



**Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association
Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Ladies Auxiliary**

Conference 2015

Dover Downs Hotel and Casino

Thursday, September 17, 2015

JOINT OPENING CEREMONIES

8:30 AM Call to order by M/C Warren Jones

- Introduction of the Past Presidents of our organizations
- Introduction of the current Presidents of our organizations

DVFA President, Anthony Guzzo

LADVFA President, Karen Majewski

DVFA 1st Vice President, Joseph Zeroles

LADVFA 1st Vice President, Mary Frances Eisenbrey

DVFA 2nd Vice President, Theodore Walius

LADVFA 2nd Vice President, Lois Pearson

- **Introduction of the Color Guard to present colors**
- Invocation by Pastor Bob Hudson
- DVFA/LADVFA Choir will sing our National Anthem
- Pledge to the flag by DVFA and LADVFA Presidents
- President Anthony Guzzo welcoming remarks and introduction of other officers
- LADVFA President Karen Majewski welcoming remarks and introduction of other officers
- Introduce the Mayor of the City of Dover Robin Christiansen
- Introduce the President/CEO of Dover Downs Hotel & Casino Ed Suter
- Introduce Miss Delaware Brooke Mitchell
- Introduce other guest

- Introduction of Lynn Warner for the Ladies Auxiliary Hall of Recognition presentations.

Gloria Conner-Bungy - Belvedere
 Nancy Scotton - Clayton
 Rose Albert - Millville
 Saralee Stevens - Selbyville

M/C: Introduce President Emeritus Bruce Ennis, who will announce the 50 year members. (32)

New Castle County;

Aetna	James L. Stoudt	Belvedere	Richard Morris
Brandywine	Kenneth Creasey	Christiana	Francis W. Gott
Christiana	Paul C. Thomas	Delaware City	Victor Smith
Elsmere	John F. Maloney	Minquas	Richard W. Dierolf, Sr.
Minquas	Robert G. Clifton, Jr.	Minquas	David A. Hanna
Minquas	Edward Cline, Sr.		

Kent County;

Bowers	Lawrence Sullivan	Citizens Hose	David H. Knox
Citizens Hose	Marvin K. Knox	Citizens Hose	John F. Truax, Jr.
Citizens Hose	Preston A. Turcotte	Clayton	James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Dover	LeRoy R. Dear, Jr.	Dover	Ronald Dear
Felton	William Delong	Frederica	Willard (Bill) Betts
Harrington	Harold K. Brode	Hartly	Howard W. Clendaniel
Hartly	Roger W. Davis	Magnolia	Ronald Reed

Sussex County;

Delmar	John Morris, Sr.	Memorial	Charles Macklin
Millville	Roger Hitchens	Millville	Harold Lloyd
Millville	John Stevens	Roxana	Bruce Bennett
Roxana	Jesse S. Cobb		

M/C Warren Jones announced this year's additions to the Hall of Fame:

- EMT of the Year - Derek Moore, Ambulance 64
- Member from a Member Company - Francis Williams, Five Points Fire Co.
- Heroic Firefighter of the Year - Andrew Plotts, Delaware City Fire Co.
- Fire Policeman of the Year - Ken Tull, Seaford Fire Co.
- Firefighter of the Year - Lynn Bullock, Millsboro Fire Co.
- Past President DVFA Assoc. - Richard Toulson, Seaford Fire Co.
- Past President Fire Police Assoc. - John Hall, Millsboro Fire Co.
- Past President Fire Chief's Assoc. - Joseph Morris, Jr., Delmar Fire Co.
- Past President EMS Assoc. - Sean Humphreys, Mid – Sussex Rescue Squad

George Kerr will announce this year's scholarship winners:

Total of 57 recipients, 12 are in attendance today. A total of \$64,600.00 was awarded this year

Nicholas Adams	Daniel Godwin	Katherine Poppe
Devon Bradley	Paul Hassel	Waldemar Poppe, III
Brandon Brown	Benjamin Hearn	Lucas Powell
Leah Burge	Jamielee Jaquette	Joseph Ransone
Marissa Carmello	William Jester	David Roberts, Jr.
David Correll	Amber Johnson	Steven Rozell
Colin Correia	Brittney Jones	Gregory Schulties
Amber Corzine	Allison Lowe	Katherine Scott
Kevin Cowperthwait	Alyssa Lucas	Amber Shaffer
Sarah Davis	Melissa Mahoney-Roche	Mark Sheridan
Danielle Dean	Emily Majewski	James Sinnott
Aaron Driscoll	Joseph Majewski	Ryan Sipple
Jessica Eisenbrey	Michael Masche	Tyler Sipple
Sarah Figgs	Susan Maxwell-Trowbridge	Derrick Smith
Drew Fox	Kyle Mench	Emily Smith
Stephen Fox	Jacob Miller	Laurie Smith
Jenna Fox	Vincent Miller	Brandon Thompson
Zachary Frail	Haley Neel	Calvin Yelverton
Joshua Giles	Joseph Pavlick	Megan Young

