



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

2nd Quarter

2018

President's Message



President Ken Howard is taking a well deserved break from preparing a message for this edition of the newsletter. He hopes that everyone is enjoying time with family and friends as summer comes to a close. He looks forward to seeing you at future monthly meetings and Burger Tuesdays.

Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by President Ken Howard at Springfield American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia. Twenty three members were in attendance.

INVOCATION: Given by Pastor Charlie Wood.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LOST MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Ken Howard - Present
Jeremy Lenzner - Present
Monroe Bryant - Present
Elizabeth Kirk - Present
Mary Bryant - Present

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: Monroe Bryant

REPORT OF SECRETARY: Motion to accept March 14, 2018 meeting minutes as written was made, seconded and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BIRTHDAYS: April birthdays were recognized.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Monroe Bryant gave the Treasurer's Report for March 1-31, 2018. He advised that the new laptop computer approved for purchase has been bought. Raffle tickets will be going out to membership by April 15. Volunteers will be needed for stuffing of envelopes containing tickets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit - The Audit is completed.
By Laws -No Report.
Logo - No Report.
Data Bank - No Report.
Newsletter - The Newsletter will be out shortly.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: The May meeting, usually cancelled each year due to a conflict with Police Week, will be held on May 10, 2018 at our usual meeting place, Springfield American Legion at 11:30.

SICK REPORT: Pat Walker is continuing her treatment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donation: A motion was made to make a \$1,600 donation to this year's Police Youth Camp. The motion was seconded and passed. The amount was increased from last year's donation of \$1,500, and will sponsor four campers.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Applications: New member applications received from Dave Huchler (APD) and Dianne Gittins (APD) were voted on and passed.

Challenge Coins: President Ken Howard has ordered forms for Fire Department Challenge Coins. Contact Cameron Hall in Fire Administration to purchase. The cost is \$10.00 per coin.

Online Store: Jeremy Lenzner will contact Joe Mellender about running the store.

Police Wreath Laying: The APD wreath laying will be held on May 7, 2018, at 2p.m.

Law Enforcement Qualifications: Qualifications will be held this year in Upper Marlboro due to APD's range being closed this year. Set the day aside, if interested. Mike Shaffer said to check Maryland's gun regulations regarding bringing guns into their State, so you do not violate their law.

Bike Rodeo: No additional report on Bike Rodeo but it is still scheduled to be held, no date as of yet. Monroe Bryant will check with the insurance company on the one-day coverage they will provide for the event.

FIFTY-FIFTY: Liz Kirk

DOOR PRIZE: Jeanne Rexroad

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - May 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by President Ken Howard at Springfield American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia.

INVOCATION: Given by Monroe Bryant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LOST MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Ken Howard - Present
Monroe Bryant - Present
Jeremy Lenzner - Present
Elizabeth Kirk - Present
Mary Bryant - Present

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: Monroe Bryant

REPORT OF SECRETARY: Mary Bryant made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Secretary's minutes at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Fred Wilson and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Jean Kessler expressing well wishes to everyone.

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays for May were recognized.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Monroe Bryant gave the status report of the Treasury. He added that Clark & Sampson's report on covering Directors and Officers' liability is due today, but has not yet been received. We will not know the deductible until we receive it.

The Raffle participation has made the Association a \$1,730 profit to date. Final total is not in yet.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written was made, seconded and passed.

Fred Wilson said that the Treasury money should be placed where the best interest can be made. Ed Snyder will check into rates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Audit - No Report
By-Laws - No Report
Logo - No Report
Data Bank - No Report

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: Mary Bryant reported that the charge to members for the Christmas party last year was \$20/person, but that actual cost was \$41, plus gratuity. Mike Shaffer suggested that the cost be reevaluated and possibly raised. Fred Wilson made a motion to raise the cost to \$25/person. Bob Dooley seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

SICK LIST: None reported.

WEB SITE: Nothing reported.

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Week went well.

Thanks to raffle envelope stuffers, Earl and Rose Walts, M.K. and Mary Bryant and Ken and Shirley Howard.

Judy Birney rode in the Police Unity ride in honor of her late father. She received full monetary support from the retiree donations.

President Howard expressed appreciation for the help from the Board and Jim Fisher.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Horvath advised the Department has destroyed all the records of those who responded to the Pentagon on September 11 and afterward.

Bob Dooley asked if an organization still exists to assist families with financial needs when their family member is killed in the line of duty.

Jeremy Lenzner added that the Fire Department has asked all firefighters to register their participation.

President Howard asked to be advised if further inquiries are made, and he will check with retirees.

FIFTY-FIFTY - Joe Hilleary

DOOR PRIZE - John Horvath

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting - June 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Ken Howard at Springfield American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Virginia. Thirty-one members were present.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Monroe Bryant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LOST MEMBERS:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Ken Howard - Present
Monroe Bryant - Present
Jeremy Lenzner - Present
Mary Bryant - Present

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: Monroe Bryant.

REPORT OF SECRETARY: Motion to accept meeting minutes as written was made, seconded and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Ivy Hill Preservation Society Newsletter was received and available to any member wishing to read.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to all June Members.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Monroe Bryant reported on the status of the treasury. A motion to approve the report as written was made, seconded and passed.

The raffle was a success with 220 out of 312 members returning their donation for a chance to win one of the four cash prizes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit - Completed
By-Laws - No report
Data Bank - No report
Logo - No report
Meeting Arrangements - No report
Retirement Benefits - No report

SICK LIST: No illnesses reported.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: No new member applications received.

The drawing was held for the 2018 raffle. The winners are:

\$125 - Robyn Nichols

\$250 - Steve Flynn

\$500 - John Marshall

\$1000 - Tom Morehead (who was present to collect his check).

