

MAY 2022

ALBANY COUNTY VFA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 11 AT WESTMERE

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACVFA WILL BE HELD AT THE WESTMERE FIRE STATION. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2022 AND WILL START AT 7:30. THE OFFICERS URGE ALL MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE. THE WESTMERE FIRE STATION IS LOCATED AT 1741 WESTERN AVE IN WESTMERE, TOWN OF GUILDERLAND.

ANNUAL DINNER SEPT 21 AT ELSMERE

The Annual Dinner of the Association and September Quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday September 21 at the Elsmere Fire Company's North Station located at 15 West Poplar Drive in Elsmere. The Elsmere Fire Company is hosting this in commemoration of our Centennial Anniversary, celebrating our formation in December 1922. Registration will begin at 5 PM with appetizers starting at 5:30 and Dinner will be served at 6 PM. A sit down dinner will be served consisting of salad, chicken parmesan, pasta, dessert and beverage. Cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 per person. The Association's September meeting will begin about 7 PM. Info on the Dinner will be sent out to all companies and Departments. For addition details visit the Elsmere Fire Company Website at <http://elsmerefire.org> or by email at ops@elsmerefire.org or by contacting Frank Wickham at 518-573-2764(Cell phone). Remember to save the Date September 21, 2022

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

With Postage rates and printing rates going up again please help by receiving the newsletter by Email. To receive the newsletter by E mail send the editor an e mail requesting the newsletter be sent that way. Send the E mail to jlwsec@gmail.com Every E mailed newsletter will save the Association \$1.15

ACVFA LADIES AUXILIARY LOOKING FOR A HOST FOR JUNE 27 MEETING

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Albany County VFA is still looking for hosts for their June 27th meeting. If you can help the Auxiliary with this please let President Darlene Wilson know. She can be reached at dwilson4981@gmail.com

WALTER W. ECK JR. FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Many of our member Companies and Departments each year honor one of their members as their Firefighter of the year. Why not submit that persons name for the WALTER W. ECK JR Firefighter of the Year Award. To do so, write up a description of the event or reason for the nomination on a company letterhead. Have the Chief Officer sign it and send it to the Association Secretary John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave Ravana NY 12143. The deadline is August 1 but don't wait do it today.

PLEASE SUPPORT FRED PETTINGELL AND CHAN RIVERA AT THIS YEARS FASNY CONVENTION

ACVFA Treasurer Fred Pettingell is running for a position of TRUSTEE of the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson at this years FASNY Convention. Please support Fred and also Santo Chan Rivera who is running for SECOND VICE PRESIDENT of FASNY. Voting will take place on Friday August 12 and you must be a member of Fasny or your Department's Delegate in order to vote. More Info on the Convention is on page 5

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Ambulance Cost Recovery for Fire Departments bill has passed the Legislature and has been signed by the Governor. The Bill was included as part of this years State Budget that was passed on April 8. This will now allow volunteer Fire Departments and Districts to recover the cost of providing pre-hospital EMS service from insurers, Medicare and Medicaid.

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NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Association was held on March 9 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 one bill was approved for payment. Committee reports were received from Newsletter, Muster, Legislative, Burn Fund, nominating, Haz-Mat and Annual Dinner. In Old Business A motion was made and carried to appoint Matt Wilcenski to the Burn Fund to fill a vacancy. The Association voted to donate \$100.00 to the Hudson Mohawk VFA for their Holiday Appeal. In New Business the Association voted to endorse Edward Tase Jr. for President and Santo Chan Rivera for Second Vice President of FASNY. John Coyle Jr for First Vice President and Robert A Schrader for Second Vice President of Hudson Valley VFA. It was noted that Fred Pettingell has been endorsed by the Hudson Mohawk VFA and ACVFA to run for A Trustee's position at this year's FASNY Convention in August. The Association voted to take a Hole Sponsorship in the Hudson Valley VFA Golf Tournament. Fred Pettingell presented the Treasurers report and Clayton Ash presented the Financial Secretary's report. Don Farrell, FASNY Director spoke about the upcoming 150th anniversary convention to be held in Tarrytown in August. Greene County will be hosting their own Convention this year and plan on inviting Companies from Albany County to take part. There were 22 Officers and members present and 13 companies represented at the meeting.

