



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

Fourth Quarter

2018

President's Message



I want to take this opportunity to reflect on my ten years as president of your association. During that time we have moved our monthly meetings from a hotel that became much too expensive, to a restaurant where the logistics were a nightmare, and finally the Springfield American Legion Post where we've found a welcoming and supportive home. The management and staff have been amazing, and the food is great. A word of thanks to Mike

Connor who found this venue for us and was instrumental in making things happen. Mike was a very special guy and he is sorely missed by all of us.

Another annual event that everyone looks forward to is our Christmas Party at the Springfield Hilton. Attendance has grown each year. This year's event again boasted over a hundred participants. The committee that ensures a good time is headed by Mary Bryant, assisted by Sue Story, Linda Connor, M.K. Bryant and Shirley Howard. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the Alexandria Police, Fire & Sheriff Association and our annual Christmas Party was the perfect way to mark the occasion.

All that said I could not have accomplished anything without the support of a lot of people along the way. Past and present Board members were Jane Malik, Liz Kirk, Mike Shaffer, Liz King, M.K. Bryant, Patty Miles, Sue Story who puts our quarterly newsletter together, and Earl Walts who makes sure those without internet get the newsletter in the mail. Behind the scene is Jim Fisher who manages our web site and who was my training officer when I came from the DC Police to APD in 1969. I owe a lot to this group of people, along with everyone who comes to our monthly meetings and assists with table set up, food service and clean up.

Please show the same amazing support to the incoming President Jeremy Lenzner, who has served in the capacity of vice president for the past few years. Jeremy comes from Buffalo, NY where he attended the University of Buffalo and served with the uniformed division of the United States Secret Service from 1974 to 1976. Jeremy joined the Alexandria Fire Department as a paramedic in 1977, retiring from service in May of 2016. He was a member of APD's Special Operations Team, serving as a SWAT Medic, from 1993 to 2016 and worked part time at the Alexandria Hospital's Emergency Room from 1987 to 2017. Jeremy has two kids; Jason, 35 and Emily, 33, and two grandkids seven and three.

Your 2019 Board of Directors are: President, Jeremy Lenzner; Vice President Ken Howard, Treasurer M.K. Bryant, Secretary Mary Bryant.

I hope to see all of you at one of our events soon, and thanks again for an amazing 10 years.

Ken Howard

2018 President

Meeting Minutes - October 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Ken Howard. Twenty-one members were present.

Invocation was given by Monroe Bryant and all members recited the pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for Lost Members.

Past Presidents in attendance - M. K. Bryant and Joe Mellender.

Roll Call of Officers Ken Howard
Jeremy Lenzner
Monroe Bryant
Elizabeth Kirk
Mary Bryant

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

Correspondence - No new correspondence.

Happy Birthday to all October Members.

Report of the Treasurer - Monroe Bryant gave the August and September reports. Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Audit - Completed.

By Laws - No Report.

Data Bank - No Report.

Logo - No Report.

Meeting Arrangements - Reminder of December 13, 2018 Holiday Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, Virginia.

Newsletter - Third Quarter newsletter completed, distributed and available on line.

Retirement Benefits - No Report.

Sick List - Arlo Lloyd is out of the hospital and home and welcomes cards and telephone calls.

Old Business - APD Anniversary Guns are available and President Howard will post pictures . These are the Glock Service Pistols.

Reminder the AFD Wreath Laying at Ivy Hill Cemetery will be tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

Nominations were received from the floor for Officers for 2019. Jeremy Lenzner has agreed to assume the office of President and Ken Howard will assume the office of Vice President. Mary Bryant has agreed to assume the role of Secretary. Monroe Bryant has agreed to remain as the Treasurer. No other nominations were received from the floor or by email. A vote on this slate of Officers will be taken at the November meeting.

Discussion was held on donations to be given to APD, AFD and the Sheriff's Office. ARPFSA recently donated \$500 to the Alexandria Police Foundation.

Liz King stated that the Fire Department has a fund set up for families of AFD employees in need called Helping Hands. A motion was made that a \$500 donation to be given to that fund. It was seconded and passed.

Mike Shaffer stated that he would check out any other AFD groups who accept donations and will report back at the November meeting.

President Howard will report back on any similar funds set up for the Sheriff's Office.

Robert Dooley asked if we still donate to Hero's Inc. Monroe Bryant said he will check and see when we last contributed and report back at the November meeting.

New Business - No new applications received.

50/50 of \$41 was won by Ralph Stanley who donated his portion back to the Association.

Door Prizes were won by Mike Shaffer and Rusty Peverell.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2018

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

Thirty-five members were in attendance.

