

MAY 2023

ALBANY COUNTY VFA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 10 AT WEST ALBANY

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ACVFA WILL BE HELD AT THE WEST ALBANY FIRE STATION. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2023 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 WEST ALBANY FIRE STATION IS LOCATED AT 112 SAND CREEK ROAD IN WEST ALBANY, TOWN OF COLONIE.

ANNUAL DINNER SEPT 20 AT ALTAMONT

The Annual Dinner of the Association and September Quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday September 20 at the Altamont Fire Station located at 116 Main Street in Altamont. The Association's September meeting will begin about 7 PM. Info on the Dinner will be sent out to all companies and Departments.

COXSACKIE HOSE CO # 3 INVITES ACVFA TO THE GREENE COUNTY CONVENTION

Coxsackie Hose CO #3 has invited all Albany County Fire Companies and Departments to take part in the 135th Greene County Convention to take place Sept 5-9, 2023 in Coxsackie. Parade applications for both the Dress Parade and the Mardi Gras Parade have been mailed out and are do back by May 15th. Information on the Dinner on Thursday, Sept 7 will be available shortly. The Mardi Gras Parade on Friday, Sept 8th lines up at 5 PM. After the Parade the Band Skeeter Creek will be performing. The Dress Parade on Saturday the 9th will begin with Truck Judging at 10 AM and The Parade Line up is at 12 PM. The Refrigerators will be performing after the Parade. Yale Frank, Chairman of the Convention will be at the May Meeting at West Albany with more Details and to answer any questions members may have.

ACVFA LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING AT NEW SALEM ON JUNE 26

The Ladies Auxiliary of the New Salem Fire Dept will host the ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Monday, June 26th at the New Salem Fire Station located at 695 New Salem Road (Route 85A) in New Salem. Meeting is at 7:00 PM and President Darlene Wilson urges all members to try to attend this meeting.

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 Ravena NY 12143. The deadline is August 1 but don't wait do it today.

4th BATTALION VACANCY

The Association is looking for someone to fill the 4th Battalion Director's position. Anyone from the following Companies is eligible for this position; Boght Community, Maplewood, Menands, Schuyler Heights, S.W. Pitts or Verdoy Fire Dept. If interested please contact any Association Officer listed on Page 5, Secretary John Webb by Email at jlwsec@gmail.com or attend the Annual meeting on May 10 at West Albany.

GEORGE E. MEARS

Past President George E. Mears recently passed away. George was President of the ACVFA from 1985 to 1986. He was also President of the Hudson Mohawk VFA in 1995-1996. George was a long time member of the North Bethlehem Fire Dept. where he served as an Assistant Chief and a Fire Commissioner for the Elmwood Fire District.

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NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING

The March meeting of the Association was held on March 10 at the Midway 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. Marc Platt welcomed everyone to Midway 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, Ways and Means and Annual Dinner. In Old Business the Association voted to donate \$150.00 to the Hudson Mohawk VFA for their Holiday Appeal. Still waiting for the Paperwork from the State about the name change. In New Business the Association voted to endorse Mike Karashay for President, Robert A. Schrader for First Vice President, Robert M. Fritsche for Second Vice President and Tom Totten for Director 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. Fred Pettingell presented the Treasurers report and Clayton Ash presented the Financial Secretary's report. Chuck Feldmann. President of the Albany County Fire Police Association announced that their Annual Steak Roast will be June 7 and they are looking for someone to serve as Secretary and Treasurer. Robert Schrader 2nd VP of Hudson Valley reported on future events in the HVVFA. Cossackie Hose 3 will be hosting the Greene County Convention this year and have invited all Companies from Albany County to take part. Darlene Wilson on behalf of the Auxiliary explained why the Auxiliary hasn't made any donations to the Burn Fund since 2019 due to a lack of information from the Committee. President Frederick will look into this. There were 20 Officers, members and guests present and 12 companies represented at the meeting.

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 meeting. Keep them and their Families in our Prayers. They will be missed.

William R. Seim	Westmere
Larry F. Alberts Sr	Coetmans
William C. Mitchell Jr	West Albant
Scott L. Wheeler	Fuller Road
George E Mears	North Bethlehem and Past President ACVFA
Walter H. Ingells	Greenville

**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

The Burn Fund Committee would like to thank the following Companies, Departments and Auxiliaries for their recent Donations to the Appeal Letter that was sent out recently: Slingerlands Fire Dept, Voorheesville Fire Dept, Voorheesville Ladies Auxiliary, Knox Fire Company, Guilderland Center Fire Dept, Berne Fire Company, Selkirk Fire Company # 1, Selkirk Fire Company # 2, New Salem Fire Dept, S.W. Pitts Hose Company, Westmere Fire Company, East Berne Fire Company, Tri-Village Fire Company and Verdooy Fire Dept.

