



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

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3rd Quarter

2017

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### President's Message



As this year begins to draw to a close I want to take a moment and thank our Board for all their hard work attending meetings, getting information out and planning events. Specifically, First VP Jane Malik, Second VP Pat Miles, Treasurer M.K. Bryant and Secretary Liz Kirk have all contributed their time and money to make things happen.

In addition to the Board, the Christmas Party Committee, chaired by Mary Bryant with the assistance of Sue Story and Shirley Howard has made this event the best attended of the year. We will be back at the Springfield Hilton so please mark your calendars for December 14 and watch your email for additional information.

Our newsletter is something that many of our members who live outside the metropolitan area really look forward to. Amy Bertsch, from the Sheriff's Office, provides articles and photographs relevant to the Fire, Police and the Sheriff's Departments. Sue Story collects articles and information, and "cuts and pastes" into newsletter. Editing is a big part of this effort and between Sue and First VP Jane Malik we're pretty error free, no small task.

Keeping our web site up to date is another time consuming task handled by Jim Fisher, whose patience with those of us who are less computer savvy, has gone a long way in making this work. The security of our site is a concern that Jim stays on top of.

Keeping with thoughts of appreciation I want to extend a special thank you to Chief Dube and Cameron Hall who hosted us for the second year at Station 210 for our September meeting. It was a real treat, especially for the AFD retirees, seeing the station and all the equipment. I especially had fun when one young firefighter took the time to show me the big trucks, as well as all the other equipment, that helps to keep our community safe.

The bicycle rodeo planned for this Fall was postponed until early Spring. The Board ran into some insurance issues not planned for so taking some additional time to get it right seems like a good idea. If you would like to help, or have any ideas, please contact Felton Gilliam. This whole thing was his idea as a way to help keep kids safe as they ride around the City.

Finally, Board elections are coming up in November. Jeremy Lenzner is heading up the Nominating Committee so if you would like to serve please let Jeremy know. Some of us have been in our positions for a long time and we run the risk of becoming stale. Please give this careful consideration, there's plenty of help for a new president, vice president, treasurer or secretary to grow into their positions.

Thanks again for your support,

Ken Howard  
President

## Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2017

The monthly meeting was called to order at 11:30AM. Past officers were recognized.

READING OF MINUTES REPORT OF SECRETARY: Minutes approved and seconded.

**Correspondence:** President Howard relayed all correspondence received. Letters and cards from the following agencies were received. Office of Agriculture LE, Tallahassee, FL; DE State Police; Reedy Creek FD, Lake Buena Vista, FL; Wisconsin State Patrol; GA Dept of Corrections, Atlanta, GA; Hilliard PD, Hilliard, OH; Kern County FD, Bakersfield, CA; and Virginia State Police.

**Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer's Report was approved and seconded as read by Monroe Bryant.

### **Happy Birthday to July "Babies"!**

#### **Committee Reports:**

Audit - No report.

By-Laws - No report.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - No report.

Meeting Arrangements - No report.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

Newsletter - The newsletter is posted to the Web.

Web Site - No report.

**Sick List:** Ed Schomp is doing well. Another surgery is scheduled next month.

A. C. Smith is ill and taking radiation. Ken Howard offered the Association's help with needs.

**Old Business:** Bike Rodeo - Felton Gilliam reported that the bike rally is scheduled for September 16, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Details will be discussed at the next meeting, which will include registration and a waiver. Felton said that the Police Chief, Mayor and other City officials will be invited to attend the event.

**FIFTY-FIFTY:** won by Arlo Lloyd.

**DOOR PRIZE:** won by Jason Cage.

**INVOCATION and BENEDICTION:** Donovan Upchurch.

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

## Meeting Minutes - August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am. All Officers were present.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes approved and seconded.

**Correspondence:** Received cards of thanks from New York State Police and Oakland, CA Sheriff's Department.

**Happy Birthday to all August "Babies"!**

### **Committee Reports:**

Audit: No Report.

Treasury: Monroe Bryant reported on the status of the Treasury.

By Laws: No report.

Data Bank: Up to date.

Logo: No report.

Newsletter: Copies of the ARPFA Second Quarter Newsletter were available at the meeting.

Meeting Arrangements: The AFD will host September's meeting at the fire station on Eisenhower Avenue. Mary Bryant reported that arrangements have been made for the Christmas party on December 14.

**New Business:** Deborah Vaughan (retired Lieutenant, ASO and her husband Marvin Vaughan (retired Deputy Sheriff), applied for membership.