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

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

Correspondence - A thank-you letter was received from the Alexandria Police Foundation for our donation of \$500.00 toward their fund-raiser at the Alexandria Little Theatre.

Happy Birthday to all November Members.

Report of the Treasurer - Monroe Bryant gave the October report. He also reported that there have been no donations made since 2013 to Hero's Inc. He will request Pat Miles to research to verify this and if that is correct the amount needed to bring us current would be \$1050. He will make a further report at the next meeting.

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

Committee Reports

Audit - Completed.

By Laws - Monroe Bryant said that the incoming 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 - Reminder of the December 13, 2018 Holiday Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Virginia. Mary Bryant gave an overview of the menu.

Newsletter - Third Quarter Newsletter completed, distributed and available on line.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

Sick List - Liz Kirk is home with knee and back problems; Gilbert Rainey is home; Jimmy Scutt in Florida is going in for surgery; Earl Walts is having shoulder surgery on Friday, November 10.

Old Business - None.

New Business -

Nominations received for Officers for 2019 at the October meeting were Jeremy Lenzner, President; Ken Howard, Vice President; Mary Bryant, Secretary; and Monroe Bryant, Treasurer. No other nominations were received from the floor or by email.

President Howard called for Nominations from the floor; restated three times - no nominations from the floor.

President Howard called for a vote from the members present. The above nominations were approved.

Two new member applications received and approved for membership. Charlie Lloyd III (APD) and Jonathan Rumph (APD).

50/50 of \$47.00 was won by Jeannie Rexroad.

Door Prize of a free lunch was won by Ralph Stanley.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2018

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

One Hundred and Eleven members and guests were in attendance.

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 and Joe Mellender.

Roll Call of Officers - Ken Howard
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Members Who Passed Away in 2018

Jim Deitz, Randy Kirby, Arlo Lloyd, Janice McCredy, Mary Thodos

VIPS were introduced by President Ken Howard

Mayor Allison Silberberg, Chief Mike Brown, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Undersheriff Tim Gleeson, Cameron Hall, Police Foundation Chair William Polek, Police Foundation Executive Director Ginny Hill-O'Branovich

Introduction and Thanks to Holiday Luncheon Committee

Mary Bryant, Chair; M.K. Bryant, Shirley Howard, Sue Story, Linda Connor, Hilton Hotel Servers

December Birthdays Read.

President Howard acknowledged that this is the 50th Anniversary of the ARPFSA (founded in 1968 by Lt. Buddy Zimmerman).

President Howard thanked the 2018 Board of Directors and Jim Fisher for all his help with ARPFSA

New Life Members were acknowledged

Jim Gower, John Griggs, Wayne Leake, Sam Leonard, Kathy Salvas, Russ Snyder, Donnie Upchurch, Gerald Wanzer

The 2019 Board of Directors were sworn in by Sue Story



*2019 Board
President Jeremy Lenzner, Vice President Ken Howard,
Treasurer M. K. Bryant and Secretary Mary Bryant*

Door Prizes were awarded

Winners included: Joe Mellender, Charlie Davis, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Bob Fregoso, Dutzman family member, Ali Ground, Rose Walts, Carl Dutzman, Mike Shaffer, Shirley Howard, Tommy Edwards, Sandy Flynn, Michelle Shaffer, Kevin Brown, Rusty Peverell, Steward DeHaven

50/50 of \$195.00 was won by Ginny Hill-Obranovich

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

New Officers and Deputies Graduate from Academy

By Amy Bertsch

Twenty-four new law enforcement officers - 13 police officers and 11 deputy sheriffs - graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on December 18. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Chief Michael L. Brown, and members of their command and training staffs attended Session 139's graduation ceremony at George Mason University.



Photo (l-r): (front) Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Deputy Nissah Santiago, Officer Nicholas Hadley, Deputy Nicholas Montgomery, Officer Gabriel Warrick, Officer Ellen Koch, Officer Emily Schlierer, Deputy Alexis Turner, Officer Michele Garcia, Deputy Angela Speight, Officer James Butler, Chief Michael L. Brown. (middle) Officer Marshall Hubbard, Deputy Ailish Bengel, Officer Meghan Helmy, Officer Kayla Hernandez, Officer Jesse Harmon, Deputy Gjavon Wooden. (back) Deputy Elipido Munoz-Pineda, Officer Gabriel Terrell, Deputy Jacquelyn Olson, Officer Jordan Hunneyman, Deputy Josue Reyes, Officer Brenna Van Maren, Deputy Jason Bebow, Deputy Jamal Ford.

