



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 had a great start to the new school year and I know everyone is ready to enjoy the nice Fall temperatures. We continue to have an exciting year at the ASPF and are looking forward to many more events.

Our auxiliaries are working on a five-year projection of how many graduating seniors we should expect in the coming years. This scholarship has been such a blessing to our Auxiliary members and Troopers' families. Most of our fundraising dollars will go to support this scholarship. We have formed a committee that will be traveling to Northwest Arkansas on September 21, 2023 to meet with community members to secure donations and endowments for the scholarship fund. All golf tournament earnings are pledged to the scholarship fund currently.

The Little Rock Golf Outing, sponsored by Lexus Champions for Charity, will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club on October 2, 2023. We appreciate all the board members hard work on this tournament. This will be the last golf tournament of the year.

ASPF Annual Appreciation Dinner will be held October 19, 2023, at the Governor's Mansion. All tables are sponsored at this time, we are honored that Governor Sanders has agreed to let us hold this special event at the Mansion. We are looking forward to ASPF Board Member Randy Lann's master grilling.

As we are coming to a close on our 2023 events, there have been many exciting things happen this year with ASPF and we can't wait to see what the future holds in our efforts to support ASP.

Sincerely,

*Frank Guinn*



*Chairman of the Board  
Arkansas State Police Foundation*

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## Board Member Spotlight

### **BILLY CURL**

A salient businessman in the mid-south region, Billy Curl is the owner of Cobb Funeral Home, Mitchell Funeral Home, Irby Funeral Homes, and Westwood Funeral Services, serving over 450 families annually. Cobb Funeral Home in Blytheville, a historic business founded in 1895, remains the premier funeral service in the area, conducting over 180 services per year. Billy was the founder and previously owned one of the largest mortuary services in the mid-south, Midsouth Mortuary Service, Memphis, Tennessee, until 1996, when he accepted a full-time position as an Apache/Kiowa Warrior helicopter Instructor for the U.S. Army Aviation Support Facility in Tupelo, Mississippi.



Billy is a retired United States Army helicopter pilot with 24 years of service, including 10 years on active duty and 14 in the National Guard. In 2004, he was awarded the Army Air Medal and two commendation medals for his combat service in Iraq. He also received the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, the highest award available from the state of Mississippi, for his service in Iraq. Billy now serves on several mutable veteran service committees throughout the area, in support of veterans.



At the age of eight, Billy moved from Michigan to Newport, Arkansas. His educational background includes an associate's degree in mortuary science from Northwest Community College, Aviation Management and a high school diploma from Newport High School. A licensed funeral director and commercial pilot he continues his education with in-service and certification courses in business-related fields.

Governor Asa Hutchinson appointed Billy to the Arkansas Funeral Directors & Embalmers Board in 2018. He also serves on the MS-Mort team, the National Cold War Center Board, Blytheville Municipal Airport Commission, and the Blytheville Gosnell regional Airport authority. In addition to the state position, he is an active community member. He is a member of the Blytheville Rotary Club, Blytheville Unlimited; past president of the Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce, and an active member of the First United Methodist Church.



# Trooper Retiree Spotlight

## RICK DICKINSON

Retired Captain Rick Dickinson was born in Greene County, and was raised on a farm near Marmaduke. That farm, on which Rick's father raised mostly soybeans and cotton, is now owned by Rick's son, Chris. Chris is often told by his father, "I've spent many an hour on every square inch of that place. Plowing, disking, hoeing, picking cotton with both a sack and a machine," and so on. Chris just smiles and agrees.



When Rick decided he wanted to go into law enforcement, his father, Harold, said, "Well, if you're going to be a bear, be a grizzly." That left only one agency to work for. Thus motivated, the twenty-two year old started his career with the Arkansas State Police in April of 1976.

Rick's initial assignment was to Highway Patrol in Woodruff County, Troop D. He remained in that position for over twelve years until his transfer to what was then known as the Educational Services Section. In that position, he served as a public information officer and performed many safety/drug prevention programs for public and private schools. He says he also spent a lot of time on the "fried chicken circuit," doing programs for civic groups and being very well-fed by them for his efforts. He also did many types of training for the department, including radar and first aid/CPR certifications. In 1990, he and his family returned to Greene County.

In 1995, Rick transferred to what was then known as the sex crimes and child abuse investigation unit, which was a part of the criminal investigation division. In 1999, he was promoted to Sergeant in CID Company F; in 2004, he was promoted to Lieutenant. He then served as the commander of Company F until his promotion to the rank of Captain, finishing his career as the Highway Patrol Troop C commander. He retired in 2012, having served over 36 years for the Arkansas State Police. Prior to, and during the early part of his state police service years, he spent fourteen years in various military reserve units, and received honorable discharges from both the Arkansas Army National Guard and the Arkansas Air National Guard.

During his career, Rick received several official commendations from the department for actions while serving as a highway patrol trooper, educational services officer, and as a criminal investigator. Rick also had the distinction of being named the department's "Top Gun" in pistol competition. Rick and Sergeant Bob Roten (ret.) were instrumental in the early stage development of the Arkansas State Police Foundation. Rick and Bob were tasked with writing the initial by-laws for the Foundation. Rick says, in essence, they were locked in a closet for two weeks and only came out after the by-laws were written to their satisfaction. He has also served many years on the Paragould Airport Commission, the Greene County Library Board, and other such endeavors.

