



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

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4TH Quarter

2017

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### President's Message



First, I'd like to remind everyone that if you have not renewed your membership please do so right away. Payments are due no later than the end of February to ensure you do not experience a lapse in your membership. We need the form completed so we can keep you up to date on all of our activities. If you have any questions or need assistance please let me know.

Our Christmas Party was another big success with attendance well over 100 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel. Plenty of door prizes and lots of time to relax and catch up with friends we've not seen in quite awhile. A big thank you goes out to Mary Bryant, Shirley Howard, Linda Conner and Sue Story for their efforts to ensure our continued success. Also a big thanks to Suzzy and Tommy Mills for selling 50/50 tickets.

The new Board for 2018 is: President, Ken Howard; Vice President, Jeremy Lenzner; Treasurer M.K. Bryant and Secretary Liz Kirk. We have lots of people to thank for their hard work behind the scenes that ensure our continued success. First, Jim Fisher keeps our website up to date; Jane Malik for all her years of service as First Vice President; and Pat Miles for keeping the database up to date. Board members meet on a regular basis in addition to attending regular monthly meetings to ensure we keep up on all ongoing activities.

Finally, for those who have not had the opportunity to attend a meeting at our venue, the Springfield American Legion Hall, the food is excellent and their breakfast is second to none.

Thanks so much for your continued support and I hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Ken Howard,  
President



*2018 Board  
President Ken Howard, Vice President Jeremy Lenzner,  
Secretary Mary Bryant (position shared with Liz Kirk) and Treasurer M. K. Bryant*

## Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Jane Malik, Vice President, at 11:45 a.m. Jane presided in the absence of Ken Howard, President.

**INVOCATION** was given by Donnie Unchurch.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Vice President Jane Davidson.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Jane Malik, Present  
Patricia Miles, Present  
Monroe Bryant, Present  
Liz Kirk, Present

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OCTOBER “BABIES”!**

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Monroe Bryant reported on the status of the treasury. Approved and seconded.

**READING OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES:** Motion to accept minutes as written was seconded.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Vice President Jane Malik relayed all correspondence received. San Diego PD and Sacramento PD acknowledged receipt of ARPFSA sympathy cards.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit** - No Report

**By-Laws** - No Report

**Data Bank** - Up to Date

**Logo** - In Progress

**Meeting Arrangements** - Mary Bryant, Shirley Howard and Monroe Bryant met with Hilton representatives to finalize the Christmas luncheon scheduled on December 14. Mary asked Association members to ask restaurants they frequent to donate gift cards to be used as prizes at the luncheon. Flyers announcing details of the luncheon will be sent out on November 1. Donations for the food bank will be collected.

**Retirement Benefits** - No Report

**Newsletter** - The Newsletter is on the Web

**Web Site** - Jim Fisher advised there is nothing new on the web site. He said suggestions for content are welcome. The site gets many visitors. Mike Shaffer discussed the web store with Jim Fisher. The current site is several years old and out of date. Mary Bryant motioned that the Association follow through in updating the site

and designate someone to receive orders for merchandise, payment and mailing.  
Motion carried.

**SICK REPORT:** Clarence Webb fell and sustained several injuries.

Arlo Lloyd is out of the hospital and plans to attend the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Bike Rodeo is postponed until Spring because there is no insurance coverage for the Association and participants. The Committee will re-address in February. The same company who printed the Association decals printed T-shirts for the Bike Rodeo.

Felton had a limited number of Police, Fire and Sheriff Association decals for sale at the meeting for \$3 each. More will be ordered and put up for sale.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fred Wilson made a motion that the Association officers and their spouse/guest receive their lunch at the Christmas luncheon without cost as a thank-you for their service. The motion was seconded.

**FIFTY-FIFTY:** Cecil Carr

**DOOR PRIZES:** Fred Wilson  
Joyce Ailstock

**ADJOURNMENT:** Time not noted

**[Meeting Minutes - November 9, 2017](#)**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Howard at 11:30 a.m., with 31 members present.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was lead by President Howard.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Jane Malik, Present  
Patricia Miles, Present  
Monroe Bryant, Present  
Liz Kirk, Present

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NOVEMBER “BABIES”!**

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Monroe Bryant reported on the status of the treasury. Approved and seconded. A reminder to all members that Dues Notices for 2018 will be going out the end of November.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Acknowledgement of sympathy cards.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Audit** - No Report

**By-Laws** - No Report

**Data Bank** - Meetings being held by Board Members to discuss various changes to the existing data bank. Concerns were addressed about security on the data bank and members approved the purchase of the most secure software for Jim Fisher at a cost of \$300. More information will be discussed at the January meeting.