Congratulations to all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

The Alexandria Police Foundation is having a cook-off and Family Day on July 15th. Members are invited and volunteers are needed to help.

There will be LEOSA qualification on June 23, 2018, for members who need to have their permits renewed.

FIFTY-FIFTY - Sandy Flynn - \$49

DOOR PRIZES - Dean Webb, Ginny Hill-Obranovich, Felton Gilliam and Tommy Mills

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

New Officers and Deputies Graduate from Academy

by Amy Bertsch



Photo (l-r): Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Deputy Matthew Vance, Deputy Jessica Duenas, Deputy Marissa McElveen, Deputy Elizabeth Oglesby, Deputy Ryan Finley, Deputy Emilia Ramirez, Deputy Bennie Evans III, Deputy Eloy Reyes, Deputy Dallas Phillips, Officer Michael Raines, Officer Myles Garrett, Officer Vincent Williams, Officer Mudasar Iqbal, Officer Robbi Stevens White, Officer Natalia Vasylenko, Officer Alexis Howard, Officer Neale Marquez, Officer Garrah Dougherty, Officer Stephanie Kimmel and Chief Michael L. Brown (not pictured: Deputy Tiara Logan and Officer Anthony Rodas)

Twenty-one new law enforcement officers - 11 police officers and 10 deputy sheriffs - graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on June 20. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Chief Michael L. Brown, and members of their command and training staffs attended Session 138's graduation ceremony at George Mason University.

All 21 successfully completed 20 weeks of training, including emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, defensive tactics, crash investigation, basic legal training, and other important areas, and deputies completed four additional weeks of training in jail and courthouse procedures.

Ceremony highlights included Deputy Marissa McElveen receiving the award for highest physical fitness score among female recruits, Officer Neale Marquez earning the second highest score in physical fitness among male recruits, and Officer Michael Raines achieving the second highest score in firearms training. Deputy Matthew Vance sang the national anthem and Officer Marquez and Officer Raines were both part of Session 138's Joint Honor Guard that presented the colors.

Several graduates received their certificates from family members in public safety. Deputy Bennie Evans III received his certificate from his father, Officer Bennie Evans, Jr.; Officer Garrah Dougherty received his from his father, Officer Ed Dougherty; Officer Raines received his from his cousin, Officer Daniel Raines of the Richmond Police Department; Deputy Dallas Phillips received his from his father, retired Fairfax County Fire Captain Dallas Phillips. and Manassas Police Officer Andrew Seskey received his from his father, retired APD Sergeant Joe Seskey.

ASO News Round Up

by Amy Bertsch

This spring, Police, Fire and Sheriff spent a lot of time together involved in community programs and outreach efforts. All three agencies were on hand when Channel 5 visited Potomac Yard for an early summer Zip Trip! The appearance on June 8 came just before the one-year anniversary of the Simpson Field shooting and Channel 5 wanted to recognize Alexandria's first responders. You can watch the segment here: <http://www.fox5dc.com/good-day/first-responder-friday/potomac-yard-zip-trip-dunkin-donuts-first-responder-friday>

For the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics, APD and ASO welcomed AFD to the team on June 7 as the torch was carried through the City along the Mount Vernon Trail. All three agencies also joined forces for several community events to promote summer recreation programs and the Alexandria Police Youth Camp. They helped cook food and share information with families across Alexandria.

APD and ASO teamed up again this year to host students for Senior Experience. Just before their graduation from T.C. Williams, two seniors got an up-close look at Alexandria's criminal justice system, spending time at both agencies and also visiting the courthouse and academy.

In May, ASO honored Master Deputy Gloria Wright as Employee of the Quarter for her leadership in managing booking operations for her team, for her outstanding communication with supervisors, and for her ability to keep potential issues from escalating. Not long after receiving this honor, Gloria was promoted to Program Manager for the Inmate Services Unit.

On June 27, ASO hosted Governor Ralph Northam for a meeting to discuss healthcare and public safety issues impacting local criminal justice system. The Governor, who was joined by Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran, met with Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Fairfax Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Commonwealth's Attorney Bryan Porter and other City leaders.

Finally, ASO and APD battled each other in the Gold Shield game in May. APD won but it was close and everyone enjoyed the cookout.



Channel 5 visited Potomac Yard for an early summer Zip Trip



Photo from Gold Shield game in May

NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Welcome Aboard to:

Dianne Gittins

Dave Huchler



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

Mary Thodus, wife of George Thodus, APD
Fred Hoffer, APD

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

RETIREMENTS

Congratulations to:

Dianne Gittins, APD, May 1, 2018

Dave Huchler, APD, May 1, 2018

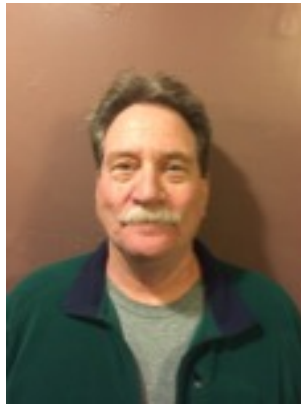
John Nasibi, APD, June 1, 2018

Adrienne Miller, APD, July 1, 2018

2018 Board Members



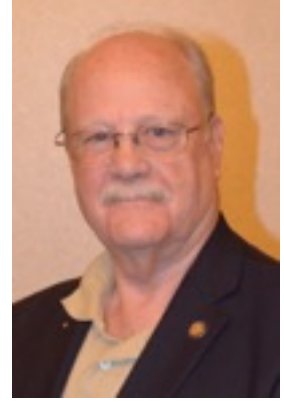
Kenneth Howard,
President



Jeremy Lenzner,
Vice President



Liz Kirk,
Secretary



M. K. Bryant,
Treasurer

Upcoming Events: ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

July 11, 2018 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

August 8, 2018 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

September 12, 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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