

Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association
Conference 2013
Dover Downs Hotel and Casino
Thursday, September 12, 2013

OPENING CEREMONIES

Introduction of the DVFA and LADVFA Past Presidents

Introduce the current Presidents of our organizations:

DVFA President, Charles Boyer, LADVFA President, Penny Rodimak

DVFA 1st Vice President, Richard Touslon, LADVFA 1st Vice President, Sara Lee Stevens

DVFA 2nd Vice President, Anthony Guzzo, LADVFA 2nd Vice President, Karen Majewski

Dover AFB Honor Guard to present colors.

(Invocation by Reverend Robert Hudson)

DVFA/LADVFA Choir sang our National Anthem

Pledge to the flag by DVFA and LADVFA Presidents

President Charles Boyer welcoming remarks and introduction of other officers

LADVFA President Penny Rodimak welcoming remarks and introduction of other officers.

Introduction of the City of Dover: **Mayor Carlton Carey**

Introduction the Executive Vice President of Dover Downs: **Ed Sutor**

Introduction of

President of State Fire Chief's Association

Glen Gillespie

President of the State Ambulance Association

Ed Agwin

President of the State Fire Police Association

John Hall

Chairman State Fire Prevention Commission

David Roberts

Director of the State Fire School

Robert "Biff" Newnam

Fire Marshall of the State of Delaware

Grover Ingle

Introduction the conference executive committee:

DVFA Chairman

John McKenzie

LADVFA Chairperson

Lorraine Madden

DVFA Co-Chairmen

John Stevenson & George Lamborn

LADVFA Co-Chairpersons

Stacy Northam-Smith and Pam Ingle

Conference Secretary

Virginia Yeager

Conference Treasurer

Allen Metheny

DVFA Office Manager

Melissa Kiser

Elmer Steele

Introduction of Nick Mancini, Regional President of PNC Bank and Jeff Buckworth, also of PNC Bank who presented a sponsorship check in the amount of \$5000.00

Introduction of **Pam Ingle** who will announce the LADVFA 50 years of service members.

New Castle County

Betty Gilkerson- Brandywine Hundred
Ann Emerson- Claymont
Jean Dunn- Minquadale
Joanne Tulowitzki- Minquadale
Gail Haley- Talleyville
Ann Goudy- Talleyville

Kent County

Lorraine Madden- Bowers
Fredia Kelly- Felton
Gloria Dill- Felton

Sussex County

Betty Foxwell- Ellendale
Bonnie Hearn- Laurel

Introduction of **Lynn Warner** for the Ladies Auxiliary Hall of recognition presentations.

New Castle County- Lois Oneschuk- Goodwill
Kent County- Beverly Vincent- Farmington
Sussex County- Rosalee Hastings- Bridgeville

Introduction of President Emeritus **Bruce Ennis**, who will announce the 50 year members.

Greenwood	Donald E. Donovan
Hockessin	Barry Beck
Townsend	Clarence Schwatka
Townsend	Terry Vanhorn
Holloway Terrace	Paul Wolf
Holloway Terrace	William Kempista
Holloway Terrace	Vince Meloni
Holloway Terrace	Charles E. Heckrotte
Christiana	Thomas Cunane
Christiana	William Walthers
Christiana	John Lattomus Jr,
Clayton	John Davis
Delmar	Lacy Figgs

