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2022 ARIZONA PICNIC

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Hosted By: Kevin Shaughnessy

Location: American Legion Post # 58

Fountain Hills, AZ

R.S.V.P. - (630) 774-3165 or

kevinshaughnessy@comcast.net

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2022 NORTH AREA LUNCHEON

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Hosted By: 1st VP Brian Williams

Location: Medinah Shriners Center

550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL

R.S.V.P. - (312) 296-3709 or

hoss3675@icloud.com

2022 CENTRAL AREA LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Hosted by: 2nd VP Patrick Murphy

Location: Island Bay Yacht Club

Springfield, IL

R.S.V.P. - rspaofil@gmail.com

Rich M. (708) 710-5632

2022 SOUTH AREA LUNCHEON

Date: T B D

Time: 11:00 am

Hosted By: President Kelley Hulsey

Location:

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2022 NORTH AREA TRAVEL LUNCHEON

Date: T B D

Time: 11:00 am

Hosted By: 1st VP Brian Williams

Location: Medinah Shriners Center

550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL

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2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Welcome: President Kelley Hulsey;

1st Vice President Brian Williams;

2nd Vice President Patrick Murphy;

Secretary / Treasurer Richard Martinez;

Immediate Past President Delmar Buske

Director: Michael Burke

Webmaster Mike Oyer



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Amedment to Article VI—Officers and Direc- tors.

At the North Meeting in May, an amendment to Article VI will be proposed; adding the position of "Secretary / Treasurer" when one RSPA member fills both positions.

Currently, the By-Laws position of Secretary and Treasurer are two separate members.

This will not affect our current position should a member come forward to assume Secretary duties.

Salutations!

President's Message

My name is Kelley Hulsey, #3993, a retired M/Sgt from D12 .

And somehow, through slight of hand and a bit of omission on the part of my "recruiter" I have become the President of this organization.

I didn't even make any campaign promises....

You see, I was recruited 4 years ago by Armida Baccega, who skillfully convinced me that the ILRSPA was in need of a "2nd vp whose only responsibility was to set up the Southern Meeting dinner."

She omitted the whole, progression to 1st vp after 2yrs then President thing after 2 more.

She's a clever one, that Armida.....

So I am, at the helm of a pretty steady ship, setting out on a 3 hour cruise.... (actually it more like a 6 year cruise, but if I'd said that, it wouldn't have elicited the desired mental image, now would it?)

The RSPA is a fine organization, with an excellent Cadre, the keystone of which is Ritchie Martinez, our combined secretary/treasurer, who keeps all of us straight and has a sharp eye on the finances. I'm really little more than a figurehead that gets to talk at meetings and write a bit for the newsletter.

Ritchie reminds me of what I'm supposed to actually do....

It's a fraternity/sorority of our ISP brethren, which in and of itself, means it's a fine group of good people, and I'm humbled to be in this position. I'll try not to embarrass you!

So you know WHO is your figurehead for the next two years, this is me:

- Southern Illinois Farmboy.
- Graduated SIU-C with a criminal justice degree
- 3 years as a local officer at Greenville Pd before going to ISP IN 1988 CC83
- Assigned and served in D12 patrol my entire career, doing a few years on regional TRT •served as an academy counselor and instructor
- weaseled my way into the range officer gig in my district and have instructed gun stuff ever since.
- Retired in 2013, living back on the family farm, bought a sawmill, built a log cabin, and a range, and still teach "gun stuff."
- Joined the local fire dept, and soon realized that's a young man's game too, but they haven't kicked me off, so I guess I'll stay for a bit.
- I do 18th century (revolutionary war) living history events and love flintlocks
- Restore antique farm tractors, (46 so far)
- Married and have 4 kids... one a Nurse, one an EMT about to become a Paramedic, one a college grant writer at LaCrosse University, and one a full time firefighter.

Nope, no cops. They all received advice from me to find careers where they were less likely to get shot at or spit on. I'm into a lot more, but this is getting a tad long winded as it is.

Our successors are facing hard times these days. We, as an organization, really don't have a lot of "clout", but we do have a voice, and it is inherently our obligation to support the men and women of the ISP as they navigate these very uncertain and unappreciative times, carrying on where we left off.

I have but 3 goals during my tenure.

1. Help out the families of troops injured in the line of duty as well as, of course, the troop themselves.
2. Get as many members in this organization as possible, to increase our effectiveness in goal #1.
3. Bring all of us closer as an ISP family by keeping everyone informed of what is going on in ISP.

That's it. "Keep it simple" has always been a pretty good philosophy, so I am.

I may or may not have answers to your questions, but I can at least direct you to who does, or find the answer myself.