M/C Warren Jones presented the Non-Heroic Fire Fighter of the Year award:

Robert E. Taylor joined the Harrington Fire Company in April 1961 shortly after graduating from Goldey Beacon School of Business. In 2012 Bob earned his 50 year active member status with the Company. Bob served as Fire Chief in 1983 and 1984, President in 1969 and ambulance captain in 1971 and 1972. He received Fireman of the Year in 1991. He has been a member of the Kent County Firefighter's Assoc. and the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc. since 1960. Bob was an icon within the Harrington community, working for the family business for over 70 years. He was President of the Taylor Hardware business from 1984 until his retirement in 2006. Bob served on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Better Business Bureau, served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Atlantic Seaboard Hardware Association, served as President of the Delmarva FIFE Federal Credit Union, served as President of the Harrington Chamber of Commerce. Bob was a charter member of the Harrington Jaycees, a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, a member of the Harrington Lions Club and a Board member of the Delaware State Fair. He is also a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church. He has been married to his wife Betty for over 50 years and has raised 3 children. His son Rob has followed in his father's footsteps and is a Past President of the Company and currently is Ambulance Captain and 1st Assistant Chief of Harrington Fire Co.

Warren thanked the opening ceremonies committee and helpers.

Slide show presentation "Delaware; Year in Review"

Introduce LADVFA Chaplain Regina Olliver for the benediction.

2015 DVFA CONFERENCE

Executive Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2015

11:30 AM in Ball Room C of the Rollins Center

Call the business session to order by President Anthony Guzzo

Invocation offered by DVFA Assistant Chaplain Blake Bowers

Pledge to the flag led by Past President Ike Guessford

Conference appointments by President Guzzo:

- Credentials: Wally Poppe, Sta. 15, Ken Ryder, Sta. 48, Steven Deery, Sta. 80
- Sergeant at Arms: John Fox, Sta. 21, Ducky Reed, Sta. 20, Steve White, Sta. 49, Harold Brode, Sta. 50, Dominic Messina, Sta. 80, Ed Schaffer, Sta. 82, Ken McMahon, Sta. 12
- Committee to visit the ladies: Ron Marvel, Sta. 87, Ray Stevens, Sta. 88
Charles Stevenson, Sta. 77
- Parliamentarians: Bill Betts, Sta. 49, Jasper Lakey, Sta. 15, Guy Hudson, Sta. 90

CONFERENCE GROUND RULES AND CONDUCT

No hats, all cell phones and pagers are to be turned off or placed in the silent mode. In order to speak, rise to be recognized by the Chair, proceed to the nearest microphone, state your name and the fire company that you are representing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Elmer Steele summarized the communications:

- Letter from Delmarva Power with their commitment of \$10,000.00 as our Partner in Progress
- Letter from Farmington Fire Co. nominating Joe Zeroles for President of the DVFA
- Letter from Attorney General Matt Denn, with a copy of a letter, to Amphastar requesting reduced cost of Naxolone for Delaware First Responders
- Letter from Sussex County Firefighter's Association supporting Ted Walius for the position of DVFA 1st Vice President
- Letter from Sussex County Firefighter's Association supporting Elmer Steele for the position of DVFA Secretary
- Letter from Harrison Post 14 with reference to Ambulance 64 being incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary
- Letter from New Castle County Firefighter's Assoc. endorsing Daniel Carrier for DVFA Director
- Letter from Kent County Firefighter's Assoc. nominating Joe Zeroles for President of the DVFA

LADVFA Past Presidents Carol Walton, Penny Rodimak and Saralee Stevens brought greetings from the Ladies Association on behalf of President Majewski who will be coming to our luncheon on Friday with a full report of their activities for the year.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

President Anthony Guzzo: The President thanked the officers and everyone in the audience for their support this past year. It takes everyone working together to get things done and again I want to thank all of you. Some numbers to report; attended 151 events/functions this year, traveled 14,931 miles and spent 863 ½ hours in service. At this time I would like to have Ray Stevens, Steve Austin, Jim Watson and John Lattomus to come to the stage. While they were making their way to the stage, President Guzzo asked that all of the table officers please stand while he made a presentation to these gentlemen. President Guzzo presented checks to each of these gentlemen on behalf of the 2015 DVFA officers for the DVFA Foundation, the Scholarship fund, the Memorial fund and the Delaware Burn Camp.