DUES INFORMATION

Dues notices were mailed out in March to all Companies/Departments and individual members and are now due. Any Questions concerning dues can be directed to Clayton Ash, Financial Secretary at 518-861-7445 or by email at cash@nycap.rr.com

CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

Now that Spring has finally arrived, I hope all are ready for the nice weather ahead. 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.

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| Charles Brooks Jr | Westmere |
| Francis Kelly | Shaker RD-Loudonville |
| James E Duncan Sr. | Voorheesville |
| Richard McKoy Jr | Menands |
| Robert G. Prentiss | Fuller Road |
| Gerald T. Nopper Sr. | Altamont |

**To contact Chaplain Hough call 518-894-0374
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.

BURN FUND UPDATE

As noted in the meeting recap, past President Matt Wilcenski was appointed to the burn Fund to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Bill Eck last year. Tom With, Burn Fund Chairman, also noted that the Burn Fund request for assistance is now available on the Albany County Fire Police web site.

BOARD CHAIRMAN MATT WILCENSKI

As Board Chairman I would like to give a round of applause to President Burt Frederick for the fine job he is doing and to all the other Officers for all their work on behalf of the Association. Also lets keep up the work on getting new members for the Association. Matt Wilcenski, Board Chairman

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ROAST BEEF DINNER AT BERNE

The Berne Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a **TAKE OUT ONLY** Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the Berne Fire Station on County Route 9 in Berne. Diners will be available from 12 Noon to 4 PM. The menu includes Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy. Cabbage Salad, Vegetables, Homemade Applesauce and Homemade Pie.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT EAST BERNE

The East Berne Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary on Sunday May 8th 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.

DRIVE THRU BROOKS BBQ AT EAST BERNE

The East Berne Fire Company and Auxiliary will be hosting a DRIVE THRU Brooks BBQ on Tuesday June 7th at 792 Helderberg Trail in East Berne and beginning at 3 PM till 6 PM or sold out. Chicken dinners are \$12.00 and consists of ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole slaw and Roll. Unfortunately due to high costs, Brooks is not offering ribs.

BROOKS BBQ AT WESTMERE

The Westmere Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a TAKE OUT only Brooks Chicken BBQ on Sunday July 24th from 12 noon until 5 PM or sold out. Prices are Chicken Dinners \$13.00 and a half Chicken is \$8.00. The BBQ will take place at the Westmere Fire Station located at 1741 Western Ave in Westmere (Town of Guilderland)

LADIES IMPORTANT NOTICE

IF A LOCATION IS SECURED FOR THE JUNE 27th MEETING IT WILL BE ON THE AUXILIARY FACEBOOK PAGE ACVFALA. PLEASE KEEP CHECKING FOR UPDATES.

**AUXILIARY NEWS
NEED MEETING HOSTS**

We are in desperate need of meeting hosts for June and September 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 or at ACVFALA on Facebook.

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.

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.

Please check our Facebook site, ACVFALA for any updates.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ladies thank you for the news for this issue. The deadline for the next issue is August 15. If you have anything you would like to have in the next issue please send it to the editor by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com.

MIKE TAYLOR TO CHAIR WAYS & MEANS

Mike Taylor has agreed to chair the Association's Ways and Means(Fund Raising) Committee for this year. Mike would like any member who wants to help with this committee to contact him (number on Page 5) so the committee can get started. The Association thanks Mike for chairing this committee.

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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE POLICE STEAK ROAST

The Albany County Fire Police Association will have their Annual Steak Roast on Wednesday, June 8th. The Steak Roast will be held at the Shaker Road Loudonville Station #2 located on Old Niskayuna Road. More Information will be on the Fire Police Website at www.AlbanyCoFP.com.

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.

ALTAMONT FD MAY 7th 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.

DOUG LAWTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Guilderland Center Fire Dept will be hosting the 8th Annual Doug Lawton Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday July 20th. For more Information please contact Tom Lawton at trl12203@yahoo.com

BOB STEVENS OF KNOX HONORED

Bob Stevens of the Knox Fire Dept was honored at the Knox Fire Department's banquet for 60 years of service to the Dept. Bob has held every line office in the Dept. The Banquet was held on March 26th at the Ciderhouse Restaurant in Altamont

ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Elsmere Fire Company held their Annual election of Officers recently and the following members were elected to office for 2022

The Company Nominated and the Board of Fire Commissioners appointed the following District officers for 2022: Chief Marc Futia, 1st Asst Chief Robert C. Baldwin, 2nd Asst Chief Frank J Wickham.

