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- **October 15th - Annual Foundation Appreciation Dinner**
- **Upcoming Board Meeting**
 - **September 17th at 11:00 a.m.**
 - **Board Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Please check your email for instructions.**
 - **Executive Committee meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. prior to the Board meetings.**

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We have four new members who have been added to the Foundation Board of Directors. We welcome you and are excited to work with you as we hear new ideas you will bring to our Board.



Robert Klein joined the Board of Directors in August. Robert is the Co-Founder, President and Executive Broker of The Property Group, a Little Rock real estate agency. Robert's father was ASP Corporal Robert Whittington Klein who was killed in the line of duty in 1984. As the founding member of Arkansas Concerns of Police Survivors, Robert shows a strong support for the ASP and all law enforcement. He is involved with many community organizations, including the Arkansas Food Bank. Robert is an avid Razorback fan and loves the outdoors. His son, Ford, who will be five in December, is the light of his life.

Message from Our Chairman



It is my distinct pleasure and honor to serve as the ASP Foundation Board Chairman. Our Board is a strong team composed of extraordinary citizens from all parts of our state who give their time to raise needed funds for the Foundation. The ASP is an elite law enforcement agency and providing support is considered a high privilege by each Board member. Corporations and businesses, as well as numerous individuals, throughout Arkansas have joined with the Foundation in funding many needed efforts. One of our major projects has been the completion of the ASP Precision Driving Training Track located at Camp Robinson. This project has been possible through outstanding partnerships with so many supporters but especially with the Arkansas Army National Guard under the leadership of former Major General Mark Berry and current Major General Kendall Penn. We are grateful to the many donors and friends who make the Foundation work possible.

Frank Guinn

Executive Committee

Frank Guinn, Chairman
 Joe Thielke, Vice-Chairman
 Will Brewer, Treasurer
 Neely Camp, Secretary
 Trav Baxter
 Benson Cashion
 Randy Lann
 Hon. Dr. Johnnie Roebuck
 Cleveland Wilson

Advisory Council *

Lt. Gen. Mark Berry
 Dr. Charisse Childers
 Capt. Rick Dickinson
 Hon. Scott Ellington
 Major Gen. Kendall Penn
 Mayor Harold Perrin
 Dr. Lewis Shephard

Board of Directors

Patti Cannon	Brooks Jackson
Hon. Marvin Childers	Levi Johnson
Richard (Dick) Cisne	Dennis Jungmeyer
Steve Cook	Robert Klein
Kirk Cupp	Blaine Nunn
Marvin Day	Dave Parker
Chris Dickinson	Barry Philips
Joe Donaldson	Jason Ramsey
Dennis Ferra*	Josh Rogers
Daniel (Woody) Futrell*	Greg Sanson
Sen. Bobby Glover	Mike Shepard
Chris Gosnell	Ed Staley
Jerry Halsey, Jr.*	Stephen Strange
Butch Heath*	John Stuckey
Randy Hedge	Doug Wasson
Don Houseworth*	Bill Weeks
Bill Humble	Damon Young*
Matt Hyneman	

*Advisors to the Executive Board

New Board Members



Honorable Judge

Marvin Day, who joined the Board of Directors in August, has called Craighead County home since he was nine years old. After graduating from Jonesboro High School, he obtained a degree in Civil Engineering from UA. He started out as a Field Surveyor in the highway and heavy construction industry and eventually became co-owner of Asphalt Producers, LLC. Judge Day is very active in his community, serving the United Way campaign, Rotary Club, and is the past Chairman of Wings and Ducks Unlimited, and the Building Committee Chairman at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. He is married to Ashley and they have two sons, Alex and Zac.



Greg Sanson joined the

Board of Directors in August. He is Division President of Centennial Bank's Conway, North Central Arkansas and Alabama offices. Mr. Sanson, a lifelong resident of Faulkner County has over 18 years of banking experience. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from UCA and is a graduate of the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He formerly served on the Arkansas Manufactured Housing Commission, the Conway High School Foundation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County Board. Greg loves spending time with his son, Kyler, on their farm in Enola. | 2

Auxiliary Spotlight

The Foundation Spouses' Auxiliary continues to work diligently as a strong advocate for our ASP families.

Auxiliary State-Wide Officers



Kari Sawyer is the Auxiliary State-Wide President. She has worked with Protech Solutions in Little Rock for 20 years. Kari is married to Troop K Trooper First Class Terry Sawyer. They have been married for 25 years and have two children, Preston (15) and Chloe (10). Kari's hobbies are spending time with her family and friends.



Whitney Hall is the Auxiliary State-Wide Vice President. Whitney lives in Trumann and is the drama teacher at Marion Visual and Performing Arts Magnet in West Memphis. She is married to Troop D Trooper First Class Logan Hall, they have a daughter, Everleigh, who is three years old.

