



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

First Quarter
2019

President's Message



I begin 2019 as president of this great association. I would be amiss if I did not speak of the men and women who lead us and assisted ARPFSA in 2018. Ken Howard, MK Bryant, Mary Bryant, Liz Kirk, Earl Walts, Jim Fisher, and many more behind the scenes. This position comes with an enormous amount of responsibility and I will continue to rely on those who support the comradeship of public safety. We will continue to work together building on our strong foundation and strengthening relationships.

The annual Charlie Hill Park clean-up was a great success. Pictures will be posted on the website as soon as they become available. All retirees are invited to join in the annual memorial services for Police Week. The wreath laying ceremony is at police headquarters on May 6th at 11 AM. The wreath laying ceremony at Waterfront Park is May 9th at 9 AM. The Waterfront Park ceremony will be followed by a memorial service at First Assembly of God Church at 11 AM. A luncheon will follow the service. Upcoming events will also include a blood drive. This is a generous gift that positively impacts many lives and requires a minimal amount of your time.

In closing, the City's annual Work'N Well Expo (formerly the Health, Wellness & Benefits Fair) is Thursday, May 16th. It is an opportunity to focus on getting our lives in order by improving fitness and health, getting answers to benefit questions and if considering alternative retiree benefits, making informed decisions for change. Detailed information is at the end of this newsletter.

For duty and humanity,
Jeremy Lenzner, President

Meeting Minutes - January 10 , 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Jeremy Lenzner.

Twenty-Nine members were present.

Invocation was given by Ralph Stanley and all members recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Lost Members.

Past Presidents in attendance - M. K. Bryant and Ken Howard

Roll Call of Officers

Jeremy Lenzner, Ken Howard, M.K. Bryant, Mary Bryant

Secretary Report: A motion was made to approve the minutes as recorded, seconded and passed.

Correspondence: Donations received from Pearl McNamara and Lisa Cassady in honor of Ed Cassady.

Happy Birthday to all January Members.

Report of the Treasurer: Monroe Bryant gave the reports for November and December, 2018.

He also reported that research was completed on donations to HERO's Inc. and we were paying \$25 for each Police Officer, Fire Fighter or Sheriff who passed away each year. We had not made a payment to Hero's Inc. since 2014. In order to catch up it was recommended that a letter be drafted to Heroes, Inc. explaining the situation. Records show that we owe Hero's Inc. \$600 00 for years 2015-2018. If no objection, letter will be drafted and sent to President Lenzner for his approval and mailing to Heroes.

Motion to approve the report was made, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Audit - President to appoint a committee to conduct an audit for 2018.

By Laws - Monroe Bryant said that the President may want to appoint a committee to look at the By Laws as there is nothing at the present time regarding donations to Hero's Inc.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - No report.

Meeting Arrangements - No report.

Newsletter - Has been completed and distributed and is on line.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

Sick List - Donnie Upchurch had knee surgery.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

One new member application received and approved for membership: Marty Hoffmaster - Alexandria Police Department.

50/50 of \$55.00 was won by Rusty Peverell and donated back to the Association.

Door Prizes were won by Bob Dooley, Mike Shaffer and Mike DeWalt.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Jeremy Lenzner.

Thirty-Two members were present.

Invocation was given by Pastor Charlie Wood and all members recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Lost Members.

Past Presidents in attendance - M. K. Bryant, Ken Howard, Joe Mellender

Roll Call of Officers

Jeremy Lenzner, Ken Howard, M.K. Bryant, Mary Bryant

Secretary Report - A motion was made to approve the minutes as recorded, seconded and passed.

Correspondence: Thank You from Ivy Hill Cemetery for our donation.

Happy Birthday to all February Members

Report of the Treasurer - Monroe Bryant gave the report for January 2019, motion made, seconded and passed to approve as read.

He also provided all members present with a copy of End of Year 2018 Statement.

