



ARKANSAS STATE POLICE  
**FOUNDATION**

# Current Affairs

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

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## Message from the President

Happy March to Arkansas State Police and our supporters. March is always a beautiful season in Arkansas with flowers blooming, baseball stadiums filling, and longer days with more sunshine. Arkansans will take to the highways or airports for spring break and/or Easter travels. It's wonderful to have troopers around our state ensuring safe drivers and protecting our citizens.

As many of you know, Emily Hamilton, our executive director toured the state of Arkansas to all 12 troops in February. I hope you were all able to attend and learn more about the foundation and the necessary steps to receiving scholarships for your dependents. I also hope you or your spouse will engage more with our auxiliary and learn more about how we can support your family in times of need. I commend Emily for her hard work and many miles traveling our state.

The upcoming expectations of the full eclipse in Arkansas can be overwhelming and incomprehensible to what the first weekend in April will hold. We know the Arkansas State Police will be out in full force during the days leading up to the eclipse and after, ensuring that all Arkansans and visitors to the state are kept safe. During events like the eclipse, we must commend the ASP and its Troopers for sacrificing time with their families to keep us secure.

April will be a full month for the Arkansas State Police Foundation. We have several events coming up. On April 16th, we will host the Arkansas State Police retirees at the Driving Track on Camp Robinson for lunch and fellowship. On April 20th, Troop G Spouses' Auxiliary will be hosting a dueling pianos event at the Texarkana Country Club to benefit our scholarship fund. Finally, on April 26th the Farmers Bank Foundation and the Farmers Bank employees will host their 6th annual golf tournament at Mystic Creek Golf Course in El Dorado.

I hope you will all make an effort to attend an event to benefit the ASPF.



Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Anderson*

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## Trooper Retiree Spotlight

### ALLEN EARNHART

Allen, originally from Black Oak, Arkansas, joined the Arkansas State Police (ASP) in 1985 without prior law enforcement experience. He underwent extensive training, including basic and troop school in East Camden. After starting in Jefferson County, he transferred to Troop C, Mississippi County in 1988, and then to Clay County in 1992, where he settled in Piggott with his wife Judy.

Initially on highway patrol, Allen transitioned to the Criminal Investigation Division in 2008, serving Company F until his retirement in 2015 after over 30 years of service. Throughout his career, he witnessed the department's technological advancements.

Since retiring, Allen assisted a friend with farming before fully retiring. He now enjoys traveling and socializing with Judy and friends.

## ASP Command Spotlight

### LIEUTENANT MICHAEL EXUM

Lieutenant Michael Exum currently serves as assistant troop commander for Troop C, covering six counties with a team of around 40 personnel. Prior to this role, he was promoted to post sergeant in Troop B in 2013 and has been a lieutenant since 2016. Lieutenant Exum manages various responsibilities including driver's license testing, telecom, troop fleet, and overseeing three posts. Additionally, he supervises staffing and travels with the Arkansas State University Football Team.



Raised in Greene County and an Arkansas State University graduate with degrees in criminology and law enforcement, Lieutenant Exum began his law enforcement career in 1995 with the Greene County Sheriff's Department. After two years, he joined the Arkansas State University Police Department before becoming a Trooper in 2000.

Married since May 19, 2001, Lieutenant Exum has two children, Jayden and Kaleb, both 19. He enjoys spending leisure time with family and friends, engaging in hobbies such as hunting, fishing, and golf.



## Auxiliary Member Spotlight

### JILL ASHCRAFT

Jill Ashcraft, a dedicated high school mathematics teacher, also cherishes her roles as a mother to Harper (4) and Holland (1) and a supportive wife to Tyler. With eight years of experience teaching grades 7-12, Jill thrives on molding young minds. Her family has been part of the ASP community in Jonesboro, AR, for six years.

Originally from White Hall, AR, Jill's upbringing in an educator family shaped her career path. Settling in Jonesboro for college, she earned her BS and BSE in mathematics in 2016, followed by a MSE in mathematics in 2019, and a Specialist in Educational Leadership in Principalship in 2022. Supported by her husband, Jill aims to move into a leadership role within her district.



Jill's dedication to parenting, fueled by raising her daughters and caring for her nephews, influences her teaching approach. Personal research into child development and parenting styles shapes her outlook as a mother, teacher, and wife. Her drive to improve continuously seeks to positively impact her children and students.