**Logo** - Mike Shaffer talked with Joe Mellender regarding the status of any orders. Nothing is pending at this present time. Mike suggested that we have an online site available on our website where members could order directly for any items. Jim Fisher will be checking into this and will get back to members at the January meeting.

**Meeting Arrangements** - Flyers were distributed for members to sign and return to Mary Bryant for the Holiday Party to be held on December 14, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. Members were advised to please return no later than November 30.

**Retirement Benefits** -No Report

**Newsletter** - Copies available on website.

**Web Site** -No Report

**SICK REPORT:** Charlie Davis is in the hospital and wishes to receive telephone calls.

Arlo Lloyd in Goodwin House in rehab center.

Pat Walker receiving treatment for blood cancer.

Edwin Turner continues to receive treatment for cancer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Update on the Holiday Party plans and acknowledgement of RSVP's from Fire Chief, Police Chief, Sheriff and Mayor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nominations were opened to the floor for any additions to the 2018 Slate of Officers. No nominations were received and the nominations were closed. The ARPFSA Officers for 2018 were presented to the members for approval. President, Ken Howard; 1st Vice President, vacant; 2nd Vice President, Jeremy Lenzner; Treasurer, Monroe Bryant; Secretary, Liz Kirk/Mary Bryant. The slate as presented was approved.

President Ken Howard thanked Pat Miles and Jane Malik for all of their past help and assistance to the organization.

President Ken Howard asked for a volunteer to continue to search the internet and send out sympathy cards to the various departments when they suffer a loss of any personnel while on duty. No volunteers came forward so this practice will be discontinued.

Donations were requested for the Alexandria Police Department's drive for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Members contributed a total of \$160. President Howard will deliver to APD.

**FIFTY-FIFTY:** Bob Dooley

**DOOR PRIZES:** Joyce Ailstock, Susie Mills and Felton Gilliam

**ADJOURNMENT:** Time not noted.

### [Meeting - December 14, 2017](#)

Minutes were not taken at the December meeting. The annual holiday luncheon was held at the Springfield Hilton on December 14. The 2018 Board members were sworn in prior to the beginning of the festivities. Special thanks to Jim and Rosa Ammons who took photos and provided memories of the event.



*Mayor Allison Silberberg and President Ken Howard*



*Sheriff Retirees with Undersheriff Gleeson*



*Fire Retirees with Chief Dube*



*Police Retirees*



*Police Retirees*



## New Officers and Deputies Graduate from Academy

By Amy Bertsch

Nine new law enforcement officers - five police officers and four deputy sheriffs - graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on December 19. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Chief Michael L. Brown, and members of their command and training staffs attended Session 137's graduation ceremony at George Mason University.

All nine 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.



*Photo: l-r: Chief Michael Brown, Officer Francisco San Miguel, Officer Gladys Corea, Officer Marcus Morsell, Officer Otis Jackson, Officer Emily Plisco, Deputy Kelly Allen, Deputy Lamar Gayle, Deputy Joshua Barnes, Deputy Sean Scalsky and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.*

Ceremony highlights included Officer Emily Plisco receiving the award for highest physical fitness score among female recruits and Deputy Lamar Gayle being part of the Combined Honor Guard that presented the colors.

Several graduates have family ties to the City's justice community, including Officer Plisco whose father is former ASO Sergeant Mark Clarke, Deputy Kelly Allen whose mother is recently retired APD Property Clerk Anna Spencer and whose uncle is retired ASO Captain James Robey, Deputy Sean Scalsky whose mother is Circuit Court Administrator Lucy Scalsky, and Deputy Joshua Barnes whose mother is ASO Deputy LaTonya Covington.

## ASO News Round Up

by Amy Bertsch

Last fall ASO said farewell to several long-time employees, including Deputy Derek Gaunt who had earlier retired from APD, and a number who celebrated their retirements together at a banquet. Chief Deputy Mavis Thomas, Lieutenant Brian de Souza, Deputy Steve Brown, Deputy Ernesto Arroyo, Deputy Kevin Brown and Shennell Coit were joined by their families and many current and former colleagues at a dinner on December 4 at the remodeled Holiday Inn on Eisenhower Avenue.

