



ARKANSAS STATE POLICE
FOUNDATION

Current Affairs

"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 start to fall and is enjoying watching the leaves change. Our events for the year have ended, but we are excited to see what next year has in store for us. There have already been several events planned for 2024.

I enjoyed the spotlight on all our scholarship recipients in last month's newsletter, I was so glad that we were able to do that, and I know that their families are so proud. This scholarship has been such a blessing to our Auxiliary members and Troopers' families. We are excited to say that when our committee traveled to Northwest Arkansas on September 21, 2023, to meet with members of the community, the event was a huge success. Colonel Hagar did an excellent job explaining all the roles of ASP and the challenges that they face. Emily spoke about the Foundation's mission to support our troopers and talked about our programs. The event was very well received, and we are looking forward to what may develop from the friendships we made that night.

The LR Golf Outing sponsored by Lexus Champions for Charity was held October 2, 2023, at Pleasant Valley Country Club. We had beautiful weather, and everyone enjoyed their day. We appreciate all the board members' hard work on this tournament. We also had a record number of volunteers, many consisting of Auxiliary members, and we want to thank them for their time. This was the last golf tournament of the year.

ASPF Annual Appreciation Dinner was held October 19, 2023, at the Governor's Mansion. We are honored that Governor Sanders agreed to let us hold this special event at the Mansion and we want to thank her for her kind hospitality. We all enjoyed ASPF Board Member Randy Lann's master grilling, his steaks were delicious. I want to personally congratulate all the award recipients, ASPF could not accomplish all its goals without all of these fine people supporting us.

We have one last board meeting on November 16, 2023, that will be in person. We will adjourn for the holiday season so everyone can spend time with their families, and we will be ready to start anew in 2024 to continue our mission to support the ASP and its Troopers.



Sincerely,
Frank Guinn

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Board Member Spotlight

WILLIAM FORD OVERTON

William Ford Overton was born on April 27, 1966, in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, as the eldest son of Bill and Susan Overton. His late father, William R. Overton, held the esteemed position of Federal District (Eastern District) Judge. Ford's former years were spent in the charming surroundings of Little Rock, culminating in his high school graduation from Catholic High School in 1985. Subsequently, he pursued higher education at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1989.



The commencement of Ford's professional journey led him to Stephens, Inc., based in his hometown of Little Rock, where he devoted approximately one year to his career. Thereafter, he transitioned to Rineco Chemical Industries, situated in Haskell, Arkansas, and dedicated his skills and expertise to the company until May of 2003. In July 2003, Ford embarked on a new chapter by acquiring West Tree Service Inc. in Little Rock. He assumed the roles of owner, operator, and CEO, a responsibility he discharged with distinction until April 26, 2021. Although he sold the company to a private equity group, Ford continues to offer his valuable insights and guidance as a consultant to the firm.

Ford's commitment to his community has been unwavering over the past three decades. He has generously devoted his time and effort in volunteer capacities for various esteemed organizations, including the Red Cross of Greater Arkansas for 10 years, the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation for an impressive 20 years, and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for a notable 7-year term, during which he was appointed by then-Governor Mike Beebe. Presently, he is actively serving on the UAMS Foundation Board.



In his personal life, Ford is happily married to his college sweetheart, Stephanie Hardy Overton, and they are celebrating 33 years of marital bliss this November. The couple has been blessed with three daughters, two of whom are 25-year-old twins, and the youngest is 23. Their joy multiplied on July 20, 2023, with the arrival of their precious grandchild, Tatum Ford Talbert.

Trooper Retiree Spotlight

AUBRY D. COOK

In this month's newsletter trooper retiree spotlight, we are proud to highlight an individual whose dedication to public service has spanned decades and taken on many different forms. Meet Sheriff Aubry D. Cook, a remarkable individual with a diverse and impressive career history.

Arkansas State Police Service:

Cook's journey in the Arkansas State Police commenced on February 8, 1988, when he began his service as a Trooper. Over the course of his tenure, he has dedicated a significant portion of his life to serving and protecting the people of Arkansas. His illustrious career with the ASP spans over 22 years as a Commissioned Officer. Cook's duty assignments are a testament to his commitment:

- Nov 1, 1990 - Dec 31, 2010: Troop C, Mississippi County
- Feb 8, 1988 - Oct 31, 1990: Troop A, Little Rock



In November 2010, Cook was elected as the Sheriff of Mississippi County. This transition into county leadership showcases their dedication to the law enforcement community.

Military Service:

Cook's contributions go beyond the realm of state law enforcement. He served in the military for 32 years, retiring honorably on June 5, 2003, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC). Among his numerous accomplishments, Cook was awarded the prestigious Bronze Star during Operation Desert Storm in 1991, a testament to his bravery and commitment. Furthermore, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from President George Bush in 2003, highlighting his exceptional contributions to our country.

