



VSPA GRAPEVINE

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SPRING, 2023

The 152nd Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. SPRING CONFERENCE

April 22, 2023

Room Cost: \$89.00 + tax
2 People & includes Breakfast
(Standard Queen, Standard King or
2 accessible rooms for handicapped)

Deadline to obtain rooms:
March 31, 2023

**NOTE: Reservations made after this date
subject to availability and room rates are
NOT GUARANTEED. Please be timely!!**



**Natural Bridge Historic
Hotel & Conference Center**
15 Appledore Lane
Natural Bridge, VA 24578
Phone: 540-291-2121 or
www.naturalbridgeva.com
MUST USE CODE: VSP2023

Directions: Traveling Northbound on I-81 take
Exit #175. Follow Route 11 to Hotel.
Traveling Southbound on I-81 take Exit #180.
Follow Route 11 to Hotel.

Meeting Areas:

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| Hospitality Room: | Noon to 5:00 p.m. | Jefferson 1 |
| Board Meeting Room: | 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Madison Room (2 nd Floor) |
| Membership Meeting | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Madison Room (2 nd Floor) |
| Blue Gray Cocktail Hour | 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Jefferson 1 |
| Dinner location: | 7:00 p.m. | Jefferson II & III |

Guest Speaker: William Carrico

Dinner Buffet:

Meal & Hospitality Cost: \$50.00 per person, includes tax
(Please note that we are unable to furnish anything to eat in the hospitality room.
The Hotel requires they furnish sandwiches and snacks)

Mixed Field Greens Salad / Ranch & Balsamic Vinaigrette
Grilled Chicken Breast with Choice of Sauce
Sliced Beef Sirloin with Caramelized Onion Demiglace
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Herbed Squash Medley (Squashes, Tomatoes, Red Onion & Garlic)
Bermuda Vegetable Blend (Broccoli, Carrots, Beans, Roasted Peppers)
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter • Chef's Assorted Desserts

Pre-Paid VSP Alumni Registration Required.

RSVP to VSP Alumni Treasurer Phyllis Allgood by March 31, 2023.

**NOTE: Things to do while staying at the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel and Conference Center: Caverns at Natural Bridge,
Natural Bridge Zoo, Dinosaur Kingdom II, Virginia Safari Park, Great Valley Farm Brewery, Halcyon Days Cider**



Message from the President

It is time for our Spring Conference which will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel. It has been several years since our last meeting at Natural Bridge. Our guest speaker at the Spring Conference will be William (Bill) Carrico, Executive Director of the Virginia State Police Association. Hope to see you in Natural Bridge on April 22, 2023. I hope everyone can come; meet old friends, make new friends and enjoy the quiet scenery of Natural Bridge.

Our first conference since the pandemic was in Virginia Beach and was very well attended. The weather cooperated and it was nice for a walk on the boardwalk. I want to thank everyone who assisted with setting up and taking down the hospitality room. The hotel staff at the Sheraton was excellent. I would also like to thank Captain Mathias for taking the leftover buffet items to the Division Five dispatchers. I want to thank all the members of the 55th Basic School who showed up for the 50th reunion.

In this *Grapevine* you will find that there is an amendment to Article IV in our bylaws to allow for an appeal to the Executive Board decision on any vote for membership. Also, added is the clause that they have not been convicted of a felony. This will be voted on at the General Membership Meeting at Natural Bridge.

Also, in this *Grapevine* is the Nominating Committee's list of candidates for 2024. Remember floor nominating can be brought up during Fall General Membership Meeting. If you know of anyone eligible to join the Alumni please talk to them about coming onboard.

*Regards,
Ron Kranchick, President*

The 151st Meeting and Dinner

The 151st Alumni dinner meeting was held November 12, 2022 in Virginia Beach. All in attendance appeared to be in a festive mood and enjoyed seeing and visiting with friends.

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| Colonel Gary & Kelly Settle | Rodger & Erin Macy |
| Howard & Linda Gregory | Charles & Paula Carrico |
| Ronald Kranchick & Lucy Rowe | Art & Mary Ann King |
| John Holsinger | Roy & Beth McKinney |
| Sammy & Amy Carr | Charles & Jane Compton |
| Fred & Jeanette Clark | Herb & Cindy Bridges |
| Randy Beeson | John Lohmeyer |
| Don & Freda Brown | William & Carolyn Rector |
| Captain Gregory Mathias | Tom & Phyllis Beasley |
| John & Joyce O'Neil | Sandra Brank |
| Cecil & Elaine Handy | William Yates |
| Richard & Phyllis Allgood | Frank Barone |
| Wayne & Wanda Huggins | Marshall & Brenda Bolton |
| Doug Hardesty Jr. | Steve & Nancy Copeland |
| Ronald Saunders | Ryland Reynolds & Joe Scarce |
| James & Jeannett Peters | Lindsey & Linda Jett |
| | Roger & Ann Farr |

Any member attending the Fall meeting whose name is not listed above or whose Bank statement does not reflect a cancelled check, please notify Phyllis Allgood, the Alumni Treasurer.

