

DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING AUGUST 30, 2004

President Marvin C. Sharp called the August DVFA Officer's Meeting to order at 1821 Hrs. at the Social Hall of the Carlisle Fire Company in Milford and Welcomed all who were present. DVFA Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr. offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by President Sharp.

Attendance:

President Marvin C. Sharp
First Vice President Raymond T. Stevens
Second Vice President Kennard L. Pyle
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny, Sr.
Executive Secretary James L. Cabbage, Jr.
Director Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr.
Director James W. King
Director James Barlow
Director Alvin L. Schmick
Director PP Jasper H. Lakey
Sgt at Arms Frank Gant

LADVFA President Nancy Green
LADVFA First Vice President Joyce Figgs
LADVFA Second Vice President Barbara Rossiter
LADVFA Treasurer Saralee Stevens
LADVFA Secretary Virginia Yeager
LASCVFA Sue Morris
DSFCA President Kevin L. Wilson
DSFPA President David Snell
Chairman Alan F. Robinson
DVFA PP Donald W. Knight
Parade Chairman Les Armour

President Sharp then recessed the meeting for a delicious dinner served by the Carlisle Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary at 1823 Hrs.

Meeting was called back to order at 1902 Hrs. First Vice President Stevens thanked the Carlisle Ladies for a wonderful meal.

President Sharp then called on the following members and guests for reports and remarks:

LADVFA President Nancy Green brought greetings and thanked President Sharp and all of the DVFA members for a terrific year and offered her assistance in the future. She advised that she really enjoyed her year, she then introduced her officers who echoed her sentiments: 1st Vice President Joyce Figgs, 2nd Vice President Barbara Rossiter, Treasurer Saralee Stevens, Secretary Virginia Yeager and SCVFA LA President Sue Morris.

DSFCA President Kevin L. Wilson brought greetings and advised that Delaware Weekend at the National Fire Academy will be November 12 –14, 2004. The State Chief's Chicken Dinner fundraiser at Greenwood will be Oct 22- 24, 2004. President Wilson thanked President Sharp and all of the DVFA Officer's for their support and courtesies.

DSFPA President David Snell brought greeting and thanked President Sharp and the DVFA for their support and assistance.

CONFERENCE PARADE Chairman Les Armour reported that things appear to be in order, he and his committee have worked out the majority of the problems so things should go smooth on the September 18th.

DVFA WEB PAGE 1st Vice President Raymond T. Stevens advised that the Web Page is looking very good due to the hard work of our Webmaster Russ Pickett. Chairman Stevens advised that 1st Vice President Pyle will be Chairman next year and 2nd Vice President Robinson will be Co-Chairman.

DVFA CRUISE Admiral Stevens gave a brief update on the DVFA Cruise which is scheduled for February 5 – 12, 2005 on the Caribbean Princess. To date we have 88 rooms booked of the 100 that are being held for the DVFA.

DVFA PAST PRESIDENT'S RINGS 2nd Vice President Kennard L. Pyle advised that he had meet with the Josten's Company to design and produce a distinctive, unique and individual DVFA Past President's ring for the Past Presidents. He distributed a color display of the proposed ring for everyone's perusal. Estimated cost per ring will be under **\$500**, each individual can add features to the ring. The initial set up cost will be **\$175**.

Motion by 2nd Vice President Kennard Pyle, seconded by Director James Barlow that The DVFA pay for the initial set up cost for the rings not to exceed \$175. Motion Carried.

2nd Vice President Pyle will have handouts and a possible sample for the DVFA Past President's Banquet on September 14, 2004 at Conference.

ACCOUNTABILITY & ETHICS Chairman Donald W. Knight present a "DRAFT" proposal of the Accountability & Ethics Committee. The committee did not develop these recommendations as guidelines, but as suggestions to the DVFA to develop their own policies. He requested that they be included in the Conference packets.

WAKE UP DELAWARE Chairman Alan F. Robinson reported the next Statewide Open House to distribute smoke detectors and materials will be on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 0900 hrs to 1400 Hrs. This is "Change your clock, Change you Battery day". He stated that the new Co-Chairman for next year would be Warren Jones in New Castle and Mike Lowe in Sussex. He was pleased to announce that "Risk Watch" is now an active partner in fire prevention with their new Coordinator Kim Robinson.

DVFA FOUNDATION Vice Chairman Cabbage advised that the DVFA Foundation Board meet this afternoon and reluctantly accepted the resignation of Nancy Hooper. LADVFA President Green appointed Vicky Knotts as the LADVFA representative on the Foundation Board. Ms. Knotts was elected as Secretary. A brief discussion was held on the DVFA Scholarship program, the DVFA Foundation voted unanimously to accept the Financial Management of the Scholarship program. The Scholarship Committee would continue as in the past with the exception of all funds managed by the Foundation.

Motion by Director Clarence R. O'Neal, seconded by Director Jasper Lakey that the Financial management of the DVFA Scholarship program be transferred to the DVFA Foundation as soon as possible after the Conference 2004. Motion Carried.

DVFA FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT Vice Chairman Cabbage reported that 1st Annual DVFA Foundation Golf Tournament would be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 1300 Hrs at the Shawnee Country Club in Milford. The cost is **\$80** per golfer, sponsorship is also available, please check the DVFA web page for details.

DVFA CHAPLAINS President Sharp gave a brief explanation of the situation revolving around the Chaplains; he further advised that the Chaplains Committee has been disbanded. 1st Vice President Stevens is looking to appoint a DVFA Chaplain in the near future.

DVFA & USO Executive Secretary Cabbage reported that he has been in contact with the USO in Dover in regards to campaign to collect items for our troops overseas. With this years Conference Opening Ceremonies Theme of "Support our Troops" it appears to be a Win Win for the Fire Service but

Dates were difficult to coordinate for a pick up date. After a discussion with “**Wake up Delaware**” Chairman Robinson it was agreed to combine the “Wake up Delaware” and “USO Project” on the same date: October 30, 2004. LADVFA President Green has also agreed to participate in this event.

Motion by Director Hal Barber, seconded by Director Jasper Lakey to host a “USO” Event in conjunction with the “Wake Up Delaware” on October 30, 2004. Motion Carried.

DVFA BUDGET Treasurer Metheny gave a brief report on the DVFA Budget for FY-05. The major change to this year’s budget is the changing of the part time administrative position to a full time position.

Motion by Treasurer Metheny, Seconded by Executive Secretary Cabbage to accept And recommend the proposed changes to the FY-05 Budget. Motion Carried.

After a short discussion on the proposed budget and proposed Past President’s Rings the following motion was made:

Motion by Director Barlow, seconded by Director Schmick to allow up to \$7,500 For the purchase of Past President’s rings by the DVFA. That this motion be given To the Budget Committee for review and possible revision of the FY-05 Budget. Motion Carried.

(**Please Note** The DVFA Chair Officer’s – Sharp, Stevens, Pyle, Metheny, and Cabbage did not vote on this motion.)

COMMENTS DVFA Directors O’Neal, King, Barlow, Schmick, King and Lakey all offered their praises to President Sharp for an outstanding year.

CLOSING President Marvin C. Sharp **THANKED** everyone for their assistance and support during the past year. He certainly has enjoyed the year, which has been very humbling to represent the finest Fire Service in the Nation.

Motion by Director O’Neal, seconded by Director Barber that we adjourn. Motion Carried

Treasurer Metheny offered benediction. Meeting Adjourned at 1944 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Cabbage, Jr.

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