



# VSPA GRAPEVINE

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## The 148<sup>th</sup> Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. SPRING CONFERENCE

**March 23, 2019**

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

**Deadline to obtain rooms:**  
**March 10, 2019**

**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)
<i>(BCI Update- Maj Taylor)</i>		
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 (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, enter from Lobby)
<i>(VSP/Legislative Update-Col Settle)</i>		

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

**Meal Cost: \$38.00 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 19, 2019.***

***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



***Chance to win a free two day stay  
at the Natural Bridge Resort!***

# Message from the President

The VSP Alumni is beginning its 46<sup>th</sup> year as we enter 2019. Last year, 29 new members joined the Alumni. The over-whelming majority of these new members are the direct result of you, as a member, contacting them and inviting them to join. Please continue to inform potential members of the benefits of being an Alumni member.

Our Mission Statement reminds us that the Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc., is an organization of retirees and former members, both sworn and non-sworn, formed for the primary purpose of fostering and maintaining our camaraderie through social gatherings and other events.

Staying in contact with our members and their families relative to their health and welfare is a duty the Alumni organization has undertaken. Ron Maxey has done an excellent job as the Health and Welfare coordinator. Ron is very dedicated to the task of keeping everyone informed in a very timely manner.

Much gratitude must be given to other Board members for their dedication to the Alumni. Dave Copley has spent many hours locating hotels for the three conferences. Phyllis Allgood is recognized for her efforts in collecting the dues and paying the bills. Bonnie Crowder joined the Alumni Board in early spring as the Secretary spending many hours processing the new members' welcoming packets and keeping the meeting minutes. Please take the time to express your appreciation to all the Board Members for their efforts.

John O'Neil has agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee Chairman and will be seeking volunteers to fill the Alumni Board of Directors for 2020. Please contact John, Ralph Figgers, or Howard Gregory to offer your services. Only through your support and stepping up to serve can the Alumni continue to grow and survive. All members need to contribute to make its future a rewarding experience for everyone.

For the past four or five years it has become very difficult to find a suitable location for the Conferences. The Board has set the following criteria in keeping with the expressed wishes of the Membership which are: 1. Keep room rates below \$150.00 per day, 2. Allow the Alumni to bring their own alcohol and refreshments, 3. Keep the meal cost below \$40.00 per person.

Based upon the above criteria the only facility in the Williamsburg area for the Winter Conference has been the Clarion. This establishment has made improvements in some areas each year while falling short with other services. Therefore, at present the Board has decided, based on comments from the attendees at the December 2018 conference, not to return to this location. Efforts are being made to locate another facility in the general area, however, at this time no potential establishment has been identified. Finding a facility may require moving away from Williamsburg. Anyone having suggestions on a meeting location should contact Dave Copley or other Board members with their recommendations.

Regards,  
*Art King*  
President

**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 rcmaxey@aol.com***

# Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc.

## General Membership Meeting, December 8, 2018, Williamsburg

President Art King called this meeting to order at 3:00 PM

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>	Ronald Maxey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Absent
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank M. Knott, Jr.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Absent
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Corvello
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cecil Handy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald Kranchick

The Trustee present was: Ronald Kranchick

Members in attendance totaled 44.

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

President King stated that the minutes of the previous meeting were published in the *Grapevine* and would be read if so desired. A **MOTION** was made by Cecil Handy to accept the minutes, seconded by Robert McCulloch and was passed.

**Vice President** - Frank Williams recognized the division representatives and the work that they do.

**Treasurer's Report** - Phyllis Allgood reviewed the thank you notes and the donations that she had received.

**Health and Welfare Report** - Ron Maxey gave an update on several of the members (see attached.)

**Executive Secretary's Report** - Dave Copley asked if there was any criticism of the current conference to please let him know.

He advised of the next two upcoming conferences:

The Spring Conference will be held at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Conference Center, 15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge, on March 23, 2019 and the Summer Conference will be held in Charlottesville, Doubletree Hotel on July 27, 2019.

### Division Representative's Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> – Ron Maxey – Nothing additional  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Absent  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Frank M. Knott - Nothing to report  
4<sup>th</sup> – Absent  
5<sup>th</sup> – Bill Corvello – Nothing to report.  
6<sup>th</sup> – Cecil Handy – Nothing to report  
7<sup>th</sup> – Ron Kranchick – Nothing to report

### Old Business

a. Conduct Survey to determine if members are willing to accept *Grapevine* electronically to reduce postage costs – results are as follows: Art King said Ron Maxey and Ron Kranchick had worked with the data received and a large percentage of people would like to get their copy by e-mail.

b. Art King said calls had been received this past year regarding a death and where the spouses can obtain information/help such as the IRS, social security retirement and who to contact. This information was e-mailed in the past two-three months with a checklist.