Delmar	Joe Triglia
Wilmington Manor	Harvey Smith, Jr.
Claymont	Daniel Krieger
Citizens Hose	H. Ronald Jones
Citizens Hose	Orlan T. Kelley, Jr.
Citizens Hose	Robert H. Merrill
Citizens Hose	William Willis Jr,
Belvedere	Ralph Smith
Belvedere	Don Cleary
Hartly	Frank King
Felton	Robert Fisher
Felton	William Myers, Jr.
Felton	Robert Stubbs
Minquas	Robert Ford
Minquas	William Hayes
Dover	Michael Harris
Dover	James Melvin
Dover	Jack Mitchell
Dover	Allen Moore, Jr.
Dover	Woodrow Postle, Jr.
Dover	Horace Worrall
Laurel	Calvin O. Hearn
Laurel	William L. Hearn
Laurel	Elmer B. Steele
Lewes	Phil H. Fitch
Lewes	Peter Dirles Sr.
Cheswold	Howard R. Killen, Jr.
Delaware City	Horbert W. Netsch, Jr.
Delaware City	Robert H. Heeron
Delaware City	Harry J. Bright
Georgetown	Donald Stevenson
Harrington	Robert Wilson
Harrington	Joseph Green
Mill Creek	John Fox
Mill Creek	John Kwiatkowski
Mill Creek	Jack Gracie
Selbyville	Frank Marshall Holloway

Citizens Hose

W. Bruce Potter

Introduction of **Charles Emerson** who will announce this year's additions to our hall of fame.

Robert Jones	Delmar
John Hazzard	Rehoboth Beach
Chris Muscara	Rehoboth Beach
David Aber	Odessa Fire Co.
Preston Dyer	Rehoboth
Roger Hitchens	Millville
Eddie Hammond	Millville
Greg Tietmeyer	Millville
Elaine Downing	Millville
Jeff Dawson	Townsend
Monty Martinez	Townsend
Mike Fox	Townsend
Mark Lucy	Townsend
Andrew Cavanaugh	Aetna
Gerald Mood	Citizens Hose
Charles Frampton	Brandywine Hundred
Jerry Daniels	Aetna HHL
John Adams	Five Points
Les Warrick	Cranston Heights
Michael Smith	Tacoma, Washington
Lt. Gov. Matt Denn	
Dr. Ben Corballis	Wilmington, DE

Introduction of **George Kerr** who will announce the scholarships winners.

2012 DVFA Scholarship Winners

Albright, Emily
Balas, Tyler
Carmello, Marissa
Clark, Raymond
Clark, Rickie
Davis, Sarah
Edison, Michael
Evans, Jr., Rancel C.
Fisher, Amanda
Forsman, Alyssa
Fox, Daniel
Hassel, Paul
Hitchens, Dennis
Johnson, Christopher

Keszler, Brian
Lanman, Melissa
Lee, Brian
Majewski, J. David
Marshall, Jacqueline
McKenzie, Dallas
Mench, Kyle
Miller, Shane
Mohler, Brandon
Moretti, Rochelle
Nickerson, Laura
Perry, Mark
Poppe, Katherine
Rambo, Carrie
Rasmussen, Brian
Roberts, David
Semonelle, Kevin
Sheridan, Mark
Simpler, Christopher
Szczerba, Jacqueline
Thompson, Brandon
Watson, Jamie
Willey, Amy
Wilson, Ashley
Young, Megan

Introduce Mayor **Carlton Carey** chairman of our "Firemen of the Year" Committee presented the non-Heroic Fire Fighter of the Year

Edward "Mike" Rush

Warren then thanked the Opening Ceremony Committee and helpers.

Carol Walton
Pam Ingle
Kelly Schavoni
George Lamborn
Karen Workman
Bill Tobin
John Stevenson

Present Movie "Delaware Year in Review"

Introduce LADVFA Chaplain Mary Frances Eisenbrey for the benediction.

