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“The troopers have the public’s back; we have the troopers’ backs.”

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## Board Member Spotlight Dr. Johnnie Roebuck



Dr. Johnnie Jones Roebuck serves on the ASP Foundation Executive Committee as well as Advisor to the Troop K Spouses’ Auxiliary and the state-wide Auxiliary. She considers her work with the Foundation and fellow Board members an honor and privilege.

She lives in Arkadelphia and is a former Arkansas State Representative and was House Majority Leader, as well as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee and Co-Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee. During her time in the Legislature, she was a staunch supporter of the Arkansas State Police and sponsored ACT 1313 of 2009, doubling death benefits for law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Raised on a Mississippi Delta cotton Farm, Dr. Roebuck appreciates the value of education and civic involvement. She retired from Henderson State University as Professor and former Dean of the HSU Graduate School with a career of 41 years in public education. She was a Governor appointed Trustee and served as Chair of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and Arts Board of Trustees. She was a Governor appointee to the Southern Regional Education Board and served two terms. She holds degrees from Texas Woman’s University, HSU and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. As president of her own company, Managerial and Leadership Concepts, Dr. Roebuck served as a consultant to education and business groups throughout the U.S. She is the author of two books, *Celebrate the Temporary* and *How Are You Becoming?* along with numerous articles. Dr. Roebuck is married to Dr. Tommy, a retired dentist and former legislator. They are parents of four wonderful children – including Arkansas State Police Lieutenant and SWAT Commander Jeff Sheeler – and six perfect grandchildren.

## Events

### Upcoming Board Meeting

- Executive Committee Meeting: January 20th, 2022  
9:30 Via Zoom
  - Board of Directors Meeting: January 20th, 2022  
11:00 Via Zoom
- Please check your email for instructions.

## Message from Our Chairman



Hello Board Members:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you for all you have done to help the Foundation as you have served on the Board of Directors in 2021. We look forward to a successful new year as we strive to meet our goals.

We will continue to hold our meetings via zoom, and I appreciate your faithful attendance. We hope to resume in-person meetings at some point in the future, depending on Covid numbers.

In this issue, we feature the holiday troop memorial trees, and want to express our sincere appreciation to Linda Craig as she initiated this project a few years ago. Our Auxiliary spouses and Board Member, Patti Cannon, joined Linda in this effort to honor our fallen troopers. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families during this holiday season.

Please contact me at any time with your questions, suggestions, and concerns as we set goals for 2022. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Frank Guinn

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## Holiday Office Hours

The ASPF office will be closed December 23-24 and December 27, 28 and 3. We wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Vehicle Decals

A new year calls for new decals. As you know, the sales of these decals are a critical fundraising component of the Foundation. Please contact Caitlin Crane, Administrative Assistant, at [Caitlin.r.crane@gmail.com](mailto:Caitlin.r.crane@gmail.com) to receive your 2022 vehicle decals. For better accountability, it is expected that Board members will either sell and submit \$100 for each decal, or return any decals taken and not sold, to the Foundation office. This procedure will allow us to better control the distribution and sales of decals. Donations received for decals should be sent to the Foundation office. A thank you letter will be sent to the donor from Chairman Guinn and will include tax deduction information. Thank you so much.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

## Auxiliary Spotlight

### 2021 Spouses Auxiliary Memorial Trees



Arkansas State Police Captain Tom Craig was killed in the line of duty in December 2000. In an effort to honor her husband, and all fallen Arkansas State troopers, Linda Craig began the ASP Troop Memorial Tree Project. Linda would buy trees each year and make the special ornaments to place on them, at her own expense. By the time she reached out to Kari Sawyer, ASPF Auxiliary State-wide President, she had placed trees in ASPF Headquarters in Little Rock, as well as in Troops D, H, J and L.

In 2019, the Spouses' Auxiliary leaders, with the assistance of ASPF Board Member Patti Cannon, joined in Craig's mission. Cannon, Auxiliary Advisor to Troop Auxiliaries H and L, reached out to a friend, who worked at Sam's Club headquarters, to secure the needed remaining trees. Patti also coordinated delivery of the trees to the remaining troops.

Now, each year during the Christmas season, ASPF Auxiliary spouses place and decorate the memorial trees in all ASP troops to honor those Arkansas State Police officers who have died in the line of duty.

## Auxiliary Spotlight Troops' Memorial Trees



Troop A



Troop B



Troop C



Troop C Spouses



Troop D



Troop E

# 2021 Spouses Auxiliary Memorial Trees



Troop F



Troop G



Troop J



Troop H



Troop I



Troop K Spouses



Troop K



Troop L



Troop L

## Auxiliary Spotlight Troops Memorial Trees

# Precision Driving Track Complex



In 2019, then Arkansas National Guard Adjutant General Mark Berry worked with the ASP Foundation to secure 303 acres of land at Camp Robinson to build the precision driving training complex.

The driving track portion was completed in 2020 and released to the Arkansas State Police. Phase two, which includes the observation tower, garage and classrooms, will be completed by October 1, 2022.

“After chasing this dream for 10 years, we are proud to see it become a state-of-the-art facility for use by all Arkansas law enforcement agencies,” Chairman Guinn stated. “Arkansas is one of only three states without such a facility which will provide critical training needed to benefit all Arkansans’ safety. We sincerely appreciate the help of Governor Asa Hutchinson, Attorney General Leslie Rutledge and the General Assembly. Thank you to ASPF Board members, Joe Thielke and Benson Cashion, for their work on the driving track phase and to Board members Doug Wasson and Dennis Ferra for co-chairing the tower, garage and classroom planning portion of the facility.”

Board member Hank Kelley said, “We are accomplishing something that Arkansas has needed for some time and we are so grateful to our donors and friends who have helped make this a reality.” Board member Mike Shepard said, “The precision driving training track complex will be a flagship for our nation with the ultimate goal of safety and education.

## Precision Driving Track Complex

