



VSPA GRAPEVINE

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The 155th Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc. FALL CONFERENCE

November 2, 2024

Room Cost:

Single: \$107.00 plus 15.3% taxes
Double: \$117.00 plus 15.3% taxes
Breakfast is included in the room rate.

DEADLINE TO OBTAIN ROOMS:
September 27, 2024

Reservations: internet -
www.naturalbridgeva.com
or call: (540) 291-2121

GROUP CODE:
110124VSP

NOTE:

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



Natural Bridge Hotel

15 Appledore Lane
Natural Bridge, VA 24578
Phone: (540) 291-2121

Dinner Buffet

Meal & Hospitality Cost:
\$55.00 per person

(Please note that we are unable to furnish anything to eat in the hospitality room. The Hotel requires they furnish sandwiches and snacks)

Mixed Greens Salad with Crisp Fried Vidalia Onions, Roma Tomatoes, Crumbled Goat Cheese and Red Wine Vinaigrette

Three Entrée Selections

- Cornmeal Crusted Catfish with Remoulade Sauce
- Rosemary Roasted Breast of Chicken with Caramelized Onions
- Smothered Southern Pork Roast with Creamy Mushroom Pan Sauce

Accompaniments

- Herb Butter Potatoes
- Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

- Chocolate Ganache Cake with Raspberry Coulee
- Carrot Cake

Beverages

Ice water, Freshly brewed regular and decaf coffee, herbal teas, and brewed iced tea

Meal is served with baked breads and butter

Meeting Areas:

Hospitality Suite:	Noon to 5:00 p.m.	Jefferson 1
Board Meeting Room:	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Madison Room
Membership Meeting	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Madison Room
Blue & Gray Cocktail Hour	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Jefferson 1
Dinner location:	7:00 p.m.	Jefferson 11 & 111
Guest Speaker: Major Robby Holland		

Pre-Paid VSP Alumni Registration Required.
RSVP to VSP Alumni Treasurer Jerry L. Davis
137 Fabric Lane, Rural Retreat, VA 24368
by October 11, 2024.

Message from the President

Fellow Alumni Members,

It is time for our Fall Conference which will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel on Nov. 2, 2024. At this meeting our guest speaker is scheduled to be Major Robert Holland. I hope everyone can come; meet old friends, make new friends and enjoy the quiet scenery of Natural Bridge. Since this is the last meeting of the year we will be voting on a new board for next year. Also, in this **Grapevine** is the Nominating Committee's list of candidates for 2025. Notice that as of this writing the nominating committee has not placed a name for Vice President or Executive Secretary. If you are interested in either position please notify John O'Neil. These positions are very important to the continuation of this organization and we need someone to step up to fill these and other vacant positions. Remember floor nominations can be brought up during Fall General Membership Meeting.

I have been the president for over 2 years, and I want to thank everyone who has helped to keep this organization running smoothly these last few years.

If you know of anyone eligible to join the Alumni please talk to them about becoming members.

As we have discussed in the past it is getting difficult to find meeting places that allow us to supply our own liquor and food in the hospitality room. Natural Bridge will not allow us to bring our own food for the hospitality room and they are charging us by the person for the hospitality room. If you know of any location that may allow us to supply our own food and liquor for the hospitality room please let a board member know so the board can check further.

I have taken over the responsibility of the directory. If you have any changes to be made, please contact me at rkranchick@aol.com or 703-447-8968.

Ron 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**

The 154th Meeting and Dinner

The 154th Alumni dinner meeting was held April 6, 2024 in Lynchburg. All in attendance appeared to be in a festive mood and enjoyed seeing and visiting with friends.