Educational Achievements:

Cook's pursuit of knowledge and professional development is evident through their educational accomplishments. He earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree from Arkansas Northeastern College in 1997. Prior to that, he completed several criminal justice courses at the University of Memphis from 1980 to 1982. In 1976, he earned an AA degree in computer programming from Southern Arkansas University Tech, showcasing his versatility. His educational journey began in 1972 when he graduated from ASU Extended Campus, Marked Tree, AR, with a focus on Clerical Office Occupations.

This newsletter spotlight sheds light on the remarkable journey of Cook, whose unwavering commitment to public service and continuous pursuit of knowledge has left an indelible mark on both the Arkansas State Police and the military. His dedicated service is an inspiration to us all, and we are honored to have him as part of our community.



Golf Tournament Success! PARAGOULD COUNTRY CLUB

On August 12, 2023, First National Bank hosted their 6th annual golf tournament and they raised \$200,000 for the Arkansas State Police Foundation - totaling over one million dollars raised since the first ASPF Golf Tournament present by First National Bank. ASPF wants to thank First National Bank, sponsors and players for supporting our Arkansas State Police. #SwingForTheGreen #BenefitTheBlue



PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

On October 2, 2023, Lexus Champions of Charity hosted their 3rd annual golf tournament and they raised over \$125,000 for the Arkansas State Police Foundation. ASPF wants to thank Lexus Campions for charity, sponsors and players for supporting our Arkansas State Police.





Appreciation Dinner

OCTOBER 19, 2023

The Arkansas State Police Foundation honored citizens and Board members who have contributed to the Foundation's efforts and celebrated accomplishments made towards the ASPF Scholarship Fund. Please visit our Facebook page and website to see all of the pictures from the event. We also want to thank Governor Sanders for her hospitality.

The Randy & Betty Hedge Educational Excellence Award was given to the following: Chris Gosnell, Elizabeth Anderson, First National Bank, Bob & Molly Burns, Neely Camp, and Will Brewer.

The Hall of Honor Awards recognized: Colonel Mike Hagar, Hank Kelley, Alex Flemister, Emily Hamilton, and Doug Wasson.



Representative Brian Evans
Senator Bobby Glover Legislator of the Year Leadership Award



Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Ermon Cox Award



Captain Philip Hydron
True Grit Award



Don and Robin Houseworth
Dave Parker Humanitarian of the Year Award



Joey Bray
Chairman's Award



Randy and Betty Hedge
John Allison Lifetime Achievement Award



Vanessa Harris, Heather Wingo, Wendy Curry, Jennifer Carlin, & Jamie Briggs
Chairman's Award for Auxiliary Excellence



A special thank you to **Randy Lann & Team** for the amazing dinner.



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Fundraising Opportunities

The Arkansas State Police Foundation is proud to unveil the new 2023 Special Edition Christmas Ornament. It is a replica of the Arkansas State Police Plymouth Fury, which Troopers drove in the 1960s and 1970s.



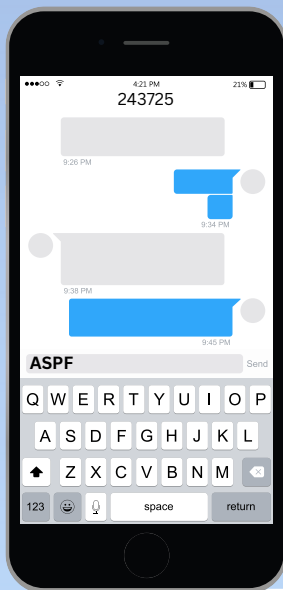
Ornaments are

\$25.00

Ornaments can be shipped for an additional \$5 fee.

Please call the ASPF office at **(501) 565-4661** or email arkansasstatepolicefoundation@gmail.com to see where they are sold near you! It is never too late to start your yearly ASPF ornament collection; limited supplies of last year's ornament are available.

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Family Day

TROOP I'S FIRST FAMILY DAY!

Troop I held their first ever family day and cookout at Cotter Spring Pavilion in October. Not only was the food great, the kids got to play in a bouncy house! A total of 33 were in attendance and they look forward to hosting more next year. A special thanks to the City of Cotter for allowing Troop I Auxiliary to host the event and West Plains Bank for donating hamburger meat.



Arkansas State Police Foundation Spouses' Auxiliary Troop G presents

DUELING PIANOS

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
 5:30-10:00 PM
 TEXARKANA COUNTRY CLUB

- Catered Meal
- Live Entertainment
- Auction Items
- Draw Down

Save the Date





Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, ASPF BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

- Executive Committee 9:30 a.m.
- Board of Directors 11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER-BOARD WILL NOT MEET! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

JANUARY 18, 2024 FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR

- Held in person

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