1st Vice President Joe Zeroles: Stated that his report was in electronic form and filed with the office. He thanked everyone for a great year and looking forward to everyone's help and support in the coming year. Numbers for the 4th quarter; 28 events/functions and in service for 142 ½ hours

2nd Vice President Ted Walius: Stated that his report was in electronic form and filed with the office. He thanked everyone for a great year and is looking forward to the coming year. Numbers for the 4th quarter are; 28 events/functions, traveled 1,535 miles and in service for 117 hours.

Secretary Elmer Steele: Stated that his report was also in electronic form and filed with the office. During the 4th quarter, Secretary Steele has attended 33 functions, spent 155 hours in service and traveled 2,800 miles. His final totals for the 2014-2015 year were; attended 107 functions, spent 461 hours in service and traveled 10,440 miles while representing the DVFA. Looking forward to another great year.

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny: Thanked the officers for another great year and look forward to the coming year with the new officers. He gave the financial report for the Association and for the conference accounts. This info is in your packets for your review. Books have been audited by our CPA firm and all is well. Total assets of all the Conference accounts is \$202,070.39 and total assets of all the DVFA accounts is \$428,006.80 Look forward to serving another year as the Treasurer of the Association.

Executive Manager Warren Jones: Warren gave a report on the legislative session for the past year. Warren talked about the Grant in Aid with regards as to how we get our funding and what is being looked at for the future. A committee will meet with the chairs of the JFC, the Controller General, OMB and two of our legislators to talk about the direction of our funding. Warren discussed SB 207 pertaining to the formula for calculating the cost of an ambulance run. The form and instructions are on the DVFA web site. You need to down load this info and take it to your accountant. Warren also discussed the insurance premium issue that took place in April, 2015 regarding the \$953,757.02 that was to be taken from the 3 Counties and given to the City of Wilmington. The insurance commissioner has stated that this is a done deal, there will be no reduction in the 3 Counties funding this year and we will get full funding in October. He thanked everyone for their support to the office this past year. There has been a reduction in office staff this year, but he feels that everything is working well.

Introduction of Out-of-State Guest: Steve Austin introduced the Out of State guests that were in attendance this morning;

- Virginia State Firefighter's Association (VSFA) President Jeff Flippo brought greetings from the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (CVVFA) President Hoby Howell brought greetings from their Association. CVVFA just completed their Convention in August and Hoby thanked the group from Delaware for hosting the 2015 Convention in Delaware City. Introduced other officers that were in attendance.
- Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Past President Bob Cumberland brought greetings from the State of Maryland on behalf of President Johnie Roth. Introduced other officers and Past Presidents that were in attendance.
- Eastern Director of IAFC Terry Jester brought greetings from the IAFC. Discussed several things that the Eastern Division is doing this year.
- Delmarva Firemen's Association Past President Elmer Steele thanked this Association for their support. He stated that there were several officers from Delmarva in the room today.

DVFA Foundation: Steve Austin gave a brief report as to the activities of the foundation. They are seeking grants again this year.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission: Chairman Dave Roberts introduced the commissioners that were in attendance. Dave stated that there has been \$579,901.00 dispersed from the traffic fines in the first payments. He thanked President Guzzo on a great year and welcomed him as a new commissioner.

