



# **Current Affairs**

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

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# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Trav Baxter



Trav Baxter has served as Board Member on the Executive Committee since November 2019. He enjoys being able to give back to his community and support the lives of the Arkansas State Police.

In addition to serving on the Board at the Foundation, Trav currently serves on the Board of Directors for Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Trav attended Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock and attended college at The University of the South -Sewanee. Thereafter, he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, School of Law, and a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida School of Law in Gainesville.

He is partner at the Mitchell Williams Law Firm in Little Rock, where he provides counsel to individuals and business entities in the areas of estate planning, tax advice, administration of trusts and estates, formation and operation of business entities and succession planning. Trav is a fellow in The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is recognized by The Best Lawyers in America in trusts and estates Chambers USA in corporate commercial tax in Arkansas.

Trav is married to Savanna, they have two children, Scarlett (6) and Graham (4). He enjoys spending time outdoors with his family as well as playing golf, tennis, and hunting on his family's farm in Southeast Arkansas. Trav feels that the best thing about being a part of the Foundation is getting to hear about the daily actions that

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#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

 July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022
 9:30 a.m. – Executive Committee 11:00 a.m. Board Meeting

Face to face meeting ASP Association Board Room or Zoom option • Please check your email for instructions.

## Message from Our Chairman



#### Board members,

First, I would like to thank all the Foundation Board members for all that they have accomplished this year. Without you the Foundation would not be where it is today. We are halfway through the year, and nowhere near finished with the scheduled events for the year.

We have all these incredible events, but not all our State Troopers know what we do to assist them. The Arkansas State Police Foundation's mission is to assist the State Troopers when there is a need that is not within their budget, for instance the Precision Driving Track Complex. We also have the Hearts for Heroes fund; this is used when a Trooper is in dire need of assistance.

Emergencies happen, especially when we least expect it. We want to make sure our State Troopers and their families are taken care of, and don't have to worry about anything. And for their peace of mind, we will not publish who receives help or what it is for. The Foundation also fully respects their right to privacy and will not share who has received assistance.

Hearts for Heroes is not the only fund we use to help the families of State Troopers. Last year we gave out our first Scholarship to a child of a State Trooper. The Spouses' Auxiliary has worked very hard to create a fund specifically to help children of State Troopers continue their education after high school. It is our goal to make sure they get through college debt free.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Foundation and our mission.

Sincerely, Frank imas@grnco.net Cell: 870-239-1901 our Troopers take to keep the citizens of Arkansas safe. He is blown away by the stories of bravery and selflessness our Troopers have as they serve our state. Trav considers it an honor to serve and support our Troopers and their families. We are proud to have him apart of our Board.

# Auxiliary Spotlight Tammy Nichols



Tammy Nichols, Spouses' Auxiliary Troop L President, has supported the Arkansas State Police Foundation from the launch meeting.

She is very proud to be a part of the Spouses' Auxiliary and a voice for the Arkansas State Police. Tammy works as an International Business Coordinator for Tyson Foods Inc., at the World Headquarters in Springdale. In this role she gets to encounter the culture of team members around the world.

Tammy is married to Sgt. Danny Nichols, who has dedicated 25 years of his life to the Arkansas State Police. Throughout those years, Tammy and her husband have made many friends across the state. In her spare time, she enjoys going on adventures with her family and friends.

# Prayers for Cleveland Wilson

Please keep Vice-Chairman Cleveland Wilson in your thoughts and prayers as he is battling a lot at this time.

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# **Precision Driving Track Complex**

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.



# Trooper Retiree JR Howard

JR Howard served the Arkansas State Police from 1971-2012. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1969. From there, he joined the Army National Guard, where he served for six years. In 1971, JR became a Highway Patrolman for the Arkansas State Police and with a lot of perseverance JR worked his way up to Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division. Then in 2011 JR became Director of the Arkansas State Police before retirement in 2012.

His community involvement includes Member of College Church of Christ, Airport Commission Member from 2012-2013, City Council Alderman 2013-2018, and Board Member of Central Arkansas Drug Task Force, which he is still actively serving in.

In his spare time, he enjoys flying planes. In 2001, JR was a part-time pilot for the Arkansas Forestry Commission, but what he enjoys most is spending time with his family. JRs dedication to serving our community comes naturally and we appreciate his dedication and service to the Arkansas State Police.

# 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!

# **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. THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 2022

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