



# VSPA GRAPEVINE

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SPRING, 2020

## The 151<sup>st</sup> Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. SPRING CONFERENCE

**April 25, 2020**

**Room Cost: \$89.00 + tax  
Breakfast included**

**Deadline to obtain rooms:  
March 25, 2020**

**NOTE:**

**Reservations made after this date  
subject to availability and room rates  
are NOT GUARANTEED.  
Please be timely!!**



**Natural Bridge Historic  
Hotel & Conference Center**

15 Appledore Lane  
Natural Bridge, VA 24578  
Phone: 540-291-2121 or  
800-533-1410

[www.naturalbridgeva.com](http://www.naturalbridgeva.com)

**Directions:** Traveling Northbound on I-81 take  
Exit #175. Follow Route 11 to Hotel.  
Traveling Southbound on I-81 take Exit #180.  
Follow Route 11 to Hotel.

### ***Meeting Areas:***

Hospitality Room:	Noon to 5:00 p.m.	Washington Hall (Behind hotel, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
Board Meeting Room:	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Madison (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
Membership Meeting	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Jefferson I (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)
Blue & Gray Happy Hour	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Washington Hall (Behind hotel, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor)
Dinner location:	7:00 p.m.	Jefferson I, II, III
Guest Speaker: Colonel Gary T. Settle		(1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, enter from Lobby)

### ***Dinner Buffet:***

**Meal Cost: \$40.00 per person, includes tax**

Sliced Roast of Sirloin with Natural Au Jus  
Grilled Chicken Breast with Parmesan Chive Cream Sauce  
Smashed Roast Garlic Potatoes  
Fresh Asparagus  
Seasonal Greens Salad with Ranch and House Vinaigrette Dressings  
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter  
Desserts



***Pre-Paid VSP Alumni Registration Required.***

***RSVP to VSP Alumni Treasurer Phyllis Allgood by March 25, 2020.***

***NOTE: Things to do while staying at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center: Caverns at Natural Bridge, Natural Bridge Zoo, Dinosaur Kingdom II, Virginia Safari Park, Great Valley Farm Brewery, Halcyon Days Cider***

## Message from the President

Greetings Alumni Members. I hope everyone had a pleasant New Year. As you know our last Alumni Conference was held in Virginia Beach. This was a change in venue and everyone in attendance certainly enjoyed our conference. We had an excellent facility for our gathering.

Dave and M.K. Copley did an outstanding job with the Hospitality Room. Quite frankly I can't say enough to thank them because this was quite a task. Ralph Figgers and others looked out for everyone at the hospitality bar. I would be remiss if I did not thank all members of our Executive Board, Division Representatives, Board of Trustees, Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Health and Welfare and our Membership Directory Coordinator. Our thanks, too, to our immediate Past President Arthur D. "Art" King. Art worked very hard for the past two years and did so much for the Alumni. I realize I have big shoes to fill; however, certainly will give it my best. I encourage you to reach out to our recent retirees, former members, civilian employees and encourage them to join the Alumni. Colonel Settle was very gracious allowing the Alumni site to be placed on the department's web page.

The guest speaker for our upcoming Spring/Summer Conference will be Colonel Gary T. Settle, Superintendent. Colonel Settle will have other members of his Executive Staff in attendance too.

I thank each of you for your support during the coming year and cordially invite you to attend our conferences to socialize and renew old acquaintances.

Looking forward seeing you all at our 151<sup>st</sup> Alumni Conference in Natural Bridge.

Regards,  
Bob McCulloch, President

## The 150<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Dinner

*The 150<sup>th</sup> Alumni dinner meeting was held November 16, 2019 in Virginia Beach. All in attendance appeared to be in a festive mood and enjoyed seeing and visiting with old friends.*

Acampora, Dick & Janet  
Allgood, Richard & Phyllis  
Beasley, Ben & Phyllis  
Beeson, Randy & Cindy  
Berg, Eric & Susan  
Brown, Don & Freda  
Carr, Sammy & Ann  
Clark, Fred & Jeanette  
Copley, Dave & M. K.  
Creed, Barry  
Crocker, Emmett  
Crowder, Bonnie &  
June Jenkins  
Desper, Warren & Cathy  
Farr, Roger & Ann  
Figgers, Ralph &  
Shirley Ammon  
Galo, George & Shirley  
Gochenour, Whitey &  
Carol Sommer  
Goin, Gene & Annie  
Gouldman, Dale & Ellen  
Gregory, Howard & Linda  
Handy, Cecil & Elaine  
Harbour, Dean & Terry