Delaware State Fire Marshal: Fire Marshal Grover Ingle's written report;

- Fire Deaths – Currently, there are seven (7) fire deaths, four (4) with a working smoke alarm and three (3) without a working smoke alarm. This year's theme for Fire Prevention week (October 4-10, 2015) once again is most fitting "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep". Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm.
- The Deputy Fire Marshal I, vacant position for Kent County Division should be posted within the next couple of days, as well as the vacant Administrative Specialist I position for New Castle County Division.
- FY2017 Budget – The Office of the State Fire Marshal will be seeking to maintain our current level of funding with a minimal increase to complete the transition of agency owned vehicles to fleet vehicles. Our budget target meeting has been rescheduled to September 29, 2015 at 3:30 PM at DSFS and the public budget hearing is scheduled for November 4, 2015 at 11:30 in the Senate Chambers.
- Annual report has been completed and distributed to the Commission, President's, Fire Chief's, Governor, the legislature and other associations, as well as being on our website. Congratulations to the Staff for their hard work throughout the year.
- DFIRS reports – We continue to work with each Company on their submittals and cleaning up the data. The annual report reflects the information provided by the Fire Departments/Companies for the calendar year 2014.
- At the State Fire Prevention meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 10:00 AM there will be a public hearing on the proposed 2015 State Fire Prevention Regulations.
- Regarding the residential sprinkler brochure/informational requirements, I have met with the home builder's regarding the brochure and hope to have a document ready for January 2016.

- Congratulations to President Guzzo on a successful year and we look forward to working with incoming President Zeroles and his Officer's during the upcoming year.
- Congratulations to President Machle from the State Fire Chief's Association for a successful year and we also look forward to working with President Pennington and his Officer's in the coming year.

Delaware State Fire School: Director Robert Newnam thanked the DVFA table officers, the Advisory committee, the 1st responders and the office staff for their support to the school this past year. Thanked Warren Jones for his help with the various legislative issues and the fire Commission for their support on EMS issues. Biff stated that they received an AFG grant to purchase a fire truck for the school. Student surveys are on line. There are 1440 EMT's in the State.

National Volunteer Fire Council: J. Allen Metheny stated that the Council is working on several issues that affect the fire service.

Delaware State Fire Chief's Association: President Stephen "Redman" Maichle brought greetings from their Association. Thanked everyone for their support this past year. Billy Goldfeder will be the guest speaker tonight at the Conference meeting in Cheswold.

Delaware State Fire Police Association: President Charles Morgan not in attendance.

Delaware State Emergency Medical Services Association: New President Jennifer Knox brought greetings from the State EMS Association.

Mutual Relief Association: Chairman Rich Weaver stated that there will be a vote taken today to re-new the Mutual Relief insurance policy and to accept or reject the AD&D policy. Please have your delegates/alternates at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee: Wally Poppe gave the following report;

• New Castle County	21 Companies	41 Delegates	38 Alternates
• Kent County	16 Companies	30 Delegates	26 Alternates
• Sussex County	21 Companies	39 Delegates	31 Alternates

Finance & Audit Committee: Chairman George Pyott stated that the Association books have been audited and found to be in good order. Budget for FY 16' has been prepared and will need to be voted on under the proper order of business.

Life Safety Committee: Chairman Guy Hudson stated that fire prevention is in October. Packets are out. If you have any questions, contact your County representative. Please fill out your paperwork properly for the matching funds.

CISM: Blake Bowers reported that the CISM team responded to 119 calls this past year. If you need their assistance, please contact your local call board and they will make the necessary calls.

Permanent Memorial: Jim Watson gave a status report on the progress of the monument. Thus far there has been \$13,910.00 collected from fire companies and personal donations.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

President: Joe Zeroles nominated by Ronald Vincent and seconded by Jack Bradley

1st Vice President: Ted Walius nominated by Andy Jones and seconded by Norman Jones, Sr.

2nd Vice President: Richard Perillo nominated by Thomas Finacchario and seconded by Charles Frampton

Secretary: Elmer Steele nominated by Bill Hearn and seconded by Ron Scott

Treasurer: J. Allen Metheny nominated by Clarence Rod O'Neal and seconded by Steve Connors

Director, New Castle County (3 Years): Dan Carrier nominated by Wally Poppe and seconded by Lou Amabili

Past President Director: Richard Toulson. This is an automatic appointment and does not need to be nominated

Motions and seconds were made after each office to close the nominations for that office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending and none from the floor

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Stephen Maichle, Wilmington Manor and seconded by Mike McMichael, Delaware City that this Association donate \$300.00 to the New Castle 5K run.
Motion carried
- A motion was made by Stephen Maichle, Wilmington Manor and seconded by Jasper Lakey, Delaware City to have the Secretary cast a favorable ballot for all uncontested offices and that the Treasurer cast a favorable ballot for the uncontested office of Secretary. **Motion carried**
Favorable ballots were cast for each office
- A motion was made by George Pyott, Cheswold and seconded by Stephen Maichle, Wilmington Manor to adopt the FY 16' budget. **Motion carried**
- A discussion took place regarding the possibility of bestowing President Emeritus to Mike Cochran. After a short discussion a motion was made by Tom DiCristofaro, Claymont and seconded by Jasper Lakey, Delaware City to bestow President Emeritus status to Mike Cochran. A roll call vote was requested. Results were 111 NO votes and 12 YES votes.
Motion was defeated

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny presented bills totaling \$290,097.11 for payment. Motion by Stephen Maichle, Wilmington Manor and seconded by Mark Gott, Holloway Terrace to pay the bills.

