

## **Current Affairs**

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

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### **Message from the President**

I would like to formally introduce myself to all Arkansas State Police troopers/staff and esteemed supporters. I was born and raised in Magnolia but after marrying my husband, Jamie Anderson of Anderson Fish Farms, we live on the farm in Scott, raising our 2 boys. I am Senior Vice President of Farmers Bank and Trust and Executive Director of the Farmers Bank Foundation. I am humbled to serve as the ASPF president for 2024, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

To the troopers, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and sacrifice in protecting our communities. Every day, you bravely put yourselves in harm's way to ensure the safety and security of others, often facing challenges that most of us cannot even imagine. Your commitment to upholding the law and serving the public is truly admirable. Thank you for your tireless dedication, sacrifices, and commitment to protecting us all.

To the supporters and board members, your generous contributions have played a pivotal role in advancing the mission of the Arkansas State Police Foundation, enabling us to provide essential resources, training, and assistance to the dedicated men and women of the Arkansas State Police. Through your generosity, we have been able to enhance public safety initiatives and bolster the welfare of our law enforcement personnel.

As we embark on a new year filled with challenges and opportunities, I am inspired by your continued dedication to our shared goal of fostering a safer and more secure Arkansas. Your ongoing support empowers us to adapt to evolving needs, implement innovative solutions, and uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity in law enforcement.

In the coming months, we are committed to expanding our efforts to meet the ever-changing demands of law enforcement and serve the Arkansas State Police with excellence and compassion. With your continued partnership, I am confident that we will achieve great strides in our collective pursuit of a safer and more resilient community. We are on track to become one of Arkansas's largest and most prestigious foundations.



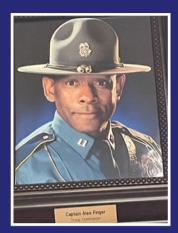
Sincerely, Elizabeth Anderson

Elizabeth Anderson, President of the Board Arkansas State Police Foundation (501) 580-5717 elizabeth.anderson@myfarmers.bank



# **January Spotlights**

TROOP A



### Trooper Retiree Spotlight

#### CAPTAIN ALEX FINGER

Alex Finger is married to Marquazette. They have one son, Doctor Alex Finger and one daughter, Antedra Finger Smith.

"I grew up in a small town in eastern Arkansas. I have always been very athletic and enjoyed playing organized sports. Through high school I played basketball, baseball, ran track, and played football."

Captain Finger enlisted in the US Army in 1976 completing 3 years before being honorably discharged. He then graduated from University of Arkansas at Little Rock with an Associated Degree in 1983, graduated from University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a bachelor's degree in 1984, and graduated from Webster University in 1997 with a dual master's degree in human resource development and public administration. He joined the Arkansas Army National Guard in 1988 and graduated from Office Candidate School in 1989 to become an officer that allowed him to hold various leadership roles.

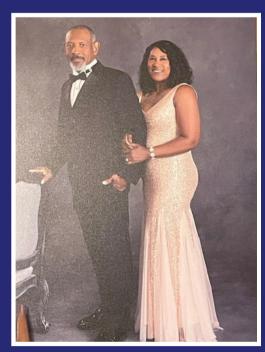
Captain Finger joined the Arkansas State Police in 1980 as a Telecommunication Operator at Troop A, and then he was promoted to Trooper in Highway Patrol in Troop A. After working six years in highway patrol, he was transferred to Criminal Investigation Division as a Polygraph Examiner, was promoted to Sergeant in 1999 in Highway Patrol in Troop A, and transferred to Administrative Service Division as the Recruiter Commander for the state. Later, Captain Finger was promoted to Lieutenant as an assistant troop commander and promoted to Captain a short time later as Troop A Commander.

"One of the best schools I attended out of hundreds of schools during my careers was the FBI National Academy I have tried to attend for 20 years, and thanks to Colonel JR Howard, he made my dream come true."

Captain Finger retired in 2017.