The Company elected the following Line Officers: Captain Jeffery Obernesser, 1st Lt Michael Moon, 2nd Lt. Donald Ballard, 3rd Lt. William Yates, 4th LT. Alex MacDonald, Fire Police Lt. Richard Palmer.

The following were elected Civil Officers for 2022: President Brendan Boyle, Vice President Frank Heuer, Treasurer John C. Murphy, Secretary James Foster, Quartermaster Elizabeth Miele, Directors Trevor Moon and Chuck Peters term expiring 12/31/22 and Director Richard Palmer term expiring 12/31/24. Chaplain Rev Scott Garno Lay Chaplains Anne Austin, Joseph M. Catalano, Matthew Grant and Ken Zigrosser.

COEYMAN'S HOLLOW ELECTION RESULTS

The Coeymans Hollow VFC conducted their election of Officers recently. The following have been elected as Firematic Officers:

Chief Bill Kapusta, 1st Asst Chief Jody Burrows, 2nd Asst Chief Mike Beachler, 1st Captain Dan Haight, 2nd Captain Dan Houghtaling, 1st Lt. Tom Pinson, 2nd Lt. John Williams, EMS Captain Davin Krzykowski, EMS Lt Ryan Morrow. Fire Police Capt. Steve Mantor and Fire Police Lt. Jack Dennis.

Administrative Officers are President Jerry Deluca, Vice President Michelle Kapusta, Treasurer Sherle Slingerland, Recording Secretary Michelle Sadowski, Financial Secretary Stephanie Watson, Membership Secretary Pam Rafferty, 2 Year Director Matt Mortefolio and Sgt-at-Arms Josh Galusha

Daniel Haight received the Firefighter of the year award

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FASNY 150TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

FASNY will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary this year at their convention in Tarrytown NY. The Convention will be held at the Tarrytown House Estate located at 49 East Sunnyside Lane in Tarrytown. The convention runs from August 10 to the 13th. It begins with the Annual Golf Tournament on Monday August 8 and being held on two courses this year. The Tournament benefits the Gerald J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship Fund and the Firemen's Home. Register by July 1 as the tournament is limited to 36 foursomes per course. Info on the Tournament is available at golf@fasny.com. Meetings, Memorial Service, Award Ceremonies and informative training sessions will be held during the Convention and Election of Officers will be held on Friday Morning. A Dress Parade in honor of FASNY's 150th Anniversary will be held on Saturday August 13. To participate in the Parade Email Scott Weaver at sweaver@tarrytownfd.org To register online for the convention please do so by July 1 at fasny.com/events/fasny-annual-convention/register-for-convention

COSMO STRIGARO ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT FIREMENS HOME

The Annual Cosmo Strigaro Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday July 30th and 31th at the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson. Camping is available on the Grounds of the Firemen's Home. To register your team for the tournament or for camping go to the fasny web site fasny.com/events/cosmo-strigano-annual-softball-tournament.

HUDSON VALLEY CONVENTION

This year's Hudson Valley Convention will be held in Wallkill NY from June 15th to the 18th. Golf outing is on the 15th, Madri Gras Parade is on Friday and the Dress Parade on Saturday. Info on this and Parade applications are on the Hudson Valley Website www.hvvfa.com

ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

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

BATTALION DIRECTORS

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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| Member Company/Department | \$ 15.00 |
| Individual Member | \$ 10.00 |
| Associate Company/Department | \$ 15.00 |
| Associate Individual Member | \$ 10.00 |

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State & 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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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY 7 – COMMUNITY DAY AT ALTAMONT. INFO ON PAGE 4

MAY 8 – MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST EAST BERNE. INFO ON PAGE 3

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JUNE 7 – BROOKS BBQ AT EAST BERNE. INFO PG 3

JUNE 8 – FIRE POLICE STEAK ROAST INFO PG 4

JUNE 15-18 HUDSON VALLEY VFA CONVENTION AT WALLKILL. INFO ON PAGE 5

JUNE 27 – LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING. LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

JULY 20 – DOUG LAWTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. INFO ON PAGE 4.

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AUG 10-13 FASNY CONVENTION AND 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. INFO ON PAGE 5

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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 Four Issues. No ads will be allowed that could cause any embarrassment to the Association or that promotes any type of illegal activity. For more information contact the editor John Webb at 518-756-3281 or by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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