Adcock, James and Cora
Barbour, Jerry and Susan
Berge, Eric and Susan
Blosser, Jim and Sharon
Bridges, Herb and Cindy
Brooks, Ken and Becky
Burley, Glenwood
Carr, Sammy
Craft, William
Crowder, Bonnie
Daniels, Vickie
Davis, Jerry and Jodi
Dowsett, Rick
Doyal, Bill and Judy
Elliott, Steve
Engemann, Andy and
Regina Andes
Farmer, Mike and Dianne
and Michael
Galo, George and Shirley
Handy, Cecil and Elaine
Jett, Lindsey and Linda

King, Art and Maryanne
Knott, Frank
Kranichick, Ronald &
Lucy Rowe
Martin, Harry and Deborah
McKinney, Roy
O'Neil, John and Joyce
Redifer, Daniel and Kathy
Rexrode, Jim and Doris
Rosser, Rollin and Beverly
Rowles, John
Saunders, Zeb and Hazel
Shupe, Robert and Ann
Snead, Tom and Dana
Elliott, Steve
Stephens, M. Barry and Mary
Stout, Bob and Amy
Teter, Kevin and Hannah Clark
Timberlake, Wayne and
Becky Neal
Tinsley, Ed
Watson, J. B. and Micki



2025 Officers and Representatives

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms
Executive Secretary

Andrew H. Engemann, Jr.
David L. Batkins
Bonnie D. Crowder
Jerry L. Davis
Sammy Carr
John S. Holsinger

Division 1 Representative
Division 2 Representative
Division 3 Representative
Division 4 Representative
Division 5 Representative
Division 6 Representative
Division 7 Representative

D. Wayne Holland
William S. Doyal
Frank M. Knott, Jr.
T. Wayne Timberlake
Andrew H. Engemann, Jr.
I. Cecil Handy
Ronald M. Kranchick

Virginia State Police Alumni, Inc.

General Membership Meeting, April 6, 2024, Lynchburg, VA

President Ronald M. Kranchick called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The General Membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and invocation was given by Jerry L. Davis.

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	Jerry L. Davis
Sergeant at Arms	Sammy Carr

The Division Representatives present were:

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

Trustees present were Wayne Timberlake and Art King.

Members in attendance totaled 31.

President: President Ronald Kranchick welcomed everyone and that it is the beginning of 50th year of the Virginia State Police Alumni.

Vice President: Andrew Engemann said the division representatives are doing a great job by continuing their outreach of recruiting new members and advising of sickness, disabilities, deaths and funerals.

Secretary's Report: Bonnie Crowder had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry L Davis introduced himself as retired Division 4 BCI Captain and had taken the position of Treasurer as of January 27th this year. He said the beginning balance as of February 1st was \$29,976.47. Since that time with the deposits and expenses during the months of February, March and beginning of April, the balance as of today was \$26,168.72. Within this funding amount, there is a separate fund, Lieutenant Colonel C. M. Robinson Fund, with a balance of \$1,711.08. The money in this fund is used for physical fitness plaques for each Basic School for an outstanding male and female.

The membership roster and dues were discussed as to payments received, non-payments, memberships continued, etc. He is working with the Board about reaching out to members to see if they want to continue their membership and make the dues current.

His presentation showed the cashflow and some of the expenses were discussed such as:

- There is a \$100 payment made in memory of each deceased member and there were 24 deaths last year, \$2,400.
- For this conference, there were 83 members registered at \$50 equaling \$4,150, however, the Alumni still have to subsidize \$2,000 to \$2,500 each conference to cover costs.
- About \$5,000 for cost of the Alumni Directory
- About \$1,200 for cost of the **Grapevine**
- The dues to include the members who have paid as a Regular Life Member, \$250 one-time payment, was discussed.
- There was discussion as to how to lower expenses, receive dues in a timely manner, make some adjustments moving forward, etc. He asked if anyone had any ideas, to please reach out to any of the division representatives, Board members or get in touch with him.

Jerry Davis summarized the finances for the 2023 year by saying the cash inflow was \$17,756.89 and the cash outflow was \$24,257.02.

Health and Welfare Report: John O'Neil read the names of the deceased members since the November 2023 Virginia Beach meeting and asked for a moment of silence; Donald Brown, John Jenkins, Roger Grimmitt, T J Williams, Dave Nichols, Bill Fowle, Woody Campbell and Frank Duffy and asked for a moment of silence in memory of them. He had also sent out 13 get well cards.

Executive Secretary's Report: John O'Neil said hotels are putting on more restrictions regarding bringing in food and this hotel did not have a restaurant and dinner is being catered. The cost of the hospitality room running a little over and it will cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500. This amount could be offset by raising fees, however, being a social club, the thought is for everyone to get together and have a good time.