"I have been fishing, deer, rabbit and squirrel hunting as well as enjoying cruises and all-inclusive vacations out of the country. I realized that I have more years behind me than in front, so I am serving the Lord, enjoying my grandsons, and family and friends while living my best life.

I guess one of the most enjoyment I get out of retirement is knowing that the state police is in good hands taking care of the state and I'm truly appreciative of the job Captain Sheeler and staff are doing in form of taking care of troops, they seemed motivated and doing a good job which makes me proud."





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# ASP Command Spotlight

Captain Jeff Sheeler currently commands Troop A, the largest in the Arkansas State Police, covering Pulaski, Lonoke, Faulkner, and Saline counties. With approximately ninety personnel, both civilian and commissioned, Troop A houses the state's busiest telecommunication and driver's licensing testing centers. Prior to his current role, Captain Sheeler served as assistant Troop A commander for eight years and as a Troop A post sergeant. His mission is to uphold the principles of the Big Hat Law, fostering a team of Troopers who are adept crime fighters and consummate professionals in the face of evolving law enforcement challenges.

Raised in Arkadelphia, Captain Sheeler attended Ouachita Baptist University, earning a degree in Business Administration and Economics, followed by a Master's in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Joining the Arkansas State Police in 1998 after a stint in the private sector, Captain Sheeler's career began in Troop A, patrolling Pulaski County's roadways. Over the years, he served on the ASP SWAT Team, eventually commanding it from 2015 to 2023. Additionally, he was part of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force from 2006 to 2010 before being promoted to sergeant in Highway Patrol.

Married to Amy since 2012, Captain Sheeler and his family, including their eight-year-old son Ryan, reside outside of Benton in Saline County. Despite the demands of his job, Sheeler expresses gratitude for his family's support. When not on duty, he enjoys hunting, golfing, operating his Kubota tractor, and spending quality time with family and friends.

# Auxiliary Member Spotlight

Jaime Briggs is the wife of Sergeant Stephen Briggs in Troop A. They have 3 children and one fur baby: Mckynzie (22), Jacobi (19), Derrick (17), and Niko. Jaime is the AVID Site Coordinator at Sylvan Hills High School in Sherwood, where they reside. In her spare time she loves to paint, craft, and lift weights in addition to serving as the Troop A Spouses' Auxiliary President and coaching volleyball for Arkansas Volleyball.

"I am thankful for the ASPF Spouses' Auxiliary because of the friendships I have made, the ability to give back to the community, and most importantly the scholarship that has allowed my children an opportunity to graduate debt free."





## **Auxiliary News**

### **Troop Holiday Parties**

December brings the most wonderful time of the year - Troop-Wide Holiday Parties! The Arkansas State Police Foundation is committed to spreading holiday cheer throughout the state. Each troop is encouraged to send pictures. Please see below of how this festive season was truly memorable.















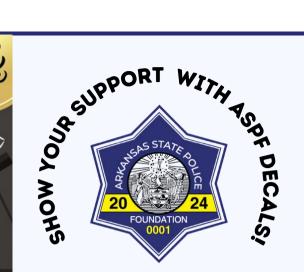
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Auxiliary Contest deadline is May 31st. Contact Emily Hamilton at the ASPF Office to order decals.

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### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday, April 26, 2024 Tee-Off: 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM

MYSTIC CREEK GOLF CLUB
191 Club House Dr, El Dorado, AR 71730

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# **Upcoming Events**

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#### FEBRUARY 15, 2024- ASPF BOARD MEETING

• 11:00 AM @ Old Commissioners Board Room, ASP HQ in Little Rock

#### **APRIL 16, 2024 - ASP RETIREE MEETING**

- 10:00 AM @ Precision Driving Training Complex Classroom
- Hosted by ASPF

#### APRIL 20, 2024 - ASPF SPOUSES' AUX. DUELING PIANO FUNDRAISER

• 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM @ Texarkana Country Club

#### **APRIL 26, 2024 - FARMERS BANK FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

• El Dorado, AR

#### **JUNE 3, 2024 - CONWAY ASPF GOLF TOURNAMENT**

· More information to be announced

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