



# VSPA GRAPEVINE

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## The 154<sup>th</sup> Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. SPRING CONFERENCE

**April 6, 2024**

**Room Cost:**

**Single or Double**

**\$119.00 plus tax = \$134.75**

(Breakfast is not served at the Hotel)

**Reservation cutoff date is**

**March 6, 2024.**

**Call in reservations only**

**(434) 528-2500**

**Group rate is**

**“Virginia State Police”**

**NOTE:**

Reservations made after this date  
subject to availability and room rates  
are **NOT GUARANTEED.**

**Please be timely!!**



**Lynchburg Grand Hotel**

601 Main Street

Lynchburg, VA 24504

Phone: 434-528-2500



### **Meeting Areas:**

Hospitality Room:	Noon to 5:00 p.m.	823 John Lynch Suite
Board Meeting Room:	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Poplar Forest Room
Membership Meeting	3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Poplar Forest Room
Blue & Gray Happy Hour	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	823 John Lynch Suite
Dinner location:	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Ballroom A

***Pre-Paid VSP Alumni Registration Required.***  
***RSVP to VSP Alumni Treasurer Jerry Davis***  
***137 Fabric Lane, Rural Retreat, VA 24368***  
***by March 6, 2024.***

### ***Dinner***

### ***Lynchburg Grand Hotel***

**Meal Cost:**

**\$50.00 per person**

½ Fried Chicken or ½ Baked Chicken  
Sliced Sirloin Au Jus – Gravy on the side  
Fried Fish – Tartar Sauce on the side  
Macaroni Cheese  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Salads are preset – Ranch and  
Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing  
Dinner rolls and butter  
Preset dessert – New York Style  
Cheesecake

# Message from the President

Greetings,

It is a new year and our 50<sup>th</sup> year. I hope everyone is doing well. Our spring conference will be at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel (Previously the Holiday Inn). Join us in Lynchburg and enjoy the company of fellow alumni members. We have new members that I hope will attend and meet new and old friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Phyllis Allgood for her years as Treasurer, Richard Allgood as Sgt. At Arms. I would also like to thank George Galo for his years of doing the directory we receive each year. If you have not sent in your dues our new Treasurer is Jerry Davis: 137 Fabric Lane, Rural Retreat, Va. 24368, phone 276-613-3233, Email jldavis4165@gmail.com . Several vacancies need to be filled on committees. If you have some time to spare, please volunteer. Call me or John O'Neil if you can help. Hope to see you at the conference.

Thank you,  
Ron Kranchick

# The 153<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and Dinner

*The 153<sup>rd</sup> Alumni dinner meeting was held November 11, 2023 at Virginia Beach. All in attendance appeared to be in a festive mood and enjoyed seeing and visiting with friends.*

Barone, Frank	Engemann, Andy and Regina Andes
Kyle, Roy and Shirley	Redifer, Daniel and Cathy
Batkins, David and Tammy	Goodpasture, Richard and Melina
Lickliger, Terry and Lisa	Reynolds, Ryland
Blosser, Jim and Sharon	Handy, Cecil and Elaine
Lohmeyer, John and Bonnie McDorman	Rosser, Rollin and Beverly
Brank, Sandy	Hardesty, Douglas
McKinney, Roy	Saunders, Ronnie
Brooks, David	Hollandsworth, Paul and June
Northern, Bob and Donna	Saunders, Zeb and Hazel
Compton, Charlie and Jane	Huggins, Wayne and Wanda
O'Neil, John and Joyce	Scarce, Joe
Crowder, Bonnie	Kranchick, Ronald and Lucy Rowe
Ostwinkle, David	Williams, Allen D. and Nancy
Dacey, Maury and Nancy	Wyche, Jesse and Maxine
Phillingane	
Powell, Robert and Drucilla	
Davis, Jerry and Jodi	
Rector, Roger and Carolyn	



## 2025 Slate of Officers and Representatives

### Nominating Committee Recommendations

President	Andrew H. Engemann, Jr.
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Bonnie D. Crowder
Treasurer	Jerry L. Davis
Sergeant at Arms	Sammy Carr
Executive Secretary	John T O'Neil
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	David R. Copley
Division 6 Representative	I. Cecil Handy
Division 7 Representative	Ronald M. Kranchick

### Virginia State Police Alumni

\*\*\*\*\*ANNUAL DUES NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

**\$25.00 per year**

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

For Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ALUMNI**

Mail to Treasurer: Jerry Davis

137 Fabric Lane • Rural Retreat, Virginia 24368

**\*\* Dues are due: \*\* January 1, of each year.\*\***  
**Cut out and mail, maintain a copy for your files!**  
**Virginia State Police Alumni Dues Payment Slip**

# Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc.

