerning vendor status was read. President Howard explained this letter was sent in error and any member receiving it could disregard it.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee reports were delivered. No new activity in any of the standing committees. The motion was made to accept committee reports, motion seconded and approved.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Cindy Scott, APD, voted in  
Steven Richmond, AFD, voted in

Lunch was served.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:15.

## Meeting - March 14, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Ken Howard called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. on March 8, 2018, at Springfield American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia.

**INVOCATION:** was delivered by Donnie Unchurch.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** all.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Monroe Bryant, Present  
Jeremy Lenzner, Present  
Liz Kirk/Mary Bryant, Present

**RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:** M. K. Bryant.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY:** Motion was made to accept the report as written, motion seconded and approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** President Howard advised a letter from the City of Alexandria showing the ARPFSA is on a vendor list was an error. If anyone receives the letter, it should be disregarded.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Birthdays for March were recognized.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Monroe Bryant gave the Treasury report for February and March. He said some members' dues are still unpaid, which will result in their being moved to inactive status. President Howard said if any of them are having financial difficulties the Association will cover them.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's reports as read. The motion was seconded and approved.

MK said the Washington Post wouldn't reduce the cost of death notices because there were too many lines, so the number of lines were reduced.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Audit - None  
By-Laws - None  
Data Bank - None  
Logo - None  
Meeting Arrangements - None  
Web Site - None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Newsletter is distributed.

Felton Gilliam said that plans for the Bike Rodeo will be going forward soon. No date has been set yet. President Howard asked to be notified when the date is set so Mayor Silberberg can be invited.

Monroe Bryant said that insurance is very expensive. The insurance company is donating coverage for the Bike Rodeo at no cost to the Association. Discussion regarding the purchase of insurance for the Association is ongoing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:**

Firing range in Alexandria has been shut down for clean-up. Range Manager Brian Thompson is attempting to coordinate retiree qualifications at another police range in Maryland. Volunteers may be needed.

Raffle tickets are on order and will be out to members soon.

The St. Patrick's Parade will be held March 14. The Fire Department will not be participating this year. Jeremy Lenzner will send memo with details.

**50/50:** Bill Kehoe

**Door Prize:** Jeremy Lenzner

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

# Sheriff's Office Hosts 2018 Employee Awards Ceremony

By Amy Bertsch

The Sheriff's Office held its annual Employee Awards and Promotional Ceremony on Tuesday, March 13. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne welcomed Mayor Allison Silberberg, Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter, and City Manager Mark Jinks. Deputy City Manager Debra Collins, Assistant Fire Chief Lawrence Schultz, Chief Magistrate Adam Willard, Deputy Human Resources Officer Steve Mason and Jean Kelleher, Director of the Office of Human Rights, were among the other City officials attending the program.

The Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the colors and Captain Candra Callicott sang the national anthem. Mayor Silberberg thanked the Sheriff's Office employees for their dedication and hard work. After the Mayor's remarks, Sheriff Lawhorne surprised Captain Callicott and her colleagues by appointing her to Chief Deputy.

Then members of the awards committee announced the winners as Sheriff Lawhorne presented the following awards:



SheriffLawhorneChiefCallicott: Sheriff Dana Lawhorne announced the appointment of Candra Callicott to Chief Deputy. Chief Callicott has served with the Sheriff's Office since 1991.

*Esprit de Corps* - Deputy Terri Reed

*Lifesaving* - Master Deputy Brian Wade

*Outstanding Performance*

By sworn line staff - Master Deputy Stephen Mackey

By sworn supervisor - Sergeant LaJuenne Harding

By civilian line staff - Allison Gerst

By civilian supervisor - Chris Whelan

Best New Employee - Deputy Frederick Amponsem

Unit Spirit Award - Security Team 2B

Contributions by an Employee of a City Agency, Organization or Contractor -  
Christina Austin, RN of CCS

The following employees of the quarter were also acknowledged for their excellent performances during 2017.

1st Quarter Michelle Frier

2nd Quarter Master Deputy Roy Hopson

3rd Quarter Master Deputy Marvin Pitts

4th Quarter Deputy Devon Neckles

Several deputies were recognized as pistol masters for receiving an average score of 99.2% or better in the Office's annual firearms qualification:

Captain Rawle Kelly

Lieutenant Craig Davie

Lieutenant Robert Gilmore

Sergeant Michael Neebe

Deputy Andrew Brunsting

Master Deputy Keawatin Carter

Deputy Samuel Clark

Deputy Darold Crawford

Deputy Deon Eaddy

Deputy David Hoffmaster

Deputy Ryan Stearns

After the awards, the following employees were recognized for their recent promotions:

Chief Deputy Joseph Pankey

Captain Rawle Kelly

Captain Douglas Woehlke

Lieutenant Felicia Mensah

Lieutenant Marybeth Plaskus

Lieutenant Quentin Wade

Sergeant Gregory Perez

Sergeant LaJuenne Harding

Sergeant Valarie Wright



As the ceremony came to a close, Sheriff Lawhorne thanked the program committee for their work and also expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff's Office staff for taking care of each other. Congratulations to all!



Team2AHonorees: Team 2A had a lot to celebrate! Lieutenant Bob Gilmore was promoted and earned pistol master honors, Deputy Brian Wade received the Lifesaving Award, Deputy Terri Reed received the Esprit de Corps Award, Sergeant Gregory Perez was promoted, and Deputy Frederick Amponsem received the Best New Employee Award.

