



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

Conference 2018  
Dover Downs Hotel and Casino  
Thursday, September 13, 2018

### **JOINT OPENING CEREMONIES**

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

- Introduction of the Past President's and President Emeritus's of our organizations
- Introduction of the current Presidents of our organizations

DVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Norman "Jay" Jones  
LADVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Karen Workman

DVFA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Willard "Bill" Betts  
LADVFA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Penny Gentry

DVFA President Richard T. Perillo  
LADVFA President Lynn Warner

- Pledge to the flag by DVFA and LADVFA Presidents
- DVFA/LADVFA Choir will sing our National Anthem
- President Richard Perillo welcoming remarks and introduction of his officers
- LADVFA President Lynn Warner welcoming remarks and introduction of her officers
- Welcome from the Mayor of the City of Dover Robin Christiansen
- Introduction of other guests:
  - Director of the Delaware State Fire School Robert 'Biff' Newnam
  - Delaware State Fire Marshal Grover Ingle
  - Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission Alan Robinson
  - President of the State Fire Chief's Association Andy Hall

- Introduction of the Conference Committee:

- DVFA Chairman Charles Frampton
- LADVFA Co-Chair Patti Kiley
- DVFA Co-Chair's Joe Zeroles & Dave Ruff
- LADVFA Co-Chair's Lorraine Madden & Stacy Northam-Smith
- Conference Treasurer George Pyott, Jr.

Introduction of Jeff Buckworth, of PNC Bank, so he could make their Partners in Progress contribution of \$5,000.00

Over the next few days you will undoubtedly come in contact with many friends and associates in the fire service and most notably our sponsors. Please take a moment to personally thank them for their support.

I also hope you plan to spend some time with our exhibitors. Like our sponsors these folks contribute to the success of our conference.

Introduction of Ann Marie Krystopolski who will announce the 50 year LADVFA members: (16)

New Castle County;

Christiana	Carol Bush	Christiana	Judy Lane
Christiana	Jan Marshall	Elsmere	Ginger Harold
Elsmere	June Wagner	Minquadale	Janet Houck
Talleyville	Sherry Vandenbraak		

Kent County;

Bowers	Beverly Shahan	Bowers	June Sullivan
Cheswold	Mary Pyott	Clayton	Georgia Davis
Felton	Norma Sherwood	Frederica	Virginia Schmick

Sussex County;

Georgetown	Eleanor Ray Warrington	Laurel	Dixie Northam
Laurel	Sandra Russell		

Introduction of Jackie Guzzo for the Ladies Auxiliary Hall of Recognition presentations:

New Castle County	Debra Masten from Minquadale Auxiliary
Kent County	Virginia Schmick from Frederica Auxiliary
Sussex County	Patsy Burton from Milton Auxiliary
2017 Past President Posthumously	Lois Pearson from Greenwood Auxiliary

Introduction of President Emeritus Bruce Ennis, who will announce the 50 year members: (43)

New Castle County;

Christiana	Dave A. DiMartine	Christiana	Howard M. McMillan
Christiana	David J. Jochen	Cranston Heights	Tillo A. Suppe
Christiana	Michael P. Amoroso	Claymont	John Luckanish

Claymont	William Lacombe	Holloway Terrace	Edwin S. Barlow
Holloway Terrace	Harry C. Logan, Jr.	Mill Creek	Walter "Sandy" Foraker
Minquadale	Clyde Painter	Minquadale	Alex Davis
Minquadale	Michael Calvetti	Minquas	Edward Cline, Jr.
Minquas	George Eckrick	Minquas	Ronald Kelly
Minquas	James Ryan, Sr.		

Kent County;			
Bowers	Robert L. Jackson	Bowers	Daniel Shahan
Cheswold	Kenneth E. Clendaniel	Citizens Hose	William J. Carson, Jr.
Citizens Hose	Nelson Mesick	Citizens Hose	Waren Vanarsdall
Citizens Hose	Alan E. McClements, Jr.	Citizens Hose	Keith Williams
Citizens Hose	W. Thomas Bowers	Citizens Hose	F. Clayton Hickman
Felton	Larry R. Sipple	Frederica	Telford Rager
Frederica	Dennis Beebe	Harrington	James M. Callaway
Hartly	Henry Fortney	Magnolia	Thomas Lindale, Jr.

Sussex County;			
Indian River	John Swithenbank, Jr.	Indian River	Terry Timmons
Laurel	Richard L. Russell	Milton	John F. Bushey
Milton	Dennis J. Hughes	Rehoboth Beach	John A. Futcher
Roxana	Henry C. Johnson, III	Roxana	Robert Wilgus
Seaford	Benjamin Patterson	Selbyville	Wilmer H. Long, Jr.

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

- Heroic Firefighter of the Year – John McPartland, Christiana Fire Co.
- Fire Policeman of the Year – Jasper Lakey, Delaware City Fire Co.
- Firefighter of the Year – John P. Fox, Mill Creek Fire Co.
- Past President DVFA Assoc. – Theodore H. Walius, Ellendale Fire Co.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay Jones presented a new award this year "Youth Leadership Award" Must be under the age of 35 and be active in the leadership of your Company/Department  
 The 2018 award goes to Alex Carrow of the Clayton Fire Co.