**Old Business:** Bike Rodeo - Felton Gilliam reported that the bike rally is scheduled for September 16, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The next committee meeting for the 12 members will be held on August 22. Jeremy Lenzner asked if monetary donations will be accepted. Monroe Bryant said that physical help is most needed. Volunteers are still needed for all or part of the day. Felton said that the event will be advertised in elementary and high schools. Jeremy volunteered his services to handle first aid. The Police Chief and Fire Chief will be invited.

Display Cases: Ken Howard said that Ginny Hill offered to lend a large number of memorabilia for the display.

Previously ordered AFD Legacy books must be picked up by mid August.

Annual AFD Memorial Service will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery on October 13, at 11:00 AM.

FIFTY-FIFTY: won by Donovan Unchurch.

Door Prizes: Liz Kirk, Cecil Carr and Ralph Stanley

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

## Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am at Station 210, 5025 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia. Fire Chief Dube welcomed retirees to the luncheon and stated that it will become an annual event, thanking Association members for their contribution to the Department.

INVOCATION: Donovan Upchurch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Jane Malik - Present  
Patricia Miles - Absent  
Monroe Bryant - Present  
Liz Kirk - Present

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

READING OF MINUTES REPORT OF SECRETARY:

CORRESPONDENCE: Deferred to next month's meeting.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Deferred to next month's meeting.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Deferred to next month's meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES: Deferred to next month's meeting.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: The October 12, 2017 ARPFSA meeting will be held at our regular venue, the American Legion in Springfield, Virginia.

NEWSLETTER: Copies of the Second Quarter newsletter are available.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS: No discussion

WEB SITE: No report.

SICK LIST: Ed Schomp is scheduled for a second heart surgery this month. Battalion Chief Chet Helms is in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for cancer treatment. The Department has tee-shirts bearing Chet's name on the sleeve for sale. Proceeds of the sale will go to assist Chief Helms.

OLD BUSINESS: Fenton Gilliam reported that the Bike Rally has been postponed and rescheduled for Spring. Monroe Bryant will look into insurance for the event.

AFD Challenge coins and Legacy books are available for pick-up.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeremy Lenzner asked for volunteers to assist the Nominating Committee and Board with the next election. Nominations for officers are being taken.

Mike Shaffer asked for volunteers to put roses in the horn during the Memorial Service at Ivy Hill on October 13, 2017. Please contact him if you can help.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Darryl Klopp's membership application was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

FIFTY-FIFTY: Bob Dooley

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

## Deputy and Firefighter Receive State Awards from American Legion by Amy Bertsch



*Photo: Deputy Deon Eaddy (left) received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and Battalion Chief Jack Hoffman (right) received the Firefighter of the Year Award from the American Legion Department of Virginia  
Sheriff's Office News Round Up*

Congratulations to Sheriff's Deputy Deon Eaddy and Fire Battalion Chief Jack Hoffman on their awards from the American Legion Department of Virginia! At the state convention on July 15, the American Legion presented Deputy Eaddy with the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and Battalion Chief Hoffman with the Firefighter of the Year Award.

Deputy Eaddy was honored for his professionalism, dedication to duty, commitment to his fellow deputies, and exceptional training work. Battalion Chief Jack Hoffman was honored for his outstanding leadership, teamwork, commitment to training, and life-saving actions. Proud commanders and colleagues from the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department attended the awards ceremony at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel.

American Legion Post 24 had recognized both Deputy Eaddy and Battalion Chief Hoffman with awards earlier this year and then nominated them for the state award. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Fire Chief Robert Dubé were both extremely proud that members of their agencies received the statewide award, an honor that also reflects positively on the City's entire public safety team.

## Sheriff's Office News Round Up

by Amy Bertsch

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne recently promoted five outstanding employees. Douglas Woehlke was promoted to Captain, Marybeth Plaskus and Quentin Wade were both promoted to Lieutenant, and both Valarie Wright and Gregory Perez were promoted to Sergeant. Lieutenant Plaskus now oversees Support Services, and the others are assigned to the Detention Center Bureau, with Captain Woehlke commanding the Second Division. While colleagues shared their congratulations with all, Sergeant Wright had a surprise celebration at First Thursday when community members presented her with cake and many good wishes.