## Washington's Birthday Festivities Include Recognition for Alexandria Public Safety by Amy Bertsch



During Alexandria's annual celebration of George Washington's birthday, the City's public safety professionals were honored for their response to the June 14 shooting at Simpson Field. First at the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association's breakfast, the Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office and Department of Emergency Communications were recognized for their response to the June 14 shooting. Police Chief Michael Brown, Fire Chief Robert Dubé, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and DEC Supervisor Ericka Flournoy each spoke and all applauded the exceptional teamwork among the agencies in the moments and days following the shooting. Then later that day, the first responders were proud to be the grand marshals of the Washington Birthday Parade. The Police Department, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office marched as the Combined Public Safety Honor Guard and Chief Brown, Chief Dubé, and Sheriff Lawhorne also marched the parade route together.

# American Legion Post 24 Honors Deputy Thompson

by Amy Bertsch

American Legion Post 24 recently honored a 15-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office for his outstanding service and leadership. At an evening ceremony on Wednesday, March 14, Post 24 presented Master Deputy Norman Thompson with its 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

Mike Mixon, chair of the Post's Homeland Security Support Program, read the citation recognizing Deputy Thompson and Post Commander Doug Gurka presented him with a plaque. Audience members included Deputy Thompson's family and pastor, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, and several members of the Sheriff's Office command staff.

Lieutenant Robert Gilmore nominated Deputy Thompson for the award for his exceptional leadership and his sincere commitment to his colleagues and the mission of the Sheriff's Office.

Since joining the Sheriff's Office in 2002, Deputy Thompson has been a dedicated team member, always putting the needs and goals of his team before his own. He has volunteered for several specialized assignments and serves with the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team and the award-winning Honor Guard. Deputy Thompson's leadership skills and extensive knowledge have made him extremely valuable in both those assignments as well as in his regular position at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center where he is a "go to" person for any tasks, questions or challenges that may arise during a shift.

In addition to his excellent service with the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Thompson also served for four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and for eight years as a volunteer firefighter. He is also dedicated to his family and community and volunteers his time and talents as a strength and conditioning coach for his son's football team.

During the ceremony, Sheriff Lawhorne praised Deputy Thompson and announced that he would be promoting him to the rank of sergeant.





*Photo: Mike Mixon of Post 24, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and the Thompson family congratulate Master Deputy Norman Thompson on being named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.*

## New Association Members

Welcome aboard to:

Kevin Brown, ASO  
Bill Kehoe, AFD  
Richard Myers, AFD  
Cindy Scott, APD  
Steven Richmond, AFD

## Retirements

Congratulations to:

Judy Taylor, APD, January 1, 2018  
Diane Gittins, APD, April 1, 2018  
Dave Huchler, APD, April 1, 2018



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of those who have departed this life.*

*Randy Kirby, AFD, February 3, 2018*

*Pete Moss, APD, March 14, 2018*

*Jim Dietz, APD, March 22, 2018*

*Patt Graves, wife of Ron Graves, APD, April 7, 2018*

The City's Annual Health, Wellness & Benefits Fair is Thursday, May 17. This is an opportunity to meet with representatives from Kaiser and UHC if you have questions regarding your retiree benefits. The Open Enrollment Period for retirees under age 65 is in the month of May. The City Human Resources Department will be mailing open enrollment packages to retirees under age 65. If you plan to make a change to your health care coverage, do not miss the deadline to submit change forms to the Human Resources Department.

  
*Save the date*  
**{ THURSDAY }**  
**{ MAY 17 }**

**{ 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual }**  
**HEALTH, WELLNESS**  
**& BENEFITS FAIR }**

**Thursday, May 17**  
**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Holiday Inn Suites Old Town**  
**625 First St. • Alexandria, VA**

This year's Fair will be a stimulating mix of health and wellness screenings, cooking demonstrations and exhibitors who will provide employees and retirees with helpful information that supports healthy lifestyles.

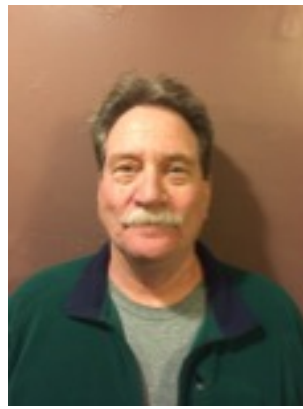
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EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM



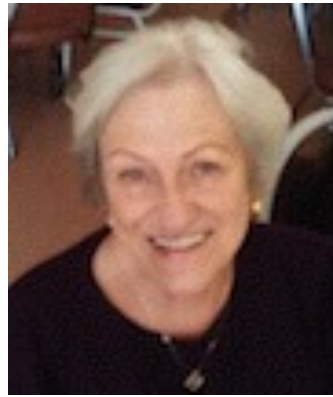
## 2018 Board Members



Kenneth Howard,  
President



Jeremy Lenzner,  
Vice President



Liz Kirk,  
Secretary



M. K. Bryant,  
Treasurer

### Upcoming Events: ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

April 12, 2018 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

May 10, 2018 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

June 14, 2018 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

Weekly Informal Luncheons - just drop in and see old friends: Every Tuesday @ 11:00 am -  
Rock It Grill, 1319 King St. Alex, VA

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