Carleton Carey, Sr. announced this year's Non-Heroic Fireman of the Year:  
 The 2018 award goes to Ken McMahon of the Christiana Fire Co.

Ken McMahon joined Christiana Fire Company (CFC) on February 1, 1973. He has provided an outstanding and contiguous service to CFC, the community and the great state of Delaware. He has shared a lifetime of knowledge, mentoring those who will lead the fire service in the future.

Ken has dedicated 45 years of his life to the volunteer fire service. He is an Active Life Member of CFC and has held the positions of Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Engineer, served on the Board of Directors as well as many committees. To date, Ken still holds his position as Fire Chief Emeritus.

Ken played an integral role in the planning for growth of the Christiana District. He was part of the team that ensured public safety for the community by building an additional fire station in 1994. In addition, he ensured that our history would be preserved and enjoyed for generations to come, by working with a committee to

create a museum from the original station. Ken also served as chairman of CFC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Museum dedication.

This is an impressive record of accomplishments, however, it only begins to scratch the surface of what Ken has done. He has been a delegate or alternate to the New Castle Volunteer Firemen's Association and State Association, a delegate to the National Volunteer Firefighter Council, served on many committees and held the position as President of the New Castle County Fire Chiefs Association. He also received Heroic Firefighter of the Year in New Castle County.

Ken has served on and chaired various committees of the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association. He was actively involved with NFPA 1720 Standards Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, representing the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association, FEMA Emergency Response Technology Group Committee, representing the International Association of Fire Chiefs and to serve on the Haz-Mat/Homeland Security Committee, to advise on a book written, "First Responders Guide for Pipeline Emergencies". He was awarded Heroic Firefighter of the year in the State of Delaware and Hall of Fame. In 1998, the State Governor appointed Ken to the Delaware State Fire Commission. In 2001 he was elected as Chairman of the Commission, which he held for 12 years. He is a national certified Haz-Mat technician and is an Active Life Member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Ken was awarded Tidewater Refinery Highest Meritorious Safety Honor for his heroic actions during a flare gas release at his place of employment, leaving 27 people were injured, 4 seriously. He was also selected twice to receive the company wide 'Super Star Award'.

Although the fire service has been of high importance to Ken, his first priorities have always been his family. He is a strong leader, a valued friend and it is with great pleasure that we nominate him as the 2018 DVFA Firefighter of the Year.

Warren thanked the opening ceremonies committee and helpers.

Movie presentation "Year in Review"

Called on LADVFA Chaplain Patsy Boys for the benediction. (9:55 AM)

## **2018 DVFA CONFERENCE Executive Meeting**

Thursday, September 13, 2018  
11:30 AM in Ball Room C of the Rollins Center

Call the business session to order by President Richard Perillo

Invocation offered by DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson

Pledge to the flag led by the President of the Port Penn Fire Co. Amy Trowbridge

Conference appointments by President Perillo:

- Credentials: Mark Gott, Sta. 20; Michael Brittingham, Sta. 41; Terry Jester, Sta. 89
- Sergeant at Arms: Kevin Reinike, Sta. 27; Steve White, Sta. 49; Harold Brode, Sta. 50; Dominic Messina, Sta. 80; Ed Schaffer, Sta. 82; Michael Shaw, Sta. 28 & 32
- Committee to visit the ladies: Ed Barlow, Sta. 20; Ray Stevens, Sta. 88; Alan Robinson, Sta. 46
- Parliamentarians: Jasper Lakey, Sta. 15; Jim Woznicki, Sta. 53; Guy Hudson, 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.

President Warner gave the ladies financial report for the year;

There are a total of 2419 Auxiliary members from all 3 Counties

The Auxiliaries donated \$821,015.51 ( this is \$8,745.72 less than 2017)

### **Special Presentation:**

James Farley, John Weatherlow and Rob Harvey from Inferno Sports & Athletics, LLC came forward to present a check for \$2,500.00 to the DVFA Foundation Scholarship program. These funds were raised from a Dedication & Valor softball tournament held earlier this year. Foundation Treasurer Ron O'Neal accepted the check.

## **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Elmer Steele summarized the communications:

- Copy of letter from the Mutual Relief Association to American Legion Ambulance Service
- Copy of letter from the Mutual Relief Association to Mid-Sussex Rescue Squad
- Letter from Mutual Relief Association for the reappointment of Ed Kalinowski
- Letter from Frederica Fire Co. recommending Bill Betts for President of the DVFA
- Letter from Hockessin Fire Co. recommending Dan Carrier for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from Ellendale Fire Co. recommending Jay Jones for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the DVFA
- Letter from Delmarva Power thanking the volunteer firefighter's and EMT's for their dedication and commitment with their sponsorship check for \$10,000.00 to the DVFA Partners in Progress program
- Letter from NCCVFA supporting Terry Whitham for Treasurer of the DVFA
- Letter from Robbins Hose Fire Co. recommending Terry Whitham for Treasurer of the DVFA
- Letter from Jessica Bridge thanking the scholarship committee for scholarship award
- Letters for changing delegates/alternates from Leipsic, Little Creek, Hartly, Indian River and Dover

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

**President Richard Perillo:** (copied and pasted from written report)

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter travel report: attended 23 events, in service 136 hours, traveled 2,058 miles

Good morning everyone. Welcome to your 24<sup>th</sup> annual conference.

