

WSPAA 2ND QUARTER NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Greetings all,

I hope you all have your calendars marked for September 6, 2024, that is the day of the retiree luncheon and annual meeting at the Academy. I like to call it alumni day. The Board has been preparing for it and we hope to have a good turnout. We will have some goodies to give away like shirts, cups, keychains, and hats. We will also have some big prizes that were donated; a ½ day guided fishing trip, a cheese basket, and 2 bottles of vodka with drinking glasses. We are working on getting more donations, so stay tuned; we will let you know what they are when they are confirmed.

The history committee has been working hard to put together the museum, which is at the Academy, in the area that used to be the TV/waiting area. Please check out the displays, after you have checked in.

The Academy has a new food vender; they require at least three weeks' notice and the exact number of attendees. There is a reservation form attached. You will have to decide if you're attending by August 7, 2024. The WSPAA will again pay for each member's meal. You may bring someone with you, but you will have to pay for their meal. The cost of a meal is \$12.

Please, please, please have your RSVP in by **August 7, 2024**. If you have not sent in a RSVP, but come, there may not be a meal for you. The vender has said that the WSPAA will have to pay for the meal regardless of whether you come or not. The check-in time will start at 9:30 a.m.

I hope to see you all there,

Mary

WSPAA board meeting minutes from 4-23-24

In attendance; Mary Sander, Kim Hurley, Linda Woldt, Paul Matl, Ron John Wolfe, Dave Collins, Dave Hanson, Anne Maxson, Ray Sondelski and special guest Lucy Harvey.

Excused absence; Phil Wenzel, Keith Young, Ruth Tiry and Joseph Jakubicz.

Meeting held at Wausau Post, called to order at 10 am

Motion to accept agenda was made by Dave C., 2nd by Paul, motion passes.

1. Lucy spoke of the summer social that she and Ron John have been working on. It will be a visit to Lambeau field on June 18th. A 30 minute tour will be included, price is \$25. This tour will be handicap accessible. Money will be sent to Linda and she will give Lucy a final headcount. Lunch will be available next door at Kroll's where individuals will order off the menu and there will be separate checks. This summer social is open not only to members but their families/friends may attend as well. Need final numbers by June 4th.
2. Captain Hartson then spoke about the WSP wellness program, newsletter and a grant that they are trying to get. With Captain Hartson was Nicole Duensing from the Chem test section. They are working hard on obtaining a grant for Law Enforcement mental health & wellness grant. If they are to get the grant the money would be used for training and conferences for chaplains and peer support personnel. This particular grant is a two year grant. Part of the grant is also to have an app people could access via their phones. This would be open to sworn, non-sworn, families and retirees. This mental health program can be a recruiting tool for the Patrol. Peer members currently lead debriefings today. Captain Hartson, Nicole and their group want to pair with the alumni association as the State itself cannot apply for some grants, but we could. No one from the association would work on these grants.

Paul suggested we reach out to the WTA and see how their treasurer is handling this.

Motion to work with this grant made by Dave C., 2nd by Paul. Motion passes.

3. I gave my secretary & scholarship report. We continue to have ten snail mail members who either have no email address or have experienced problems receiving our Google group emails.

Ray asked if those learning to be a radio tech can apply for the scholarships or if we can change the criteria to include them as someone had asked him. I told Ray I would take it to the scholarship committee.

I advised the board that 8 memorial wreaths for DC have been ordered. Motion made by Ray, 2nd by Anne to accept the report. Motion passes.

4. Financial Report – Linda said our expenses are exceeding our income right now. We cashed in some CD's, made them for larger sums due to good rates currently. Currently the checking account has \$3495.72 in it. Paul suggested that we ladder the CD's so that they come due at different times. Motion to accept report by Ron John, 2nd by Dave H., motion passes.

5. Alumni day raffle items – Ray said it is too early to get them. Mary wants them ahead of retiree day so that we can advertise them and hopefully get more attendees.

6. History committee report – Dave C. passed around some papers with quotes for cabinets and talked about the plan we have for the triangle lobby at the academy. Linda asked if some retiree could make the cabinets, but Dave said in the future we will order more cabinets and they need to match. We also need the new cabinets to match the current cabinets. Mary has given Joseph the authority to order one male and one female mannequin for our display. The committee will work on creating a donation form. Motion made by Ray, 2nd by Linda to accept the report. Motion passes.

7. Dave C. sent around a letter he created and Mary sent it on to the Superintendent about roadside memorials. Dave & Mary will continue working on this through the Division, DOT and the legislature.