All 24 successfully completed 20 weeks of training, including emergency vehicle operations, firearms training, defensive and control tactics, crash investigation, basic legal training, and other important areas, and deputies completed four additional weeks of training in jail and

Ceremony highlights included Deputy Jacquelyn Olson singing the national anthem, Officer Gabriel Warrick receiving the award for highest score in emergency vehicle operations, and Officer Jordan Hunneyman receiving the award for control tactics. In addition, Deputy Jason Bebow had the second highest score for physical fitness among male recruits and the third highest academic score for deputy school, Officer Jesse Harmon had the third highest score for firearms proficiency, and Officer Hunneyman had the third highest score in emergency vehicle operations.

Sheriff's Office Graduates First Community Academy Class

By Amy Bertsch

In September, the Sheriff's Office hosted our inaugural class of the Sheriff's Community Academy to give Alexandrians the opportunity to learn about the Office's role in the local criminal justice system.

Beginning on September 8, 20 participants spent their Saturday mornings exploring Sheriff's Office operations, engaging with staff, taking part in demonstrations, and touring the Adult Detention Center and Alexandria Courthouse. After four sessions, the Community Academy members celebrated their graduation on October 6 where Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Community Academy coordinator Sergeant Sean Casey presented each with a certificate of achievement and a Sheriff's Office challenge coin.

During the Community Academy, participants learned about jail operations, court security, transportation of inmates, civil process, inmate classification and services, facility support, equipment, and training. Staff gave presentations and gave demonstrations and Community Academy members were encouraged to ask questions and participate in several hands-on activities, including pepperball gun training, trying on protective equipment, and operating Project Lifesaver tracking devices.

At the graduation, Sheriff Lawhorne and Sergeant Casey thanked the class for investing their time to learn about the Office and for their keen interest and excellent questions throughout the program. Then the class members shared their thoughts and offered highly positive feedback, with many impressed by the professionalism and humanity of the agency and the transparency and access they encountered. More than one remarked that the jail was not what they expected and very different from what they typically see on television.

The inaugural class expressed its appreciation to the entire Office by presenting Sheriff Lawhorne and Sergeant Casey with a thank you card and a generous donation to the Alexandria Sheriff's Association to assist in its outreach efforts.



Photo: Members of the inaugural class of the Sheriff's Community Academy celebrated their graduation on October 6.

Sons of the American Revolution Honor Sheriff and Three

By Amy Bertsch

On October 24, John Blair of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Deputy Brian Wade, Deputy Gerald Wooden and Deputy Myrna Juarez with awards for their outstanding responses in two incidents last year. Then Mr. Blair presented an award for Sheriff Dana Lawhorne in recognition of his exceptional public service.

Mr. Blair, who serves as the Chapter's Public Safety Awards Chair, first awarded Deputy Wade and Deputy Wooden with law enforcement commendation medals for their quick thinking and rescue of an inmate who had attempted suicide. Then he presented Deputy Juarez with the Chapter's new life-saving award for her response, while off duty, to aid a man critically injured in a crash on I-95. Mr. Blair stated that Deputy Juarez is the first person to receive this award. Members of the deputies' families and many of their colleagues were present and proud to see them receive their awards.

Finally, Mr. Blair announced that his Chapter was presenting Sheriff Lawhorne with the law enforcement commendation medal for his outstanding public service. Due to a prior commitment, Sheriff Lawhorne was unable to be there so Undersheriff Tim Gleeson had the honor of accepting the award on the Sheriff's behalf.



Photo: (l-r) John Blair, Deputy Brian Wade, Deputy Myrna Juarez, Deputy Gerald Wooden and Undersheriff Tim Gleeson at the Sons of the American Revolution presentation ceremony at the Alexandria Sheriff's Office.



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

William Everard, AFD, October 20, 2018
Arlo Lee Lloyd, AFD, November 24, 2018

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

Retirements:

Martin Hoffmaster, APD, December 3, 2018
Victor Ignacio, APD, January 1, 2019
Chuck Seckler, APD, January 1, 2019

If you missed the deadline to order the APD K-9 Challenge Coin or the Vice/Narcotics Challenge Coin, you can contact Ginny Hill-Obranovich in the Volunteer Coordinators office at Virginia.Obranovich@alexandriava.gov. A few extras were added to the order for those who missed the deadline to order. The Coins are \$10 each and should be available in mid February.



2018 Board Members



Left to right: Ken Howard, President
Jeremy Lenzner, Vice President
Liz Kirk, Secretary
Monroe Bryant, Treasurer

ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

January 10, 2019 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

February 14, 2019 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

March 14, 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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