Your conference committee chairs and committees have put in many hours for you to enjoy the fruits of their labors, please thank them for the time and effort they all have out in to your conference. Please purchase your conference souvenirs your Ladies Auxiliaries are selling in the lobby. If we are fortunate enough to sell out and there is something you may want we can order this after you have paid for this.

I would like to apologize for the fire company Presidents hand books not being completed. I do know that President Betts and his Officer's will have this completed very soon and I thank them for this.

This year with the help of many of you we were able to keep our normal funding from our State Legislators. Since the State did have a surplus, I like you had hoped that we too may have received additional funding. We did receive an extra one million dollars for your revolving loan fund, which as of September 5<sup>th</sup> has

\$838,117.00 for you to borrow at 2 percent interest. Information for this program is on the DVFA website. Please utilize this program. We received \$75,000.00 for the fire prevention matching funds program and funding for the rescue tools.

In the future, all legislation proposed by your Association will be brought to your attention and review prior to going to our Legislators. We want your feedback on these so we get it right the first time.

It is my hope that you feel your Association has been open and inclusive. We have given everyone that has wanted information through the email listing generated through out the year. At this time, we have over 383 members on the DVFA email list. If you wish to receive information from your Association, please give us your contact information so we can include you.

Many of you may have read the articles I had penned for the Fire Service News. My articles were not composed to inflame or anger anyone, the purpose was to open up a dialogue, let us speak about where our fire service is heading before someone else tells us. As I have said before, how can we continue to provide the best service money can buy when we don't know where the funding is coming from nor do we know how much we could be receiving year to year. Many of us are combination fire departments, some may still be completely volunteer, if so may God bless you. Either way, we must find another source of revenue to sustain the services our residents deserve and expect. Where will this funding come from? Do we think our State and County Legislators are going to doll out funds without any restrictions? Once again, we the fire service leadership must have an open and honest discussion about who we are, what we are and where we are going. Some of this can happen right here when we have our round table discussion with you, the leadership of the Delaware State Fire Service.

I would to congratulate President Warner on a successful year. It was a pleasure working with you and your Ladies. Madam President, Ladies, thank you for the work you continue to do for your fire companies and for this Association.

My co-pilot, Past President Charles Frampton, Jr., showed me all of the back roads in Kent and Sussex Counties. Charlie, thank you for traveling up and down the State with me.

Secretary Steele, Mr. Steele, thank you for the work you continue to do as our Secretary and for the work you continue to do with the conference.

Treasurer Pyott, Mr. Pyott, thank you for stepping up to the challenge, taking charge and doing everything in your power to correct our reports.

Assistant Treasurer Whitham, Terry, thank you for assisting Mr. Pyott and for completing our budget versus actual. You will do a great job for this Association.

Pastor Bob, thank you for the prayers you have given for membership of your Association and we thank you for the years you have dedicated to this Association.

Executive Manager Warren Jones, Warren, I cannot thank you enough for helping me throughout this year. Your knowledge and understanding of our Association are paramount for any Officer going through the chairs. You have been a sounding board for me and I thank you for everything you have helped me with and done for me.

To all of our DVFA Director's, Gentlemen, thank you for working with Bill, Jay and me throughout the year. Your support, knowledge and wisdom have been a great influence and help to me.

President's Betts and Jones, what can I say guys. I cannot say enough about you two. I cannot thank you all enough for your guidance and hard work throughout the year. I believe together we have had a successful

year moving our Association forward. I thank each and everyone of you for the value you believe in this Association.

Some people think that you have to be retired to go through the chairs, your Officer's are there to assist and we have an Executive Manager. So, with this said, that myth is exposed and busted. For our Association to grow and strive to be the best that it can be, we must get our younger membership involved. How do we do this, we include them, not exclude them, for they are the future of our fire service. This starts at your station with you their leadership. Be the best you can be. Speak and treat your members the way you want to spoken and treated, with respect. Lead, follow or get out of the way.

I would thank the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company No. 1 Officer's, members and Ladies Auxiliary for the support they have given me going through the chairs of this great Association. They have supported me with everything I may have or could have needed. With that said, I would like to give back our Association the stipend check that was issued to me earlier this year. I didn't do this to be paid, I volunteered to do this job. I do not do this to make any future Officer's feel slighted in any way, it is just how I am. As you all knew in the beginning, I am different than most and you know what, I'm happy with who I am.

If you will indulge me for another thank you, I would like to thank my wife for allowing me to do what I do. She has allowed me to miss many days, afternoon and evenings at home and never complained. Well she has complained some, my honey do list has grown some. Lastly for thanking family members, I would like to thank our son, Chief Richard J. Perillo, he has given me many ideas our younger generation thinks of and should be heard. Chief, thank you for being my son, love you.

I would like to thank all of you here this morning allowing me to represent you and giving me the opportunity to serve you and be your President this year. It has been an honor and a pleasure.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Betts:** (copied and pasted from written report)

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter travel report: attended 28 events, in service 162 hours, traveled 2,541 miles

I attended the Conventions of Maryland, Cumberland Valley, and West Virginia, and everyone has the same problems with funding, recruitment & retention, and trying to get the millennials to become involved with the fire service. I would like to thank Steve Austin for his help in coordinating these events and introducing us to our counterparts in these other associations.

