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Chip's Firehouse Logbook: Past, Present and Future

Viva Zapata!!

By Chip Jewell

I have officially joined the firehouse ranks of "Old Fart". I do wear an "Old Guys Rule" hat with a Maltese cross on the front and the slogan "Badge of Honor" across the back. And I did proudly pass my NFPA firefighter physical, though some of the parts needed 60,000 mile maintenance. It is really hard for me to believe I am entering my 44th year of active fire service.

When I joined the fire service at the age of 16, I wanted to change the world. I was among a group of young radicals that wanted to put cross lays on the new pumper ("that'll never work, you'll kill the pump operator"), SCBA's in the jump seats

("anyone sitting in those seats will break their back with those damn things hanging there!"), and a "truck" ambulance ("ambulances are Cadillac's, who the hell wants to ride to the hospital in a damn truck, you'll bounce them out the back!") By the way, the company bought a Type I ambulance AND a Cadillac.

Along with a fellow high school classmate, John Droneburg, the same John Droneburg that became director of MEMA, we really stirred the pot by submitting a by-law change to remove the words "white male" from the fire company by-laws. Nearly cost us our membership!

Our band of "Young Turks" were out to change the fire service. But, we were cautioned by Herman, one of the older, wiser members who used the phrase



"Viva Zapata" when alluding to our actions. We were 1/20 members, 1 year of membership that acted as if we had 20 years of experience. Our actions that were somewhat radical and progressive ultimately became accepted practices. Radical in 1969 is the norm in 2013. But, what our friend Herman was referring to was the Mexican Revolution

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Volunteer Trumpet Welcomes Columnist

By Mike Dixon, Editor

With this issue, the Volunteer Trumpet welcomes Clarence E. "Chip" Jewell as our first regular columnist for the newsletter of the MSFA. A member of the fire service since turning 16, Chip has been a regular correspondent, writing about events in Frederick County, Western Maryland, and around the State for the newsletter. (He also serves as the Di-

rector of the Frederick County Department of Emergency Communications.)

Now his byline will also appear in a regular column, "Chip's Firehouse Logbook: Past, Present and Future."

In these regular installments, he will leverage those decades of service to broadly reflect on Maryland's fire service. Chip will present things from a personal

point of view in these commentary and opinion pieces. His pen may touch on our heritage, the passing scene, current events, the future, interesting people, and much more as he mulls things over for readers.

We are thrilled to add this respected fire service voice to these pages as we work to strengthen the association's product. Be sure to look for installments in each issue.

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MSFA Foundation & MD Firefighters Memorial Foundation Receive Support from Chief's Association

By Douglas Alexander

The MSFA Foundation Ltd. has been selected to receive half of the proceeds from the Maryland Fire Chief's Association Golf Tournament on Friday September 6 at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville.

The Maryland Firefighters Memorial Foundation will receive the other half of the proceeds. The Maryland Fire Chief's hold a fundraiser each year to benefit a segment of the fire service that provides benefits to Maryland firefighters.

In the past two years they have provided over \$15,500 in contributions from this golf outing to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The two recipient organizations were selected this year for their strong support to the fire service of Maryland.

The MSFA Foundation Ltd. each year administers funds for scholarships to deserving fire service personnel from all over Maryland. The Foundation raises funds each year to ac-

commodate as many scholarship requests as possible. Other means of support and benevolence to the

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volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel of the state are being pursued.

The Maryland Firefighters Memorial Foundation manages and maintains the Maryland Firefighters Memorial in Annapolis. This beautiful site is provided to memorialize the firefighters and emergency services personnel of Maryland that have lost their lives in the line of duty. A memorial ceremony is held each year on the first Sunday in June at the Memorial site to remember those lost personnel.

The MSFA Foundation will also be receiving all the proceeds from the annual

open house of the Silver Spring Cycles dealership. This open house will take place on Saturday May 18 at the Harley-Davidson dealership on Brookeville Road in Silver Spring. There will be a presence of fire apparatus as well as motorcycles of all sorts. There will be fun for the young and not so young alike.

