



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

Fourth Quarter
2019

President's Message



As we prepare for the next decade, we should reflect on our past. What did we do right and what could we have done better?

Did you get a flu shot this year? The shingles vaccination; TB? Is your tetanus up to date? If there is a newborn in the family is your diphtheria current?

All too often we tend to eat too well over the holidays. Are you getting enough exercise? Before starting an exercise program ensure you are current on routine physicals and dental evaluations.

Are there trip hazards in your house? Do you have someone who checks up on you? Are shovels and salt on hand for the winter weather? Do I feel safe in my home? Are my final arrangements in order? It's often the little things that we push aside in our hectic schedule. But it's those same things that can make the difference.

We lost some good members this year but with each door closing, there's another one opening. Tell your retiree friends to join up if they aren't already members. Remind them we get together every month. It's great to see the faces of our comrades we went into battle with.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and the new year will bring you happiness and joy.

Jeremy Lenzner, President

Meeting Minutes - October 10 , 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Jeremy Lenzner.

Thirty-three members were present.

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, Ken Howard and Joe Mellender.

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.

Happy Birthday to all October Members.

Report of the Treasurer: Monroe Bryant gave the report for September, 2019; motion made to approve as read, seconded and passed.

The treasurer reported that he is in the process of trying to get a copy of the Articles of Incorporation from Richmond, which is going to be required by banks in the future.

Correspondence - A new member application was received from Angel Semidey from APD - a motion was made to approve, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Audit - No report.

By Laws - No report.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - Shirts and hats with the new logo will be coming out soon.

Meeting Arrangements - Flyers for the December luncheon will be going out to all members by the end of October. Confirmations and payments must be returned no later than November 22, 2019.

Newsletter - Has been completed, distributed and is on line.

Retirement Benefits - No report.

Sick List - Vince Whitmore is now at home, continues to see doctors.
Bob Watts is now in Hospice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help with the clean-up of The Circle of Honor at Ivy Hill Cemetery on October 4th, prior to Fire Prevention Week Activities.

Positions are still open for Officers for ARPFSA for 2020. If you are interested, please contact one of the current officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to donate either much needed yard clean-up equipment for Ivy Hill or to make a cash donation for the purchase. Discussion followed and it was decided the motion be tabled for follow-up information from Linda Conner after she discussed this with Ivy Hill and she will report back at the November meeting.

Members were reminded of the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Ivy Hill on October 11th at 11:00 a.m.

50/50 of \$42.00 was won by Jane Malik.

Door Prizes were won by Dave Stelter, Jeremy Lenzner, Linda Conner, Mike Shaffer and Michelle Shaffer.

Thanks to all who provided today's door prizes and congratulations to the winners.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Jeremy Lenzner.

Thirty-six members were present.

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, Ken Howard and Joe Mellender

Roll Call of Officers

Jeremy Lenzner, Ken Howard, M. K. Bryant and Mary Bryant were present.

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

Happy Birthday to all November Members.

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

New Member Applications received for Amy Santiago, Deborah and Marvin Vaughan. Motion was made, seconded and approved to welcome them into the Association.

Committee Reports:

Audit - No report.

By Laws - No report.

Data Bank - No report.

Logo - No report.

Meeting Arrangements - Flyers for the December luncheon were handed out to all members and must be returned no later than November 22nd.

Newsletter - Third Quarter is posted on line.

Retirement Benefits - Mary Bryant gave a report of the new Kaiser Medicare Advantage program which will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

Sick List: Vince Whitmore is now at home, continues to see doctors. Bob Stanley is at home.

Shirts and hats with the new logo will be coming out soon.

Old Business: Nominations were announced for Officers for 2020. President Lenzner asked for any additional nominations from the floor. None were received. The incumbent slate of Officers have agreed to remain for 2020. President Lenzner called for a vote from the floor. Vote was unanimous that the present board members remain for 2020.

A request for a donation was received from The Salvation Army. Discussion followed and motion was made to donate \$150.00, second was made and approved. A donation of \$100.00 was received Stephen Williams which will be added to this \$150.00 making a total of \$250.00 sent to The Salvation Army from ARPFSA.

A motion was made to donate either much needed yard clean-up equipment for Ivy Hill or to make a cash donation for the purchase. Discussion followed and it was decided the motion be tabled for another meeting.