I would like to express my gratitude to the DVFA finance committee chaired by Danny Burris, and it's work on the 2019 budget, and the Conference budget. With the new format developed by the Committee, it should give the membership a clearer understanding of the developed budget and increase the transparency that the table officers have been trying to improve over the past two years. Finally, on the financial front, I am proud to announce that Ray Stevens has agreed to become the Assistant Treasurer, and I am proud to appoint him to the position. Ray has done an incredible job with the compilation of the 2019 budget and will surely be an asset to the DVFA.

My appointment for Chaplain will be Blake Bowers, with assistance from Pastor Bob Hudson, and Charlie Arnold. Blake has been excused to attend the birth of his grand-child this week, but Pastor Bob has stepped in to handle things in his absence.

In the last two years, I feel that we have made some excellent progress under the leadership of Ted and Richard, but we are not resting on our laurels, and look forward to pushing forward with fellow table officers Jay and Dan.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported me and the other officers this year and look forward to serving you to the best of my ability in the coming year.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay Jones:** (copied and pasted from written report)

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter travel report: attended 37 events, in service 106 hours, traveled 1,845 miles

This past year has been rather rewarding and exciting working along Richard and the other officers. The last 12 months have been more fun than I ever could have imagined. I've attended 143 events on your behalf. Spending 492.5 hours and traveling 6,923 miles. We accomplished a lot but still have so much more to do.

This past quarter, as the association, we have spent a lot of time finishing up and securing funding for the fire service and our partner agencies through our legislature for this fiscal year. We've been to multiple states representing Delaware. Standing as leaders in the volunteer fire service amongst our neighbors sharing our successes and shortcomings. Also taking notes from where we can do better with their successes.

At the close of this fiscal year, I've been working on the project of producing a video that will be used to educate our new legislators (15 or more newly elected this upcoming election) and the public that we are a volunteer fire service, how we receive our funding, and what it is used for. Also, focusing on recruitment while we have the public's attention.

This year we have already eagerly started working on our issues. Trying to be more proactive rather than always reactive to our current environment. There were some good things that were brought to light this past session. They were not quite fitting for us but can be a nice step in the right direction moving forward. Such as rescue billing and other alternate funding mechanisms. This has taking up quite a bit time and energy, but it cannot be rushed. It must be done right. It will continue to take a lot of time to move the process forward. We are also looking ahead at the radio project for 2023.

One thing I noticed not only on the association level, but all the way down to committees and department levels. We do not do a very good job at preparing the next generation for future leadership and responsibilities. We have leaders that do not know how to pass the torch and by doing this we are setting our future leaders up for failure. I want to help continue the progress of our current administration, as moving forward in updating in preparing the leadership handbooks. They are great tools that need to be updated and also utilized.

How long have we heard our president say this is "YOUR" association? We continue to hear from people up-and-down the state "I don't know where to find this" or "nobody had told me". This mentality has to be fixed. We want to encourage and assist our aspiring and future leaders. I have requested and put forth and award that would recognize a young leader that has stepped up under the age of 35. A person that shows leadership qualities and a vision for the future of our volunteer fire service. That this would encourage him or her to press further and also inspire others to step up as well. This award will be given out each year at our conference.

Once again I want to thank Sussex County and the State of Delaware's Fire Services for their confidence they have put in me and the support I have been given throughout this year. It has been an honor. I would like to thank the Ellendale Fire Company for allowing me to take the time to carry out this great adventure. Lastly to my family and friends who have unselfishly sacrificed many times of me being away from them.

I look forward to the upcoming year serving you under President Betts. Thank you and God Bless the Delaware State Fire Service.

## **Secretary Elmer Steele:**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter travel report: 29 events, in service 158.5 hours, traveled 2,725 miles

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Secretary this past year. I have tried to make myself available to the Officers and to the Executive Manager Warren Jones. I have tried to answer their questions and to respond to their needs as much as possible.



I will make that offer to the new Officers again this year. If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to ask. I'll do my best to help make the Association the best that it can be.

Congratulations to President Perillo on a great year. Leadership is the key element to any organization and I feel that we, the DVFA, are on a good path for our future.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to the coming year.

**Treasurer George Pyott, Jr.:** (copied and pasted from written report)

Good afternoon. I am pleased to announce the books of the association have been audited by Douglas Kook of Bumpers & Company and found to be in good order.

The Pension Fund Rebate of \$32.50 is being distributed at Registration. I would ask that these checks be cashed in a timely manner so that we can finalize that rebate.

I have attached a Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2018 and a Statement of Income and Expense, June through August 2018.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to speak with me after the meeting.

**Executive Manager Warren Jones:** (copied and pasted from written report)

At the DVFA Officer's meeting prior to this meeting, the officers decided to cancel the Firefighter's Memorial Dedication.

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation with the office. Even though I am not in the Dover office on a regular basis because of meetings and other obligations the office phone is transferred to my cell phone. Therefore, you can always get in contact with me.

At the Round table yesterday, we discussed legislative issues for 2018 and for 2019, the 800 radio issue and setting up a committee to look into possible legislation for each company to hold a referendum.

There will be 16 new legislator this year. We are asking each company where new legislators are elected to contact your new legislator, ask them for a meeting and let us know so we can be at that meeting also.

Conference evaluation forms were in your packets and are in the lobby please fill them out and drop them in the box in the lobby.