Feel free to call me. If I'm busy, I'll tell you and call you back. If I'm not, I'll happily talk to you longer than you had planned and make you reconsider ever calling back!

My cell is 618 335 1462

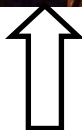
My Email is sgt.bull@att.net

and I'm simply Kelley Hulsey on Fb.

And speaking of FB, I have started a FB page SOLEY for ILRSPA members. It is a private, unsearchable page that you must be INVITED to by another member. If you currently are a member, invite any and all other ISP retirees OR active employees with at least 15 yrs on the job. Help recruit them into the RSPA and grow our association to where, perhaps someday, we at least have a louder voice.



Note: Nearly everyone present are RSPA members, and the few that were not? They are now!



Gene Kelly - Brother of District 4 Retired Master Sergeant Pete Kelly # 1372. EOW: 12/31/2012

How many faces do you recognize, and why isn't your face in the photo?

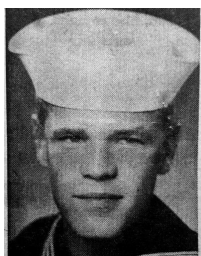


FLORIDA 2022 ANNUAL PICNIC



Keep in mind, they are all retired. While it may not look like they did, everyone had a fun time, a delicious lunch, and fantastic camaraderie.

If you could not make it this year, 2023 Florida Picnic is Wednesday, February 15, 2023.



John Yarling
MSgt # 1092
EOW: 11/02/2021
District 03



Paul M. Downey
Sergeant # 3875
EOW: 11/04/2021
District 15



Wilfred Leroy Gibson
Trooper # 460
EOW: 12/05/2021



Charles Parker
Sr Inspector # 1105
EOW: 12/06/2021
District 13



Richard Burwitz
EOW: 12/07/2021
I. S. I.



Bruce Brown
Lieutenant # 1699
EOW: 12/09/2021



James B. Odle
MSgt # 710
EOW: 12/10/2021
District 11



Jack T. Erickson
MSgt # 346
EOW: 12/11/2021
District 50



Ross T. Jennings
Sr Mstr Tpr # 1038
EOW: 12/14/2021
District 01



Joseph Earl Albright
Trooper # 2656
EOW: 12/14/2021



Susan Shigemura
Trooper # 4255
EOW: 12/21/2021



Donald Ott
Truck Weight Insp.
EOW: 12/24/2021



John F. Coyne Sr
Major #2082
EOW: 12/24/2021
D. C. I.



Michael Mannix
Agent # 2486
EOW: 12/27/2021



Sally Phipps
Chief Clerk
EOW: 12/27/2021
District 13



Edward McDougall
Trooper # 1875
EOW: 12/27/2021



Jimmy "Bevo" Bivens
678
EOW: 12/28/2021



Bobby Leroy Henry Sr
Captain # 1163
EOW: 12/29/2021
District 11



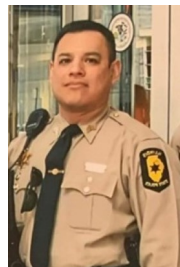
Jim Van Bibber
Telecomm Supvr
EOW: 01/01/2022



Ronald Elder
MSgt # 475
EOW: 01/03/2022



Dale Louis Krack
Trooper # 4712
EOW: 01/04/2022



Jaime Plomero
Sergeant # 4361
EOW: 01/13/2022
J R T C



Robert Absher
Sr Mstr Tpr # 1146
EOW: 01/16/2022
District 13



Judy Bramlett
RIP: 01/19/2022
Co-Owner Airline Towing



Paul M. Riggio
Captain # 4103
EOW: 01/22/2022
District Chicago



John Arthur King
Captain # 1931
EOW: 01/22/2022
District 12



Antonio Luis Alvarez
Trooper # 6747
EOW: 01/24/2022
District 15



Robert P. Chapman
MSgt # 951
EOW: 01/28/2022
District 20



Thomas Stephen Fedash
Special Agent # 457
EOW: 01/30/2022
Zone 05



Barb Freesen
MSgt # 3808
EOW: 02/07/2022
Academy

If you know of someone who could use a bit of Sunshine in their life, please drop us a note at rspaofil@gmail.com

January 17 - An Arizona RSPA member had to be hospitalized with severe covid symptoms. The member was placed on a ventilator, and possibly medically induced coma.

January 24— Our member is still on a ventilator, but all of her vitals and organs are good.

January 29 - Gayle Murnane is out of the ICU, off of the ventilator, and continues to improve. (cat came out of the bag)

February 1 - Gayle tells us she is home from the hospital. She is weak, and just walking takes a lot out of her. She has some memory loss. Does not recall going to the hospital, or being on a ventilator, plus, has horrible headaches.

