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FOUNDATION

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"The troopers have the public's back; we have the trooper's backs."

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Message from the Chairman

I hope everyone is having a great summer and staying cool in these hot temperatures. We have had an exciting year at the ASPF and are looking forward to many more events. We continue to have a waiting list for new members to the Board of Directors.

We hosted the ASP Annual Awards Ceremony Luncheon on June 21, 2023, at the Camp Robinson Education Center. We had many members of the Board of Directors present and I want to thank everyone that sponsored a table. Randy Lann outdid himself with his famous pork chops. It was a great day honoring all the ASP troopers and personnel for their acts of heroism and bravery. We want to congratulate Lt. Philip Hydron on Trooper of the Year.

ASPF also hosted the ASP Recruit Family Day on June 25, 2023, at Camp Robinson at the Precision Driving Training Complex Classroom. We feel so much pride in seeing this classroom put to good use for the ASP. I and other board members enjoyed meeting the future of ASP and their families. Emily Hamilton spoke about the Foundation and the Auxiliary. Auxiliary shirts were given to all the new auxiliary members. We want to thank Commissioner Steve Edwards for sponsoring the food and Farmers Bank Cook team for cooking for us.

Farmers Bank Foundation/ASPF Golf tournament was on June 30, 2023, at Mystic Creek Golf Club in El Dorado. It was a beautiful, hot day. Last year, this tournament raised \$105,000 for the Randy and Betty Hedge Spouses' Auxiliary Scholarship. First National Bank is now registering teams and sponsors for their 6th Annual ASPF Golf Tournament which will be held August 17, 2023, at the Paragould Country Club and we are also registering teams for the ASPF 2023 Lexus Champions for Charity Golf Tournament that will be held October 2, 2023, at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock. ASPF is so fortunate to have board members organize these tournaments to support our scholarship fund.

Most of our fundraising dollars will go to support this scholarship that we know is a blessing to our Troopers and Auxiliary members. We have formed a committee that will be traveling to Northwest Arkansas this fall to meet with members of the community in hopes of securing donations and endowments for the scholarship fund.

ASPF plans to start construction soon at the Precision Driving Training Complex on a new building that will house a barracks and cafeteria. There will be more information to come as we begin the planning phase.

As you can see, there are many exciting things going on with ASPF and we can't wait to see what the future holds in our efforts to support ASP.



Sincerely,

Frank Guinn

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Congratulations to the 29 new ASP Troopers (2023-A)



Board Member Spotlight

TOM ANDERSON



Tom Anderson was born in Pine Bluff, AR, but raised in Little Rock. He attended Joe T. Robinson High School and played football, basketball and baseball. He was valedictorian of his high school class. After graduating from UCA with a degree in accounting he went to work for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, CPA in Little Rock. After two years he joined IBM and spent 20 years in sales and management. When IBM spun off their typewriter division, he helped start Lexmark where he worked thirteen years. He worked for a short time at Acxiom before joining Dell where he retired in 2014 after 10 years in account management. He has a BBA and MBA from UCA.

Tom had a dual career, being a member of the US Army National Guard and Army Reserve. He retired in 2000 as a Colonel after a 32-year career. He is in the Arkansas Military Academy Hall of Fame, the Chemical Corps Hall of Fame and is an Army Reserve Ambassador Emeritus. During his service he commanded a battalion on Desert Storm, commanded at the Brigade level and was chief of staff at the 90th Regional Support Command. He is a 1994 graduate of the Army War College.

Tom has volunteered in many organizations including Little Rock Jaycees, Reserve Officers Association, Ducks Unlimited, AUSA, Our Community Salutes, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and is current Chair of the AR Workforce Development Board. He currently works for Wellons Real Estate and Land Company and sells farms, duck clubs and recreational land.

Tom lives in Roland with his wife Candy. They have two children and seven grandchildren. His wife is a former teacher at Pulaski Academy.



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Command Spotlight

MAJOR STACIE RHOADS



Everyone has a “why” that tells the story of his or her life’s path. That question of “why” was vital in my choice to become a State Trooper. Being a cop was not on the road map I charted for myself. I felt destined for another place. As a young girl growing up in rural Arkansas during the early 80s, law enforcement just wasn’t something women were supposed to do. Most females I knew were drawn to nursing, business, or teaching. Out of high school, I attended Arkansas Tech University and studied Graphic Design. It wasn’t until after college that I hit a speed bump that completely redirected my life’s plan.

