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## ALBANY COUNTY VFA MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 8 AT MIDWAY

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ACVFA WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2023 AT THE MIDWAY FIRE STATION. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:30. THE OFFICERS URGE ALL MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. THE MIDWAY FIRE STATION IS LOCATED AT 1956 CENTRAL AVE IN COLONIE.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED

Positions up for reelection this year are the Fifth and Sixth Battalions which are held by David Dodge and Marc Platt. The Three Presidents positions are in the middle of their two year terms and are not up for reelection. The Other positions of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chaplain and Sgt-at Arms are also up for reelection. These are one year terms. If you are interested in being a candidate for any position in the Association please contact Chairman Mike Taylor at 518-858-5342, Association President Burt Frederick at 518-795-4414 or Association Secretary John Webb at 518-256-7359.

## FRED PETTINGELL TO RUN FOR HOME TRUSTEE

ACVFA Treasurer Fred Pettingell is running for a position of TRUSTEE of the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson at this years FASNY Convention. At the March meeting Fred will his nominating petitions for any Fasny member to sign. Please remember to have your Fasny membership card with your Fasny Member Number with you. Thank You

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

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## S.W. PITTS AUXILIARY TO HOST MARCH 27 ACVFA LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE ALBANY COUNTY VFA WILL BE MEETING AT THE S.W. PITTS(LATHAM FIRE DEPT) FIRE STATION ON MONDAY MARCH 27 AT 7 PM. THE STATION IS LOCATED AT 226 OLD LOUDON ROAD IN LATHAM. PRESIDENT DARLENE WILSON URGES ALL MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

## BURN FUND UPDATE

The Albany County Burn Fund (ACVFA) is doing well financially at this time. Financial reports are sent by Treasurer Fred Pettingell to the ACVFA Secretary and the County Auxiliary on a regular basis.

We will not be sending out to the Albany County Volunteer Fire Service and Auxiliaries a 2022 "Letter of request for Donation to the Albany County Burn Fund" This is mainly due to the low number of requests for Financial Assistance by our County Volunteer Fire Service and Auxiliaries in the last two Years. Also various Fire Dept. and Auxiliary fund raising activities have been cancelled or postponed in the last two years. Therefore if any Volunteer Fire Dept/Company an or Auxiliary still wish to donate to the Albany County Burn Fund, please remit your donation to the Burn Fund's Treasurer Fred Pettingell at A.C. Firefighters Burn Fund, 42 Mountainview Terrace, Rensselaer NY 12144.

For more information and to download our "Letter of Request of Donation to the Albany County Burn Fund" please visit the Fire Police Assn. of Albany County website: [albanycofp.com](http://albanycofp.com)

Thank you all for your continued support for the Albany County Burn Fund. Tom With, Chairman.

## ACVFA ON FACEBOOK

The Association has a Facebook page. To view it go to Facebook and type in ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOCIATION.

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## NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Association was held on December 8 at the Slingerlands Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Burt Frederick. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Chaplain Jonathan Hough gave the opening Prayer. Dave Eck welcomed everyone to Slingerlands and pointed out the Fire exits. Communications were read and two bills were approved for payment. Committee reports were received from membership, Newsletter, Muster, Legislative, Burn Fund and Annual Dinner. In New Business the Association voted to donate \$50.00 to the FASNY Holiday Appeal. Fred Pettingell presented the Treasurers report and Clayton Ash presented the Financial Secretary's report. Fred Pettingell has been endorsed by the Hudson Mohawk VFA to run for A Trustee's position at this year's FASNY Convention in August. President Frederick gave an update on Past President Don Albright who is in the Hospital. There were 16 Officers and members present and 11 companies represented at the meeting.

## HUDSON VALLEY HAZ-MAT SEMINAR

The HVVFA Haz-Mat, Homeland Security and Training Committee along with the Fire and Accident Prevention Committee will present the Annual BILL ECK and JOHN J. MULLIGAN Haz-Mat, Homeland Security and Fire Training Seminar on April 2, 2022 at the Athens Volunteer Fire Dept. Station located at 39 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Village of Athens in Greene County. Registration begins at 7 AM with the Seminar starting at 8 AM. Certificates will be issued following the Seminar. Registration fee is \$10.00 per attendee and covers all seminar needs. Pre-registration is strongly urged as seating is limited. Pre-register by E Mail to Fred Pettingell at [fpettingell@aol.com](mailto:fpettingell@aol.com) and put April2, 2022 Registration on the subject line. For more info contact Chairman Tim Boel at 518-858-2332. Please note if a date change is needed due to gathering restrictions it will be made by March 26.

## CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

**Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. We have a Few Members that have passed away since our last get together. Keep them and their Families in our Prayers. They will be missed.**

**Raymond J Hughes Jr Colonie Village**

**Stephen Wright Elsmere**

**Ralph L Filkins Westerlo & Resselaerville**

**Milton J.Hart Berne**

**John G. Wider Jr Coeymans**

**Joseph P. Frese Ravana/Williamsville**

**Lawrence Washburn Sr. S.W.Pitts**

**Ernest Jarvis Boght Community**

**Robert L Peseka Jr Selkirk # 2**

**I hope everyone had a good Holiday Season. Remember the sick and wish them well.**

## TAB COLLECTIONS

We still need those pull tabs. So if your Company or department has some please bring them to the next meeting and if I am not there the Secretary will make sure I get them. The Shriners and I thank you for all of your support.

## DUES INFORMATION

**Dues notices have been mailed out to all Companies/Departments and individual members. Those that get the newsletter by E mail have been sent separately. Those that get the Newsletter by Mail your Dues Notice is enclosed with this newsletter. Any Questions can be directed to Clayton Ash, Financial Secretary at 518-861-7445.**

## HUDSON VALLEY PAST PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The Hudson Valley VFA Past President's dinner will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the Best Western Hotel, 503 Washington Ave. in Kingston NY. Tickets are \$85.00 and can be obtained from Joe Mellan, 1635 Forestburgh RD, Glen Spey NY 12737

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**LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the ACVFA is pleased to announce they will once again present a one time only Scholarship award of \$2500. The applicant must be applying to further their education at a 2 year or a 4 year college. The applicant must live in Albany County and the Applicant or a member of the Applicant's immediate Family must be associated with a Fire Company/Department or Auxiliary that is a member in Good Standing with the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association or Ladies Auxiliary of the same. If you are interested in applying please contact Diane Burega at either 518-858-9084 or by email at [dburega13@gmail.com](mailto:dburega13@gmail.com) for an application. Deadline is April 1, 2022.

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  
AT EAST BERNE**

On Saturday, April 9th the East Berne Fire Co and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt. The breakfast is donation only and will be an all you can eat pancake breakfast from 8 AM to 12 with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. The Easter egg hunt will begin at 12 Noon. Both events will be held at the East Berne Firehouse located at 25 Main Street in East Berne.

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT EAST BERNE**

The East Berne Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> will have a Mother's Day breakfast – all you can eat pancake breakfast from 8 AM to Noon. This is a donation breakfast and will be held at the East Berne Fire Station located at 25 Main Street in East Berne.

**LADIES IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**IF A LOCATION IS SECURED FOR THE MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IT WILL BE ON THE AUXILIARY FACEBOOK PAGE ACVFALA. PLEASE KEEP CHECKING FOR UPDATES.**

**AUXILIARY NEWS**

The Officers hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season. We are sure many members have experienced a marked difference from just a year ago. Now we are on our way to Spring, maybe!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>, place to be determined. At this meeting, the slate of Officers for the new year will be announce. Please let us know if you would like to fill any of the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and a three year Director. June 27<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Business meeting with election of Officers.

Members and Auxiliaries please check your current dues status. You need to be in good standing to run for an office, vote and have a voice on the floor. If you are not sure of your status, please contact our ACVFALA Treasurer at 27 VanBuren Ave, Albany NY 12205. As of June 1, 2022 we start another year, you may wish to pay for the upcoming year also.

Sympathy cards were sent to our departed members as well as get well cards. Please let us know of departed members so their names may be incorporated in our memorial service.

Daily lottery tickets are available, you may purchase them monthly or annually. This project is our way of honoring one person with a scholarship of \$2500. Without your participation we may have to end this special project. Information on the scholarship and how to apply is in the left column on this page.

We do not our adopted members at the Firemen's Home, we send them cards and gifts on their birthdays and special holidays.