Rick and his wife, Linda, have been married for over 51 years. They have two children. A daughter, Lisa, who they think is "ok" and "kinda' sweet," and a son, Chris, who they feel is "the absolute most amazing son a couple could ever wish for," and who "makes us beam with pride every time we see, hear, or even think about him." (If you're paying attention, you can tell which of Rick's children (hint hint...Chris) wrote most of this bio). Rick and Linda also have 5 grandchildren. In his spare time, Rick enjoys car shows, flying, shooting, and hanging out at the lake with his family and friends. He and Linda are members of the Commissary Church of Christ.





## ASP Command Spotlight

### MICHAEL MOYER

Major Moyer was born in Copperhill, Tennessee and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated from Northeastern State University with both a bachelor and master's degree in criminal justice. He then completed a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Public Policy from the University of Arkansas. Major Moyer began his law enforcement career in 2000 as a Deputy Sheriff in Oklahoma where he served as a Sergeant and a canine handler.

He was commissioned as an Arkansas State Trooper in 2003 and was initially assigned to the department's Highway Patrol Division, Troop H, Logan County. Major Moyer served in the Criminal Investigation Division of the Arkansas State Police from 2008 to 2013. In 2013 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to the Regulatory Division where he now serves as Major. Major Moyer was appointed and served as the State Fire Marshal until June 2023.

Major Moyer has served as a representative on the National Governor's Association Policy Academy on Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse, served as a member of and the Director at-large on the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators board, and served as the project manager for numerous State Police construction projects.

Major Moyer has been married to his wife, Heather, for 18 years and they have two children, Conner and Wesley. He enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends. Major Moyer shared the following about his work with the Arkansas State Police Foundation, "I have enjoyed working with the Arkansas State Police Foundation on various building projects. Without the support of the Foundation, the Arkansas State Police's goal of having a track and training facility would not have come to fruition."

## Auxiliary Member Spotlight

### WENDY CURRY

Wendy is the Director of HopePlace Warren, the Vice President of Warren's Lion's Club, and homeschools their children. She is the founding President of Troop F/Company B, where she helped build the auxiliary to 21 members. Her true calling is to be a Voice for the Voiceless. She decided to resign as President after a year and a half to focus on what God had called her to do next. In January of this year, she was again elected as President of the Spouses' Auxiliary. Through the years, the auxiliary had declined down to 5 members. She now has it back up to 19 active members and is continuing to work towards building their family unit again.



"God calls us all to serve Him by using the gifts He has given us in some way; we must listen and be willing." Wendy has helped open a faith-based non-profit in Monticello. She has opened one in Warren and Fordyce. Wendy said, "I heard a saying one day on KLOVE and it's true for me. Often, God uses your misery to be your ministry." Wendy is currently working on opening her fourth non-profit ministry. It is scheduled to open at the beginning of 2024, Lord willing. She says "Our community has needs, we can't just ignore them and expect them to disappear. We are called to love like Jesus and be the hands and feet." She truly has a heart for service.





# Scholarship Recipients



**Jacobi Briggs**  
University of  
Central Arkansas  
*Criminology*



**Jacob Carlin**  
Harding University  
*Interdisciplinary  
Studies*



**Jayden Exum**  
Arkansas State  
University  
*Psychology*



**Kaleb Exum**  
Black River  
Technical College  
*Plant & Soil Science*



**David Kai Hamilton**  
University of  
Arkansas  
*Exercise Science*



**Kason Hamilton**  
UA-Hope/Texarkana  
*HVAC*



**Emily Hill**  
Arkansas State  
University  
*Political Science*



**Krystal Hipps**  
Arkansas Tech  
University  
*Elementary Edu.*



**Madison Hitchcock**  
Arkansas State  
University  
*Animal Science*



**Kylie Loewer**  
University of  
Central Arkansas  
*Nursing, BSN*



**Sydney Marie  
Moomey**  
University of  
Central Arkansas  
*Nursing*



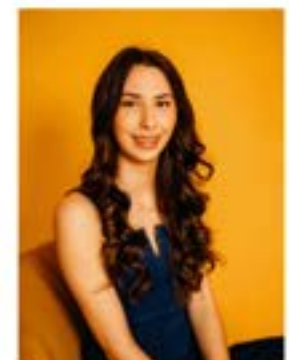
**Sarah Vacco**  
North Arkansas  
College  
*RN Program*



**Whitten Overton**  
National Park  
Community  
College



**Carson Andrew Tosh**  
Arkansas State  
University at  
Mountain Home



**Jillynne Rapert**  
Harding University  
*Health Sciences*





## Golf Outing Success

The Arkansas State Police Foundation Farmers Bank Golf Tournament was a huge success! Despite the heat index of 105, there was a record of 53 teams with a waitlist. ASPF wants to thank Farmers Bank for being such a great supporter of our scholarship fund!







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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](mailto: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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"ASPF"  
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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





## Summer Family Outing

### TROOP K

The Troop K Spouses' Auxiliary hosted a Summer Family Outing Retreat in August at the Air Nation Guard Cove in Jessieville, Arkansas. Activities included fishing, swimming, yard games, and cook out. Troop K is very thankful for the donations made by Mr. Woody Futrell and Diamond Bank in making sure this event was a success! Several families (51 people exactly) were able to enjoy the fun and natural beauty that Lake Ouachita has to offer. Thanks to the ASPF for support and making sure this event was successful in building community with our blue family.



## Guest Speaker

### TROOP A

Troop A invited Chuck Lewis to come and speak about the Arkansas State Police Wellness Program.







## Upcoming Events

### **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.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 - ASPF APPRECIATION DINNER**

ASPF will honor citizens and Board members who have contributed to the Foundation's efforts. Volunteers are needed & proceeds will serve the needs of ASP.

### **TBA - OCTOBER BOARD MEETING**

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