I have some 50 year certificates; 3 companies need to see me after this meeting.

Personal review of working with the President this year.

**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) Executive Director Larry Gwaltney brought greetings from the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (CVVFA) Past President Hoby Howell brought greetings from their Association.

- Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Past President Bob Cumberland brought greetings from the State of Maryland. Bob introduced Maryland's new Executive Director Kate Tomanelli
- NFFF Executive Director Ron Siarnicki brought greetings from the Foundation and discussed the 103 that will be honored at the Memorial service in Emmittsburg this year.

**DVFA Foundation:** Steve Austin gave a brief report as to the activities of the foundation.

**Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission:** Chairman Alan Robinson introduced the commissioners that were in attendance. He thanked Ted Walius on a great year as commissioner. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 18.

**Visitation from the Ladies:** Past President's of the LADVFA Karen Majewski, Mary Frances Eisenbrey and Elinor Raye Warrington brought greetings from the Ladies Association.

**Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission:** Chairman Robinson brought greetings from the Commission. He introduced the Commissioners that were in the room today. He thanked Ted Walius for a great year as he served on the Commission representing the Fire Service and welcomed Richard T. Perillo as the new Commissioner.

**Delaware State Fire Marshal:** Fire Marshal Grover Ingle (copied and pasted from written report)

- Fire Deaths – Currently, there are eight (8) fire deaths, three (3) with a working smoke alarm, and five (5) without a working smoke alarm.
- Deputy Fire Marshal's Pfaffenhauser, Sipple & Looney will be attending New Mexico Tech for training on Bombs the week of September 24, 2018.
- Deputy Fire Marshal's Sipple, Yedinak & Looney all have successfully completed the National Fire Academy Essentials of Fire Investigations within the past year. Since last year's Conference Deputies Yedinak and Sipple have been promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal II.
- 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 Department's/Companies for the calendar year 2017.
- Currently working on proposed updates to the Delaware State Fire Prevention Regulations.
- I would like to thank Chairman Robinson and the members of the State Fire Prevention Commission for their continued support of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- Congratulations to Commissioners Sharp and Walius for their service as Commissioners.
- Congratulations to President Richard T. Perillo on a successful year and we look forward to continue to work with you in your role as a Commissioner. Look forward to working with Incoming President Bett's and his Officer's during the upcoming year.
- Congratulations to President Hall from the State Fire Chief's Association for a successful year and look forward to working with President Brode and his Officer's in the upcoming year.

**Delaware State Fire School:** Director Robert Newnam (copied and pasted from written report)

Thanks to:

- President of the DVFA and the table officers.
- The Fire School Advisory Committee for their support and input.
- The Executive Manager for his support.
- The State Fire Prevention Commission

- The Officers of the Emergency Service Providers who have supported and provided positive recommendations to staff and myself.
- The Staff of the Delaware State Fire School for their dedication and hard work, these employees are dedicated to providing the best possible training possible.

As in this past year, for the next year the Delaware State Fire School will continue improvements to current programs, enhance our delivery of programs, develop new programs, and provide support and assistance to the Emergency Services. Some of these include;

- **Projects, Programs and class offerings**
  - Reaccredited by Pro-Board for certifications for an additional 5 years.
  - Will conduct the 5<sup>th</sup> New Castle Recruit Training program starting in January 2019.
  - Continue training opportunities for the Ladies Aux. Members, and in Public Fire Education
  - Placed in service – Ambulance simulator, Forcible Entry Trailer, Haz. Mat. Training models
    - Use of the Forcible Entry Trailer will have a fee for the materials used and additional Instructors.
  - Received an AFG grant – Instructor and Ins. Aide PPE and Face Masks, Interactive Manikins (3), Fire Extinguisher Simulators (3), Rescue tools (cutters, spreader, battery operated and various items) Computers for lab, Haz. Mat training meter
  - Apply for AFG Grant – Gear washers at Divisions, Pump Simulator (3), PPE, Crash Kelly injury sets
  - Basic F.F. Skills – added on line Haz. Mat. Awareness allowing for expand skills training on drillgrounds
  - Updates to various Injury Prevention Programs – mobile displays, school tours, Poison prevention
  - Active Shooter – Operations, 3-4 hour program Divisions and In-service – fall notices forthcoming
- **EMS Programs**
  - EMTs in Delaware, currently 1585 certified.
  - Updated and Revised the EMT program to remove on-line segments continuing with on-line workbook.
  - Revised and updated the EMT refresher program to the National standard and updated State information.
  - EMRs – currently 1222
- **Facilities**
  - HVAC Replacement Project – Dover Division, 1.8 – Scheduled to be completed Jan. 19 – impact to rooms
  - Office Remodel at Dover Division – Staff Offices, installed Duty Office and Computer Lab for programs
  - Rest Rooms – complete redo – March 2019 – 6 months
- **General and Capital Budget (Bond Bill) FY20**
  - Requesting 50K for the EMT program expenses – to maintain the no cost to Fire Companies
  - Requesting 25K to restore equipment funding to 25K
  - Rescue equipment – 150,000.00, 19 Fire Companies and DSFS – *this is a pass though.*

**Communications – Surveys** – need your help, responses

The DSFS will continue to provide professional instruction and training at a minimum cost to emergency service personnel and their employers. Daily the staff takes the necessary steps to meet that requirement. At a time when governments are cutting services the DSFS is increasing program availability, adding new props and programs. I ask that when you are reviewing your budgets that training remains a high priority within your department and that you continue to support the DSFS.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** DVFA Delegate Terry Jester reported on the things that are taking place at the NVFC. There is lots and lots of training information on the NVFC web site and it is FREE. Their fall meeting will be September 19-21 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

**Delaware State Fire Chief's Association:** President Andy Hall brought greetings from the Chief's Association. Thanked President Perillo for a great year.