We are in desperate need of meeting hosts for March and June meetings. Please let President Wilson know if you can provide us space for our meetings, no refreshments are needed. She can be reached at [dwilson4981@gmail.com](mailto:dwilson4981@gmail.com) or at ACVFALA on Facebook.

Please check our Facebook site, ACVFALA for any updates.

Please remember the pandemic is far from over, so let's try to keep ourselves and loved ones safe.

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## HVVFA FIRE POLICE SEMINAR

The Hudson Valley VFA Annual Ken Merriman Fire Police Seminar is scheduled to be held on April 30, 2022 at the Cortlandt Engine Company in Montrose NY (Westchester County). Registration begins at 8 AM and the Seminar will begin at 9 AM.

## MIDWAY FIRE DEPT SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Midway Fire Dept will be hosting a Spring Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 9, 2022 at the Fire Station located at 1956 Central Ave in Colonie. The event starts with a Craft Fair that runs from 10 AM to 3 PM with Free Admission. Egg Hunts will take place at 11 AM for ages 0-4, at 12 PM for Kids 5+, at 1 PM for kids 5+ and 2 PM for Adults 21 and older. There will be Pictures with the Easter Bunny , a Bounce House, Raffles, Prizes and Fire Trucks and much more. For Pricing and more information on all the Fun activities please check out [facebook.com/midway fire dept](https://facebook.com/midway fire dept)

## FISH FRY'S AT ALTAMONT

On Friday, March 11, The Altamont Fire Department will be serving Fish Fry Dinners from 4 to 7 PM. The Dinner will include a Fish Fry, Roll, French Fries and Cole Slaw. Cost of the Dinner is \$12.00. This is a Drive thru event only and will be held at the Altamont Fire Station, 115 Main Street. Pre-Order Dinners by March 9<sup>th</sup>. To pre-order Email Terry at [tafreeman279@gmail.com](mailto:tafreeman279@gmail.com)

## ALTAMONT FD MAY EVENT

The Altamont Fire Department will be serving Breakfast and Lunch during the Altamont PTA Community wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 7, 2022. This will be held at the Altamont Fire Station starting at 9 AM and lasting until 4 PM or until sold out.

## BROOKS BBQ AT VOORHEESVILLE

The Voorheesville Fire Dept. will be hosting a Brooks BBQ Chicken and Ribs Dinner at their Station on Thursday March 31 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM or until sold out. This will be a drive thru event only. The Voorheesville Fire Station is located on Altamont Road in Voorheesville.

## NEW SALEM FD FISH FRY FRIDAYS

The New Salem Fire Dept will be selling Fish Fry Dinners starting on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at the New Salem Fire Station located at 694 New Salem Road in New Salem and will be Take Out only. Dinners will be a Haddock Fish Fry, French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$15.00 and New England Clam Chowder will also be available for \$5.00. Dinners will be available from 4:30 to 7 PM or until sold out.

## SELKIRK #1 LADIES AUXILIARY FISH FRY

Selkirk Company # 1 Ladies Auxiliary will have Fish Fry Dinners on Friday March 4 and Friday April 15. The Dinners are take out only and will be available from 4:30 to 7 PM at the Selkirk # 1 Fire Station at 126 Maple Ave in Selkirk. Dinners include a Fish Fry, French Fries, cole slaw and a Dessert for \$12.00. An extra piece of Fish is \$5.00 and New England Clam Chowder is available for \$5.00

## RECRUIT NY 2022

The Annual RECRUIT NY weekend will be held during the weekend of April 23 & 24. Sponsored by FASNY, Companies and Departments can use this time to help recruit new members. You can plan on having an Open House, put on public demonstrations or let the community know what your Company does for them. You can register and download numerous resources to help promote your open house at [recruitny.org](http://recruitny.org)

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In December 2021 the NYS Fire Service Alliance met and developed a list of Legislative priorities for the 2022 Legislative session. They are:

**Ambulance Cost Recovery for Fire Departments;**  
S7186 (Brooks)/ A534-A Jones

This bill would allow volunteer fire departments and Districts to recover the cost of providing pre-hospital EMS service from insurers, Medicare and Medicaid.

**Endangering the welfare of First Responders by making illegal modifications**

S.3741(Gaughran)/A.6087(Zebrowski) Would allow for legislative and administrative actions on building owners who perform modifications or conversions without obtaining the prescribed permits for single or multi-family occupancies.