2013 DVFA CONFERENCE
Executive Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2013
Rollins Center @ Dover Downs Hotel

Call the business session to order by President Charles Boyer at 11:30 AM

Invocation offered by Pastor Bob Hudson

Pledge to the flag led by President Emeritus Lou Amabili

Conference appointments by President Boyer

- Credentials: Dan Carrier, Todd Reilly, John Pridemore
- Sergeant at Arms: John Pridemore, Todd Reilly, Edward Schaffer, Dan Carrier
- Committee to visit the ladies: Marvin Sharp, Ken Pyle, Ray Stevens
- Parliamentarians: Frank King, Joseph Hojnicky, Norman Batchelor, Ed Barlow

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.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Elmer Steele read the communications:

- Letter from Carlisle Fire Company supporting Glenn Gillespie for DVFA Director
- Copy of a letter from NCCVFA to Vice President Biden with reference to the cuts for funding for Wildland Firefighting
- Copy of a letter from NCCVFA to NCC Council President Bullock supporting residential sprinklers
- Letter from NCCVFA supporting Elmer Steele for DVFA Secretary
- Letter from NCCVFA supporting Anthony Guzzo for DVFA 1st Vice President
- Letter from NCCVFA appointing David Majewski as a trustee to the DVFA Foundation
- Letter from Dover Fire Department supporting Joe Zeroles for DVFA 2nd Vice President
- Letter from Hockessin Fire Company supporting Anthony Guzzo for DVFA 1st Vice President
- Letter from Hartly Fire Company supporting Allen Metheny for DVFA Treasurer
- Letter from Laurel Fire Department supporting Elmer Steele for DVFA Secretary
- Email from Dave Bonar resigning as our public relations specialist
- Letter from Mutual relief requesting another person be appointed to take Joe Zeroles place for Mutual Relief
- Letter from KCVFA supporting Allen Metheny for DVFA Treasurer
- Letter from KCVFA supporting Glenn Gillespie for DVFA Director
- Letter from KCVFA supporting Joe Zeroles for DVFA 2nd Vice President

- Thank you card from Stacy Northam-Smith
- Thank you card from Benjamin Hearn for his scholarship

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

President Charles Boyer: Thanked everyone for a great year. Thanked Dover Fire Department for their support during his term of office. A special thanks to the 2013 Conference committee for a job well done in a short amount of time. Attended various meetings and functions as required by the President.

1st Vice President Richard Toulson: Stated that his report was in electronic form and filed with the office. He stated that he had also attended many meetings and events, while representing this Association. Thanked Seaford Fire Company for their support this past year. He then appointed the site selection committee to find a site for our future conferences. Those appointed to the committee were; Chairman Elmer Steele, (Laurel), Danny Mitchell (Rehoboth), John Stevenson (Seaford), Janice Marvel (Roxana), Dan Carrier (Hockessin), George Lamborn (Cranston Heights), Pam Ingle (Goodwill), Steve White (Frederica), John McKenzie (Carlisle), Dottie Dempsey (Cheswold). Dagsboro is getting a bus for the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial services in Emmitsburg, Maryland for October 5-6, if needed they will get a second bus and offer any extra seats to members of the Association. More info to follow on this issue. Thanked President Boyer for a great year.

2nd Vice President Anthony Guzzo: He stated that he had also attended most of the same functions and events that 1st Vice President Toulson just spoke about. Vice President Guzzo wanted to congratulate Jim Watson on becoming the President of the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association and offered our support to him on this endeavor.

Secretary Elmer Steele: Thanked the Officers for a great year. Looking forward to working with the new officers for the coming year. My report is in electronic form and filed with the office. If I can be of any assistance to any of you, please do not hesitate to call.

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny: Thanked the officers for another great year and look for to the coming year with the new officers. He gave the financial report for the Association and for the conference accounts. This info is in your packets for your review. Books have been audited by our CPA firm and all is well. Look forward to serving another year as the Treasurer of the Association.

At this time the ladies came for their visitation; President Penny Rodimak, 1st Vice President Saralee Stevens and 2nd Vice President Karen Majewski. They brought greetings from the ladies. President Rodimak gave a report as to the number of members that are in the auxiliaries and the amount of monies that have been donated to the men.