New Board Members



Mike Shepard joined the Foundation Board in August. Mike is Senior Vice President/Retail Manager for First National Bank. After working in law enforcement in Newport and North Little Rock, Mike joined the banking industry in 2003. He is the creator of the Morgan Nick Amber Alert for Arkansas and served as President of the North Little Rock Fraternal Order of Police. He serves as President of the Bankers Security council and is a past recipient of the Retired FBI Special Agents Police Office of the Year Award. Mike and his wife, Dr. Christi Shepard, a Little Rock dentist, have two daughters and one son. Riley is a student and cheerleader at Harding University and Reese is a student and basketball player at Arkansas Christian Academy. Their son Rhett just graduated from Harding University with a degree in Finance and is now working at Centennial Bank.

Covid-19

The safety of our Board members and the public is our number one concern and we hope our members and their families are safe and healthy during this uncertain time. The Foundation office is closed to the public but Caitlin Crane, our Administrative Assistant, continues to work Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Caitlin is available by telephone and email. The office number is (501) 565-4661 or you may email Caitlin.
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Lauren Gentry is the Auxiliary State-Wide Secretary. Lauren lives in Monticello and is the Clinical Care Coordinator for Empower Healthcare Solutions. Her hobbies include cooking, sewing, and advocating for mental health issues. She is married to Troop F Trooper Tyler Gentry. They have one daughter, Adalyn (pictured) and two dogs Bane and Sky.



Teresa Hill is the Auxiliary State-wide Treasurer. Teresa is the Controller for Corbitt Manufacturing Company in Paragould. She has been married to Company F Special Agent Tony Hill for 23 years, and they have five children and three grandchildren.



The Foundation Spouses' Auxiliary holds an annual Executive Leadership Retreat for the officers of each Troop Auxiliary. Various guest speakers provide learning sessions concerning the ASP Foundation, leadership skills, building membership, fundraising and legislative updates.

Vehicle Decals

Donations for vehicle decals can be sent to Caitlin at the Foundation office. A thank you letter to the donor will be sent from Chairman Guinn with tax information. If you are in need of more decals, please email Neely Camp, Board Secretary, at Neely.Camp@fnbank.net, and she will send them to you.

Payment should be sent to:
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Annual Appreciation Dinner

The Foundation's Annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 15th at the Governor's Mansion, 1800 Center Street, with Governor Asa and First Lady Susan Hutchinson. The Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:00 p.m., masks will be required. All tables have been sold and we appreciate the continued and great support for this event. We are following the required Covid-19 regulations for the Dinner including an outdoor venue and limiting the table guests. If you have not done so, please call or email Caitlin with the names of your guests as soon as possible.

Auxiliary Advisors



(Left to Right) Patti Cannon, Meredith Brewer, Dr. Johnnie Roebuck



Hearts for Heroes

The Foundation Presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 to SGT. Phillip Pearce, Company D, CID. The Pearce's new home was damaged due to flooding in the Fort Smith area. It is an honor for the Foundation to give back to a Trooper family that puts the needs of others above themselves. Patti Cannon, member of the Foundation Board of Directors, presented the check on behalf of the Foundation and said, "Giving back to the men and women who serve and protect us is why I love my work with the Foundation so much." A special thank you to LT. Kevin Richmond, Company D, CID, for attending the presentation.

Hearts for Heroes is a Foundation program established to provide emergency assistance for members of the ASP family in time of need such as illness, house fires, flooding, and, sadly, funeral expenses. Various fundraising events have been held to provide funds for the account. The first event to establish the *Hearts for Heroes* program was a dinner hosted by Board Member Joe Donaldson and his wife, Larra, in 2018. Board Member Don Houseworth, his wife, Robin, and their two daughters have also hosted a dinner. It is critical that the Foundation Board Members continue to sponsor and host events to add to this account since we never know when a situation will arise, and our help will be needed.



Joe and Larra Donaldson



Don and Robin Houseworth
with their daughters, Molly and Abby

Foundation Spouses' Auxiliary Scholarship Fund - Established by Hedge Family

The Auxiliary Scholarship fund was begun in February 2020, through a generous donation from Board Member Randy Hedge and his wife, Betty. The scholarship funds will be awarded to children of the Foundation Spouses' Auxiliary members as they pursue training and education beyond high school. Currently, the scholarship committee is working to establish criteria for Auxiliary member eligibility, as well as criteria for recipients. We are grateful to Board Member Senator Bobby Glover for his efforts in securing donors for the Scholarship Fund. Members of the Scholarship Committee are:

- Whitney Hall, Auxiliary Liaison
- Neely Camp, Foundation Board
- Dr. Johnnie Roebuck, Foundation Board
- Randy Hedge, Foundation Board
- Betty Hedge
- Robin Houseworth
- Auxiliary Troop Representatives on the Scholarship Committee are:
- A - Eric Pitchford
- B - Jona Bowman
- C - Lee Ann Austin
- D - Laken Burris
- E - FaSeeia Preston
- F – Company B – Lauren Gentry
Stephanie Norris
- G – Hillary Young
- K – Shay Shelton
- L – Erica Leuer



Scholarship Committee meeting – January 2020
Kari Sawyer (Troop K), Lee Ann Austin (Troop C) and Jona Bowman (Troop B) talk with Randy and Betty Hedge. | 5