New Business:

Ginny Hill gave a report of the Police Association Retirement Dinner which was stopped in 2012 due to increased cost. Ginny will be exploring as to how ARPFSA could help in the future to continue the dinner.

50/50 of \$64.00 was won by Mike Shaffer.

Door Prizes were won by Ralph Stanley and Rose Walts.

Thanks to all who provided today's door prizes and congratulations to the winners.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Jeremy Lenzner.

One Hundred Sixteen members and guests were present.

Invocation was given by Pastor Charlie Wood and all members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A selection of patriotic songs were performed by The Mount Calvary Community Church Singers.

Moment of Silence for Lost Members.

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

Roll Call of Officers

Jeremy Lenzner, President; Ken Howard, Vice President; M.K. Bryant, Treasurer; and Mary Bryant, Secretary

VIP's in attendance were introduced:

Former Mayor Allison Silberberg
Police Chief Mike Brown
Deputy Police Chief Don Hayes
Sheriff Dana Lawhorne
Undersheriff Tim Gleeson
Former Alexandria Fire Department Chief Robert Dube'
Acting Fire Department Chief Corey Smedley
Fire Department Administrative Assistant Cameron Hall
Police Foundation Chairman William Polek
Former Assistant City Manager Michele Evans
Police Foundation Executive Director Ginny Hill O'Branovich

Members of the Holiday Party Committee were introduced and thanked:

Chair Mary Bryant
M.K. Bryant
Shirley Howard
Sue Story
Linda Connor

Happy Birthday to all December Members.

New Life Members were recognized.

The 2020 Board was sworn in by Sue Story

President: Jeremy Lenzner
Vice President: Ken Howard
Treasurer: M. K. Bryant
Secretary: Mary Bryant

A total of seventeen door prizes were awarded to members and guests.

Fifty-Fifty in the amount of \$227.00 was won by Michele Evans, who donated the winnings to the Alexandria Police Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The association webmaster is looking for someone who is savvy and creative to help add some flavor and content to our website.

If you have these skills and want to help, contact James Fisher at jr_fisher@verizon.net



LAST ALARM / LAST CALL

Bob Watts, AFD, October 18, 2019

Pearl McNamara, October 31, 2019

Willing Manning, AFD, November 17, 2019

Carl Dutzman, APD, November 28, 2019

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

Retirements:

Daniel Canniff, APD, December 1, 2019

Diana Schwanhausser, APD, December 31, 2019

New Members:

Angel Semidey, APD

Amy Santiago, APD

Deborah & Marvin Vaughan, AFD

**150th Anniversary APD
Information from Ginny Hill O'Branovich**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7 pm - City Council

Proclamation of the Department's 150 year history at Council meeting at City Hall.

Monday, February 17, 2020 at 1 pm - G.W. Parade The department will be showing the new logos on the cars, carrying a 150th banner, etc.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1:30 pm - Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony (more info to follow on this)

LT. Scott Patterson and Ginny Hill O'Branovich remain on the hunt to locate police academy graduation group photos for the Police Department 150th Anniversary. They hope to locate group photos of APD graduating recruits (not the academy session all jurisdictions group photo). If you are able to assist please contact Scott as soon as possible.

Lieutenant Scott J. Patterson

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Photos from the following sessions are not accounted for:

2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 38, 41, 45, 46, 47, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 63, 66, 67, 70, 72, 76, 79, 81, 83.

Eleven Deputies Graduate from Criminal Justice Academy

By Amy Bertsch

Eleven deputy sheriffs graduated from Session 141 of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on December 16. 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.

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne joined his command and training staff at the graduation ceremony which was held at George Mason University. Sheriff Lawhorne congratulated Deputy James Barr, Deputy Carlos Cañas, Deputy DeVon Carney, Deputy Navninder Chib, Deputy Stephen Ferrigno, Deputy Ricky Gonzalez, Deputy Jonnetta Haines, Deputy Breanda Hatfield, Deputy Ismael Interiano, Deputy Taylor James and Deputy Ayesha Waller on their graduation.

Deputy Cañas was named president of the class and addressed his fellow graduates during the program. In his remarks, he acknowledged that the law enforcement profession is highly scrutinized but that those in the class joined because they answered a calling that demands “bravery, honor, integrity and respect.” He encouraged them to bring honor to their agencies and their profession.



Photo: Deputy Carlos Cañas had the honor of being named class president.