BOARD CHAIRMAN MATT WILCENSKI

I would like to thank all the members as I step down as Board Chairman of the ACVFA. And when President Frederick becomes the next Board Chairman, I will give him my support and hope all members do the same. Thank You.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Spring has officially arrived according to the calendar, we are able to enjoy true summer weather for a few days, now we are back to normal Spring weather. As noted above our next meeting is on June 26th at New Salem. Congratulations to our \$2500 scholarship winner. Thanks to Diane Burega who chaired the committee and thanks to our three out-of-County judges who were on standby in case more than one applicant applied. The Auxiliary sends their condolences to the Mears family on the passing of ACVFA Past president George Mears. Both George and Auxiliary Past President Sheila are together again. We are happy to announce that Tom Champion has been elected by the Auxiliary to serve as an representative on the ACVFA burn fund committee. Members please check your dues status, all past and current dues must be paid by May 31 in order to vote at our Annual election. Please keep member Fran Granger in your thoughts. If you know of any Auxiliary member who is in the hospital or sick at home please notify Joanne Jantz of the Sunshine Committee.

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 7, 2023 at the Berne Fire Station at 30 Canaday Hill Road in Berne. Diners will be available from 12 Noon to 4 PM or sold out. The menu includes Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy. Cabbage Salad, Vegetables, Homemade Applesauce and Homemade Apple Pie. Cost is \$18.00 per dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EAST BERNE

The East Berne Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary have scheduled events for the spring and summer. Events will be held at either the East Berne Fire Station located at 25 Main St in East Berne or at the Berne Town Park located on Route 443 in Berne just west of the High School. Events scheduled are

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

on Sunday May 13th They 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.

DRIVE THRU BROOKS BBQ

on Tuesday June 6th They will have a DRIVE THRU Only Brooks BBQ at the **Berne Town Park in Berne**. The BBQ starts at 3 PM and goes to 6 PM or sold out. Chicken dinners are \$14.00 and consists of ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole slaw and Roll. Unfortunately due to high costs, Brooks is not offering ribs.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH AT EAST BERNE

On June 17th they will be hosting a Father's Day Lunch from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Fire Station located at 25 Main Street in East Berne. Available will be either a Hot Turkey or Roast Beef Lunch with mashed Potatoes, vegetable, roll and dessert. Prices to be determined.

2ND ANNUAL SUMMERFEST

The 2nd Annual Summerfest will be held on August 12th from 10 to 2 at the Berne Town Park with Vendors/Craft Fair and Food.

Please check Facebook under East Berne Auxiliary or East Berne Volunteer Fire Company Seeks New Members for more info on all these events.

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.

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ALBANY COUNTY FIRE POLICE NEWS

The Albany County Fire Police Association will have their Annual Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday, June 7 The Steak Roast will be held at the Shaker Road Loudonville Station #2 located at 147 Old Niskayuna Road. The Fire Police Association is also looking for members to serve as Secretary and someone to serve as Treasurer. If interested please contact President Chuck Feldmann. More Information will be on the Fire Police Website at www.AlbanyCoFP.com.

ALTAMONT FD MAY 6th EVENT

The Altamont Fire Department will be serving Breakfast and Lunch during the Altamont PTA Community wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 6, 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 9th Annual Doug Lawton Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday July 19th at the Orchard Creek Golf Course in Altamont. Cost is \$150.00 per Golfer and includes 18 holes of Golf with Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Prizes. Registration deadline is July 5. For more Information please contact gcfgolf21@gmail.com or Tom Lawton at trl12203@yahoo.com

HUDSON VALLEY CONVENTION

This year's the 134th Annual Hudson Valley Convention will be held in West Glens Falls, Town of Queensbury from June 14th to the 17th. Golf outing is on the 14th at Cronin's Golf Resort, Convention Meetings and Memorial Service take place on Thursday and on Friday is the Annual Awards Ceremony and Election of Officers. The Madri Gras Parade begins at 7 PM on Friday and the Dress Parade on Saturday at 1 PM.