8. Merchandise report – Ruth provided Mary with the information. We currently have a few of the blue t-shirts in stock and some in other colors. We will need to order more for alumni day. Motion to accept report made by Dave C., 2nd by Paul. Motion passes.
9. Liability insurance. Prior to the meeting Ruth sent out a link on why we should have liability insurance. Ron John suggested this be tabled until the next meeting and all agreed. Suggestion to check with the WTA and see if they have liability insurance. We all agreed we did not want to be sued for voluntarily being on the board and the actions of the board.
10. Years ago we had an offer to have a representative on the Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants. After a discussion a motion was made by Kim, 2nd by Ray to not join the coalition. Motion passes.
11. Motion to not join the Law Enforcement Officers resource council as it overlaps other stuff. Motion by Kim 2nd by Paul. Motion passes.
12. Membership report – members renewing will get the year in which they pay. Ten members were removed from the membership list for not renewing their memberships for 2024. New members applying prior to July will get that year. For those applying after July they will get that year plus the next year. Recently at a coffee clutch Mary gave out 4 applications resulting in one new member. Motion to accept report was made by Ron John, 2nd by Ray. Motion passes.
13. Dave H. spoke of his difficulty to join the alumni association. He assumed when he gave the central office his email numerous times at his retirement that his information would be sent to us. He says there should be a better way for people to join the WSPAA. The Facebook page was created years ago by Mary, but nobody keeps it up to date. It was mentioned we should be on Instagram or snap chat to catch the younger people. We need someone to create a social media platform for the WSPAA and maintain it. Also mentioned was that maybe

we could use the newsletter that Captain Hartson mentioned to make people aware of the alumni association.

14. Regional reports –

SER - Anne is the new representative for this region. Otherwise nothing to report.

NCR – Ray says they still have coffee 1st Tuesday of every month in Merrill. Ray is the only WSP person attending.

NER – Ron John says Dave Catalano is in bad health. Lyle Sconzert was in the 1st class and is still getting along.

NWR – last week Mary went to a coffee in Menomonie where eight people attended. The Spooner shoot is June 4th.

SWR – The Green Lantern breakfast is going well.

15. Roundtable – Linda, Anne, Dave C., Dave H., Ray, and Paul all passed.

Next meeting is June 11, 2024 10 AM at Wausau Post.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim 2nd by Ray. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

**** DO NOT FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE SEPT. 6TH – RETIREE DAY
at the Academy****



5-14-24 History Committee Meeting Notes

1. Discussion on the need for a database of donations – Anne will create this.
2. Donation form changes; will have a box for loaned or permanent donations, last name, first name, mi and suffix for all donors, instead of spaces for work # or FAX # or website there will be another spot for other. In the items donated area there will be numbers for each item being donated. On the back page there will be an area for comments or notes. Donors may attach a photo if they like. Joseph will work on making the changes.
3. The committee will review all donated items and they may refuse them.
4. Prior to firearms being donated a call will have to be made to yet to be determined committee member. Do we buy a separate secure firearms case?
5. No evidence or seized objects will be accepted.
6. At this moment we will not sell duplicates items. That can be discussed further down the road.
7. In a display we may recognize a donor/family.
8. Maybe create a new Gmail account for the history committee only.

9. Discussion cabinets, what we need and is the WTA buying them for us or what?
We need 1 wardrobe closet and 3 short cabinets. If WTA is not paying for them like they originally agreed to do we need to have a sit down to discuss this.
Dave will call Matt Johnson.
10. Requests for items to the membership should be specific (i.e. spearfishing, ambulance inspections, Presidential/V.P. visits). This will make it easier for the committee to organize and document the items.
11. All donated items will continue to be sent to Kim. She can relay them to the Academy at the next History meeting.

Next meeting dates are: July 9th and August 20th.



2024 WSP Wreath Laying Ceremonies

May 21 & 22, 2024



TROOPER

JORGE R. DIMAS

Amery Cemetery, Central Ave .3 miles east of STH 46 (Keller Rd) Amery, WI



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TROOPER WILLIAM SCHOENBERGER

Rest Haven Cemetery, 5750 Old Town Hall Road, Eau Claire, WI



TROOPER DEBORAH M. MCMENAMIN

St. Mary's Cemetery, 2409 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI



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TROOPER ANTHONY J. BOROSTOWSKI
Washington County Memorial Park, 3358 Paradise Dr., West Bend, WI



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TROOPER DANIEL A. STAINBROOK

Restlawn Memorial Park, 64th Street North, north of State Highway 54 Wisconsin Rapids, WI



TROOPER DONALD C. PEDERSON

Dartford Cemetery, North St, Green Lake, WI



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TROOPER TREVOR J. CASPER
Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, E. Mueller Rd, Kiel, WI



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TROOPER GARY G. POWLESS

Highland Memorial Park, 14875 W. Greenfield Ave, New Berlin, WI



2024 Deaths

1. Phillip M McCoy, age 70 died on February 13th. He is survived by his wife Susan and stepdaughter Richelle. Phillip was a member of the 32 recruit class, badge numbers 986 & 1551.
2. Bonnie Burghaus, died on 3-25-24. She was a member of the 32nd recruit class, badge numbers 992 & 1541.
3. James Smetana, age 92 died on 4-25-24. He was a member of the 4th recruit class, badge #236. He is survived by his children James, Paul, and Randolph.

Regularly Scheduled Events

1. 1st Thursday of every month, 9AM at the Green Lantern Restaurant in McFarland.
2. Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Connie Salquist, ConnieSalquist@yahoo.com.
3. *****NEW***** June 19th 10 am Menomonie Family Restaurant. Future dates are selected at the coffee gathering. For information contact Mary Sander at mamabear6615@gmail.com