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

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# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Jerry L. Halsey, JR.



Jerry L. Halsey, Jr serves as a Managing Partner and Executive Broker of Halsey Thrasher Harpole Real Estate Group. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Real Estate and Insurance.

He was licensed as a salesperson in 1986 and received his broker's license in 1990. He sold real estate in Little Rock and Jonesboro through his college career. Jerry farmed with his father from 1992-1999. In 2000 Jerry expanded the family business into real estate. In 2001 he started his own company Halsey Real Estate Investments. In 2003 Jerry Partnered with Bruce Burrow and formed Burrow Halsey Realty Group, Inc., and served as CEO & Principal Broker, until mid-2009 when he purchased all the stock and changed the name to NAI Halsey later changing its name to Halsey Real Estate Inc. Jerry served as CEO & Principal Broker of Halsey Real Estate Inc. until the merger with Thrasher Realty Group in March of 2014. Jerry enjoys many facets of real estate, from brokerage to development to ownership. His personal experience runs the gamut of the industry, with market-leading experience in retail centers, office buildings, industrial properties, agricultural properties, self-storage facilities, and undeveloped commercial and residential land. Jerry holds a real estate license in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, and Alabama. He is noted as a market leader, whether in education and designation or significant transactions in every category of commercial real estate. As one of only a select number of CCIM and the only SIOR in the market, Jerry is uniquely qualified by virtue of training and experience. He was inducted into the Northeast Arkansas Board of Realtors Hall of Fame in June 2021. Jerry is a former Commissioner for the Arkansas Building Authority in the

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Zoom
   9:30 a.m. Executive Committee
   11:00 a.m. Board of Directors
  - Please check your email for instructions.

#### Message from Our Chairman



I hope everyone is staying cool with this extreme heat wave we have been experiencing. On a positive note, Fall is right around the corner.

Our next big event is the 5th Annual Golf Tournament in Paragould, sponsored by First National Bank. It will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Paragould Country Club. We are looking forward to good weather and are happy to have Governor Hutchinson attending.

The ASPF Spouses' Auxiliary has Christmas Ornaments for sale again this year. They are \$25 each, all the funds go to the Spouses' Auxiliary Scholarship fund. The Scholarship is for the children of ASP Troopers, our goal is for their children to further their education without any student loan debt. I would like to thank the Spouses' Auxiliary for all they do, they truly are the heart of the Foundation.

I am so proud of our Board and everything they have accomplished this year with our events and the near completion of the Tower and Garage project and the Training Building at the Precision Driving Track Complex on Camp Robinson. Without our Board Members and supporters, we would not have been able to make this happen for the Arkansas State Police.

Sincerely, Frank

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State of Arkansas and served as the Chairman of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission from January 2010 through August 2011. He was a member of the Jonesboro Vision 2030 comprehensive planning advisory commission during its planning phase. Jerry is a former Commissioner for the Arkansas Building Authority in the State of Arkansas and served as the Chairman of the Jonesboro Metropolitan Area Planning Commission from January 2010 through August 2011. He was a member of the Jonesboro Vision 2030 comprehensive planning advisory commission during its planning phase. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Arkansas State Police Foundation, the Board of Directors for City Youth Ministries (Halsey Thrasher Harpole Real Estate Group's Non - Profit Organization of Choice), as the Chairman of the City of Jonesboro PACE Commission, Craighead County Coordinator for the Sarah Huckabee Sanders for Governor Campaign, and the SIOR President for the Arkansas Chapter.

### Former Arkansas State Police Commissioner and Chairman of the Foundation **Dr. Robert Bob Burns**

Dr. Robert (Bob) Burns is retired Chairman and CEO of Farmers Bank and Trust in Magnolia. Bob joined the bank in 1980 and under his leadership the bank grew to over \$2.6 billion in assets with 32 banking locations in 24 communities. Today, Farmers Bank and Trust is one of Arkansas's most prestigious financial institutions.

Dr. Burns is retired Colonel US Army serving with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Vietnam with awards including Bronze Star, Presidential Citation, Cross of Gallantry, Distinguished Service Metal, a Purple Heart, and many other awards. He flew med flight helicopters out of harm's way, and managed patient flow to area hospitals all while coordinating efficiency of injured soldiers. His last assignment was with Headquarters US Central Command as a staff officer for Psychological Operations.

#### **Executive Committee**

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### **Precision Driving Track Complex**

Bill Weeks

The Arkansas State Police Foundation Tower and Garage is continuing on schedule. The roof and outside wall panels have been installed and dry wall has begun. The interior of the building is moving forward with all the plumbing and electrical work being installed and is near completion. Window framing and glass are being installed. The project is on time and under budget and is still estimated to be completed no later than September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The status of the Training Facility is the framing and decking is complete along with roofing. The interior framing is ongoing and is still moving along with a completion date of no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. All is still on schedule and under budget.

Bob graduated Henderson State University and completed his master's and Doctorate Degree at the University of Arkansas. He was appointed to a US Secret Service Task force on cyber security to redraft the wire transfer protocols for banks across the U.S. He was also instrumental within the FBI Citizens Academy to further their community outreach.

In 2013, Dr. Burns was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe to the Arkansas State Police Commission where he served as vice chairman and chairman.