Motion carried

5:07 PM

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Accrual Basis

Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Assoc., Inc.
DVFA Operations Bills to be Approved
As of September 11, 2015

Name	Memo	Amount
Operating		
DVFA CHECKING		
RECORD VISA CHARGES	UNKNOWN VISA CHARGE	-22.58
RECORD VISA CHARGES	UNKNOWN VISA CHARGE	-50.95
ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-35,833.15
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-73.50
AT & T	FIRELINE	-13.19
DVFA FOUNDATION	SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 2015	-21,000.00
RAYM OND F. BOOK & ASSOCIATES	UPGRADE TO QUICKEN SOFTWARE	-170.00
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	INV. # E726-0000-120	-22.76
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE & ENVELOPES	-48.33
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-206.02
RECORD VISA CHARGES	UNKNOWN VISA CHARGE	-2.15
AETNA HOSE HOOK & LADDER CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,007.37
BELVEDERE VO. FIRE CO.	FP REIMB	-309.50
BRANDYWINE FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,534.00
BRIDGEVILLE FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-4,026.37
CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-425.00
CARLISLE FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-1,858.58
CHRISTIANA FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-4,251.30
CITIZEN'S HOSE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,810.80
CRANSTON HEIGHTS FIRE CO. LADIES AUX.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-103.97
LADIES AUX. OF D.V.F.A.	REIMB.	-952.00
DOVER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-989.36
ELSMERE FIRE CO#1	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,074.29
FELTON COMMUNITY FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,522.25
FIVE POINTS FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-691.00
FREDERICA FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-808.50
FREDERICA FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-909.19
GOODWILL FIRE CO	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-3,769.58
HARTLEY VOL FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-393.64
INDIAN RIVER FIRE CO	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-3,266.20
KENT CO. FIRE POLICE ASSN.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-111.21
KENT COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSN	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-526.05
LAUREL FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,641.04
LAUREL FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-4,036.16
MAGNOLIA VOL FIRE C	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-750.00
MILLCREEK FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-2,694.68
MILLCREEK LADIES AUXILIARY	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-44.27
MINQUADALE FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-530.30
MINQUAS FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-634.99
MILLSBORO FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-1,943.88
NEW CASTLE VOL. FIREFIGHTER'S ASSN	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-704.50
NEW CASTLE LADIES AUX.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-217.50
ODESSA FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-1,363.93
REHOBOTH BEACH FIRE CO	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-7,500.64
ROXANA VOL FIRE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-1,994.11
SUSSEX CO. FIRE CHIEFS	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-379.50
SUSSES CTY. FIREFIGHTER'S ASSN.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-1,975.35
VOLUNTEER HOSE CO.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-1,453.72
MARK GOTT	REIMB. FOR CABINET SUPPLIES	-87.57
EARL DEMPSEY	300 HOURS-MARCH - JUNE 2015	-9,000.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-251.79
ANTHONY GUZZO	EXPENSE REIMB.	-3,500.00
JOSEPH ZEROLES	OFFICER EXPENSE REIMB.	-2,000.00
THEODORE WALIUS	OFFICER EXPENSE REIMB	-2,000.00
ELMER STEELE	REIMB. OFF EXP.	-3,000.00
J. ALLEN METHENY	OFFICER SERVICES	-2,500.00
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- JUNE 2015	-924.84
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES APR - JUN 2015	-421.96
GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P.C.	INSURANCE DISTRIBUTION CASE	-5,996.43
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-1.61
WARREN F. JONES	P/R JUNE 2015	-2,817.14
VERNON INGRAM	JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015 RENT	-1,755.00
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-43.80
DELAWARE STATE FAIR	SPONSORSHIP=RODEO	-20,000.00
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-77.61

