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# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Cleveland Wilson



Cleveland K. Wilson has served on the Arkansas State Police Foundation Board since 2018. His commitment and love for the Foundation comes naturally. He currently serves as Vice President for the Foundation and Advisor to the Spouses' Auxiliary Troop E and Troop F.

Cleveland was born to the late Lue Dilla and Tom Wilson in Hamburg, Arkansas on August 16, 1952. He was one of five children: two brothers and two sisters. Cleveland married Dorothy Barnes and together share two sons, Anthony and Thomas. He has five grandchildren: Nick, Keyth, Jada, Jalen, Janiah and one great granddaughter Jaicey Lauren. His publicschool education was obtained from the Hamburg School District from which he graduated in 1970. He enrolled in the University of Arkansas at Monticello where he played basketball with the Boll Weevils for two years. Beginning in 1960 at the age of ten, Cleveland worked for ten years as a Caddy for Tommy Clarkson. During that time, he developed a love for golf. In addition to his education and love for sports, his hobbies include collecting guns, hunting, and fishing and rebuilding automobiles. Cleveland began his career as an Electrical and Instrumentation Technician at Georgia Pacific Paper Company in Crossett, Arkansas. On September 11, 2001, he retired after twenty-nine years. He was also employed at the Jones Funeral Home. He is a member of the Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church where he has served as assistant Sunday school teacher for the Men's Class, President of Baptist Training Union (BTU), and youth director. Also, he is presently a member of the Praise Team which he enjoys to the highest. Cleveland is community minded and provides services when time permits. He has worked with the summer baseball program, served as a member of the Hamburg Planning Commission, Board Member of the Hamburg School District, Board Member of the Prairie Country Club in Crossett, Arkansas and is Vice Chairman of the Arkansas State Police Foundation.

### 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,

I hope that everyone is finding a way to stay cool with the extreme temperatures we are experiencing. At the beginning of June, Board member Don Houseworth and family, put together a fund-raising event in Blytheville.

They raised \$50,000 for the Hearts for Heroes fund. I would like to thank the Houseworth family for all that they do to support the Foundation and our State Troopers. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, Centennial Bank had a very successful Golf Tournament in Conway. We beat the heat and they were able to raise \$105,000, that will be going towards the Spouses' Auxiliary Scholarship fund.

Last month we received the \$1.5 million grant from the Arkansas Highway Department and were able to sign the contracts with the Contractors to complete the inside of the Training Building on the Precision Driving Track Complex. Our State Troopers are very excited to see these buildings completed.

Through these last few years, the Foundation has grown tremendously, and we are looking to continue our growth. Board members, if you know someone who would be an asset to our Board, and care about our State Troopers as much as we all do, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I thank you all for everything that you do, if you have any questions or concerns, I am here for all of you.

Sincerely, Frank imas@grnco.net Cell: 870-239-1901

In 1975, his life took a different spin when he joined Hamburg Lodge #232; later becoming the Worshipful Master. He continued this course joining all houses and serving as High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Masons; Potentate of Rahman Temple Shrines; Worthy Patron of Golden Star #380, Order of the Eastern Star; District Deputy Grand Master for District Four; member of the Phylaxis Society; Junior and Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Relief Association. In 1986, he became a Grand Inspector General, 33°, and in 2010, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. In February 2005, he became the 19th Most Worshipful Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Arkansas, Prince Hall Affiliation. As Grand Master, he considers his greatest accomplishment as occurring in August 2005 with the purchasing of the new Masonic Temple as a united endeavor of the Royal Grand Chapter and Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Cleveland's core value is giving his best because whatever is worth doing is worth doing well!

# Auxiliary Spotlight Hillary Young



Treasurer of Troop G Auxiliary, Hillary Young, has been with the Spouses' Auxiliary since the start of the Auxiliary in 2018.

She has been a part of several fundraisers, benefit events, and Troop get-togethers. She is most proud of being a part of the Scholarship Committee team from the first idea to presenting Scholarships to State Police Families. Hillary considers it a blessing to be involved in this organization and feels that the Auxiliary is so important to the Arkansas State Police employees and families.

Hillary is from Texarkana, Arkansas, where she lives with her Husband, Corporal Dale Young. They have been married for 11 years, and share two boys, Harrison, and Cullen.

Hillary is a Special Education Evaluator in Texarkana and has been in education for 13 years. In her spare time, she most enjoys reading, baking, hiking, and traveling with her family.

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# 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.

Tuesday September 6, 2022 Hot Springs Golf Outing. Details TBD.

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!

# Trooper Retiree John E. Purcell

John's ambition from an early age was to be an Arkansas State Trooper. No one could have been happier in their work than John. He started his career in Law Enforcement with the Paragould City Police Department in 1963 and served as a Greene County Deputy Sheriff both before and after his tenure with the state. In addition, he was elected Constable of Clark Township numerous times. Clark Township included a large portion of the city of Paragould and was named after one of his ancestors.

In 1969 John was hired by the Arkansas State Police. He was assigned to Conway, and shortly after assigned to West Helena in 1973, were he worked under Captain Galloway, whom John greatly admired. He was involved in Law Enforcement one way or another from 1963 until his death on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

In the Paragould Daily Press article, John was described by his fellow Law Enforcement Officers as someone who was always willing to help in any situation. He was a mentor, great storyteller, and an excellent marksman with a pistol. John was genuine and valued the many lifelong friendships he made as a result of his service with the State Police. Above all, he was a family man who loved his family dearly. We greatly appreciate John's service as an Arkansas State Police Trooper.