Virginia State Police Alumni Deceased Members

August 2022 thru February 2023

| NAME | DOD |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Doris R. Isaacs | 8/22/22 |
| Waldy V. Sulik, Sr. | 8/30/22 |
| John Hardin Thomas | 8/31/22 |
| Joseph W. Wright | 9/3/22 |
| W. F. McGuinn | 9/14/22 |
| Donald R. Fields..... | 10/1/22 |
| Howard J. Cook, Jr. | 11/3/22 |
| Raymond P. Turner, Jr. | 11/5/22 |
| Carlton K. Highsmith | 11/9/22 |
| Woodrow N. Ward..... | 12/1/22 |
| James C. Flowers | 12/1/22 |
| Byron L. Terry | 12/5/22 |
| Ronnie R. Campbell | 12/13/22 |
| David Lee Green, Jr. | 2/1/23 |

Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc.

General Membership Meeting

November 12, 2022

Virginia Beach

President Ronald M. Kranchick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The members of the Executive Board present were:

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| President | Ronald M. Kranchick |
| Vice President | Andrew H. Engemann, Jr. - absent |
| Secretary | Bonnie D. Crowder - absent |
| Executive Secretary | Vacant |
| Treasurer | Phyllis H. Allgood |
| Sergeant at Arms | Roger L. Macy |

The Division Representatives present were:

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| 1 st | D. Wayne Holland - absent |
| 2 nd | William S. Doyal - absent |
| 3 rd | Frank M. Knott, Jr. - absent |
| 4 th | T. Wayne Timberlake - absent |
| 5 th | Andrew H. Engemann, Jr. - absent |
| 6 th | I. Cecil Handy |
| 7 th | Ronald M. Kranchick |

Trustees present were: Arthur D. King

Members in attendance, totaled 27.

The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Rodger Macy delivered a prayer.

President

President Kranchick introduced the Superintendent, Colonel Gary Settle who gave an update on the Department's new initiatives in fighting crime and recruitment efforts.

Secretary's Report

Art King filled in for Bonnie Crowder advising she was unable to attend due to family illness.

Health and Welfare Report

No report was provided

Executive Secretary's Report

President Kranchick advised of the following conference: The Spring Meeting next year will be held in Natural Bridge on April 22, 2023.

Division Representatives' Reports

No reports were given.

New Business

John O'Neil read the suggested Slate of Officers and Representatives for 2023:

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| President | Ronald M. Kranchick |
| Vice-President | Andrew H. Engemann, Jr. |
| Secretary | Bonnie D. Crowder |
| Treasurer | Phyllis H. Allgood |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | VACANT |
| Executive Secretary | VACANT |

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| Division 1 Representative | David Wayne Holland |
| Division 2 Representative | William S. Doyal |
| Division 3 Representative | Frank M. Knott, Jr. |
| Division 4 Representative | T. Wayne Timberlake |
| Division 5 Representative | Andrew H. Engemann, Jr. |
| Division 6 Representative | I. Cecil Handy |
| Division 7 Representative | Ronald M. Kranchick |

There were no nominations from the floor.

A **MOTION** was made by John O'Neil and seconded by Rodger Macy to accept the Slate of Officers. The membership voted to approve the slate as presented with no opposition with a head count of 27 members.

Installation of State Police Alumni Board for 2023

Art King performed the installation of the 2023 officers.

There being no further business, a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Rodger Macy, seconded by Art King and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

2024 Slate of Officers and Representatives Nominating Committee Recommendations

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| President | Ronald M. Kranchick | Division 1 Rep | David Wayne Holland |
| Vice President | Andrew H. Engemann, Jr. | Division 2 Rep | William S. Doyal |
| Secretary | Bonnie D. Crowder | Division 3 Rep | Frank M. Knott, Jr. |
| Treasurer | Phyllis H. Allgood | Division 4 Rep | T. Wayne Timberlake |
| Sergeant at Arms | Richard Allgood | Division 5 Rep | Andrew H. Engemann, Jr. |
| Executive Secretary | John O'Neil | Division 6 Rep | I. Cecil Handy |
| | | Division 7 Rep | Ronald M. Kranchick |

Please read the proposed changes prepared by the Membership Requirement Committee, reviewed by the Executive Board and be prepared to vote on it at the April meeting.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- (B) **SWORN MEMBER:** Sworn Member is defined as any Virginia State Police Officer who has successfully completed the Virginia State Police Basic Training Course and vested with the authority to enforce all criminal laws of Virginia shall be eligible to apply for membership. A Sworn Member shall be entitled to vote, hold elected office and participate in all other Alumni functions.
- (D) **NONSWORN MEMBER:** Nonsworn Member is defined as any retired civilian employee of the Virginia Department of State Police or any former civilian employee who left the Department with five or more years of employment shall be eligible to apply for membership. A NonSworn member shall be entitled to vote, hold elective office and participate in all other Alumni functions.

