



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

Second Quarter
2019

President's Message



Well, I made it through the first quarter without too much difficulty. Let's see if it gets easier with time. We had a great turnout for police week. The ceremony at police HQ was a time of reflection. Families of the fallen had a chance to place a rose on their officer's memorial. To this day, we are losing too many officers in the line of duty.

The wreath laying and memorial service went well. The theme of "safety" was my call. I wanted to point out that everyone has a camera. Be careful of that. I also felt that we sometimes got caught up in the fight and couldn't let 'this one' get away. I tried to convey that there's always tomorrow. I finished with a story about going beyond the basics. About, after a near tragic rollover motor vehicle crash, an officer, seeing a distraught mother holding her young child, offered an assuring hug stating, "you're ok, your baby's ok. The car did its job."

We've also lost some of our retired friends these past months. They will be missed. We recently received information about the WTC/911 compensation fund. If you were at the pentagon and spent a total of 4 hours there, please register @ www.cdc.gov/wtc/apply.html.

Thank you for having confidence in me and my team to continue to support you.

Sincerely,
Jeremy

Meeting Minutes - April 11 , 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 April 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 - May 9, 2019

Meeting cancelled due to Police Week Activities.

Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Vice President Ken Howard.

Twenty-seven members were present.

Invocation was given by Donnie Unchurch and all members recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Lost Members.

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

Roll Call of Officers

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

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

Correspondence: Two new applications for membership were received: Vince Whitmore, AFD/EMS; Cheri Bennett, ASO - Both were approved.

Happy Birthday to all May and June Members.

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

Committee Reports:

Audit - No report.

By Laws - No report.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - No report.

Meeting Arrangements - No Report.

Newsletter - First Quarter is posted on line.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

OLD BUSINESS: The 2019 ARPFSA Roster/Phonebook is now ready and those in attendance were given theirs at the meeting. All others will be mailed out to other members by the end of June along with any additions and corrections.

NEW BUSINESS: The Police Boys Camp has requested a donation for the summer camp this year. We donated \$1600 last year which sponsors three children for one week. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send the same amount this year.

SICK LIST:

Vince Whitmore and Larry Agne, Get Well Cards will be sent to both from the Association. Marie Levesque, Al Levesque's wife passed away June 3rd and a sympathy card was circulated for signatures.

RAFFLE DRAWING:

\$150.00 - Steve Williams - requested to be donated to the Police Boys Camp

\$250.00 - Carl Hatton

\$500.00 - David Speck - requested to be donated to the Police Boys Camp

\$1000.00 - Peggy Sillex

Thanks to all members who returned their donations and Congratulations to all the winners.

50/50 of \$48.00 was won by Freddy Wilson.

Door Prizes were won by Jeannie Rexroad and Joyce Ailstock

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

Jackie (Jack) Norman Roach, AFD, April 17, 2019
Douglas Martin Thompson, APD, June 10, 2019

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

Retirements:

Jim Fowler, APD, April 1, 2019
Timothy Kyburz, APD, July 1, 2019

New Members:

Marty Hoffmaster, APD
Dave Begosi, AFD
Vince Whitmore, AFD/EMS
Cheri Bennett, ASO

Deputies Honored for Outstanding Service

By Amy Bertsch

This spring six deputies received awards for their outstanding service. [Congratulations](#) to all!



On March 13, American Legion Alexandria Post 24 presented Master Deputy Jeffery Hunter (upper left) with its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award in recognition of his exceptional service and commitment to his fellow deputies. A certified general, firearms and CIT instructor, Deputy Hunter uses his expertise and experience to help newer deputies advance their own skills and knowledge. While serving civil process as part of his regular duties, he is also quick to respond and aid police officers who may need assistance during a call. Deputy Hunter served for many years as a member of the award-

On May 7, Deputy Steven Hand, Deputy Ashley Battle and Deputy Eloy Reyes (upper left) received Valor Awards for their actions that prevented an inmate from taking her own life. All three deputies received life-saving awards for their vigilance, fast response, and critical thinking that combined, kept an inmate experiencing a mental health crisis from seriously harming herself. Deputy Hand had initially observed the inmate crying during recreation. He alerted the necessary staff and then escorted her for evaluation. Later after she was placed in a cell where she was more closely monitored, Deputies Battle and Reyes kept a close watch on her and responded promptly whenever they saw anything unusual. When the inmate attempted to strangle herself, both deputies intervened and were able to rescue her before she suffered a life-threatening injury.

On May 16, the Alexandria Bar Association surprised Master Deputy George Gray (lower left) by presenting him with the 2018-2019 Liberty Bell Award at their annual dinner. G. Christopher Wright, president of the Alexandria Bar Association, expressed the group's appreciation for Deputy Gray's professional demeanor, both at the screening post and in courtrooms. Attorneys appreciate how he always represents the Sheriff's Office in a positive manner and they enjoy their interactions with him. Deputy Gray has served at the Alexandria Courthouse for 20 years.

Then on June 5, the Alexandria Crisis Intervention Team Steering Committee honored Deputy William Summers (lower right) as the CIT Deputy of the Year for his exceptional work in the jail's Critical Care Mental Health Unit. According to Captain Doug Woehlke, Deputy Summers has "very good boundaries and control, yet he remains flexible and uses good judgment when accommodating special needs of the inmates in the unit. He is sensitive and respectful of the individuals he serves, despite the unusual and disruptive behaviors that he sometimes must manage." He added that Deputy Summers is quick to notice changes in a person's behavior and can recognize the underlying symptoms that explain behaviors when individuals sometimes do act out. Deputy Summers responds in an effective and supportive way that de-escalates most situations and is an extremely valuable CIT member.

Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dubé has retired. In honor of his retirement there was a celebration at Alexandria Fire Department Headquarters on June 28, 2019. We thank him for his support and wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Photo: Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Fire Chief Robert Dube' and Police Chief Michael Brown



The Little Theatre of Alexandria & The Alexandria Police Foundation present a special performance of Mel Brook's The Producers to support our COPS, Kids and K9 programs.

Tuesday, July 30, 2019
6:30 Dinner Reception
8:00 p.m. Showtime
The Little Theatre of Alexandria
600 Wolfe St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tickets - \$40
Includes preshow reception and drinks

Click on the link below to purchase tickets.

<http://alexandriapolicefoundation.org/producers>

Don't miss this opportunity to support the Alexandria Police Foundation, see a great show and spend time with friends and former colleagues.

Inmates Recognized for Educational and Training Achievements

By Amy Bertsch

The Sheriff's Office hosted a graduation ceremony this spring to recognize the achievements of more than 30 inmates in several educational and professional development programs, including two new initiatives - Inside-Out and flagger training.

The Honorable Donald M. Haddock, Jr., Alexandria General District Court Judge, delivered the keynote address before inmates were recognized for their accomplishments. Judge Haddock told the honorees that they should be proud of themselves for making the most of their time, but reminded everyone that no one is "stuck" with what they have. Rather, he urged them to pursue new opportunities and find new stages in their life. He also encouraged all in attendance to find similarities and make connections with people of different backgrounds and experiences.

Staff then presented certificates to the honorees, including some who were recognized for successfully completing more than one program. Two inmates received certificates of achievement for passing their General Educational Development (GED) examinations. Both wore caps and gowns and were applauded by staff, other inmates and family members attending the ceremony.

Six wearing bright orange safety vests were recognized for receiving their American Traffic Safety Services Association certification as work zone flaggers. Deputy Todd Stubblefield conducts the new flagger training, another program that helps inmates expand their knowledge and develop skills that will aid them after their release. With this certification, ex-offenders can increase their opportunities for employment and can more effectively pursue work in the road safety industry.



Thirteen inmates wore aprons and chef hats as they were honored for earning their ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification. This locally and nationally recognized certification will make them more competitive candidates for restaurant and food service job positions after they return to the community.

In partnership with Alexandria Probation and Parole District #36, the Sheriff's Office also honored seven inmates for completing Thinking for a Change (T4C) curriculum. T4C is an integrated behavioral change program that includes cognitive restructuring and social skills development. A key part of the Virginia Department of Corrections Re-entry Program, T4C is structured to give offenders the tools and skills needed to make better decisions when faced with some of life's every day challenges.

Finally, 16 classmates - nine inmates and seven Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) students - received certificates for completing a course in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, the first time such a program has been offered in Alexandria. Two classmates, one an "inside" student from the detention center and one an "outside" student from VTS, addressed the audience, as did their professor, the Reverend Leah Gaskin Fitchue, Ed.D., and other VTS faculty members. Inside-Out focuses on social change through transformative education and according to Dr. Fitchue, it is "based on the simple hypothesis that incarcerated students and traditional students might mutually benefit from studying crime, justice, and related social issues together as peers within a correctional facility context."

Alexandria Police Officer Graduates of the 140th Session of the NVCJA



Photo: Front Row: Ryan Gonzalez, Nicole Clark, Eunice Addai, Mitchell Rosenstein, Chief Michael Brown, Angelo Suarez, Edward (Ned) Hughes, Jillian Ford; Back Row: Melvin Wright, Dominique Stith, Zachary Anderson, Christopher Fitzgerald, Arielle Deem

Deputies Graduate from Criminal Justice Academy

By Amy Bertsch

Eight deputy sheriffs graduated from Session 140 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy in a June 19 ceremony at George Mason University. The new deputies successfully completed nearly six months of training including emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, defensive and control tactics, crash investigation, basic legal training, jail and courthouse procedures, and other important areas.

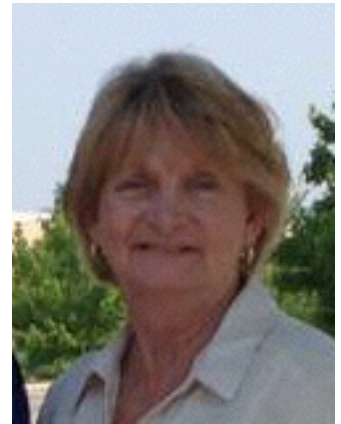


Photo: (l-r) Undersheriff Tim Gleeson, Chief Deputy Joseph Pankey, Deputy Thomas Li, Deputy Omar Herring, Deputy Joseph Walker, Deputy Bryce Gentry, Deputy Nicole Ruggiero, Deputy Steven Hand, Deputy James Bidy, Deputy Jamie Victor, Chief Deputy Candra Callicott and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.



Photo: During field training, Deputy Steven Hand checks a vehicle as Sergeant David Hoffmaster, the training supervisor, looks on.

2019 Board Members



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

ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

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

August 8, 2019 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

September 12, 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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