Executive Manager Warren Jones: Warren gave a report on the legislative session for the past year, including SB 53 which is the presumption bill and SB 31 which adds ladies auxiliaries for surf fishing permits. Warren asked Senator Bruce Ennis to come forward and talk about these bills and other pending legislation. He discussed the EMS task force regarding the language and the epilog. The next task force meeting will be October 10th. Warren reminded the companies,

that by State statute, we are required to send in an apparatus report annually. Warren thanked President Boyer for a great year.

Introduction of Out-of-State Guest: Steve Austin introduced the Out of State guest that were in attendance this morning;

Larry Logan, President Virginia State Firefighter's Association

Bob Hudson, 1st Vice President Del-Mar-Va Volunteer Firemen's Association

Bill Betts, Eastern Division IAFC

Jim Watson, President Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

Steve stated that the Officers would be traveling to West Chester on Sept. 26 for the PA Firemen's Association Convention and to the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Service in Emmittsburg, MD. on Oct. 5-6

DVFA Foundation: Steve Austin stated that a full report of the foundation activities is in the packets. David Majewski has been appointed to fill the vacant position on the foundation board, due to the passing of Dick McCoy.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission: Chairman Dave Roberts introduced the commissioners that were in attendance. He discussed the ambulance regulations and the ambulance reporting forms. Dave reported that we did not receive the additional \$21,000 that was requested for the fire prevention matching funds program.

Delaware State Fire Marshal: Fire Marshal Grover Ingle reported that there have been 8 fire deaths so far this year and 6 of those did not have working smoke alarms. He discussed the budget process for his agency. He is working on filling vacancies within the office.

Delaware State Fire School: Director Robert Newman thanked the table officers for their support to the school this past year. Thanked Warren Jones for his help with the various legislative issues and the fire Commission for their support on EMS issues. There are new fire school classes and certifications in place, some of which can be done on-line. There are 1397 registered EMT's in the State. The fire school is approaching its 50th anniversary. There will be an official ceremony held at the school on November 8, 2014. More info will be forth coming on this event.

National Volunteer Fire Council: J. Allen Metheny stated that the Council is working on several issues that affect the fire service. The next meeting of the Council will be in late October in Texas.

Delaware State Fire Chief's Association: President Glenn Gillespie congratulated President Boyer on a great year. Mike Lambardo, Retired Chief FDNY will be the guest speaker tonight at the Conference meeting in Cheswold.

Delaware State Fire Police Association: President Dave Snell referred to 1st Vice President John Hall for the report. Vice President Hall brought greeting from the Fire Police Association.

Delaware State Emergency Medical Services Association: Immediate Past President Ed Angwin stated that the Association had their meeting last night, complete with their awards program and election of officers. Ed introduced the new officers for 2013-2014.

Mutual Relief Association: Chairman Joe Zerloes stated that there will be a vote taken today to re-new the Mutual Relief insurance policy. Please have your delegates/alternates at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee: John Pridemore reported that there are 18 companies registered from Kent County, 21 companies registered from Sussex County and 21 companies registered from New Castle County.

Finance & Audit Committee: Chairman George Pyott stated that the budget has been prepared. Copies are available at the front table. Will ask for a motion to adopt under 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.

Homeland Security Committee: J. Allen Metheny reported that we have received funds through Homeland Security and that each fire company in the State will receive 4 (800 mhz) radios from this funding.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

President: Richard Toulson nominated by Ron Marvel and seconded by John Stevenson

1st Vice President: Anthony Guzzo nominated by Lou Amabili and seconded by Mark Felicitti

2nd Vice President: Joe Zeroles nominated by Ronald Vincent and seconded by Jack Bradley

Secretary: Elmer Steele nominated by Bill Hearn and seconded by Ron Scott

Treasurer: J. Allen Metheny nominated by Rod O'Neal and seconded by Steve Connors

Director, Kent County (3 Years): Glenn Gillespie nominated by Marvin Sharp and seconded by John McKenzie

Past President Director: Charles Frampton This is an automatic appointment and does not need to be nominated

