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Board Member Spotlight

DENNIS J FERRA



Dennis J. Ferra has served on the Arkansas State Police Foundation Board as Advisor of the Executive Committee and as a Board Member since 2016.

He highly favors the community of the Foundation and considers it an honor to be working under Chairman Guinn’s leadership. He is also a Board Member for over 30 years with a Hatching Egg Company located in Hot Springs Arkansas. Ferra was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio. He graduated from Kent State University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science and Accounting Degree. Soon after, he began working at Coopers & Lybrand out of Cleveland and joined Alltel in 1985. He and his family relocated to Little Rock Arkansas in 1990. He joined Alltel as a VP controller then later became the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Ferra serves as Co-chair of the Precision Driving Track Complex. He considers this project to be one of his most rewarding accomplishments. Dennis has been married to his wife Karen for 48 years. Together they have two daughters, Heather, and Bethany and two wonderful grandchildren. Dennis is a very active Board Member and uses his education to help run our office. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, basketball and traveling with his family. We are proud to have him apart of the ASP Foundation.

Events

Upcoming Board Meeting

- **March 17th, 2022 via Zoom**
- **Executive Committee 9:30 a.m.**
- **Board of Directors 11:00 a.m.**
 - Please check your email for instructions.

Message from Our Chairman



Hello Board Members:

We want to thank all of you for your outstanding dedication and commitment you have shown so far this year. We are so grateful to be surrounded by a wonderful Board that has a shared vision for growth.

In this issue, featured is the Troop G Auxiliary President. We want to express our sincere appreciation to Emily Hamilton for her vision in creating Troop G Auxiliary and the Scholarship Fund. Our Auxiliary does so much to support the Foundation and we are so grateful.

In other news, we are pleased to announce that we have added one golf tournament this year that will be held in Hot Springs Village on September 6th. A friendly reminder of our other golf tournament dates is, March 25th El Dorado Golf Outing, May 9th Conway Golf Outing, August 18th Paragould Golf Outing, October 3rd Little Rock Golf Outing. We appreciate your support and attendance.

While we are still unable to meet in a group setting, we will continue to hold Board of Director and Executive Committee meetings via zoom. I appreciate your devoted attendance and understanding during these times. We are hopeful to resume in-person meetings in the future.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, concerns, and recommendations. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Frank Guinn
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Auxiliary Spotlight

Emily Hamilton Troop G President



Emily Hamilton was instrumental in starting Troop G's Auxiliary with the Arkansas State Police Foundation in 2018 and has proudly served as president since.

Her husband, Corporal Hamilton has been employed with the Arkansas State Police for 12 years and is assigned to Interstate Criminal Patrol in Troop G. Emily graduated in 2002 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences with a Bachelor's in Science of Nursing. That same year, she started working as a certified RN for Christus St. Michaels Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Texarkana, Texas, and has been employed there for 20 years. Hamilton now also works as a RN at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. Emily and David have three boys, Kai, Kason, and Kowen. Recently her son Kai received a preferred walk on scholarship for the Arkansas Razorbacks Football Team and they consider this a proud accomplishment.

In her spare time, she loves supporting her boys in every sporting event, being on the lake, and spending time with her family. "My biggest accomplishment with the Auxiliary was my Troop brainstorming and starting the idea for the scholarship and seeing how it has grown into what it is today" Hamilton stated. "What I love the most about the Auxiliary is that you have the opportunity to do big things if you put in the time and dedication. Thank you, Chairman Guinn, for listening to my crazy idea for the scholarship and your outstanding support to transform this idea into what it has become today. The Foundation truly values the Auxiliary members and respects and listens to them. I hope that might encourage someone to be active in their own Auxiliary and see that they can truly make a difference."

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Precision Driving Track Complex



The Arkansas State Police Precision Driving Track Complex continues to make excellent progress and continues to move forward.

The footings and concrete pads for the tower and garage have been poured and the construction of the tower has begun. The metal building for the garage and office portion will begin towards the end of March and we are still on schedule for the completion for the tower and garage by October 1st, 2022.

The Foundation has secured the funds for the Classroom Building Shell at the Precision Driving Track Complex and the Foundation Board has approved to move forward with this portion of the Classroom Building. The completion of the Classroom Building is contingent upon the Board raising the additional funding. The land is in progress of being cleared for the Classroom Building. We are proud to be able to accomplish such a vital source of protection for law enforcement across the state and will continue to give updates while moving forward.

Precision Driving Track 2022