### New Business

a. Art King recognized John O'Neil from the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Executive Board:

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

Art King asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations and Jimmy Rexrode made the motion to accept the list from the Nominating Committee and Emmett Crocker seconded. Membership voted 44 yes and 0 no votes to accept the slate of officers as nominated.

b. Willis Robertson gave some history of how the Alumni Association began and some of things they use to do and suggested that there be some younger members and some events offered. Robert McCulloch said they can no longer get addresses of retirees and the only information they have is from the Special Orders and just wanted to let him know that they have tried to get more information on retirees, but due to privacy laws, they cannot, but there was an effort being put forth.

Bill Corvello suggested that Willis Robertson be appointed to a committee to research this. Art King asked Willis Robertson to get with him afterwards. Richard Allgood brought up the fact that a trooper in Galax did not know about Alumni Association and felt that the word was not getting out about the group.

Art King said there is a membership application included in the retiree's package and an application is on the Alumni website. He said George Galo sends a copy of the Special Order with retirees' names to each Alumni Division Representative for them to contact retiring employees.

c. Bill Corvello performed the installation of the State Police Alumni Association Board members for 2019.

There being no further business, a MOTION to adjourn was made by Whitey Gochenour and seconded by Roger Grimmitt, the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

## 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 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  
8: a.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs each month  
except Nov/Dec.

## Virginia State Police Museum

The VSP Museum has new carpet and the old carpet plus asbestos were removed at a considerable expense. Please visit the Museum and see the improvements. Your support is needed to raise funds to purchase a building to house some overflow items. All donations are needed, no matter how small. Donations can be sent to Lynn Rowles, 2484 Riverville Road, Gladstone, VA 24553. Visit the website <http://virginiastatepoliceuseumandlearningcenterinc.org/>

## The 147<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Dinner

*The 147<sup>th</sup> Alumni dinner meeting was held December 8, 2018 in Williamsburg. All in attendance appeared to be in a festive mood and enjoyed seeing and visiting with old friends.*

James & Cora Adcock	Frank & Tana Knott
Marshall & Pamela Forrest	Henry Dail and Donna Roush
Richard & Phyllis Allgood	Ron Kranchick & Lucy Rowe
Ronnie Forrest	Tom & Vickie Daniels
Frank Barone	Cornelius & Kathleen Lemmers
George & Shirley Galo	Robert & Connie Deeds
Eric & Susan Berge	Harry & Debbie Martin
Whitey Gochenour & Carol Sumner	Clyde Davis
James & Joyce Petefish	Ronnie & Anne Maxey
James & Sharon Blosser	Warren & Cathy Desper
Emmett & Annie Goin	Robert & Ellin McCulloch
Donald & Freda Brown	Rick Dowsett
Howard & Linda Gregory	Kyle & Dorothy Miller
Neal & Connie Buchanan	Bill & Judy Doyal
Roger Grimmett	Douglas & Elsie Myers
Robert Bumgardner & Jo Frame	Andrew Engemann
Pat & Jane Gurganus	Carolyn & Tom Nichols
Ronnie & JoAnn Byram	John & Joyce O'Neil
Cecil & Elaine Handy	Dan & Kathy Redifer
Robert Coats	Jimmy & Doris Rexrode
Wayne Harper	Capt. Tim Ribel
Charles & Jane Compton	Willis Robertson
Robert & Carol Jamison	Capt. Caren Sterling
William & Cheryl Corvello	Ronnie Saunders & Charlotte Rasnick
Lindsey & Linda Jett	Zeb & Hazel Saunders
Elmer & Sharon Jones	Lawrence Strickland & Janet Wood
Emmett Crocker	Gary & Billie Taylor
R. C. & Lois Keith	George & Elaine Turner
David Copley	Beverly & Marquerite Whitmer
Art & Mary Ann King	Frank Williams & Martha Nemetz
Bonnie Crowder	

*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.virginiastatepolicealumni.com](http://www.virginiastatepolicealumni.com)**

# Survey Concerning the Number of Conferences

The Alumni Board has received several suggestions to consider changing the three (3) Conferences from three meetings per year to two. As you are aware it has become difficult to find suitable locations to hold these Conferences.

The Alumni Board requests your input in determining the number of future meetings. Should the number of Conferences be reduced to two, consideration would be given to holding one in early spring and one in late fall or early winter.

**Please make your desire known by marking one of the three options listed below.**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Continue to hold three (3) Conferences each year.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Reduce the number of Conferences to two (2) each year.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. No preference because I don't attend any of the Conferences.

Please include this completed survey form with your registration form for the Spring Conference being held at the Natural Bridge Hotel and mail to the Treasurer.

If you are unable to attend the Conference at Natural Bridge please mail this form indicating your preference to: **Art King, 1920 Winterfield Road, Midlothian, VA 23113** or email [artking1920@gmail.com](mailto:artking1920@gmail.com) stating your desire.

Thank you for your support.

Regards  
*Art King*



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**PRE-PAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 19, 2019**

**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 @ \$38.00 per person. If you bring guests please list their names.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2019 Dues - \$25.00 yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must make separate room reservations by March 10, 2019 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 19, 2019.  
The Alumni must guarantee payment for all meals that day.***



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## 39<sup>th</sup> Basic Session's 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion



**Mark Your Calendars! Summer Meeting  
July 27, 2019 - Charlottesville, Doubletree Hotel**