If you wish to make a tax deductible contribution to The MSFA Foundation Ltd., contact any director of the Foundation, you may contribute via Pay Pal, or you can mail your contribution to The MSFA Foundation Ltd., P.O. Box 1963, Wheaton, Md. 20915. See the MSFA Foundation Ltd. website at www.msfafoundation.org for additional information. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole at the golf outing on September 6, or playing in this event, contact Chief Terry Thompson at tetfire@hotmail.com for details.



President Denver's Message



Report to the Executive Committee, April 20, 2013, Walkersville, MD

The MD fire service family has again lost several members since the last Executive Committee Meeting. It is with sorrow that I note the passing of LAMSFA Past President Bobbie McWilliams, Gene Price of the North East VFD, and Tyler Elzey of the Kent Island VFD. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, friends, and fellow firefighters.

Congratulations to LAMSFA President Sherry Soper on the Spring Conference held in Level, MD. It was an enjoyable day and significant funds were raised for a number of projects.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with President Soper this year.

The Convention Committee is hard at work preparing for the Convention. A number of interesting and informative programs are planned and we look forward to another successful Convention.

The Treasurer's Office has been working with the Dept. of the Military and the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund Committee (VCAF) to streamline the loan process. The goals are to significantly reduce the length of time it has taken the departments to receive the funds, and to provide additional assistance to those applying.

The Legislative Session ended

on April 8th. It was a very successful session for the MSFA. I would like to thank Legislative Committee Chair Doyle Cox and Vice Chair Richard Smith. They both put in many, many hours at 17 State Circle. I would also like to thank Carene Housenfluk, Marian Nicholson, Teresa Ann Crisman, Jane Huffman and Elaine Huttenloch for their hard work in Annapolis this year. Another group I want to thank are the many partner agencies that work with us to support fire safety legislation. Lastly, I would like to thank

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A beautiful tribute to all the deceased members of the Fire, EMS, & Ladies Auxiliary that passed away in 2012.

The theme this year was "Angles in Heaven."

Harford-Cecil Firemen's Association Annual Memorial Service

By Eileen Edelin, Chairperson HCFA

The Harford ~ Cecil Firemen's Association annual Memorial Service was hosted by the Level Volunteer Fire Company on March 23, 2013.

This service was a beautiful tribute to all the deceased members of the Fire, EMS and Ladies Auxiliary that passed away in the year 2012. The theme for the Memorial Service was "Angels in Heaven."

Family members of the deceased traveled from throughout the country; Oregon, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and Virginia to attend the early afternoon service. Special guests included;

PPMSFA President John Denver and all the Miss Fire Prevention representatives. Representatives from Harford and Cecil Counties Fire, EMS and Auxiliary gathered together to memorialize thirty one deceased members.

M.C., Mr. Daniel "Skip" Mahan welcomed everyone. The Level Ladies Auxiliary prepared wonderful appetizers and a delicious luncheon buffet. The Social time was 12:00 noon; Luncheon 1:00 and the Memorial Service was held at 2:30pm.

At the start of the Memorial Service, leading the processional was Chairperson Eileen Edelin and Rev. Frank Roth. Followed by HCFA President

Joe Price, Vocalist Mary Ellen Kopp, the Rose Carriers and the Bagpiper playing 'Flowers of the Forest'.

Throughout the service the following Harford ~ Cecil Counties Honor Guard's participated; Harford County Fire & EMS Association Honor Guard Chesapeake City Volunteer Fire Company Honor Guard Perryville Volunteer Fire Company Honor Guard Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company Honor Guard.

Rev. Frank Roth gave the invocation; the Welcome Memorial Address was presented by HCFA President Joseph Price.

President Price performed the "lighting of candles" as the vocalist sang "Be not Afraid". The candle lighting ceremony is symbolic of both counties united in their "Volunteer Service".

With the leadership of Commander Ben Kurtz the "Honor Guard Watch" was posted and Commander Ben Kurtz proceeded with the unveiling of the Maltese cross that was draped with a black satin cloth.

The "Ceremony of Roses" followed as the vocalist sang "Precious Lord Take My Hand".

Each family representative was escorted by the Honor Guard in their walk to the Firemen's Trumpet, placing one long stem silk rose in the trumpet in memory of their loved one.

PPMSFA Gene Worthington presented a beautiful slide show program with the photos

of all our deceased members and the companies in which they held membership.