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Accrual Basis

Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Assoc., Inc.
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Name	Memo	Amount
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-206.99
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-25.80
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-7.53
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-13.44
ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-15,759.30
DELAWARE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	MEMBERSHIP 2016 INV. 66232	-335.00
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.34
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-9.68
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-9.14
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-3.76
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-8.06
WARREN F. JONES	P/R JULY 2015	-2,817.14
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE & ENVELOPES	-44.59
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-1,068.05
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-15.06
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-73.62
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-4.84
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-82.25
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-206.49
PRIORITY 1 AIR RESCUE	INV. M150444	-31,826.00
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.34
U.S.TREASURY	PR TAXES JULY 2015	-924.84
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-82.77
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-13.98
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-3.23
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-39.24
GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P.C.	INSURANCE DISTRIBUTION CASE	-389.32
WARREN JONES	AUTO SERVICING	-60.23
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-19.89
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-7.53
M & M TROPHIES	4 OFFICERS BADGES	-276.00
SELECTIVE INSURANCE	OFFICERS BONDING INSURANCE	-440.00
WARREN F. JONES	P/R AUGUST 2015	-2,817.14
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-385.64
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-2,449.75
DVFA CONF. FD.	COMPANY SUPPORT	-30,000.00
ANTHONY GUZZO	TO REPLACE CHECK NO, 5211	-3,500.00
ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-18,509.69
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- AUGUST 2015	-924.84
Total DVFA CHECKING		-290,097.11
Total Operating		-290,097.11
TOTAL		-290,097.11

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

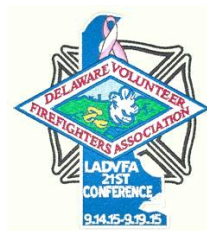
- Richard Perillo asked about the site for the 2017 and beyond Conference since 2016 is the last year on our current contract
- President- elect Zeroles stated that he will be appointing a committee to review the Conference in its entirety as it currently exists and where we need to go with it in the future
- Vince Jacono discussed the citizen warrior program and presented the Association a plaque honoring this program
- A discussion took place regarding fire prevention packets in New Castle County. The school districts are requesting that a disclaimer be attached to the packets

There being no further business to claim the attention of the members, the meeting was recessed until 8:30 AM on September 18, 2015 for the Memorial Service. DVFA Assistant Chaplain Blake Bowers was called on for the benediction.

Adjourned at 1:20 PM

Friday, September 18, 2015

*The 95th Annual
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL SERVICE*



Friday, September 18, 2015 8:30 a.m.

**Dover Downs, Rollins Center
Dover, Delaware**

**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FIREFIGHTERS
AND
LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

OPENING REMARKS

Grover P. Ingle, *Master of Ceremonies*

INVOCATION

Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain*, DVFA

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

DVFA & LADVFA Choir

God of Grace (Arr. By Tom Fettke)

WORDS OF COMFORT

Regina Olliver, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain*, DVFA

UNVEILING OF THE CROSSES

Anthony Guzzo, *President*, DVFA

Karen Majewski, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Stephen Maichle, *President*, State Fire Chiefs Association

Charles Morgan, Jr., *President*, State Fire Police Association

Jennifer Knox, *President*, State Emergency Medical Services Association

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

American Anthem (Arr. By John Perifoy)

READINGS BY

THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Karen Majewski, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Mary Alice Maichle, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary New Castle County

Debra Lawhead, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary Kent County

Kim Figgs, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary Sussex County

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

May The Road Rise Up (Arr. By Jay Rouse)

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

Jane Williams, *Secretary*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Elmer Steele, *Secretary*, DVFA

Remembering the passing of 107 men and 56 ladies from the past year.

Of those, there were 3 Past Presidents in these numbers:

DVFA Past President John E. Bare, Sr.

DVFA Past President Joseph W. Hojnicky, Sr.

LADVFA Past President Alma "Peg" Scarpetti

There are no Line of Duty Deaths to report this year.

THE MEMORIAL PANORAMA

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MOMENT OF SILENCE

TAPS

BENEDICTION Regina Olliver, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

MUSICAL SELECTION MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PIPE AND DRUM

RECESSIONAL

94th DVFA Educational/Political Luncheon

12:00 Noon in Ball Room A/B of the Rollins Center

Call to Order and opening comments by M/C Steve Austin

As we gather this year for the 94th time, our Country, our State, and our Fire service face significant challenges, some of which we have never experienced.

Abroad turmoil in the mid-east and elsewhere threatens our freedom.