*Jill emphasizes the growth derived from adversity. She believes that challenging moments lead to personal strength and resilience.*



### REMINDER:

Troop G Spouses' Auxiliary  
Dueling Pianos Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20, 2024  
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM  
Texarkana Country Club





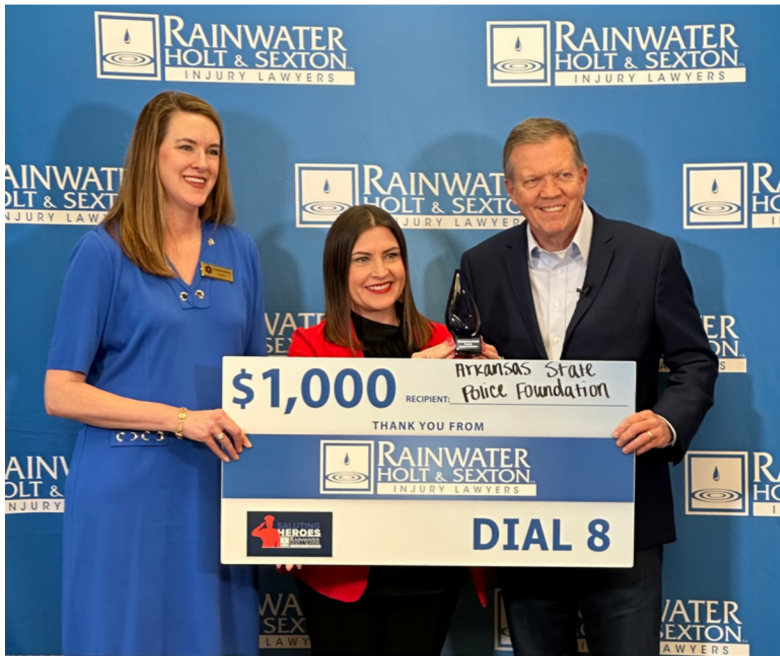
## New ASP Foundation 2024 Officers

At the ASPF's January meeting, Elizabeth Anderson was elected as the new President of the Board for 2024. Subsequently, during the February meeting, new officers for 2024 were appointed: Ford Overton as Vice President, Patti Cannon as Secretary, and Alex Flemister as Treasurer. ASPF extends its congratulations to the newly appointed officers and anticipates a productive year ahead.



*Pictured above from left to right: Elizabeth Anderson, Ford Overton, Patti Cannon, and Alex Flemister*

## ASPF Honored by Rainwater, Holt & Sexton



*Pictured above from left to right: Elizabeth Anderson, Emily Hamilton, and Mike Rainwater*

ASPF was honored to be selected as the Saluting Hero's recipient for March 2024 sponsored by Rainwater, Holt & Sexton and KTHV Channel 11. This is an honor to recognize local heroes and the organizations that support them. Rainwater, Holt & Sexton wants to honor and support those who serve our community. Each month they donate \$1,000 to an organization that supports local heroes with the goal to highlight each and tell their stories.

Please tune in on March 26th at 6:30 p.m. to THV11 to see our interview with Rolly Hoyt.





## ASPF's Around the State in 30 Days

Beginning January 28, 2024, ASPF kicked off their tour around the state in Troop E and finished their tour on February 28, 2024 in Troop D. Emily Hamilton, ASPF Executive Director, visited all twelve troops and was accompanied by Sgt. Chuck Lewis, Wellness Unit Supervisor to the majority of the troops. ASPF provided food and beverages at these events and discussed ASPF's mission and programs that assist the ASP family. The Randy and Betty Hedge Spouses' Auxiliary scholarship was explained in length ensuring that all auxiliary members and troopers understand the requirements and expectations associated with the scholarship qualifications.



**Troop E - January 28th**



**Troop J - February 8th**



**Troop B - February 11th**



**Troop A - February 12th**



**Troop K - February 13th**



**Troop F - February 17th**





**Troop C - February 18th**



**Troop L - February 21st**



**Troop H - February 22nd**



**Troop I - February 26th**



**Troop G - February 27th**



**Troop D - February 28th**





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# Fundraising Opportunities

TEXT "ASPF"



TO 243725  
TO GIVE

*order now!*



ASPF SPOUSES AUXILIARY  
**T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER**



**\$100 each (tax write off)**

*Auxiliary sales contest deadline is  
May 31st.  
Contact Emily Hamilton at the ASPF  
Office to order decals.*

Presented by:

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## ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Friday, April 26th**

Tee-Off: 8:00 AM & 1:00 PM

**MYSTIC CREEK GOLF CLUB**

191 Club House Dr, El Dorado, AR 71730

Contact Candace Rankin@

870-235-7003 for more information

# COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

**\$25**

**PER BOOK**

**BOOKS CAN BE SHIPPED  
FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5**

RECIPES &  
ARE TRIED & TRUE  
HELP FUND  
SCHOLARSHIPS





## Upcoming Events

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### APRIL 16, 2024 - ASP RETIREE MEETING

- 10:30 AM @ Precision Driving Training Complex Classroom
- Hosted by ASPF

### APRIL 18, 2024-ASPF QUARTERLY MEETING

- 11:00 AM @ Old Commissioners Boardroom ASP HQ

### APRIL 20, 2024 - ASPF SPOUSES' AUX. DUELING PIANO FUNDRAISER

- 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM @ Texarkana Country Club

### APRIL 26, 2024 - FARMERS BANK FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

- El Dorado, AR

### JUNE 3, 2024 - CONWAY ASPF GOLF TOURNAMENT

- More information to be announced

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