Holland, Wayne & Elaine  
Hollandsworth, Paul & June  
Hollowell, Wayne & Jimmi  
Jamison, Bo & Carol  
Jett, Lindsey & Linda  
Johnson, Larry & Judy  
King, Art & Mary Ann  
Kranichick, Ron & Lucy Rowe  
Macy, Rodger & Erie  
Mayhew, Larry & Carole  
McCulloch, Bob & Ellin  
Myers, Doug & Elsie  
Nichols, Tom & Carolyn  
O'Neil, John and Joyce  
Pack, B.W. & Carolyn  
Pew, Jim & Christine  
Rosser, Rollin & Bev  
Saunders, Zeb & Hazel  
Taylor, Gary & Billie  
Williams, Frank  
Yates, Bill  
Lt. Colonel Kirk Marlowe &  
Geneva  
Lt. Greg Mathias &  
Kristy Hunter

*Any member attending the Winter meeting whose name is not listed above or whose Bank statement does not reflect a cancelled check, please notify Phyllis Allgood, the Alumni Treasurer.*

### Virginia State Police Alumni

\*\*\*\*\*ANNUAL DUES NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

**\$25.00 per year**

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

For Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ALUMNI**

**Mail to Treasurer: Phyllis Allgood  
208 Melonie Drive • Chesapeake, Virginia 23322**

**\*\* Dues are due: \*\*January 1, of each year.\*\*  
Cut out and mail, maintain a copy for your files!  
Virginia State Police Alumni Dues Payment Slip**

[www.vsp.virginia.gov/vspalumni\\_index.shtm](http://www.vsp.virginia.gov/vspalumni_index.shtm)

# Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc.

## General Membership Meeting

### November 16, 2019

### Virginia Beach

President Art King called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The members of the Executive Board present were:

President	Arthur D. King
Vice President	Frank A. Williams
Secretary	Bonnie D. Crowder
Executive Secretary	David R. Copley
Treasurer	Phyllis H. Allgood
Sergeant at Arms	Robert M. McCulloch

The Division Representatives present were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	D. Wayne Holland
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Absent
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Absent
4 <sup>th</sup>	T. Wayne Timberlake
5 <sup>th</sup>	Absent
6 <sup>th</sup>	I. Cecil Handy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald M. Kranchick

Trustees present were: Ralph Figgers and Ronald Kranchick

Members in attendance, totaled 40.

The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Robert McCulloch gave the invocation.

#### President

President King introduced Lieutenant Colonel Kirk S. Marlowe, Director of the Bureau of Administration and Support Services (BASS), as the guest speaker during the General Membership and the Dinner, giving an update on the Department's activities and answer any questions.

#### Vice President

Frank Williams discussed several changes to the application process and several years ago it could take up to a month before the applicant knew if they had been accepted. Currently, with the use of e-mail, the approval process takes less time and is working out very well.

He also discussed the addition of honorary members (spouses of the deceased members) and they would still be able to be a part of the organization and could attend meetings on their own and felt this was another good change.

The number of meetings were changed from three to two as a result of a survey and Frank felt that if the members show what they want, it can be resolved.

#### Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

#### Treasurer's Report

Phyllis Allgood reported as of July 29<sup>th</sup> the balance was 20,977.29. As of today, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the balance is \$28,680.91. There are 549 members (life and regular life members). She reminded everyone that if you are 65, you can submit a one-time fee of \$250 for dues.

#### Health and Welfare Report

Ron Maxey reviewed the Winter Meeting, Health and Welfare Report for November 16<sup>th</sup> and gave an update on several of the members listed on the Health and Welfare sheet that had been distributed.

#### Executive Secretary's Report

Dave Copley advised of the following conferences:

The Spring Meeting next year will be held in Natural Bridge on April 25, 2020.

The Winter Meeting location has not been determined yet.

He asked for input about this weekend regarding the facilities, staff and food.

#### Division Representatives' Reports

Several representatives gave updates.

#### Old Business

Nominations Committee Report

John O'Neil read the suggested Slate of Officers and Representatives for 2020:

President	Robert M. McCulloch
Vice-President	Frank A. Williams
Secretary	Bonnie D. Crowder
Treasurer	Phyllis H. Allgood
Sergeant-at-Arms	Rodger L. Macy
Executive Secretary	David R. Copley

Division 1 Representative	D. Wayne Holland
Division 2 Representative	Roger W. Mitchell
Division 3 Representative	Frank M. Knott, Jr.
Division 4 Representative	T. Wayne Timberlake
Division 5 Representative	Andrew H. Engemann, Jr.
Division 6 Representative	I. Cecil Handy
Division 7 Representative	Ronald M. Kranchick

There were no nominations from the floor.

A **MOTION** was made by Emmett Crocker and seconded by Whitey Gochenour to accept the Slate of Officers. The membership voted to approve the slate as presented with no opposition with a count of 40.

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# Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. General Membership Meeting November 16, 2019 Virginia Beach

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## Guest Speaker

President King introduced Lieutenant Colonel Kirk S. Marlowe who gave an overview of the Department's activities/concerns to include: new legislation, guns, civilian pay study, trainees, health insurance. He said he would go into more detail on each of these subjects during the dinner presentation and would be glad to answer any questions.

## Installation of State Police Alumni Board for 2020

Ron Kranchick performed the installation of the 2020 officers.