Our State's largest cities are faced with a public safety crisis that has our brothers and sisters wearing body armor in order to respond to alarms.

Just as troubling, would be the loss of the glue that holds communities together, should the volunteer fire houses cease to exist.

Yes we have challenges in the fire service today. There is a decline in recruitment and retention of volunteers in some quarters. Our friends from government, many who are with us today recognize what the fire service means to our State and I will speak for all of them in saying that we appreciate your support year after year.

Invocation by DVFA Assistant Chaplain Blake Bowers

Pledge to our Flag led by our senior Past President who presided over this Association in 1973, Past President Ike Guessford

Acknowledgement of Convention Luncheon Committee

Ron Marvel

Warren Jones

Steve Austin

Bill Tobin

Elmer Steele

We have a new sponsor who is covering the cost of the luncheon today. Would Nick Lambrow, Regional President of M & T Bank and Gene Malone, Administrative Vice President of M & T Bank please come forward for their sponsorship presentation. A check in the amount of \$12,000.00 was presented to the DVFA.

Attorney General Matt Denn spoke at this time since he had another appointment and had to leave at 12:30

Lunch was served by the Dover Downs Hotel staff.

Challenge for Fallen Firefighters and DVFA Foundation from Ray Stevens, David Majewski and Vince Jacono and members of the DVFA Foundation. Donations in the amount of \$1,889.00 were collected during the luncheon. Delmarva Power contributed \$300.00 making a total of \$2,189.00

During the luncheon, LADVFA President Karen Majewski, LADVFA 1st Vice President Mary Frances Eisenbrey and LADVFA 2nd Vice President Lois Pearson came in to give their financial report for the year. They also presented a check in the amount of \$1,375.00 to the DVFA Foundation which is half of what they made from their Chinese basket auction.

Following lunch, President Guzzo made a few comments and remarks. Following his remarks, the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff Drew Fennell presented Tony with his paperwork for his term as a member of the Fire Prevention Commission.

Senator Bruce Ennis was called to the podium to present a resolution to James E. Turner, III on his retirement as Director of DEMA. Jamie was thanked for his service and commitment to the fire service in Delaware and was wished well on his retirement.

- Introduction of Head Table
- Remarks by Senator Chris Coons
- Remarks by Senator Tom Carper
- Remarks by Auditor Tom Wagner
- Remarks by Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart
- Introduction of Fire Service organizations in attendance
- Introduction of Delaware Elected and Appointed Officials by Executive Manager Warren Jones
- Remarks from Bill Webb CFSI
- Remarks and presentation from President Johnie Roth, MD State Firemen's Association

Introduction of Special Fire Service Guests

- Past Presidents DVFA
- Chairman Dave Roberts and the members of the DE State Fire Commission
- Fire Marshal Grover Ingle and staff
- Fire School Director Biff Newnam and staff
- Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association, President Hoby Howell
- Delmarva Firemen's Association, 2nd Vice President Clay Yocum
- Virginia State Firefighter's Association, President Jeff Flippo
- Col McQueen and the command staff of DSP
- Maryland State Firemen's Association, President Johnie Roth (presentation to Tony)

DVFA Partners in Progress

- President's Level
 - M & T Bank
 - Delmarva Power
 - Motorola
- Deputy Chief's Level
 - PNC Bank
 - Atlantic Emergency Solutions
 - Provident Insurance
 - Office of EMS, State of Delaware
- Captain's Level
 - Horizon Services
 - Kent County Levy Court
 - Knox Box Company
 - WSFS Bank
 - DVFA Mutual Relief
 - Delaware City Refining
 - Delaware Electric Co-Op
- Lieutenant's Level
 - Delmarva Broadcasting
 - Magnum Electronics
- Firefighter's Level
 - Graves Uniforms
 - Wilmington University
 - Del-One Federal Credit Union
 - Chesapeake Utilities
 - Stano & Feeley Family Funeral Home

DVFA/LADVFA Joint Installation

Friday, September 18, 2015

5:00 PM in Ball Room C of the Rollins Center

M/C for the installation was Mike Rush

Stair guards were posted: Mike Greico, Chris Johnson, Tom Clayton and Bill Robinett

Please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers.