In the mid-’90s, after college, I moved to Little Rock and worked as a customer service manager for a local grocery. Not a flashy or lucrative position, but it paid the bills. Little Rock was experiencing an increase in violent crime that was so historic that HBO memorialized the chaos in the documentary *Banging in the Rock*. During the early morning hours of a routine shift, I was robbed at gunpoint by two masked gunmen. The police department was unsuccessful in finding those responsible, and because of so many unanswered questions, I was unable to put the ordeal behind me. An overwhelming feeling of victimization consumed me, and I wondered how many people are victimized and never find the answers they need to move forward. It was here that I discovered my first taste of “why.”

Playing off stereotypes from my childhood, I honestly didn’t know if I could be a cop or perform as a law enforcement officer. Could I arrest a 270-pound drunk man in overalls at 2 am on the side of the road? Was I capable? Determined to find out, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Becoming a US Marine helped me prove to myself that I was capable of being whoever I wanted to be, and this “road less traveled by” made all the difference.

After serving six years as a Marine, I applied with the Arkansas State Police. In 1998, I was hired and worked my way through the ranks, first in Highway Patrol and then Criminal Investigations. In 2022, I was promoted to Major in the division, which has given me more purpose than any other career I could have chosen.

Through it all, I learned a lot about the world and the people in it. I’ve seen the purest of hearts and the ugliest of souls. I’ve seen the evil one human can commit on another, but I’ve also seen the resiliency of the human spirit. I’ve seen the beauty of determination, grit, and forgiveness. I’ve seen children stand braver than adults. I’ve witnessed the wrongly accused be vindicated. I’ve witnessed broken victims find the courage to address attackers in court with poise and dignity. I’ve seen the agony of grief and the gut-wrenching expressions of loss. I’ve been heartbroken and disappointed. I’ve been praised and applauded. I’ve been criticized and dismissed. I’ve been overjoyed and exhilarated. I’ve been wrong, and I’ve been right. And, after all this time, the journey has been my reward, not my final destination.

In 2015, I was appointed by Governor Asa Hutchinson to the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training. In 2016, I graduated from the 266 Session of the FBI National Academy.

The Arkansas State Police gave me a true purpose and introduced me to my husband, Major Roby Rhoads, whom I met while assigned to Troop A in Pulaski County. We often laugh that our dating life revolved around the number of criminal arrests we made. We have two sons and live in Little Italy.

Wherever life finds you, regardless of the obstacles or difficulties you face, knowing your “why” will keep you moving in the right direction. Know what you’re capable of and stretch the limits of your abilities. Whatever you do, know “why” you do it, and this highway of life will be the best road trip you’ve ever taken.



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Retiree Spotlight

CRANDALL DWIGHT TOSH



Retired ASP Captain Dwight Tosh started his career as a Radio Operator for District 8, which a couple of years later became Troop C, on August 15, 1968 at the age of nineteen. He has been married to Joan Darr Tosh for 53 years and has two children and four grandchildren. Their daughter, Christy Tosh Crider, is an attorney at Law in Nashville, Tennessee and their son, Brant Tosh, is a Lieutenant with Arkansas State Police in CID.

On October 1, 1971, at the age of twenty-two, Dwight was commissioned as a trooper and assigned to Monticello in Drew County. In 1972, he was transferred in Highway Patrol to Troop C, Harrisburg in Poinsett County. In September of 1974, Dwight was transferred within Troop C to Jonesboro where he served as Public Information Officer for six years.

In May of 1980, he was promoted to Sergeant Troop D, in Forrest City where he was Post Sergeant for St. Francis, Lee and Phillips Counties. December 17, 1985, Dwight was promoted to Lieutenant, Assistant Troop Commander, Troop D, Forrest City. Twenty-two months later, in October of 1987 at the age of thirty-eight, he was appointed troop Commander of Troop B in Newport where he stayed until he retired January 1, 2005.

During his career, Dwight supervised the first three-manned Criminal Apprehension Patrol (CAP) team in Troop D, I 40, where they made numerous drug arrests and drug seizures. He also served as SWAT Team leader in Troop D and was one of the first police officers trained by the FBI Hostage Negotiation Team. As a Hostage Negotiator, he was also awarded two Official Commendations.

Tosh is a graduate of Valley View High School and attended Arkansas State University. He also received specialized training at Southwest Texas State University, University of Louisville in Kentucky, Central Missouri State University and Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois.

In 2014 he was elected to the Arkansas General Assembly as a State Representative. In his second term, he served as vice-chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Dwight was appointed by the Speaker of the House as chairman of State Agencies and Governmental Affairs in his third term and was reappointed to that position his fourth and fifth term. He is currently serving his fifth term where he also serves on Rules, Joint Budget and various other committees. Tosh has been honored to be the keynote speaker at four Law Enforcement graduating classes.

