



# **Current Affairs**

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

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# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Don Houseworth



Don Houseworth is a native of Mt. Vernon, Illinois and has called Blytheville, Arkansas his home for the past 52 years. He continues to be extremely active in the community and serves on the ASP Foundation Executive Committee.

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After graduation from high school, Don served in the United States Air Force, stationed in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and received extensive food and beverage training. He has spent the last 54 years in the hospitality industry and is a Certified Hotel Administrator. He began his career in 1966 with Holiday Inn and became an owner/operator in 1977. He has owned and operated hotels under Smith-House Inc. in multiple states as a franchisee with InterContinental Hotel Group, Hilton Hotels, Choice Hotels, Best Western, and Ramada. Twelve years ago, he launched Houseworth Hotels with two of his daughters. Houseworth Restaurants has been a franchisee with Perkins Family Restaurants, Hardees, Rax, and Pancho's Mexican Restaurants. Don has owned and operated multiple independent fine dining restaurants to date.

Don served on the Holiday Inn Food and Beverage Council and as Chairman of the Southern Region International Association of Holiday Inn Owners Committee. Currently, he serves as a Governor appointed member of the Board of Directors of the Blytheville Gosnell Regional Airport Authority which operates former Eaker Air Force Base and the Mississippi River Port Authority. He serves as Chairman of the Blytheville Tourism and Parks Commission and received the Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021.

Don and Robin have four daughters, Sherry Morgenson, Debbie Howell, Molly Jackson, and Abby Whitener. Don is an avid pilot, enjoys cooking and spending time with his family and two dogs.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

June 16<sup>th</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



Hello Board Members,

This is our busiest time of the year for ASPF sponsored events. With the weather getting warmer, it is the perfect time to join in one of the scheduled upcoming golf tournaments. If golf is not your game, we also have some indoor events happening as well.

Thank you to our table sponsors for the ASP Awards Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, May 25 at Camp Robinson.

Board member Don Houseworth and his family will be kicking June off with a Hearts for Heroes event on June 2 in Blytheville, at the Holiday Inn. There will be dinner and live entertainment. All proceeds go to the Hearts for Heroes fund, which helps troopers and their families in times of crisis and unfortunate emergencies.

Thank you so much to Centennial Bank and John Allison for sponsoring a golf tournament on June 13 at the Conway Country Club. We are looking forward to good weather and a great golf game.

I am extremely excited to announce that we have officially received a \$1.5 million grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation which are the funds we needed to complete the training building at the ASP Precision Driving Training Track complex at Camp Robinson. Despite the weather, we are on schedule for completion of the tower and garage. I am so proud of everyone involved in making all of this happen for our state troopers, who are waiting patiently for a chance to train on the track.

We all have worked very hard and come a long way since the Foundation began. I appreciate everyone involved in supporting the ASP and our troopers. We look forward to what is yet to come. Sincerely,

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

### **RETIREE Trooper Carroll G. Childress**

Carroll G. Childress served the Arkansas State Police for three decades beginning his career August 15, 1963. Two weeks after his high school graduation Carroll joined the United State Air Force. After serving four years, he returned to his hometown of Paragould and went to work for Emerson Electric Company. Carroll worked the night shift and attended Arkansas State University in the day.

Carroll's brother, Benjamin, had a good family friend, Mike Thompson. He was a Major with the Arkansas State Police. Major Thompson shared that the ASP was hiring new troopers. Carroll applied and was accepted; this launched his thirty-year career as a trooper.

Trooper Childress worked the Little Rock area until 1965. When an opening was available back in Greene County, Childress applied and was transferred. Trooper Childress served the State of Arkansas faithfully, retiring 45 days shy of thirty years. He retired on June 30, 1986. Career highlights include, being selected to escort the members from Arkansas that were attending the American Legion Convention in Miami, Florida. It was a high honor to be one of only two troopers selected to attend. In 1977, Trooper Childress was the recipient of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from the Exchange Club of Paragould.

Childress has been married to his lovely wife, Cathryn Cooper Childress for 62 years. They share three children, Steve Childress, Mark Childress, and Christa Childress Glaub.

Thank you for your support and years of service, Trooper Carroll Childress!

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### **Precision Driving Track Complex**

The Arkansas State Police Foundations Tower and Garage Buildings is still proceeding on schedule for a completion date for mid to late September. As previously reported the Metal Building is up, the side panels are substantially complete and the roof with insulation is currently being installed. The inside work has begun and will continue over the next couple of months.

The status of the building is the Metal Building is up and the roof decking is currently being installed. The Board gave approval for finishing the entire Training Building at the last Board Meeting and should be completed by no later November 30.



## Important Upcoming Events

Thursday June 2, 2022 Hearts for Heroes Fundraising Event Holiday Inn Blytheville, Arkansas Please contact Don Houseworth at 870-623-6761 for further details.

Monday June 13, 2022 Conway Golf Outing Conway Country Club Please contact Greg Sanson at 501-514-5810 for further details.

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!





# JUNE 02, 2022

# 6:30 P.M.

# LOCATION: HOLIDAY INN, BLYTHEVILLE 1121 E MAIN ST.

PLEASE JOIN THE HOUSEWORTH FAMILY AND A COMMITTED GROUP OF FRIENDS FOR THEIR HEARTS FOR HEROES FUNDRAISING EVENT. COMPLIMENTARY DINNER, COCKTAILS, AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL DONORS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DON HOUSEWORTH 870-623-6761 THURSDAY AUGUST 18, 2022

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