**Delaware State Fire Police Association:** President Cheryl Kelly brought greetings.

**Delaware State Emergency Medical Services Association:** President Amy Yonko brought greetings.

**Mutual Relief Association:** Chairman Steve White stated that their meeting would be at 3:30 today.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Credentials Committee:** Mark Gott gave the following report;

- New Castle County 100% of the Companies have registered
- Kent County 100% of the Companies have registered
- Sussex County 95% of the Companies have registered (missing 1 company)

**Finance & Audit Committee:** Chairman Dan Burris stated that the budget for FY 19' 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. \$75,000.00 matching fund monies has been re-stored for this year

**Conference Committee:** Charles Frampton

- Hope everyone is enjoying the Conference. Contact him or the co-chairs if you have any questions.

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

**President:** Willard R. "Bill" Betts, Jr. nominated by President Steve White and second by Chief Alex Vasquez

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Norman "Jay" Jones, Jr. nominated by Chief Andy Jones and second by Norman Jones, Sr.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Dan Carrier nominated by DVFA Past President Anthony Guzzo and second by James Druding

**Secretary:** Elmer B. Steele nominated by President William Hearn and second by Past Chief Mike Lowe

**Treasurer:** Terry Whitham nominated by President Brian Bashista and second by Chief Carleton Carey, Jr.

**Director, New Castle County (3 years):** Tom DiCristofaro nominated by Chief Mark Harris and second by David McCarthy

**Past President Director:** Ted Walius - This is an automatic appointment and does not need to be nominated

*Motion made and second to close all nominations. Motion carried*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

- President Perillo requests a motion that the Secretary cast a ballot for all uncontested offices, except for Secretary. *Motion made and second. **Favorable ballot was cast***
- President Perillo request Executive Manager Warren Jones to cast a ballot for Secretary Elmer Steele. *Motion made and second. **Favorable ballot was cast***
- President Perillo calls on Dan Burriss of the Financial Committee for a motion to adopt the 2019 budget. *Motion made by Dan Burriss and second by Dan Carrier to adopt the FY19' budget. **Motion carried***
- Marvin Sharp stated that the DVFA needs to support the NFFF stair climb and other events here at Dover Downs and through-out the State.
- *Motion by Willie Trowbridge and second by John Lloyd that our financial review from Bumpers and Company be posted on the web site. **Motion carried***
- *Motion by Tom DiCristofaro and second by Kevin Reinike that J. Allen Metheny's name be removed from the Hall of Fame list. **Motion carried***
- *Motion by Steve Austin and second by Ray Stevens that we bestow Honorary membership of the DVFA to retiring State Auditor Thomas Wagner. **Motion carried***

## PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Treasurer Pyott stated that there is a total of \$118,180.53 in bills to be paid.

12:28 PM  
09/16/18  
Accrual Basis

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association  
Expenses by Vendor Summary  
June 11, 2018 through September 13, 2018

	<u>Jun 11 – Sep 13, '18</u>
ANNE NEUBAUER	300.00
AT&T	39.72
BARBARA ROSSITER	1,000.00
BOBOLA FARMS FLORIST	261.00
BUMPERS & COMPANY	187.50
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES. INC.	893.46
CHESWOLD VFC LADIES AUXILIARY	10,467.50
COMCAST BUSINESS	880.70
DELAWARE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	315.00
DOVER ARMY-NAVY STORE, INC.	342.20
DOVER DOWNS	71,610.20
DOVER PAR-3	873.00
ELAN/CARDMEMBER SERVICE	2,970.46
GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P. C.	385.00
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH	100.00
HTK	1,757.49
INK and THREAD	1,938.50
INTUIT TRANSACTION	299.22
JOHN PAPPAS	500.00
JON FLETCHER	3,500.00
KELLY RAWLEY EVANS	300.00
MARY FRANCES EISENBREY	184.39
PAM INGLE	143.60
PAUL EICHLER	498.36
RAY STEVENS	111.98
RECORDS-GEBHART AGENCY, INC.	2,458.00
SCOTT GEISELHART	1,200.00

SELECTIVE INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA	600.00
STEVE AUSTIN	122.93
SUSSEX PRINTING	3,029.15
T-MUGS	1,864.75
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	9.47
TRAUMA SURVIVORS FOUNDATION	2,000.00
UNITED STATES TREASURY	923.87
VERIZON WIRELESS	164.15
VERNON INGRAM	2,055.00
WILLARD BETTS, JR.	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	114,316.60
PENSION FUND REBATE TOTAL	<u>3,863.93</u>
GRAND TOTAL	118,180.53