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None on the Secretary's desk

None from the floor

NEW BUSINESS

- President Boyer asked for a motion from the floor to allow the Secretary to cast a favorable ballot for all uncontested offices and that the Executive Manager cast a favorable ballot for the uncontested office of Secretary.
- President Boyer calls on George Pyott for a motion to adopt the budget for 2013-2014. Motion was seconded by Jasper Lakey. Motion carried
- President Boyer calls for any other new business from the floor.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer J. Allen Metheny presented bills totaling \$192,683.72 for payment. Motion by Rich Perillo and seconded by Steve White to pay the bills. Motion carried

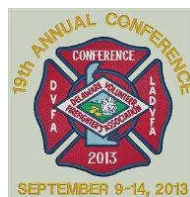
GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

NONE

There being no further business to claim the attention of the members, the meeting was recessed until 08:30 hours on September 13, 2013 for the Memorial Service. DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson was called on for the benediction. Pastor Bob requested that Sussex County Chaplain Charlie Arnold do the benediction.

Adjourned at 12:55 PM

***The 93rd Annual
DELAWARE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL SERVICE***



Friday, September 13, 2013 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

His Eye is on the Sparrow (Music by C. Gabriel & Arr. Ruth Schram)

WORDS OF COMFORT

Mary Francis Eisenbrey, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Pastor Robert Hudson, *Chaplain*, DVFA

UNVEILING OF THE CROSSES

Charles Boyer, *President*, DVFA

Penny Rodimak, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Glenn Gillespie, *President*, State Fire Chiefs Association

Dave Snell, *President*, State Fire Police Association

Ed Angwin, *President*, State Emergency Medical Services Association

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

Song for the Unsung Hero (Arr. by Joseph M. Martin)

READINGS BY

THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

Penny Rodimak, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Penny Gentry, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary Kent County

Ginni Tice, *President*, Ladies Auxiliary Sussex County

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

CHORAL ARRANGEMENT

Going Home (Arr. By Mary McDonald)

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

Jane Williams, *Secretary*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

Elmer Steele, *Secretary*, DVFA

Remembering the passing of 116 men and 51 ladies from the past year. Of those, there were 4 Past Presidents in these numbers.

Walton A. Johnson, Jr., Roland Neeman, M. Jean Oneschuk and Shirley Lea Joseph

There was 1 Line of Duty Death, Justin Townsend of Station 73, Dagsboro

THE MEMORIAL PANORAMA

Edited and Produced by:

Delaware State Fire School

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TAPS

BENEDICTION - Mary Francis Eisenbrey, *Chaplain*, Ladies Auxiliary DVFA

MUSICAL SELECTION MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PIPE AND DRUM

RECESSIONA

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Friday, September 13, 2013

The men's luncheon was held at 12:00 PM. There were many politicians, guest and dignitaries present. Numerous awards and presentations were made. LADVFA Penny Rodimak presented a check in the amount of 1,052.50 to the DVFA Foundation. The DVFA Also raised 1585.00 for the Foundation.

DVFA/LADVFA Installation

Friday, September 13, 2013

Post Stair Guards from Dover Fire Department: Steven Conners, Hartly Fire Co. and President Carey, Dover Fire Department

Following officers, chaplains and escorts introduced:

DVFA Chaplain – Rev. Bob Hudson

LADVFA Chaplain – Mary Frances Eisenbrey

DVFA Installing Officer: Past DVFA President, Ron Marvel

President Emeritus, Lou Amabili,

LADVFA Installing Officer: Past LADVFA President, Janice Marvel

LADVFA Installing Marshall: Past LADVFA President, Ann Marie Krystopolski

DVFA President – Mr. Charles Boyer escorted by son, Jeff

LADVFA President – Penny Rodimak escorted by Chief of Hartly Fire Co, Steve Conners

DVFA President elect – Richard Toulson escorted by his wife, Janice

LADVFA President elect – Saralee Stevens escorted by her husband, Past DVFA President, Ray Stevens

DVFA First Vice-President elect – Anthony Guzzo escorted by wife, Jackie

LADVFA First Vice-President elect – Karen Majewski escorted by her husband David

DVFA Second Vice-President elect – Joseph Zeroles escorted by his wife, Debbie

LADVFA Second Vice-President elect – Mary Frances Eisenbrey escorted by her husband, Jeff.