Mr. Gary Armour rang the Firemen's bell after each named was announced.

Perryville Fire Co. President, John Jones, he presented each family representative with a Memorial Marker.

President Ladies Auxiliary of North East Fire Co., Ruth Gonce, she presented to each family member a keepsake red silk rose.

After the Ceremony of Roses, the "Honor Guard Watch" was relieved, followed by the Bagpiper playing Amazing Grace.

Eileen Edelin gave a reading for the song by a group named "Plainsfolk", their version of "The Firemen's Prayer". This beautiful song was presented as all the photos were displayed.

A Sincere thanks to Level Fire Co. members and the Level Ladies Auxiliary for their warm hospitality!

A Special Thanks to: Sue Hornbarger, Perryville Fire Company Wayne Lambert, Perryville Fire Company; Harford Cable Network and Bob Lidke; Bennett Smith; the Printing Press in Aberdeen, Md; The Honor Guard members; HCFA Committee members and our Sponsors. All the Volunteers in both Harford & Cecil Counties who made the 2013 Memorial Service a memorable event!

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Frederick County VFRA Holds Annual Awards Recognition Program

By Rhonda Cunningham, Fredrick Co. Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services

On Monday, April 15, 2013, the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA) held their Annual Volunteer Fire and Rescue Recognition Program. The Program, which took place at the Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company, provided an opportunity to recognize a few of the many contributions volunteer personnel make in providing fire and rescue service to the citizens of Frederick County. The Program featured the presentation of thirteen awards and the induction of ten individuals into the Hall of Fame. The following is a summary

of the award presentations:

- The Clint Hughes Award was presented to Citizens Truck Company No. 4 for their year-round efforts in promoting fire prevention to all segments of the population in Frederick City and its surrounding communities. This is the second year that Citizens Truck Company has received this award.
- The Winona “Winnie” Crum Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Jake Howell of the Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department for his accomplishments during his first year of membership in 2012.
- The Everett W. Gaver Service Award was presented to Sheriff Charles A. Jenkins of the Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Company. His active service to the Fire Company, to his church (Church of the

Brethren) and to his community, both as coach for the Lewistown Youth Athletic League, and as a member of many civic organizations, made him most deserving of this award.

- The Robert L. Renner Departmental Service Award was presented to Larry L. Wachter of the Lewistown District Volunteer Fire Department in recognition of non-response activities that benefited a department. He had many accomplishments, including repairing and maintaining all of the refrigeration equipment at the station, saving the company thousands of dollars.

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I to r, first row - Clarice Martin, Lewistown District VFD; wife of Mike McNeal Jr, Middletown VFC (awarded posthumously), Dorothy Wachter, New Midway VFC; Charles Easterday, Walkersville VFC; and William Nichols, Citizen's Truck Co. 2nd row, I to r. - David Keller, Citizen's Truck Co., Brenton Harne, Middletown VFC; Jerry Dorsey, United Steam Fire Co; David Remsburg, Jefferson VFC, and Gary Keller, New Midway VFC . Photo by Ron Watkins MSFA Public Relations Chairman

Because of all the changes in the Washington County Public Schools' Fire & Rescue Academy this year, I nominated the advisory board as the secondary change agent.

The award is intended to recognize leadership for innovative change in state approved secondary career and technology education programs.

Washington Co. Academy Advisory Board Nominated for Excellence Award

By Sharon Chirgott
Washington Co. Public Schools
CTE Resource Teacher

The MD State Dept. of Education Division of Career and College Readiness holds a Career Technology Education (CTE) Awards of Excellence each year. Categories are Business Partnerships, Career Technology Education programs, Change Agent, CTE Student Organization, and Distinguished Service. Because of all the changes in the Washington County Public Schools' Fire & Rescue Academy this academic year I nominated the advisory board as the secondary change agent. The "award is intended to recognize leadership for innovative change in state approved secondary career and technology education programs. The change agent award will be given to an individual or team with an innovative vision that has positively affected secondary career and technology education programs". It won and I was so excited to share the news with our advisory board.

Nomination

The president of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association (WCFRA), Dale Hill, determined his goal for 2012-2013 was to revitalize the Washington County Fire and Rescue academy and he received the backing of his officers. As the High School Academy was formed at the behest of

the Washington County Board of Commissioners to address declining ranks of the volunteer service, the origin of this Career Technology Education (CTE) program illustrates its importance to the local labor market.