*Motion by Jim Watson and second by Steve White to pay the bills.*

***Motion carried***

### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- Jack Wilson made comments on health and safety issues of our members, especially cancer and PTSD. We need to take care of our own folks.
- Alan Robinson discussed an issue with the bags from the fire school that were supposed to be used for registration packets.
- Todd Reilly said he wanted to see the hand book completed. This will be a valuable tool for new officers, but it needs to be completed and posted. Todd commended Pastor Bob Hudson on his dedicated service to this Association and wished him well on his retirement.
- Joe Zeroles stated that the Conference dates for next year will be September 9-13, 2019 at Dover Downs.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the members, *A motion was made by Jon Townley and second by Guy Hudson to recess until 8:30 AM on September 14, 2018 for the Memorial Service.*

Adjourned at 1:20 PM

**The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual  
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**



**Friday, September 14, 2018 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

The Prayer Arranged by Teena Chinn

**WORDS OF COMFORT**

Patsy Boys, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain*, DVFA

**UNVEILING OF THE CROSSES**

Richard T. Perillo, *President*, DVFA

Lynn Warner, *President*, LADVFA

David A. Hall, *President*, State Fire Chiefs Association

Cheryl Kelly, *President*, State Fire Police Association

Amy Yonko, *President*, State Emergency Medical Services Association

**CHORAL ARRANGEMENT**

American Anthem Arranged by John Perifoy

## **READINGS BY THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS**

Lynn Warner, *President*, LADVFA

Karen Gebhart, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary New Castle County

Sandra Robinson, *President*, Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Auxiliary

Regina Headley-Marvel, *President*, Auxiliary Sussex County

## **CHORAL ARRANGEMENT**

You'll Never Walk Alone Arranged by Johnny Mann

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PRESENTATION**

Karen Barlow, *Secretary*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Elmer Steele, *Secretary*, DVFA

## **THE MEMORIAL PANORAMA**

Edited and Produced by: **Delaware State Fire School**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## **TAPS**

## **BENEDICTION**

Patsy Boys, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

## **MUSICAL SELECTION**

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PIPE AND DRUM

## **RECESSIONAL**

## **97<sup>th</sup> 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

On Tuesday at remembrance ceremonies for the heroes of 9/11, we stood with a number of our political leaders, many who are in this room today with the citizens of our fire districts demonstrating that we are there for them in times of emergency. We fulfill that promise every day. As I speak the Delaware Fire Service is preparing to meet the challenge of hazardous weather in our State and preparing to assist others in North Carolina in their time of need. Whether it be the everyday emergencies or something big like a hurricane, we rely on our century old partnership with Delaware's legislature and administration to allow us to do our job as volunteers.

I will speak for all of the DVFA member companies in saying that we appreciate your support year after year. Our relationship with our political leaders is part of the "Delaware Way"

Two former M/C's of this event; E. Reynolds Bradley and Norman Tate. One a D and the other an R who epitomized the DVFA relationship with our elected and appointed leadership; being political without being partisan. This luncheon is all about that relationship.

I welcome each and everyone of you firefighter's and guest alike and thank you for your untiring support.



Invocation by DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson

Leading us in the Pledge to our Flag is Past President Jim McCall who presided over this Association in 1978-79. (40 years ago)

We have an ambitious agenda and we will need your attention to keep us on track.

Acknowledged the Conference luncheon committee; Ron Marvel, Warren Jones and Elmer Steele

Challenge for Fallen Firefighters and DVFA Foundation from Dave Majewski, Ron O'Neal and members of the DVFA Foundation. Donations in the amount of \$1,678.00 were collected during the men's luncheon. Carol Walton and President Lynn Warner of the LADVFA presented \$1,646.00 which is half of the money from their basket raffle, making for a grand total of \$3,324.00 for the Foundation.

R. Thomas Wagner, Jr. has the distinct honor of serving as Delaware's Auditor of Accounts. He was first appointed to the position in 1989, to serve the unexpired term of his predecessor. He was re-elected in 2014 to his record seventh, four year term, continuing as Delaware's longest serving Auditor of Accounts in the State history. This year Tom is retiring. President Perillo has a special honor to bestow on Tom. In Tom's absence, President Perillo and the DVFA Officers will present the DVFA Honorary Membership award to him at a later date.

Remarks by Attorney General Matt Denn, so he could leave for another engagement.

### **Introduction of the Head Table**

#### **Right side of podium**

DVFA Treasurer George Pyott  
Secretary of Homeland Security Robert Coupe  
State Treasurer Ken Simpler  
DVFA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jay Jones  
Senator Chris Coons  
Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long  
DVFA President Richard T. Perillo  
Governor John Carney

#### **Left side of podium**

MC Steve Austin  
Senator Tom Carper  
CFSI Executive Director Bill Webb  
DVFA 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bill Betts  
Attorney General Matt Denn  
DVFA Secretary Elmer Steele  
DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson

### **Introduction of Special Fire Service Guests in Attendance**

- Past Presidents DVFA
- Col McQueen and the command staff of DSP
- Chairman Alan Robinson and the members of the DE State Fire Prevention Commission
- Fire Marshal Grover Ingle and staff
- Fire School Director Biff Newnam and staff
- DEMA Director A.J Schall
- DVFA Fireman of the Year Ken McMahon
- DVFA Radio Consultant Jim Goldstein
- Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association Past President Hoby Howell
- Virginia Firefighter's Association Executive Director Larry Gwaltney
- IAAI Executive Director Scott Stephens
- FDNY Retired Chief George Schofield (98 years old)
- Maryland State Firemen's Association President Richard Blair

## **Partners in Progress**

Atlantic Emergency Solutions  
Delmarva Power  
PNC Bank  
Provident Insurance

Delaware Electric Co-Op  
M & T Bank  
Motorola  
WSFS

Introduction of Delaware Elected and Appointed Officials by Executive Manager Warren Jones

President Perillo made a few comments and remarks, while welcoming everyone to the luncheon.