He was also instrumental in the beginning works of the Arkansas State Police Foundation and its executive team. Outside of his service with the State Police Commission and the Foundation he has been a patronage of many organizations across our state and chairman or president of almost all of them. Some of those include, Arkansas State Police Retirement System, Arkansas Board of Higher Education, Economics Arkansas, Arkansas Bankers Association, Accelerate Arkansas, Southern Arkansas University Board of Trustees, and many other community and state boards.

Over his more than 40-year banking career Dr. Burns has been awarded or recognized by several organizations across Arkansas. To name a few, ASP Foundation Hall of Fame, Magnolia Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, Arkansas Business Executive of the Year finalist, and 2015 RMA Commercial Banker of the Year.

His greatest reward is his family. Bob and his wife Molly (Harsh) have raised 3 children, Robert, Elizabeth (Jamie Anderson), and Rebecca (Chris Gosnell) along with 4 grandchildren. They reside in Magnolia.

## **Important Upcoming Events**

Thursday August 18, 2022
Paragould Golf Outing
Paragould Country Club
Please contact Neely Camp at
neely.camp@fnbank.net for further
details.

Monday October 3, 2022 Little Rock Golf Outing Pleasant Valley Country Club Please contact Dennis Ferra at dennisjf53@gmail.com for further details.

Tuesday October 25, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. ASPF Annual Appreciation Dinner Governor's Mansion All tables have been sold!

## Auxiliary Spotlight Debbie Irvin



Debbie Irvin, Spouse's Auxiliary Troop C, serves as Vice President and has been a member since the ASP Police Foundations first meeting.

Serving First National Bank for 11 years, she is currently working as Customer Support Manager Located in the Call Center at Corporate Headquarters. Debbie loves sharing her passion for customer service.

Debbie feels that being a part of the Arkansas State Police Foundation Spouses Auxiliary is such an honor. This organization is very near and dear to her heart. She is the wife of Corporal Scott Irvin, and mother to Trooper Blake Irvin. These men are a very important reason on why she chooses to serve. The Arkansas State Police is considered family and being involved in the Auxiliary gives them a voice. The ASP Foundation is the support system the State Troopers and their families need. The financial contributions made to purchase supplies, give to families experiencing loss, creating college scholarships, and build a state-of-the-art driving track have been just a few of the blessings experienced by being a part of this Auxiliary. Debbie enjoys international travel and loves spending quality time with her family and friends. We are proud to have Debbie apart of Troop C Auxiliary.

#### **Arkansas State Police Foundation**

## Lexus Champions for Charity Golf Tournament

#### **Enter to win the Pebble Beach Raffle**

- Drawing will be Monday, October 3, 2022
- Pleasant Valley Country Club1 Pleasant Valley Drive Little Rock, AR, 72212
- Winner need not be present.

Please contact Hannah Viguerie for more information. vigueriehaspf@gmail.com

One lucky winner and their guest will attend and play in the 2022 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship, at the Pebble Beach Resorts in Pebble Beach, California in December 2022. **Tickets are \$100 each. Only 400 tickets are being produced.** 

- Two (2) Tournament participants will compete in the 2022 Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship for a \$100,000 charity purse. The tournament is scheduled for December 7-11, 2022.
- Tournament participants will receive a hospitality package including airfare, hotel accommodations, meals and golf fees. The golf fees are for the 3-day, 54-hole tournament, and 18 holes per day using Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill, and The Links at Spanish Bay. Club or touring professionals and Lexus affiliates are not eligible to participate in the National Championship and current verifiable handicaps are required.
- The host hotel for all participants will be The Inn at Spanish Bay.

If you would like to purchase a ticket before any of the events, please call Mike Shepard @ 501-580-2163 or mike.shepard@fnbank.net.

Since 1989, the annual Lexus Champions for Charity golf series has raised over \$452 million for charity causes. The golf series begins with over 195 golf tournaments held at golf and country clubs around the U.S. including the Arkansas State Police Foundation's at Pleasant Valley Country Club and culminates in a three-day championship tournament at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Links at Spanish Bay and Spyglass Hill.

## Trooper Retiree Lance Huey

Lance Huey, son of former Trooper and Cross County Sheriff Ronnie Huey, Joined the Arkansas State Police in January 1991 as Trooper.

Born in Wynne Arkansas, Lance was in the US

Marine Corp and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from John Brown University. After joining the State Police, Lance was assigned to Highway Patrol, Troop C in Mississippi County. In April 1997, Lance transferred to Troop K, where he was promoted to Sergeant in 1999. While still working as a Trooper, Lance was elected Justice of the Peace in Grant County Quorum Court, where he served two terms in 2003. In 2007, he was sworn – in as the Grant County Sheriff, which he served for two terms. Before retirement in 2014, with a total of 30 years of service he became the very first Director of Security and Compliance for the newly formed Arkansas Scholarship Lottery.

Since retirement from the state, Lance was hired in 2017 as Vice President of Risk Management for Natural State Medicinal which is a medical marijuana cultivation facility located near Pine Bluff. In 2019, he became General Manager of NEA Spectrum Dispensary. Lance currently works as the Chief Operating Officer for NEA Full Spectrum Dispensary Cultivation in Brookland, Arkansas.

Lance lives in Paragould Arkansas. Lance has two children, Emma, and Ethan Huey, who live in Fayetteville Arkansas.