The first step was to re-organize the academy professional advisory board to be effective and responsive to market and student needs. Mr. Hill brought together appropriate members of the emergency services community to build an advisory board, including Kingsley Poole, recently retired. The board members include WCFRA officers, staff and leaders in the Hagerstown and county paid service, as well as the new MFRI regional coordinator, an active volunteer in Garrett County.

Highly respected by all involved, Mr. Poole was asked to serve as the chair of the advisory board. With his knowledge of both the paid (retired battalion chief for the City of Hagerstown) and volunteer fire service and quiet style of leadership he steers the group effectively where the tug and pull between the professionals and volunteers is sometimes felt.

The advisory board strongly recommended the academy have a home near a high school campus. The CTE Supervisor, Mr. Phillips, and the principal of South Hagerstown High School were negotiating to house the academy in one of the relocatable classrooms situated on the campus.

Once a site was obtained the advisory board decided to in-

crease visibility of the academy to the community. The WCFRA supplies uniforms the students wear to class and they had signs made to affix to the front of the classroom. The program is no longer anonymous and, in the eyes of the community, unconnected to the public schools.

The board meets monthly, with regular attendance by representatives of the professional and volunteer companies in Hagerstown city and the surrounding county, to discuss academy progress. Regular reports by instructors about teaching and skill development strategies enhance the MFRI curriculum. For example, the recent visit to Annapolis provided our students an invitation for a personal tour, by the Commander, of the Maryland Fire and Rescue training facility and the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. The WCFRA cadets were invited to attend the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in October. Cadet discipline and demeanor was noted by the organizers immediately and the organizers put the cadets to work as ushers. This exposure brought many complements from fire personnel from across the country and the group has been asked to take a larger role at the Memorial next year.

Later in the fall the Academy was included in the 10th grade walk-through in which every

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10th grader in WCPS gets a glimpse of the program offerings at Washington County Technical High School. Over 130 10th graders expressed an interest in a return visit to the Fire and Rescue Academy. This is four (4) times the usual average number of interested students.

As the cadets had just passed their Firefighter I exams, it was decided to hold open houses where students (cadets) could demonstrate what they have learned. Fire companies were invited to attend so prospective students could have contact with their local firefighters since membership is a requirement for enrollment. The grounds of the Hagerstown Fire Dept. training center were covered with apparatus from numerous companies and ambulance services plus the air company. Live fire demonstrations were performed.

The increased involvement of the WCFRA is most noticed in the attitude and conduct of students. They have developed an ownership and pride in the academy. Daily attendance is nearly 100%, grades of 80% or better have been earned by all cadets, and all passed the Firefighter I exam. The cadets have become confident speakers about their curriculum and career opportunities, and they exhibit a certain swagger of pride when they don their uniforms daily. They proudly promote their program to students who are considering the academy. Since their recent certifications, they are giving back to their community as active firefighters.

Academy applications for the 2013-14 school year are just starting to be received and the rigor as well as the relevance are attracting highly able students.

advisory board members: Kingsley Poole, retired MFRI regional coordinator and Hagerstown Fire Dept. battalion chief, chair; Dale Hill, President, Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and Funkstown FD; Rick Blair, Treasurer, Washington County Fire and Rescue Association; Rick Hemphill, Assistant Treasurer, Washington County Fire and Rescue Association; Robert Moncrief, Vice President, Washington County Fire and Rescue Association; Capt. Adam Hopkins, Hagerstown Fire Dept.' Jason Eckstine, training coordinator, Washington County Fire and Rescue Association' Chief Will Ball, Williamsport FD' Kevin Lewis, Director, Washington County Division of Emergency Services; Charles Summers, Assistant Director, Washington County Division of Emergency Services; Todd Dyche, Regional Coordinator, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute James Drawbaugh, MFRI instructor, Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service Capt. Paul Neal, MFRI instructor, Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service George Phillips, CTE Supervisor, Washington County Public Schools; Sharon Chirgott, CTE Resource Teacher, Washington County Public Schools.

President's Report

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everyone who came to Annapolis, or who contacted their legislator, to support important legislation.