Committee Reports:

Audit - Earl Walts gave a report for the audit that was conducted in January, 2019 of the treasurer's books from 2018. The committee consisted of Earl Walts, Jeremy Lenzner and David Stelter. No irregularities were found. Motion made to approve the audit report, seconded and passed.

By Laws - No report.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - No report.

Meeting Arrangements - No report.

Newsletter - Has been completed and distributed and is on line.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

OLD BUSINESS: President Lenzner reported that mail sent to Robert Malick keeps being returned. Members are asked if anyone might have a forwarding address for Mr. Malick, please let President Lenzner know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members were advised of the passing of Marian Conrad who was 104 years old.

One new member application received and approved for membership: Dave Begosi - Alexandria Fire Department.

A motion was made by Monroe Bryant that the cost of the luncheon be reduced to \$10.00 instead of the \$12.00 presently being paid. Motion was seconded and passed.

Members were reminded the LEOSA qualifications will be held in June, 2019. Information can be obtained from President Lenzner.

50/50 of \$62.00 was won by Linda Conner.

Door Prizes were won by Bob Dooley, Mike Shaffer, Mike DeWalt, Linda Conner, Joe and Thelma Mellender, Felton Gillian, and several others. Thanks to those providing the many door prizes for today's luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Jeremy Lenzner.

Twenty-six members were present.

Invocation was given by Pastor Charlie Wood and all members recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Lost Members.

Past Presidents in attendance - M. K. Bryant

Roll Call of Officers

Jeremy Lenzner, Ken Howard - Absent, M.K. Bryant, Mary Bryant

Secretary Report - A motion was made to approve the minutes as recorded, seconded and passed.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Happy Birthday to all March Members

Report of the Treasurer - Monroe Bryant gave the report for February, 2019, motion made to approve as read, seconded and passed.

He reported that as of March 14, 2019 a total of 41 members have not paid their dues for 2019.

Committee Reports:

Audit - No report.

By Laws - No report.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - No report.

Meeting Arrangements - No Report.

Newsletter - Has been completed and distributed and is on line.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

OLD BUSINESS: President Lenzner reported that several emails sent to members are coming back as unsubscribed or going into their junk mail - he is working on this with Jim Fisher and hopes to correct this issue soon. He thinks the problem could be with the email servers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Shaffer advised that the Helping Hand Fund through the Alexandria Fire Department is now being funded by other than the Fire Department Union and perhaps the Association may want to explore other possibilities for donations which are supported by the Alexandria Fire Department. He mentioned that there are donations needed for The Friendship Fire House for restoration of several pieces of antique equipment. This was addressed by Bill Kehoe who told members that several thousand dollars will be needed for this restoration.

A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the Friendship Fire House, seconded and approved by the members present.

50/50 of \$48.00 was won by Tom Morehead.

Thanks to those providing door prizes for today's luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

Terry O'Keefe, APD, January 25, 2019
Dannie Stull, APD, March 4, 2019
K.C. Hatton, APD, March 19, 2019
Liam Atkins, grandson to Bryant Atkins, AFD, March 25, 2019
Perry R. Stevens, APD, (retired PWCPD), March 26, 2019

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

Retirements:

Quintin Adkins, APD, February 1, 2019
William Oakley, APD, February 1, 2019
Orlando Santiago, APD, February 1, 2019

New Members:

Marty Hoffmaster, APD
Dave Begosi, AFD

Deputies Engaged in Youth Outreach Efforts

By Amy Bertsch

The Virginia State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently recognized Deputy Myrna Juarez for her actions to aid a critically injured motorist. On March 5, John Blair of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Deputy Juarez with an award for her efforts and response, while off duty, to a crash on I-95. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne joined Blair as he presented Deputy Juarez with the award at a Sheriff's

Deputy Juarez was driving to work in 2017 when she witnessed a car crash along I-95 near Woodbridge. She saw a car overturn and then saw a person on the road. She immediately pulled into the emergency lane, ran to the crash scene, called 911 and tried to aid the victim until medics arrived. She instructed two other passengers to try to keep traffic moving so that police and medics would not be delayed in reaching the crash scene. Even after Virginia State Police arrived, Deputy Juarez remained on the scene and continued efforts to help the critically injured man until EMS took over. Although the victim did not survive, Deputy Juarez's efforts are to be commended.