There being no further business, a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Dave Copley, seconded by Whitey Gochenour, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

## 2019 DECEASED MEMBERS

Robert H. Coats, Jr.  
02-15-19

Irvin T. Amadeo  
03-10-19

Carlton S. Price  
05-24-19

Ronald D. Jones  
06-04-19

Kennard L. Phipps  
07-16-19

Malcolm R. Shields  
08-19-19

Dan A. Friel  
09-05-19

William Chandler Forrest  
09-08-19

Richard O. Metz  
10-14-19

Robert H. Oliver  
11-06-19

Wayne F. Wilson  
12-23-19

## Insurance Information

During a very sad and trying time, the following information is provided by the Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. to the families of deceased members to hopefully assist with the necessary completion of paperwork. Should you have any questions or are in need of further assistance, please contact Robert McCulloch, President at 804-739-0484, or one of the other officers of the Alumni.

For Department member spouses: If you need to know if you will continue to receive a portion of your spouse's retirement, you will need to call the Virginia Retirement System. You will also need to advise them if you wish to continue the insurance. If your spouse took 100% of their retirement, you will need to obtain insurance.

You will also need to obtain several copies of the Death Certificate, as most agencies will need certified copies to process any claims.

### Social Security Benefits

Contact: [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

Phone 1-800-772-1213

Family members may be eligible for Social Security survivor's benefits when a person getting benefits dies. You should make this call ASAP, as any checks received after the date of death, will most likely need to be returned or repaid. The same is true of the Retirement System payments.

### Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Retirement System Life Insurance

Contact:

Minnesota Life, P. O. Box 1193, Richmond, Va. 23218-1193

Phone: 1-800-441-2258

Amount: Double salary, while working. After retirement, starting on January 1, following the first full year of retirement, coverage reduces by 25% and each January 1 thereafter, until coverage reaches 25% of its value at time of retirement.

### State Police Retirement Benefits:

#### Virginia Retirement System

P. O. Box 2500 Richmond, VA 23218-2500

Phone: 1-888-827-3847, [www.varetire.org](http://www.varetire.org)

For notification of death and to request information on future spousal benefits.

#### Virginia State Police Death Benefit Fund

*Sworn/Uniform members only*

Contact: Wells Coleman and Company, LLP

3800 Patterson Ave., Richmond, VA 23221-2000

Att: Virginia State Police Death Fund

Phone: 804-358-1150

Amount: \$30,000, after retirement: \$500.

#### Virginia State Police Association Life Insurance

Contact: Virginia State Police Association

6944 Forest Hill Ave.

Richmond, VA 23225

Phone: 804-320-6272

Amount: \$5,000. At age 70, benefits reduce by 50% of original amount to \$2,500. At age 75, benefits reduce an additional 25% of the original amount to \$1,250.

#### Virginia State Police Association

Phone: 804-320-6272

Any questions about membership.

## Breakfast Meetings

### DIVISION I

Brock's BBQ Restaurant at Watertower Shopping Center, 11310 Iron Bridge Road, Chester at 7:00 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month Sept-May

### DIVISION II

Apple Blossom Diner  
1359 Berryville Ave. Winchester  
8:00 a.m.

### DIVISION III

Every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. at Merk's Place, 2106 West 3rd Street, Farmville.

### DIVISION IV

Shoney's in Wytheville  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wed each month - 7:30 a.m.

### DIVISION V

Golden Corral at 218 Bypass Road in Williamsburg, the second Friday of the month at 8 a.m.

Sage Restaurant, Route 13, Onley VA.  
9:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Mon each month.  
Questions: Call Alan Gladden

### DIVISION VI

Roanoker Restaurant 2522 Colonial Ave. Roanoke 9:00 a.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs each month except Nov/Dec.

## NOTICE ABOUT UPDATES

*Any changes to your name, address, telephone or email needs to be sent to:*

**Directory Coordinator - George Galo**

P. O. Box 545  
205 Meadowlane Point  
Lancaster, Virginia 22503

**Treasurer - Phyllis Allgood**

208 Melonie Drive  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

*Also Please Notify Ron Maxey so the Health and Welfare Section can be updated.*

*1-804-270-3154 or rcmxey@aol.com*

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Fall/Winter Meeting

### November 14, 2020

## Four Points by Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront in Virginia Beach



**PRE-PAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 25, 2020**

**Send Form to:** Phyllis Allgood, 208 Melonie Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number in Party:** \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the Spring Meeting in Natural Bridge, Virginia. Enclosed is my check payable to VSPA in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people who plan to attend the Hospitality Room and Dinner @ \$40.00 per person. If you bring guests please list their names.

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**2020 Dues - \$25.00 yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must make separate room reservations by March 25, 2020 with the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Conference Center. Phone: 540-291-2121 or 800-533-1410.

**Full refunds are not granted for cancellations made after March 25, 2020.**

**The Alumni must guarantee payment for all meals that day.**

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## Photos of the Winter Meeting