The most critical issue was the impending insolvency of the MD Emergency Services Operating Fund (EMSOF). Failure of EMSOF would have had a severe impact on the entire EMS system in MD. This fund supports MFRI, MIEMSS, 80% of the MSPAC budget, the Amoss Fund, and partial funding for Shock Trauma. All members of the EMSOF Coalition worked to support an increase for EMSOF. While the MSFA supported the needs of our partner organizations, an increase was especially important for us. The Amoss Fund was set at \$10 million in 1999. It has remained at that amount since then. During that time, general inflation has increased nearly 38%. But, the cost of fire apparatus increases faster than general inflation. As a result, the purchasing pow-

er of that \$10 million has eroded significantly since 1999. Legislation was passed that included a \$5 million increase in the Amoss Fund, raising it from \$10 million to \$15 million. The increase will be phased in over a three year period beginning in FY 2015.

Other legislation passed included a bill which establishes minimum distribution requirements for Amoss Fund money received by the counties. This bill also creates a workgroup to make recommendations on other distribution issues. The Charles Riley Tuition Reimbursement Program was changed to a scholarship program. A bill was passed which will require that smoke alarms with replaceable batteries be replaced with sealed units powered by a ten year non-replaceable battery and equipped with a hush button. Another bill will require that 911 Center fees be included on prepaid cell phone cards.

The print edition of the Volunteer Trumpet continues to be produced. I thank Editor Mike Dixon and the many members who assist him. The Marketing Committee has created brochures, posters and banners to increase MSFA awareness. The Recruitment and Retention Committee is developing tools to assist member companies.

I traveled over 5,000 miles since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

Lancaster Co. Firemen's Association Convention & Parade June 1

By Douglas Alexander
The Lancaster Co. Firemen's Association will be holding their 93rd annual convention and parade on June 1, 2013 in Quarryville, PA. The convention meeting begins at 0900 hours at the Hoffman Community Center, 200 Park Avenue in Quarryville. The parade registration and line up begins at 0900 at the Solanco Fair Grounds, 200 Park Avenue in Quarryville, but the parade does not start until 1400 hours.
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- The Michael Wilcom Officer of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding contributions of an operational officer of the Frederick County fire and rescue service. The award was presented to Captain Kevin Albaugh of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company for his outstanding service and dedication in the performance of his duties.
- The Cletta Abrecht Member of the Year Award recognizes the contributions of an individual to their department, auxiliary and community. This year's recipient was Janie E. Nalborczyk of the Middletown Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary for her accomplishments over the past 48 years, which include a leadership role in the auxiliary and many fundraising activities.
- The Louise Lenhart Auxiliary Encouragement Award was presented to Linda Ricketts of the Urbana Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. This award recognizes the accomplishments of an auxiliary member who has less than eight years of membership and who has displayed extraordinary leadership. Linda has taken on administrative duties, as well as, becoming the Chairperson of the Ice Cream stand at the yearly carnival. She also trained to become an EMT and is responding to calls.
- The Charles "Mutt" Deater, Jr. Apprentice of the Year is presented in recognition of the accomplishments and outstanding service of an apprentice member (under 18 years old). The award was given to Kelly Kaas of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company for her outstanding leadership and participation in fundraising activities.
- The Departmental Training Award, which recognizes the professional development of the members of a department through training and education, was presented to the Junior Fire

Company which had 90.7 hours of formal training per active member. Certificates were presented to the United Steam Fire Engine Company which had 78.9 hours per active member and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company which had 63.5 hours per active member.

- The Millard M. "Mick" Mastrino Trainer/ Safety Award was presented to Marc E. McNeal of the United Steam Fire Engine Company for assisting and mentoring members attending formal training classes, and for organizing drills and practice sessions for the students. He diligently maintains the training records for the company.
- The Mumma Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dale Kline, Sr. of the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company for his leadership roles at the company and with the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. Dale chairs or is a member of various fundraising activities for his company and the FCVFRA. Dale is generous with his time and his talents.
- The Outstanding Unit Award is presented in recognition of extraordinary bravery, teamwork, or special service provided during an emergency response. This year the award was presented to all units who participated in the Devilbiss Bridge Road Water Rescue during "Hurricane Sandy" on October 30, 2012. Two men fell out of a small raft. One was in a tree, out of the water, and the other was in chest-deep water, holding on to a tree. The men were rescued and taken to the closest hospital. This incident shows how multi-agencies in Frederick County work well to-

gether under extreme conditions to provide the best possible service for the citizens. Through hard work and seamless coordination of the volunteer fire companies, career fire and rescue personnel, as well as, the Maryland State Police and Frederick County Sheriff's Office, the best possible outcome for an emergency was achieved.