As a State Representative, Tosh has always been a strong advocate for Law Enforcement. A priority of his has been to sponsor Bills that help make Law Enforcement officers jobs easier. Representative Tosh states that it's just as important to stop legislation that makes their jobs more difficult.

Representative Tosh is extremely proud that during his tenure as a representative, the Arkansas State Police received the largest pay raise in the history of the ASP. He was glad to support the Bill.



ASP Annual Awards Ceremony & Luncheon

Arkansas's Finest were honored on June 20th at the Annual Awards Luncheon held on Camp Robinson and hosted by the ASP Foundation. Many troopers and civilians were recognized for their courage, bravery, and significant contributions to serving and protecting the citizens of Arkansas. Congratulations to our Top Award Winners, Lt. Philip Hydron (Trooper of the Year) and Jeff Taylor (Employee of the Year). Your selflessness and sacrifice does not go unnoticed! And a big thank you to our Spouses Auxiliary volunteers for helping make this event a successful one! The foundation could not operate as smoothly without you!



Spouses Auxiliary
Volunteers
(missing Laura Overton)



Trooper of the Year
Lt. Philip Hydron



Employee of the Year
Jeff Taylor



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ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FOUNDATION

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

SHOT GUN START: 1 PM

PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

1 PLEASANT VALLEY DR, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212



Auxiliary Member Spotlight

DENNI PEEK

I am one of many of Troop G's ASPF Spouse Auxiliary members. My home town is Magnolia, Ar. I have been married to my husband Sgt. Kyle Peek for 20 years, and we reside in Hempstead County. Kyle and I have two daughters, Morgan and Adalyn. I have been employed with the Arkansas State Crime Lab since January, 2016. I am the Evidence Receiving- Hope Regional Lab/Forensic Technician. My husband, Kyle has been employed with the Arkansas State Police since 2008 and has always been stationed in Troop G.



It is a joy to work for the Arkansas State Crime Lab. When you love what you do, you don't mind working at all. I have been asked in the past to define success in my job at the Arkansas State Crime Lab my answer is- "Doing your best at what is handed to you, and being something bigger than what you started out to be." My enjoyments are baking, reading, and being with my family. I am a member of the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church. I have served in several areas of the church from VBS, kid's church and the nursery over the past years. I am a member of the Booster Club at Garrett Memorial Christian School. I enjoy working in the concession stand and working the score board during our daughter's games. Being involved in our girls' sports and school activities has been something I have enjoyed whole heartedly throughout the years. My heart is drawn towards helping people in any way I can. I joined the ASPF Spouse Auxiliary because I love to be active, I love people and helping the families of the Arkansas State Police employees. Troop G's ASPF Spouse Auxiliary is a group that makes you feel welcomed and loved. I am so grateful to be a part of the ASPF Spouse Auxiliary.

Decal Contest Runner Up

CRISTY MARTIN

Cristy won second place in the decal contest by selling 26 decals as soon as she joined the auxiliary! Frank surprised her with a Kendra Scott necklace at the Annual Awards Banquet where she was volunteering.



Still need a decal? We have more!

While the contest may be over, the ASPF still has decals left if anyone still wants one. They are \$100 per decal and can be used as a tax write off. Contact Statewide President Emily Hamilton to request additional decals.





ASP Recruit Family Day

The ASP Foundation along with the Spouses' Auxiliary hosted the ASP Recruit Family Day on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the classroom of the Precision Driving Training Complex at Camp Robinson. We had the opportunity to speak to all of the recruits and their families about ASPF and the Spouses' Auxiliary. Auxiliary T-shirts were given out to all new members. Hopefully we recruited new spouses to get involved and come have fun with us! ASPF would like to thank Commissioner Steve Edwards for donating the food and Farmers Bank & Trust's cook team for doing such a great job! We look forward to doing this again for the next class of recruits.



Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 - ASPF GOLF TOURNAMENT

First National Bank Paragould Golf Tournament. Visit fnbank.net/aspf for more information.

TBA - ASPF BOARD MEETING

Executive Board meets at 9:30 AM and Directors meet at 11:00 AM at the Arkansas State Police Association Meeting Room.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 - ASPF GOLF OUTING

ASPF Golf Outing at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Little Rock, AR. Contact the ASPF Office for more information.



Volunteers Needed for Golf Tournaments!
 Contact Emily to sign-up!