Photo: Sheriff Lawhorne, Deputy Juarez, John Blair

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By Amy Bertsch

The Sheriff's Office continues to work closely with Alexandria City Public Schools and community organizations to help young people through mentoring and other outreach initiatives. Deputies appreciate the opportunity to spend time with kids, from those in elementary school to teens, and to help them understand the work deputies do. Again this year, deputies have been engaged in lots of outreach activities and hope to have a positive influence on young people.



Photo: (l-r) Deputy Deon Eaddy and Deputy Samira Denardo at MacArthur, Sergeant Valarie Wright with T.C. students, Deputy Morgan Garner with her Charles Barrett mentee, and Lieutenant Larry Richardson with Casas Chirilagua participants

Lieutenant Sean Casey, Sergeant Valarie Wright, Deputy Deon Eaddy and Deputy Samira Denardo all visited MacArthur as guest readers for Mr. Holland's third grade class. The deputies read books to the students and students can ask the deputies questions.

Lieutenant Casey, Sergeant Wright and Deputy Morgan Garner all volunteer as mentors to students at Charles Barrett. On a regular basis, they stop by for a visit at lunchtime and take part in after school activities. Sometimes they just check in to see how their students are doing and offer encouragement.

The Sheriff's Office has also welcomed teens on tours, including a scout visiting the Detention Center and hosting students in Casa Chirilagua's mentoring program at the courthouse so they could learn more of about Alexandria's criminal justice system.

Most recently, Sergeant Wright joined the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria and students from T.C. Williams for "Kick Butts Day" to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco, smoking and e-cigarettes on young people. Then later this spring, the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department will host graduating seniors from T.C. for Senior Experience.

Mill Road Update

by Amy Bertsch

Has anyone been back to 2003 Mill Road in a while? General Services, the Hack Office, and Alexandria Criminal Justice Services (commonly known as “pre-trial”) are now on the first floor and there is also an exercise room for Sheriff’s Office staff pretty much where the patrol office was. The Sheriff’s command and administrative staff are on the second floor where APD Personnel, CSI (or ID) and CIS used to be, but the old communications room is still there and can be used as the backup 911 center. The Office of Emergency Management now has its offices on the third floor with the new Emergency Operations Center located where the former APD administrative staff cubicles originally were and where the Sheriff’s administrative staff was before they moved to the second floor.



Photo: City Manager Mark Jinks gets a tour of the new EOC from Assistant Emergency Manager Ray Whatley and Deputy Chief Corey Smedley

Save the Date!

— 23RD ANNUAL —

WORK'N WELL EXPO

(formerly the Health,
Wellness & Benefits Fair)

THURSDAY, MAY 16

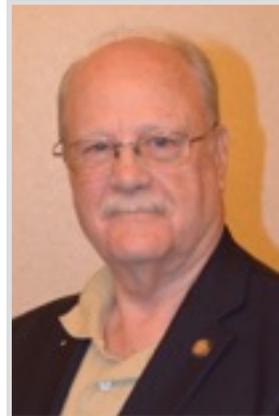
Holiday Inn Suites Alexandria – Old Town
625 First St. • Alexandria, VA

This year's event will host more than 50 vendors to help you improve your well-being by providing valuable resources and information, health screenings, massages, healthy food demonstrations, financial services, fun giveaways and more.



4/2/2019

2019 Board Members



Left to right: Jeremy Lenzner, President; Ken Howard, Vice President; Monroe Bryant, Treasurer; Mary Bryant, Secretary

ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

April 11, 2019 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

May 9, 2019 - Meeting cancelled due to Police Week Activities.

June 13, 2019 - 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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