After being re-elected in November, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne began his fourth term in office on January 1. He took the oath of office at the Alexandria courthouse the week before and was joined by his grandson, Ryan and daughter Mallory.



*Photo: Clerk of Circuit Court Edward Semonian administered the oath of office to Sheriff Dana Lawhorne who was joined by his daughter Mallory and grandson Ryan.*

Two ASO employees were recently recognized for their community outreach work. The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority presented Deputy Todd Stubblefield with the Dedicated Community Partner award for his “many contributions to ARHA and faithful service to the community.” The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria presented Sergeant Valarie Wright with a plaque in appreciation of her five years of service on their board and for her commitment to young people in Alexandria.

ASO is proud to acknowledge the military service of our employees, including Deputy Ceci Smith, who recently completed basic training in the U.S. Air Force, and Deputy DuWayne Morris, a medic in the U.S. Army Reserve who returned in November after a two-month deployment in Puerto Rico where he provided medical support to those impacted by Hurricane Maria. ASO was honored to be recognized on November 8 by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce for our efforts to recruit and retain military veterans in our ranks. Approximately one quarter of all ASO employees are military veterans or reservists.



*Photo: Chamber President and CEO Joe Haggerty, Deputy Ernesto Arroyo, retired Fire employee Callie Terrell, Sergeant Waraphan Srikongyos and U.S. Army Major General Mark K. Johnson at the Chamber’s Salute to Veterans event.*

Finally, ASO welcomed several new employees including records clerk Kyle Stevenson, the son of Don Stevenson from APD, and Sergeant Sean Casey who served with APD for 13 years.

# ASO Holiday Highlights

By Amy Bertsch

Throughout the winter holidays, ASO and its employees shared the spirit of the season by reaching out to those in need and by joining citizens at special events.

Whenever possible, ASO staff spent time in the community attending events like the annual holiday luncheon for seniors at the Lee Center, the Winter Wonderland at Charles Houston Rec, and the Presidential Greens Christmas party.

To help students in need, ASO employees and the Sheriff's Association purchased more than 50 pairs of new tennis shoes and socks for students at Charles Barrett Elementary. Employees who wanted to participate received the shoe size of a student identified by a school social worker as needing new sneakers. ASO employees then delivered the new shoes and socks to the school just before the students began their holiday break.

Members of Team 1B adopted a family through the Department of Community and Human Services Holiday Sharing program. They also spent their off-duty time volunteering at DCHS where they unloaded trucks and organized gifts for the Holiday Sharing program.

Inmate Services and Alternative Programs staff hosted Operation Elf to provide toys and gifts to nearly 250 children of inmates. Family members or guardians visited the Sheriff's Office and selected donated toys, games and even gift cards. This charitable effort helps families



*Photo: ASO employees delivered dozens of athletic shoes and socks to social worker Ana Bonilla-Galdamez for Charles Barrett Elementary students in need.*



Inmate Services staff also held a holiday program for inmates where they enjoyed refreshments and singing their favorite Christmas songs, karaoke-style. Inmates even had the opportunity to pose with a holiday wreath and then send their photo home to their loved ones.

Recognizing that inmates being released this winter may not be properly clothed, the Inmate Classification staff held a coat drive to collect warm winter coats that are being given to ex-offenders as they return to the community.

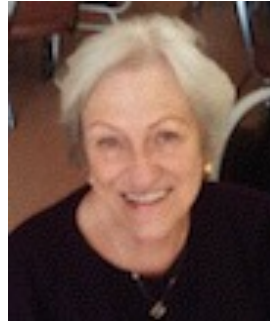


*Photo: Sheriff Dana Lawhorne joined members of Inmate Services and Alternative Programs staff for Operation Elf to help children with a parent incarcerated at the Alexandria jail.*

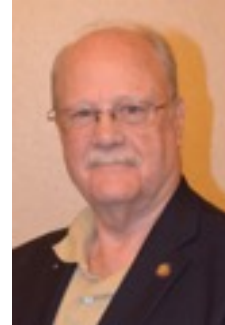
## 2018 Board Members



Kenneth Howard  
President



Liz Kirk  
Secretary



Monroe Bryant  
Treasurer

### Upcoming Events:

#### ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

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

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

March 8, 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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