- The Heart of a Volunteer Award is given in memory of Donald "Donnie" R. Stull, Jr., a long-time member and chief officer of the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Department for 33 years. Vicky Keller of Citizens Truck Company was 2012's recipient. While battling breast cancer, Vicky successfully completed her EMT class and her duties as Secretary for the company. She supported and traveled with her husband, Dave Keller, as he ran for the A highlight of the program was the induction of ten new members into the FCVFRA Hall of Fame. Individuals inducted must have at least 10 years of distinguished service to their respective department or the county fire and rescue service. Each of these individuals has served their respective departments in many capacities and provided countless hours in fundraising and operation and maintenance of the department. This year's inductees were:
 - * Jerry Dorsey of United Steam Fire Engine Company
 - * David Keller of Citizens Truck Company;
 - * William Nichols of Citizens Truck Company;
 - * Brenton W. Harne of Middletown Volunteer Fire Company;

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A Retirement Gift That Will Last Forever

Jim Jarboe, Takoma Park VFD

Have you ever wondered what to give someone for a retirement gift? Especially, for someone that has spent more than half of their life in the fire service, either as a volunteer, career or both. If you look around, you'll find many thinking about retirement and some have already set a date.

Now the big question, what to get for a gift? Looking for that special gift will take time, especially this is a once in a life time occasion. Regardless what you get, it will mean a lot.

I have another question, how long will the memories of that gift last? I like to share an idea for a gift that I have done over 25 times for members of my department for their retirement. How about a book? Yes, a book that is filled with memories during those years.

Some of the information that I have included – first day on the job, first call, first working fire, awards, promotions, achievements, training events, and pictures of co-workers, apparatus, big

fires and more.

The number of pages, will depend on the amount of information you find. They can range from 20 to 100. Regardless the number, it will be appreciated. Most of the books that I have done, have taken months.

You'll be surprised, when you get started how often you will find something new that you didn't think of that you'll want to add. Now, once you get the book finish, you'll want it to be a surprise to presented somewhere special with family, friends and co-workers. When I put my books together, I had a big advantage – 1) the many years that I have with the department 2) the knowledge that I have of the history of the department 3) my personal collection of the department 4) the



amount of department records that are available 5)

I've enjoyed every hour, day and month putting the books together. The last book that I did, was a few months ago. A few suggestions, should you decide to do a book. 1) start early 2) check with co-workers for pictures and stories 3) check department records if possible.

Once you get started, you'll surprise how much stuff you will find. It will add up fast. Remember, even a few pictures and stories with a gift will mean a lot. Enclosing, doing a book will truly be a gift that will be enjoyed not only by that special person, but also by the family, especially to the children. It's a book that will be full of memories that will last forever. Good luck!

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- * Joseph Michael "Mike" McNeal, Jr. of Middletown Volunteer Fire Company;
- * Gary Keller of New Midway Volunteer Fire Company;
- * Dorothy Wachter of New Midway Volunteer Fire Company;
- * Charles "Punky" Easterday of Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company;
- * David L. Remsburg of Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company;
- * Clarice Martin of Lewistown



District Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office Community Work Unit was recognized for their contribution to Frederick

County's volunteer fire departments. Sgt Rich Snow, Corrections Officer Jeff Diseati, and Corrections Officer Nate Springer provide an invaluable service that contributes to the maintenance and improvement to

each of the stations.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association provided refreshments for the ceremony. The Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company made available the use of their hall; Ron Watkins provided photographic services; and Rhonda Cunningham of the Frederick County Division of Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services provided support and assistance.