01/12/2022 - Retired District 15 Master Sergeant Orval Stuckemeyer # 1888, underwent robotic assisted surgery at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville to remove a tumor. The surgery went well and he is back home in Bradenton, Florida. He can be reached at (941) 400-8432.

02/03/2022 - Orval tells us he has been cleared of cancer, and is recovering rapidly from the surgery. He really appreciates the support, calls, and prayers.

02/16/2022 - Orval was feeling well enough to join us all at the Florida picnic.

Speaking with new RSPA member Monica Blue, please keep her in your prayers, or reach out to say Hi! Her son was involved in an accident, and she could use your prayers or a kind word as she works to help him with his recovery.

Also, just learned, RSPA member and Post 1922 Auxiliary Member Stephanie Peske has been in the Lewis Memorial Nursing Home for the past few months. She had a hip replacement, which became infected. The replacement had to be removed in order to fight the infection. (yikes, gotta stop using Chinese parts)



The RSPA is still looking for a member to assume the duties as Secretary for the organization. We are also in need of a member willing to assume duties as the Webmaster. The prospective webmaster should have a working knowledge of "Mailchimp" and "Word Press."

President Kelley Hulseley has created a "private" State Police facebook page, but you MUST be an RSPA member to remain on his facebook page.

As a result, and there are way to many to list, the RSPA has increased their membership. I truly hope our new members enjoy all that our organization has to offer.

NEW MEMBERS: January = 16 February = 14 March = 54 Pending = 25

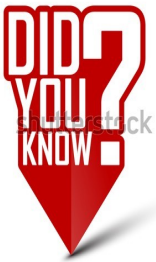
The Illinois State Police (ISP) Merit Board is currently accepting applications for Cadet Class #137 (which is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 5, 2022) and Cadet Class #138 (which is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 2, 2022). The ISP is interested in applicants who are highly motivated to join our team and "Be the Change." Applicants who meet the fast track applicant criteria are welcomed to submit applications as well. Anyone who is interested in joining the ranks of the ISP as a sworn officer, can be referred to the ISP Merit Board website at www.illinoistrooper.com or to a recruitment coordinator for application information. The website includes the updated education requirement option for applicants, which was changed to an Associate Degree or 60 credit hours from an accredited college or university.

We are asking all retired ISP employees to disseminate this information to individuals interested in joining the ISP. After a successful 20+ year career, we know each of you know exactly what it takes to not only work, but thrive in this exceptional agency and build on the tradition of Integrity, Service and Pride. If you know of anyone who has questions about becoming an ISP Trooper, please refer them to our Recruitment Section Coordinators:

Trooper Omoayena Williams - Northern Recruitment Coordinator (312) 208-6066 or Omoayena.Williams@illinois.gov

Sergeant Tracy Lillard - Central Recruitment Coordinator (217) 720-2963 or Tracy.Lillard@illinois.gov

Trooper Darrell Scruggs - Southern Recruitment Coordinator (217) 685-0676 or Darrell.Scruggs@illinois.gov



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A few years back, with the limitations imposed by email servers, an alternate venue was researched that would best allow our organization to distribute a large number of emails without violating any one server's rules.

The RSPA joined a bulk email service through a company called "MailChimp."

The RSPA currently has approximately 800 members who are registered to receive their quarterly newsletter through MailChimp, and every quarter for the past two years, 20 to 30 members choose to opt out of receiving the newsletter through MailChimp. While most do not give a reason for opting out; recently two members did give a reason with the emailing of the 2021

Fall Newsletter. One said, "too Spammy", another said, "I didn't sign up for this." Until we can find a better solution, please be patient, and I ask you do not UNSUBSCRIBE, unless you no longer want to receive the newsletter.

I have also been trying to use the RSPA gmail account more frequently to send and receive individual emails to our members. You may still receive a bulk email from me under martinezrichard@live.com.

MEDICARE!!!! WHO NEEDS IT?

Unfortunately, if you belong to the RSPA, you already have it, or are joyfully looking forward to our government taking control of your health care. You have a seven month window of your 65th birthday to apply, plus how are you going to pay for medicare?

The first step is to go to SSA.gov and register. Within three months prior and up to three months after your 65th birthday you must apply. If you are drawing social security prior to your full retirement age, no worries, the SSA will automatically deduct your portion of medicare you pay for Part B. Part A is automatic and does not cost you anything.

Things get a little tricky if you have an older spouse who is already on medicare. Now you have to choose a supplemental plan. Otherwise, your current ISP medical takes care of your vision, dental and prescriptions; AKA Parts C & D.

If you are not drawing social security benefits, or do not qualify, no worries; SSA will bill you quarterly.



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