Deputy Hatfield was also recognized during the ceremony for her academic performance, earning the third highest score in deputy school. Deputy James is the daughter of APD Parking Enforcement Supervisor Katrina Morris.

Since graduation, the deputies have continued training and will need to complete several weeks of field training in the community, courthouse and detention center.



Photo: (l-r) Sheriff Dana Lawhorne congratulates Deputy Carlos Cañas, Deputy Taylor James, Deputy Stephen Ferrigno, Deputy Ayesha Waller, Deputy Ismael Interiano, Deputy Jonnetta Haines, Deputy Ricky Gonzalez, Deputy Navninder Chib, Deputy James Barr, Deputy Breaunda Hatfield and Deputy DeVon Carney.

ASO Community Outreach Update

By Amy Bertsch

This winter, the Sheriff's Office has been active in several community outreach projects, including ones for the holidays. The Sheriff's Association continued a favorite tradition by adopting a family in need and making sure they got everything on their wish list. The Inmate Services team and generous supporters ensured that the children of inmates received toys, games and other gifts. Thanks to Operation Elf, inmates' families were able to visit the Sheriff's Office and select gifts for nearly 200 children ranging from inmates to older teens.



Photo (l-r) Lieutenant Sean Casey, Deputy Sami Hurtado and Deputy Morgan Garner served dinner to families at Casa Chirilagua in Arlandria.

Outside of the holiday festivities, deputies were still engaged in outreach work with youth, seniors and other community members. Chief Deputy Shelbert Williams, who serves on the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS, participated in the Alexandria Interfaith Service for World AIDS Day at St. Joseph Church, several deputies assisted Senior Services of Alexandria by delivering Meals on Wheels, and deputies also served dinner to families at Casa Chirilagua. Deputy Morgan Garner, Deputy Marvin Pitts and Deputy Sami Hurtado welcomed the safety patrol members from Ramsay Elementary on a visit to the Sheriff's Office, and Lieutenant Casey visited MacArthur Elementary to read to third graders there. ASO is also partnering with APD and the Alexandria City Public Schools in a new liaison program and we look forward to sharing highlights in the next newsletter.



Photo (l-r) Sergeant Andrea Diaz and Deputy Phillip Leger delivered Christmas gifts, donated by the Sheriff's Association, to a family in need.

On November 22, 1963, Officer J.D. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department was killed in the line of duty by the same man who had killed President John F. Kennedy 45 minutes earlier. Fifty-six years after that day, Officer Tippit's widow Marie visited the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington to honor her husband's sacrifice. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Undersheriff Tim Gleeson were among the local law enforcement officers there to pay their respects.



Photo (l-r): NLEOMF Founding CEO Craig Floyd, Undersheriff Tim Gleeson, Marie Tippit and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne at the Hall of Remembrance at the National Law Enforcement Museum.

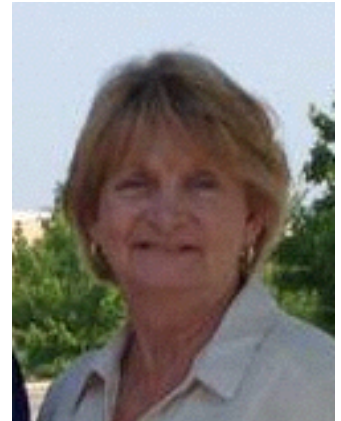


In November, the City celebrated its dedicated employees with its annual service awards ceremony at the Masonic Memorial. Congratulations to Sheriff Dana Lawhorne on his 40 years of service and to other members of the ASO team including (pictured) Classification Counselor Henry Young and Master Deputy Georgianna Howard with 30 years of service and Captain Lynn Oliver and Mental Health Therapist Beverly Randall with 25 years!



After 29 years of service with the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department, Diana Schwanhausser has retired. Lots of current and former colleagues wished her well at a party at APD headquarters on December 30. Amy Flenniken, Bob Pettey and his wife Jan who worked in Finance, Assistant Chief Don Hayes, Chief Deputy Robyn Nichols, Sergeant Mitch Grossman, Polygrapher Don Stevenson and dozens more thanked Diana for her service and kindness.

2020 Board Members



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

ARPFSA Monthly Meetings:

January 9, 2020 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

February 13, 2020 - American Legion Hall, Springfield, VA

March 12, 2020 - 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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