### **Lunch was served by the Dover Downs Hotel staff at 12:25 PM**

Recognized Chief Andre' and his staff. Round of applause was given

### **Introduction of Special Guest for Remarks and Presentations**

- Remarks from Governor John Carney. He declared the week of October 8 to 14, 2018 as Fire Prevention week. The Governor presented Richard with his paperwork for his term as a member of the Fire Prevention Commission.
- Remarks from Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long.
- Remarks from Senator Chris Coons. Presented an American flag to President Perillo for his year of dedicated service.
- Remarks from Senator Tom Carper.
- Remarks from Treasurer Ken Simpler
- Remarks and presentation from CFSI Director Bill Webb
- Remarks and presentation from President Richard Blair, MD State Firemen's Association

Benediction by Chaplain Bob Hudson at 2:10 PM

### **DVFA/LADVFA Joint Installation**

(copied and pasted from Carol Walton's notes)

Friday, September 14, 2018 at 3:30pm

DSFCA Past President – Edward "Mike" Rush introduced himself. He reminded everyone to please turn off or mute all cell phones and electronic devices.

Introduction of the following officers, chaplains and their escorts:

DVFA Chaplain – Pastor Bob Hudson escorted by LADVFA Chaplain Patsy Boys

DVFA Installing Officer – Past Chief William Walton, Jr. escorted by LADVFA Installing Officer and Past LADVFA President Mary Frances Eisenbrey and LADVFA Installing Marshall/Past LADVFA President Florence Legates

DVFA President – Richard T. Perillo escorted by his wife Dottie

LADVFA President – Lynn Warner escorted by her husband DVFA Past President Harry Warner

DVFA President elect - Willard Betts escorted by his wife Louise

LADVFA President elect – Penny Gentry escorted by her husband Dennis

DVFA Vice-President elect – Jay Jones escorted by his friend Kayla Mahr

LADVFA Vice-President elect – Karen Workman escorted by LADVFA Past President Eleanor Raye Warrington

DVFA Second Vice-President elect – Dan Carrier escorted by his son Nathan

LADVFA Second Vice-President elect – Pam Ingle escorted by her husband Delaware State Fire Marshal Grover P. Ingle

DVFA Secretary – DVFA Past President Elmer Steele escorted by his wife Sandy  
LADVFA Secretary – Karen Barlow escorted by her husband DVFA Past President Ed Barlow  
LADVFA Assistant Secretary – Jackie Guzzo escorted by her husband DVFA Past President Anthony Guzzo  
DVFA Treasurer – Terry Whitham  
LADVFA Treasurer – Kim Figgs escorted by her mother LADVFA Past President Joyce Figgs  
LADVFA Assistant Treasurer – Ginni Tice escorted by her significant other David Hamrick  
DVFA Director – Ted Walius escorted by his daughter Rachel Walius

Mike asked Presidents Lynn Warner and Richard T. Perillo to reconvene their meetings.

Mike asked for all military in the room to stand to be recognized and to join him in leading the Pledge to the Flag. Invocation was given by DVFA Chaplain Pastor Bob Hudson.

LADVFA President Lynn Warner gave final remarks and thanks to Talleyville Fire Company and Auxiliary and her family and it was a pleasure working with President Perillo.

DVFA President Richard T. Perillo gave his final remarks. He congratulated President Warner on her term and a special thanks to the Auxiliary and the ladies who helped with the Conference.

LADVFA Past President Mary Frances Eisenbrey was called upon to install the 2018-2019 LADVFA officers. She was assisted by LADVFA Past President Florence Legates.

Chief William Walton, Jr. was called upon to install the incoming DVFA officers for 2018-2019.

Newly installed President Willard Betts presented Immediate Past President Perillo with his Past President's pin. His wife pinned him.

First Vice President Jones made a presentation to Past President Perillo (Paper Dollar Store bag due to the mix up with the conference bags and a purple sweatshirt because he's always cold).

LADVFA President Penny Gentry was called forward to give her remarks.

DVFA President Willard Betts was called forward to give his remarks.

Mike asked for all Past Presidents of the DVFA and LADVFA to please stand to be recognized.

Past President Perillo presented a new gavel to newly installed President Betts.

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

Past President Walius wished Past President Perillo a blessed year with the Commission.

Mike asked both Presidents Gentry and Betts to entertain motions to close the Conference for 2018:  
LADVFA: Motion made by Muriel Gillespie, seconded by Sandy Robinson that the 2018 Conference meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried**

DVFA: Motion made by Joe Zeroles, seconded by Jasper Lakey that the 2018 Conference meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried**

Adjournment at 4:13 pm.

This full 2018 Conference report and proceedings are respectfully submitted by;

*Elmer B. Steele*

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

Attest to; Warren Jones  
Executive Manager

Richard Perillo  
2018 DVFA President