**Restoration of Dedicated Code Enforcement Funding**

S.6970 (Kavanagh)/ A.8802 (Zebrowski) The funds in Section 54G of the State Finance Law provide state assistance to local governments for support of activities related to fire prevention and building codes. This money has been swept into the General Fund and not used for its intended purpose for 29 years.

**Timely adoption of updated State Fire and Building Prevention code**

**S6210 (ASKoufis)/ A.3559 (A Hunter)**

Would require that a new Building code as published by ICC would be adopted by the NYS Codes Council within two code cycles (6 Years) As an added note Governor Hochul on December 31<sup>st</sup> signed the Family and Fire Prevention act. This bill bans the sale of products with toxic chemicals used as fire retardants in furniture, mattresses and electronic enclosures.

Please contact your Legislative representatives to let them know you support these bills and urge for their passage.

(The editor thanks FASNY for much of the information in this article)

## ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	<b>Burton Frederick</b>	<b>861-6635</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Robert White</b>	<b>772-9807</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Tom Cascone</b>	<b>441-5162</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>John Webb</b>	<b>256-7359</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Fred Pettingell</b>	<b>466-6357</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Clayton Ash</b>	<b>861-7445</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Jonathan Hough</b>	<b>894-0374</b>
<b>Sargent-at-Arms</b>	<b>Don Champion</b>	<b>872-1676</b>
<b>Board Chairman</b>	<b>Matt Wilcenski</b>	<b>650-6115</b>

## BATTALION DIRECTORS

<b>First Battalion</b>	<b>Mike Taylor</b>	<b>858-5342</b>
<b>Second Battalion</b>	<b>Frank Papa</b>	<b>765-3764</b>
<b>Third Battalion</b>	<b>Charles Feldmann</b>	<b>859-6883</b>
<b>Fourth Battalion</b>	<b>Conor Scully</b>	<b>925-4239</b>
<b>Fifth Battalion</b>	<b>David Dodge</b>	<b>861-8525</b>
<b>Sixth Battalion</b>	<b>Marc Platt</b>	<b>461-5141</b>

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

## ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<b>Member Company/Department</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Individual Member</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Associate Company/Department</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Associate Individual Member</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town\_\_\_\_\_

State &amp; Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Fire Dept/Company\_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

E MAIL\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date Elected as Member\_\_\_\_\_

Please return Application and the correct fee to Clayton Ash, ACVFA Financial Secretary, 1138 Meadowdale Road, Altamont NY 12009

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## CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 9 - ACVFA MEETING AT SLINGERLANDS 7:30  
 MAR 11 – ALTAMONT FD FISH FRY DINNER. INFO ON PAGE 4  
 MAR 28 – LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING. LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED  
 MAR 31 – VOORHEESVILLE DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BBQ. INFO ON PAGE 4  
 APR 2 – HVVFA HAZ-MAT SEMINAR AT ATHENS  
 APR 9- MIDWAY FD SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA. INFO ON PAGE 4  
 APR 9 -EASTER BREAKFAST/EGG HUNT AT EAST BERNE INFO ON PAGE 3  
 APR 23-HUDSON VALLEY PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER. KINGSTON  
 APR 23 & 24 – RECRUIT NY WEEKEND. INFO PAGE 4  
 APR 30 – HVVFA FIRE POLICE SEMINAR INFO PG 4  
 MAY 8 – MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST EAST BERNE  
 MAY 11 – ANNUAL MEETING ACVFA NEED A HOST  
 Please remember that any event listed is subject to change due to the continuing changes with the covid – 19 rules. Please check with the sponsoring organization to make sure the event is still scheduled.

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

If you would like to publicize your upcoming event or news about your Company or Auxiliary that you would like to share please send the information to the Editor John Webb. Best way is by E mail at [jlwsec@gmail.com](mailto:jlwsec@gmail.com) By phone at 518-756-3281 or by mail: John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Rensselaer NY 12143. The deadline for the next Issue is April 15 15, 2022 This issue can include information on events happening anytime after May 1.

## ADVERTISING

The ACVFA is always taking Ads for the Newsletter to help with expenses. We wish to thank the following for their support this year; River Valley Radio, Josephine "Josie" Bruno and Diane Balling, President of LAFASNY. The size of the ads are Business card size and cost \$25 per Issue or \$75 for

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