Singerly Auxiliary Installs Officers



By Eileen Edelin

The Singerly Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary installation of offices was held on March 26, 2013. LAMSFA Past President Nora Ryan installed the officers. Officers: President— Nancy Caldwell; Vice President — Virginia Cullum; Secretary — Eileen Edelin; Corresponding Sec. — Nancy Clugston; Membership Sec. — Wanda Marquess; Treasurer — Betty Evans Assistant Treasurer — Violet Mullins; Chaplain . — Jane Peterson; Historian — Margie Sample



At the HCFA Annual Memorial Service. President John Jones, Perryville Fire Co. as the Marker Presenter and North East Fire Co. Auxiliary President, Ruth Gonce as the Rose Presenter.



Editor's Note

Welcome to the April edition of the *Volunteer Trumpet*, the newsletter of the MSFA. As members of the committee start working on the convention issue for June please let us know if you have any ideas for strengthening the product, suggestions for stories or content we can publish.

We are pleased to hear from you. Our goal is to publishing interesting and informative articles for the volunteer fire, rescue and EMS personnel of MD.

With this issue, we welcome a new column to these pages, Chips Firehouse Logbook, Send your material, including photos, along to the editor at list@atlanticbb.net.

Mike Dixon, Editor



We sadly note the passing of past LAMSFA President Barbara McWilliams. She was a member of the Seventh District Vol. Fire Company in Avenue, MD and served as president of the Ladies Auxiliary for 29 years. She passed away April 14, 2013.

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syndrome that to overthrow the regime only to become the same regime. Herman knew our youthful vim and vigor would someday find us in the seats of authority and the future "Young Turks" would see us as the stumbling blocks to change.

Even though I enjoy listening to Phlash Phelps on "60's on 6", I truly believe, that I have maintained an open and progressive attitude during my entire fire service career. My early support of NFPA 1500 was met with tremendous negative reaction; it would put the volunteers out of existence. And, my support of requiring volunteers to take medical physicals based on the MOSHA "Blue Book" standard would lead to eliminating a lot of volunteers, especially day time drivers. I challenge anyone to dispute the results of each of these initiatives: lives have been saved and "line of duty" deaths have decreased.

Change is never easy. It has been said the fire service is "200 years of tradition unimpeded by progress". We are in the maelstrom of change in the fire service. Together, sage advice and youthful exuberance could be a powerful tool. Somehow we need to cross the generational divide to work together and strive for excellence to meet collective visions. If you are new to the fire service, take the time to listen and learn. Understand the history and tradition of our proud service that is older than our country. And for those of us that fed the horses, step up and be the mentor. Listen to the youngins"; many of their ideas may someday be accepted practice. And remember, someday they will be in charge. "Viva Zapata.

Lancaster County Firemen's Assoc. Convention

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Each parade unit is asked for a \$20 donation for the NFFF Fund, with checks made out to "Quarryville Fire Company LCFA Convention". You must e-mail firehouse@qfd57.com to register for the parade and for more details. There will be food, drink, and displays from apparatus and equipment vendors at the fairgrounds throughout the day, and an antique car show at the fairgrounds after the parade. There is no judging of the parade units.

All money from entrance fees, food sales, shirt and mug sales, and donations will go to the NFFF. A brick will also be purchased for the "Walk of Honor" at the National Fire Academy, Please come out for a day of food, fun, and brotherhood.

We should note that Quarryville VFD has participated in the last several rural water supply trainings we have held here in MD, and they provide mutual aid assistance into the north east portion of our state.



Memorial Greeters; Ruth Ann Poole, Valerie Kulis, Polly Winskowski, Hoby Howell, Patty Evans and Chris Cornes.



Photos from the HCFA Annual Memorial Service — Eileen Edelin, Memorial Chair, & Skip Mahan, M.C. (above)





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Congratulations to Cari McHenry, daughter of Chief Bob McHenry and Carolann McHenry. On Sunday, April 28 2013, Cari represented Montgomery County at the Maryland State Fireman's Association (MSFA) North Central Regional Junior Miss Fire Prevention contest. She is now the 2013-2014 MSFA North Central Junior Miss Fire Prevention, and the first Junior Miss North Central from Montgomery County.



Cari represents Carroll, Frederick, Howard, and Montgomery counties and is available to attend events throughout the region. If you would like to request an appearance, please contact the MSFA Junior Miss Fire Prevention North Central regional coordinator at mcfireprevention@yahoo.com.