SECTION 2: ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

- (A) All applications for membership shall be forwarded to the address shown on the application for consideration. Consideration will be given to the following factors:
- (1) Cannot have been convicted of any criminal offense which is classified as a felony.
 - (2) Must be of such character as to uphold the

integrity of the Department of State Police and the State Police Alumni.

- (B) The information on the application shall be verified along with any other known information and submitted to the Executive Board for a vote.
- (C) The Executive Board who, through a majority vote of those members present at a regular Executive Board Meeting, called Executive Board Meeting or Electronic Polling of Board Members by telephone, email, text message or other similar methods, shall accept or reject the application.
- (D) An appeal of the Executive Board's decision shall be handled as follows.
- (1) The appellant shall make known their desire to appeal the decision in writing within 20 days of receipt of notice.
 - (2) Their appeal shall be presented to the members, at large, at the next general conference.
 - (3) The Executive Board and the appellant will be given an opportunity to present their cases before the general membership.
 - (4) The general membership shall vote in secret to uphold or reverse the Executive Board decision. This decision shall be final and no further appeal and/or new application will be heard.

NOTICE ABOUT UPDATES

Any changes to your name, address, telephone or email needs to be sent to:

Directory Coordinator

George Galo

P. O. Box 545

205 Meadowlane Point

Lancaster, Virginia 22503

Treasurer - Phyllis Allgood

208 Melonie Drive

Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 31, 2023

Send Form to: Phyllis Allgood, 208 Melonie Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Print Name: _____ Number in Party: _____

I plan to attend the Spring Meeting in Natural Bridge, Virginia. Enclosed is my check payable to VSPA in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ people who plan to attend the Hospitality Room and Dinner @ \$50.00 per person. If you bring guests please list their names.

2023 Dues - \$25.00 yr. _____

I understand that I must make separate room reservations by March 31, 2023 with the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Conference Center. Phone: 540-291-2121 or www.naturalbridgeva.com
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*Full refunds are not granted for cancellations made after March 31, 2023.
The Alumni must guarantee payment for all meals that day.*



Retiree Death Information/Contacts

If Your Loved One Dies While Retired

Securian Financial, insurer for the **Virginia Retirement System Group Life Insurance Program**, can initiate all VRS benefit claims and will provide information to VRS for processing any benefits due. Examples include:

- Life insurance.
- Payment of any remaining contributions in the retiree's defined benefit account.
- Any funds in a VRS Defined Contribution Plan, if the employee participated. For more information, call Securian Financial at 800-441-2258.

Virginia Retirement System:

Call 888-827-3847 or visit varetire.org.
Securian Financial: Call 800-441-2258.

VRS Defined Contribution Plans:

Call 877-327-5261 and ask to speak with a Participant Services Representative, or visit varetire.org/dcp.

Social Security Survivor Benefits:

Call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213, contact your local Social Security Administration office or visit socialsecurity.gov.

Taxation of Benefits: Consult a tax advisor, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or visit irs.gov.

Workers' Compensation Survivor Benefits:

Contact the member's human resource office.

Order of Precedence:

If there is no valid beneficiary designation on file or the beneficiary is deceased, VRS is required by law to pay benefits according to the order of precedence:

- First, to the spouse of the member.
- Second, if no surviving spouse, to the children of the member and descendants of deceased children, per stirpes.
- Third, if none of the above, to the parents of the member.
- Fourth, if none of the above, to the duly appointed executor or administrator of the estate of the member.
- Fifth, if none of the above, to other next of kin of the member entitled under the laws of the domicile of the member at the time of death.

If Your Loved One Is Terminally Ill:

The **accelerated death benefit** is paid while a member or retiree is still living. Eligible members or retirees diagnosed with a terminal condition with fewer than 12 months to live can withdraw some or all of their life insurance proceeds to use for any purpose. A beneficiary or survivor will receive any remaining amount upon the member's or retiree's death. For more information, call: Securian Financial, 800-441-2258.

Taxation of Benefits:

Any distributions a beneficiary or survivor receives will be subject to federal and state income taxes. See the IRS 402(f) Special Tax Notice available at varetire.org/forms.

Virginia State Police Alumni Members - The death of Virginia State Police Alumni members should be reported to the VSPA Membership Directory Coordinator listed in the current edition of the Virginia State Police Alumni Membership Directory.

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