The following officers, chaplains and escorts were introduced:

DVFA Assistant Chaplain - Blake Bowers

LADVFA Chaplain – Regina Olliver

DVFA Installing Officer – Past President Jasper Lakey

LADVFA Installing Officer - LADVFA Past President Penny Rodimak

LADVFA Installing Marshall – Past President Lorraine Madden

DVFA President - Anthony Guzzo escorted by his wife Jackie

LADVFA President - Karen Majewski escorted by her husband David

DVFA President elect - Joseph Zeroles escorted by his wife, Debbie

LADVFA President elect - Mary Frances Eisenbrey escorted by her husband, Jeff

DVFA First Vice-President elect - Theodore Walius escorted by his daughter, Rachael

LADVFA First Vice-President elect - Lois Pearson escorted by her husband, Donald

DVFA Second Vice-President elect - Richard Perillo escorted by Chief Thomas R. Finocchairo

LADVFA Second Vice-President elect - Lynn Warner escorted by her husband, Harry

DVFA Secretary elect - Elmer Steele escorted by his wife, Sandy

LADVFA Secretary elect - Karen Barlow escorted by her husband, Ed

LADVFA Assistant Secretary elect - Jackie Guzzo already escorted by her husband, Anthony

DVFA Treasurer elect - J. Allen Metheny escorted by his wife, Barbara

LADVFA Treasurer elect - Regina Headley-Marvel escorted by Stacy Northam-Smith

LADVFA Assistant Treasurer elect - Kim Figgs escorted by her mother, Joyce

DVFA 3 Year Director from New Castle County - Dan Carrier

Past President/Director - Richard Toulson

Requested President Majewski and President Guzzo to reconvene their respective meetings

Stair guards may be seated with their companies

Invocation given by LADVFA Chaplain, Regina Olliver

Pledge to flag led by M/C, Edward "Mike" Rush

LADVFA President, Karen Majewski gave her final remarks and thanks

DVFA President, Anthony Guzzo gave his final remarks and thanks

LADVFA Past President, Penny Rodimak, assisted by LADVFA Past President Lorraine Madden installed the following LADVFA officers for the year 2015-2016:

President - Mary Frances Eisenbrey from Cheswold Ladies Auxiliary

1st Vice-President - Lois Pearson from Greenwood Ladies Auxiliary

2nd Vice-President - Lynn Warner from Talleyville Ladies Auxiliary

Secretary - Karen Barlow from Holloway Terrace Ladies Auxiliary

Assistant Secretary - Jackie Guzzo from Hockessin Ladies Auxiliary

Treasurer - Regina Headley-Marvel from Georgetown Ladies Auxiliary

Assistant Treasurer - Kim Figgs from Delmar Ladies Auxiliary

LADVFA officers were presented with their officers' pins.

Past President, Karen Majewski, was presented with her past president's charm and necklace

DVFA Past President Jasper Lakey installed the following DVFA officers for the year 2015-2016:

President - Joseph Zeroles from Farmington Fire Co.

1st Vice-President - Theodore Walius from Ellendale Fire Co.

2nd Vice-President - Richard Perillo from Brandywine Hundred Fire Co.

Secretary - Elmer Steele from Laurel Fire Co.

Treasurer - J. Allen Metheny from Hartly Fire Co.

3 Year Director from New Castle County - Dan Carrier from Hockessin Fire Co.

Past President/Director - Richard Toulson from Seaford Fire Co.

DVFA officers were presented with their officers' pins, individually, by their respective spouse/escort

Past President Anthony Guzzo was presented with his past president's pin and a plaque with gavel

LADVFA President, Mary Frances Eisenbrey, gave her remarks and appreciation

DVFA President, Joe Zeroles, gave his remarks and appreciation

M/C Mike Rush asked all DVFA and LADVFA Past Presidents to stand and be recognized

M/C Mike Rush recognized DVFA Executive Manager Warren Jones and thanked him for his continued hard work.

LADVFA Past President Karen Majewski and DVFA President Joe Zeroles entertained motions to close the conference for 2015.

MOTION was made by Lois Oneschuk and seconded by Emily Majewski that the 2015 LADVFA conference meeting be adjourned. Motion carried

MOTION was made by Warren Jones and seconded by Charles Frampton that the 2015 DVFA conference meeting be adjourned. Motion carried

Stair guards were requested to post their position.

Benediction was given by DVFA Assistant Chaplain Blake Bowers.

There was a reception immediately following the installation in Ballroom A

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary
Delaware Vol. Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to; Warren Jones
Executive Manager

Anthony Guzzo
2015 DVFA President