The Alumni has the license for the hospitality room and alcoholic beverages cannot be taken out of that area. Arrangements have been made with the hotel for a cash bar with the dinner meal, but again, the Alumni is covering the expenses of the workers and the fees.

The Fall Conference will be November 2nd in Natural Bridge and the registration fee will remain at \$50.

John O'Neil read the 2025 Slate of Officers from the Nominating Committee:

President	Andy Engemann
Vice-President	Vacant
Secretary	Bonnie D. Crowder
Treasurer	Jerry L. Davis
Sergeant-at-Arms	Sammy Carr
Executive Secretary	Vacant

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General Membership Meeting, April 6, 2024, Lynchburg, VA

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Division 1 – D. Wayne Holland
Division 2 – Bill Doyal
Division 3 – Frank Knott
Division 4 – Wayne Timberlake
Division 5 – Dave Copley
Division 6 – Cecil Handy
Division 7 – Ronald Kranchick

Division Representatives' Reports

Division 1 – Absent
Division 2 – Bill Doyal – Nothing to report
Division 3 – Frank Knott – Nothing to report
Division 4 – Wayne Timberlake – Talked about conference locations
Division 5 – Andy Engemann said he has an active email list of about 140 people and currently acting as division representative, but David Copley will be taking over some time in near future next year.
Division 6 – Cecil Handy said Paul Sleeper has been in the hospital in Roanoke to remove a benign tumor close to the brain, going home next week and cards would be appreciated. Frank Duffy had been presented with his Life Member Certificate and was very appreciative, however, passed away a few days later.
Division 7 – Ron Kranchick – Nothing to report

Old Business

None

New Business

A. President and Vice President Positions – Andrew Engemann said he will be running for President and would like a Vice President with some experience on the Board or can mentor as necessary. The Executive Secretary's position is also vacant, and there are financial allowances for this position. He stated that the Virginia State Police is one of the few agencies that have an active Alumni, have conferences, email lists and the Death Benefit Fund, do a great job of communicating with each other and the members should be proud of that. He would like to see some people with some time and energy to step up and volunteer for a position for a year at a time and enjoy the experience.

B. Glen Burley was recognized and said he was honored to be accepted as an Honorary Member of our organization. He spoke regarding the low membership of law enforcement organizations and the path of financial dilemma. He stated the Richmond Fraternal Order of Police was the largest group in the state at one time and has gone from 700 members down to 200+ members, members are getting older, some not paying dues, younger people not joining and a continuing downward spiral. Due to postage increase, they stopped

sending out the monthly bulletin, however members who wanted the hard copy, paid for the postage. Emailing was suggested and savings had been recognized. He is finding the groups don't want to hear about politicians, they are interested in new technology, what the swat team is wearing now compared to what they were wearing. He thought finding speakers to stimulate interest at the conferences would encourage more members to attend the conferences. He thanked the group for allowing him to speak.

A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Engemann, seconded by John O'Neil and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

2024

Deceased VSPA Members January thru July, 2024

Tommie J. Williams (1-13-2024)

Russell David Nichols (1-28-2024)

William H. Fowle, Jr. (2-20-2024)

Sherwood H. Campbell, Jr. (3-30-2024)

Finch W. Duffy, Jr. (4-1-2024)

Lewis Ray Trail (4-15-2024)

Charles E. Murphy (5-26-2024)

Norman F. Pedigo (5-31-2024)

Larry A. Johnson, Sr. (5-31-2024)

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 11, 2024

Send Form to:

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

Print Name: _____ **Number in Party:** _____

I plan to attend the Fall 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 @ \$55.00 per person. If you bring guests please list their names.

2025 Dues - \$25.00 yr. _____

I understand that I must make separate room reservations by September 27, 2024 with the Natural Bridge Hotel. Phone: 540-291-2121 • www.naturalbridgeva.com

Full refunds are not granted for cancellations made after October 11, 2024.

The Alumni must guarantee payment for all meals that day.



NOTICE ABOUT UPDATES

Any changes to your name, address, telephone or email, please send to:

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