DVFA Secretary – Past DVFA President Elmer Steele escorted by his wife Sandy

LADVFA Secretary – Jane Williams escorted by her husband, Ray

LADVFA Assistant Secretary – Karen Gebhart escorted by DVFA President Emeritus, Lou Amabili

DVFA Treasurer – Past DVFA President, Allen Metheny escorted by LADVFA Past President and wife, Barbara

LADVFA Treasurer – Kim Figgs escorted by her mother, LADVFA Past President, Joyce Figgs
LADVFA Assistant Treasurer – Regina Headley-Marvel escorted by Past LADVFA President, Eleanor Raye Warrington

DVFA Director – Glenn Gillespie escorted by his wife, Muriel
Past President Director – Charles Frampton escorted by his son, Steve

Stair guards – please take your seats with your fire company
Invocation given by LADVFA Chaplain, Mary Frances Eisenbrey

Pledge to flag led by Past DSCA, Edward “Mike” Rush
LADVFA President, Penny Rodimak, to give her final remarks and thanks
DVFA President, Charles Boyer, to give his final remarks and thanks

LADVFA Past President, Janice Marvel, installed the following LADVFA officers and was assisted by
Past LADVFA President Ann Marie Krystopolski, for the year 2013-2014, as follows:

President – Saralee Stevens from Selbyville
1st Vice-President – Karen Majewski from Good Will
2nd Vice-President – Mary Francis Eisenbrey from Cheswold
Secretary – Jane Williams from Minquadale
Assistant Secretary – Karen Gebhart from Hockessin
Treasurer – Kim Figgs from Delmar
Assistant Treasurer – Regina Headley-Marvel from Georgetown

LADVFA officers were presented with their officers’ pins.

Past President, Penny Rodimak, was presented with her past president’s pin.

DVFA Past President, Ron Marvel, recognized Past State Chief’s President, Mike Rush, for being
awarded Firefighter of the Year.

Mike was recognized with standing applause.

Past DVFA President, Ron Marvel, and President Emeritus, Lou Amabili, installed the incoming
DVFA officers for the year 2013-2014:

President – Richard Toulson from Seaford
1st Vice-President – Anthony Guzzo from Hockessin
2nd Vice-President – Joseph Zeroles from Farmington
Secretary – Elmer Steele from Seaford
Treasurer – Allen Metheny from Hartly
Director – Glenn Gillespie from Carlisle of Milford
Past President Director – Charles Frampton from Brandywine Hundred

DVFA officers installed were presented with their officers’ pins individually by their respective
spouses/escorts.

Past President, Charles Boyer, was presented with his past president’s pin and a plaque with
gavel.

LADVFA President, Saralee Stevens, gave her remarks and appreciation

DVFA President, Richard Toulson, gave his remarks and appreciation

Chairman of Installation, Mike Rush, recognized DVFA Executive Manager, Warren Jones, and
DVFA Office Manager, Melissa Kiser, and thanked them for their continued hard work.

Both Presidents Stevens and Toulson entertained motions to close the conference for 2013.

MOTION made by Isabel Stevenson, Seaford,
Seconded by Sandy Warrick, Cranston Heights
And unanimously carried the 2013 conference
Be adjourned.

Stair guards were requested to post their position.
Benediction was given by DVFA Chaplain, Bob Hudson.
There was a reception immediately following in Ballroom A at the Dover Downs.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa R. Kiser
DVFA Office Manager

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