## General Membership Meeting, November 11, 2023, Virginia Beach

President Ronald M. Kranchick called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The General Membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and invocation was given by John T. O'Neil.

The members of the Executive Board present were:

President	Ronald M. Kranchick
Vice President	Andrew H. Engemann, Jr.
Secretary	Bonnie D. Crowder
Executive Secretary	John T. O'Neil
Treasurer	Absent
Sergeant at Arms	Absent
	Phyllis H. Allgood
	Richard L. Allgood, Jr.

The Division Representatives present were:

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

There were no Trustees present.

Members in attendance totaled 27.

**President** – President Kranchick welcomed everyone. He started the meeting by explaining how Article IV (new language for the Appeal Process) had been approved by the General Membership at the April 22, 2023 meeting that would allow a rejected applicant the right to appeal that vote. Cheryl Petska attended today's meeting to appeal the rejection of her membership and would be allowed to present her side.

Ronald Kranchick said today after listening to both sides, the General Membership would vote to accept or reject her. Dale Gouldman asked who would be sitting on the panel voting, if the Board was included in the General Membership voting and Ronald Kranchick responded yes, the Board is part of the General Membership. Ronald Kranchick then called John T. O'Neil representing the Board's side and then Cheryl Petska would be given a chance to speak.

John O'Neil spoke first on behalf of the Board. He said the Board determines whether an applicant is accepted or rejected based on the by-laws. The Alumni is a social group and a non-profit organization, but at the same time the integrity of the Alumni and the Department of State Police has to be maintained. He said it would be up to the General Membership after hearing both sides to vote to approve or reject her application.

Ms. Petska was called upon and she asked that her husband, Mark Petska, speak first. Mr. Petska made his presentation and felt there was not anyone in the room that would not support their wife as he was doing. He said hopefully the membership would hear what he said and understand the facts.

Dale Gouldman then spoke in favor of Ms. Petska and also regarding the calling and discussing of applicants. Andy Engemann said it is not unusual for Board members to talk to each other and are operating in good faith.

Cheryl Petska presented her side and after reading her statement, said she would answer any questions.

Ronald Kranchick said there would be a silent vote by marking either yes or no on a 3 X 5 note card and asked Charlie Compton and Colonel M. Wayne Huggins (Retired) to count the votes. The final vote was to accept Cheryl Petska as a member.

**Vice President** – Nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report** – Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report** - Ronald Kranchick read the information from Phyllis Allgood, who is still in rehab, stating that the checking account balance as of October 30, 2023 was \$31,023.97. At this time, John O'Neil read a letter from Phyllis resigning her position as Treasurer and Richard Allgood resigning his position of Sergeant at Arms.

**Health and Welfare Report** - John O'Neil gave the names of deceased members since the April 22, 2023 meeting at Natural Bridge:

04-22-2023	William (Bill) F. Littreal, Jr.
05-01-2023	Preston (Pete) A. Miller
05-09-2023	William (Bill) H. Terry
05-14-2023	Terry B. Skeens
05-18-2023	Clyde E. Byers, Sr.
06-19-2023	Bennie M. Heath, Jr.
08-23-2023	Paul P. Dicks
09-05-2023	Thomas (Tom) B. Daniels, Jr.
09-05-2023	Herbert (Buddy) Thomas Gordon
10-15-2023	Walter B. Wilmore, Jr.
11-01-2023	Charles (Chuck) T. Shinall
11-07-2023	Robert (Bob) Dickerson

He advised he was also sending out get well cards to any previous Department members, even if they were not an Alumni member and asked if anyone knows of someone with health issues, to please advise any Alumni member or let Cecil Handy know of the information.