*Photo: Chief Mike Brown and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne celebrate Sergeant Valarie Wright's promotion after neighbors in Del Ray surprised her with a cake.*

Over the summer, Deputy Roy Hopson was honored as Employee of the Quarter. Sergeant Wright nominated Deputy Hopson for his willingness to take on additional responsibilities in Alternative Programs which allows eligible offenders to serve their sentences through work release, modified work release, incremental sentencing on weekends, and home electronic monitoring. She also praised Deputy Hopson's flexibility, dedication and effectiveness.



Inmate Services staff have been working hard to deliver programs that help prepare inmates for release and reentry in the community. On July 27, inmates attended a resource fair at the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center. The event allowed inmates who are getting ready for reentry to explore organizations and meet providers who can assist them with health services, peer support, education, training, employment and other opportunities.

Educational and behavioral health programs can also benefit inmates and on August 17, more than two dozen inmates were honored during a graduation ceremony at the jail. Those recognized included five inmates who passed their General Educational Development (GED) examinations and several more who completed cognitive-behavioral curricula to improve their decision-making and problem-solving skills.

Deputies remained active outside the jail, too, and teamed up with our public safety partners at Police and Fire for outreach efforts like National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Drug Take Back, and the Pink Heals Tour. In addition, deputies participated in several back-to-school events to help kids in need, and the Alexandria Sheriff's Association also made a generous donation of backpacks, notebooks and other school supplies to the Alexandria City Public Schools annual school supply drive.



*Photo: Deputy George Wooden loads school supplies donated by the Sheriff's Association for the back-to-school supply drive organized by the Alexandria City Public Schools.*

## Ceremony and Mass Recognize Service and Sacrifices of First Responders

by Amy Bertsch

Following the shooting at Simpson Field, the Knights of Columbus at St. Rita Catholic Church wanted to show their support for Alexandria's first responders and asked to organize a service. On the evening of August 14, St. Rita's hosted a First Responders' Mass in appreciation of local public safety personnel and to pray for those who face danger for the sake of others. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Police Chief Michael Brown and Fire Chief Robert Dubé and members of their agencies attended the service as did Mayor Allison Silberberg and many community members. The Knights sponsored a reception in the school hall after the Mass.

Then on September 11, the City held its annual remembrance ceremony to recognize the courageous actions of first responders and to honor all who were lost in the tragic attacks on September 11, 2001. The ceremony at Market Square included the presentation of the colors by the Joint Public Safety Honor Guard, invocation by Police Captain Don Hayes, and remarks from Mayor Silberberg, Sheriff Lawhorne, Chief Brown and Assistant Fire Chief David Povlitz. Maria Ciarrocchi sang the national anthem, a lone bagpiper performed "Amazing Grace," and a firefighter rang a bell in the "Return to Quarters" tribute. After a moment of silence, the audience joined the participants in singing "God Bless America" just before the ceremony came to a close.



*Photo: After the ceremony ended, members of all public safety agencies stood together, as they did in their response 16 years earlier.*

## Police Department Retirements

Cynthia Scott, September 1, 2017  
Tony Sydnor, September 1, 2017

## New Association Members

Welcome aboard to:  
Darryl Klopp, AFD



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

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

*Douglas W. Phillips, AFD, July 17, 2017*

*David Estes, APD, August 14, 2017*

*Bob Key, APD, August 22, 2017*

**HOLIDAY**  
Luncheon  
2017

WEDNESDAY  
**December 13**  
11:30AM - 2:00PM

The George Washington  
Masonic National Memorial

- Great food
- Prizes
- Photo Booth
- Music
- and more!



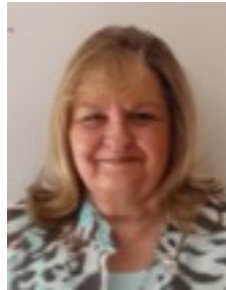
## *2017 Board Members*



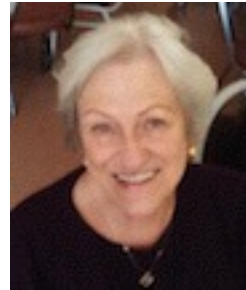
Kenneth Howard  
President



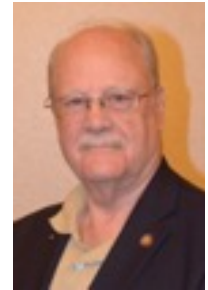
Jane Malik  
1st VP



Pat Miles  
2nd VP



Liz Kirk  
Secretary



Monroe Bryant  
Treasurer

## Upcoming Events

### ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

October 12, 2017 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

November 9, 2017 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

December 14, 2017 - The Hilton Hotel, 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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