COEYMANS 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 Dan Haight, 1st Captain John Williams, 2nd Captain Dan Houghtaling, 1st Lt. Tom Pinson, 2nd Lt. Rob Radley, EMS Captain Davin Krzykowski, Fire Police Capt. Jack Dennis and Fire Police Lt. Darlene Wilson

Administrative Officers are President Jerry Deluca, Vice President Rob Radley, Treasurer Peter Jenkins, Recording Secretary Michelle Sadowski, Financial Secretary Stephanie Watson, Membership Secretary Pam Rafferty, 2 Year Director Jack Dennis and Sgt-at-Arms Jordan Flach

RAVENA FIRE DEPT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Ravena Fire Dept recently elected their Officers for the coming year. The Firematic Officers elected are; Chief Kevin Phillips, Deputy Chief Travis Whitbeck, Captain Michael Mattick, Lieutenants are Kristina King, Wyatt Houde and Sarah Trombley, Deputy Chief Fire Police Mary Lou Lennon, Chief Engineer is Harry Stannard. Executive officers are President Charles King Sr., Vice President Michael Mattick Secretary Kristina King, Treasurer Megan Aurelia, Financial Secretary Wendy Mattick, Trustees are Jack Morrow, Sandra King and Jason McMullen and Sergeant-at-Arms is Ronald Rauche.

SELKIRK FIRE CO # 2 TO HAVE FLEA MARKET

The Selkirk Fire Co # 2 will be having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, July 29th beginning at 8 AM. There will 100 Vendors taking part. The Station is located at 301 Glenmont Hill Road in Glenmont. Next to Tractor Supply. Spaces are still available by e mailing fleamarket@selkirkfire.org or by calling 518-436-1601.

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WESTMERE FIREFIGHTER RECEIVES AWARD

Pictured below is the award that was presented to Brian Hausman by Chief Tony Carrow and Assistant Chief Tim Playford at the Westmere Fire Dept's Installation Dinner. Brian answered 435 of the 445 calls that Westmere FD responded to. This was the most calls ever made by anyone in the Town of Guilderland and Westmere FD itself. Well Done Pictured from Left to right are Assistant Chief Tim Playford, Chief Tony Carrow and Brian Hausman



Note: The ten calls he missed were due to knee surgery for a dislocated knee cap.

FASNY CONVENTION

The 151st Annual Convention of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York will be held from August 10 to the 12th in Niagara Falls NY and will be held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. For more information go to www.fasny.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to George Fink from the Selkirk Fire Dept. who is a resident of the FASNY Firefighters Home in Hudson. His Birthday is May 23

ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Burton Frederick	861-6635
1 st Vice President	Robert White	772-9807
2 nd 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

First Battalion	Mike Taylor	858-5342
Second Battalion	Frank Papa	765-3764
Third Battalion	Charles Feldmann	859-6883
Fourth Battalion	VACANT	
Fifth Battalion	Henry Smith	859-5088
Sixth Battalion	Marc Platt	461-5141

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY 6– COMMUNITY DAY AT ALTAMONT. INFO ON PAGE 4
- MAY 7 – ROAST BEEF DINNER AT BERNE. INFO ON PAGE 3
- MAY 10 – ACVFA ANNUAL MEETING AT WEST ALBANY 7:30 PM START
- MAY 13 – MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST EAST BERNE. INFO ON PAGE 3
- JUNE 6 – BROOKS BBQ AT EAST BERNE. INFO PG 3
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- JUNE 14 - 17 HUDSON VALLEY VFA CONVENTION AT WEST GLENS FALLS, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY. INFO ON PAGE 4
- JUNE 17TH FATHERS DAY LUNCH, EAST BERNE. INFO ON PAGE 3
- JUNE 27 – LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING. NEW SALEM FIRE STATION 1 INFO PAGE 3
- JULY 19 – DOUG LAWTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT. INFO ON PAGE 4.
- AUG 10 - ACVFA DIRECTORS MEETING. NEED HOST
- AUG 10 – 12 151ST ANNUAL FASNY CONVENTION AT NIAGARA FALLS
- AUG 12 – EAST BERNE SUMMERFEST INFO PAGE 3
- SEPT 5-9 - 135TH GREENE COUNTY CONVENTION AT COXSACKIE INFO ON PAGE ONE
- SEPT 16 – ANUUAL MUSTER/INSPECTION DAY AT SLINGERLANDS
- SEPT 20 ANNUAL DINNER AND QUARTERLY MEETING AT ALTAMONT

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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 By phone at 518-756-3281 or by mail: John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Ravena NY 12143. The deadline for the next Issue is August 15, 2023 This issue can include information on events happening anytime after Sept 1.


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