**Executive Secretary's Report** - John O'Neil said the cost per person for this conference was \$26.74 above the \$50 paid by each member, approximately \$2,023 paid by the Alumni. A \$500 rental amount had to be paid because of lack of attendees. The April 6, 2024 meeting will be held in Lynchburg at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel (previously the Holiday Inn) and the November 2, 2024 meeting will be held at Natural Bridge. He asked if anyone had any ideas regarding where to hold these conferences, to please let him know.

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# Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc.

## General Membership Meeting, November 11, 2023, Virginia Beach

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Discussion followed regarding the hotels allowing food, snacks and alcohol to be brought in, providing breakfast and the increase in cost. Ronald Kranchick said one of the problems is to try and coordinate and get more people involved to attend the meetings and pay their dues in a timely manner to keep the conference costs down.

Dale Gouldman asked what was being done to get more members active other than sending out the *Grapevine* and would like to review his proposal about on-line voting and thought that would build a thought process in their minds to get them active. There was discussion that on-line voting would not get the members to attend the conference and increasing the number of attendees would help cut costs. Charlie Compton added word of mouth was one way, however, thought younger people do not socialize like the older ones had in the past. Ronald Kranchick asked Dale to submit his on-line voting proposal to him for review and if there was a way to get more people involved to please let him know and he would work with him.

### Division Representatives' Reports

Division 1 – Absent

Division 2 – Absent

Division 3 – Absent

Division 4 – Absent

Division 5 – Andrew Engemann said he is sending out e-mails, no issues to report.

Division 6 – Cecil Handy said he appreciated the Division 6 leadership, Captains Denney and Bartlett, in cooperating and providing information such as addresses and phone numbers to recruit new members. He had learned this morning that Lindsey Jett had pneumonia. He had also learned that Pat Gurganus' wife, Jane, had been diagnosed with advanced dementia.

Division 7 – Ronald Kranchick, nothing to report.

### New Business

John O'Neil, Nominating Committee, read the names of the 2024 Board.

President – Ronald M. Kranchick

Vice President – Andrew H. Engemann, Jr.

Secretary – Bonnie D. Crowder

Executive Secretary – John T. O'Neil

Treasurer – Vacant

Sergeant at Arms – Sammy Carr

Division 1 Representative – D. Wayne Holland

Division 2 Representative – William S. Doyal

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Ronald Kranchick said the Nominating Committee had made their recommendations and asked if there were any other nominations, if not, there would be a vote. There were no other nominations.

The installation of the 2024 Board Members was performed by Colonel M. Wayne Huggins, Retired.

A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Engemann, seconded by David Brooks and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



## 2023 Deceased VSPA Members January thru December

David L. Green, Jr. (2-1-2023)

Jerome M. Lowery (2-25-2023)

Billy S. Allsbrook (3-17-2023)

Larry C. King (3-28-2023)

Vernet C. Jones (4-12-2023)

David L. Powell (4-15-2023)

William F. Littreal, Jr. (4-22-2023)

Preston A. Miller (5-1-2023)

William H. Terry (5-9-2023)

Terry B. Skeens (5-14-2023)

Clyde E. Byers, Sr. (5-18-2023)

Bennie M. Heath, Jr. (6-19-2023)

Pearl Chew (7-12-2023)

Paul P. Dicks (8-23-2023)

Thomas B. Daniels, Jr. (9-5-2023)

Herbert Thomas Gordon (9-5-2023)

Walter B. Wilmore, Jr. (10-15-2023)

Charles T. Shinall (11-1-2023)

Robert T. Dickinson (11-7-2023)

Dorsey D. Kelly (11-16-2023)

Donald F. Brown (11-26-2023)

John Henry Jenkins (12-6-2023)

Roger P. Grimmett (12-14-2023)

# PRE-PAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 6, 2024

*Send Form to:*

**Jerry Davis: 137 Fabric Lane, Rural Retreat, VA 24368**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number in Party:** \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the Spring Meeting in Lynchburg, 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.

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**2024 Dues - \$25.00 yr.** \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must make separate room reservations by March 6, 2024 with the Lynchburg Grand Hotel. Phone: 434-528-2500

*Full refunds are not granted for cancellations made after March 6, 2024.  
The Alumni must guarantee payment for all meals that day.*



## NOTICE ABOUT UPDATES

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

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**Treasurer - Jerry L. Davis**

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