

# ALBANY COUNTY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2022

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## ANNUAL DINNER AT ELSMERE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21

The Annual Dinner of the Association and September Quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday Sept. 21 at the ELSMERE NORTH Fire Station located AT 15 West Poplar Drive in Elsmere. Elsmere is hosting the Dinner this year in commemoration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be served at 6 PM with appetizers at 5:30 Dinner will consist of salad, BBQ Chicken with potatoes, vegetables, dessert and beverages. Cost of the Dinner is \$25.00 per person. The Association's Quarterly meeting will begin at 7 PM and will include the Annual Memorial Service and the Firefighter of the year award presentation. Information on the Dinner has been sent out to all Companies and Departments. If you have any questions please contact the Elsmere Fire Company via email at [ops@elsmerefire.org](mailto:ops@elsmerefire.org) or by contacting Frank Wickham at 518-348-6882

## ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY CELEBRATES 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Elsmere Fire Company is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Along with hosting the Annual Dinner of the Albany County Volunteer Firemens Association they will be having a BLOCK PARTY on Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 9 PM. There will be live music, Bounce House, Food Vendors and Axe Throwing Contest. All this takes place at the Elsmere Fire Dept. North Station located at 15 West Poplar Drive in Elsmere area of Delmar, Town Of Bethlehem.

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

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## BURT FREDERICK REELECTED PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Burt Frederick of Guilderland Center Fire Department was elected President of the ACVFA at the Annual Association meeting held on May 11 at Westmere Robert White of Altamont remains as First Vice President and Tom Cascone of Voorheesville Second Vice President. Henry Smith of Westmere is the new 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Director in place of Dave Dodge who declined to run this year after serving many years as a Director. All other Officers remained the same. A full report of the Annual meeting is on page 2 of the newsletter and the updated list of Officers and their numbers are on page 5.

## AUXILIARY MEETING SCHEDULED

The Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting on Monday, Sept 26 at the Westmere Fire Station located at 1741 Western Ave in Westmere, Town of Guilderland. They will also be meeting on Monday, October 24 at the West Albany Fire Station located on Sand Creek Road in West Albany. Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

## MUSTER/INSPECTION DAY AT MIDWAY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17

The Annual Muster/Inspection Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 17 and will be hosted by the Midway Fire Dept. at their Station 1 located at 1956 Central Ave in the Town of Colonie The Inspection will be held in the Grove Area behind the Fire Station with lineup at 11 AM and Judging at Noon.

Information has been sent out to each company and Department. 9 Trophies will be awarded and the Walter Eck Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the unit judged best overall. The Association and the Midway Fire Dept. hope for a good turnout of Companies and Departments for this event that was organized a few years ago by Bill ECK to take the place of the parades that use to take place each year. For more info contact Association Secretary John Webb at 518-256-7359

## FOURTH BATTALION VACANCY

A Director is needed for the fourth Battalion. Please see page 5 for more information.

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## NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Association was held on May 11, 2022 at the Westmere Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Burt Fredrick. Henry Smith and Chief Tony Carrow welcomed everyone to Westmere and pointed out the Fire Exits. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Chaplain Hough gave the opening Prayer. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. Communications were read and one bill was approved for payment. Committee reports were received from the Newsletter, Legislative, Nominating, Muster, Haz Mat, By-Laws, Firefighter of the Year, Burn Fund, and Annual Dinner. Treasurer Fred Pettingell gave his report as well as Financial Secretary Clayton Ash. Under old business Fred Pettingell was selected to serve as our Delegate and Tom With as Alternate to the Hudson Valley and FASNY Conventions. Election of Officers took place. President-Burt Fredrick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Robert White, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Tom Cascone, Secretary John Webb, Financial Secretary Clayton Ash, Treasurer Fred Pettingell, Chaplain Jonathan Hough, Sgt-at-Arms Don Champion, Director 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Henry Smith and Director 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Marc Platt. In New Business a Motion was made to take a full page ad in the Nut Busters Anniversary Journal and a ¼ page ad in the FASNY Convention Book. Endorsements were made for candidates seeking Office in Hudson Valley VFA. Guests were Darlene Wilson, President Albany County Ladies Auxiliary, Francis "Butch" Recchia, President of the Hudson Mohawk VFA who announced he would be a candidate for Hudson Valley Director in 2023 and Fred Pettingell, Past President of Hudson Valley VFA. Roll Call showed 22 Officers and members in Attendance at the meeting.

## TAB COLLECTIONS

If you have been keeping those tab's please bring them to the next meeting when we meet again 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.

## FACEBOOK

The Association has a Facebook page. Go to **ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOCIATION** to look our page.

## CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

**Summer is on its way out. I hope all had a good summer and stayed safe. Please keep the Firefighters that have passed away and their families in our prayers. Please remember to let me know when you have a member passed away or in the hospital. My number is 518-894-0374. Here are the names of our Deceased Members**

<b>Janet L Case</b>	<b>Medusa</b>
<b>Edward J Domanico</b>	<b>Coeymans</b>
<b>Gregory R Luther</b>	<b>S.W. Pitts</b>
<b>Kenneth P Hahn</b>	<b>Nort Bethlehem</b>
<b>Walter J Fisher Sr</b>	<b>Voorheesville</b>
<b>Stephen J Mantor</b>	<b>Coeymans Hollow</b>
<b>John Pollard III</b>	<b>Altamont</b>
<b>Grant W Smith Jr</b>	<b>Menands</b>
<b>Richard E Stickley</b>	<b>Onesquethaw</b>
<b>Richard L Wickham</b>	<b>Coeymans Hollow</b>
<b>Mary Driscoll</b>	<b>Ravena Fire Police</b>
<b>David A Ward</b>	<b>Knox</b>

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors met on August 17 at the Knox Fire Station. Roll Call showed all Officers present except for two, one who was ill and one who was out of state on Business. The Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's report were read and approved. There were three nominations received for the Firefighter of the year award. After much discussion it was decided to honor all three with the award. Motions were made and approved to donate \$50.00 to Hudson Valley for their Home Day in Sept., to invite seven guests to the Annual Dinner and to take out a full page ad in Elsmere's Anniversary Journal. It was approved to buy the necessary Trophies for the Muster/ Inspection Day. It was announced that Chan Rivera from Ulster County was elected Second Vice President of FASNY and Fred Pettingell was elected Secretary of The Hudson Valley VFA.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED AND NEW OFFICERS

Summer is starting to wind down and we will start our meetings again. The SEPTEMBER 26 meeting will be hosted by Westmere Auxiliary. We thank them for coming forward to host since it has been years since the County Auxiliary has been at their Fire House. The OCTOBER 24 meeting will be hosted by West Albany Auxiliary. All meetings will start at 7:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about their summer events. Congratulations to the new 2022-23 officers: President-Darlene Wilson (Elsmere), Vice President-Jamie Nazario (West Albany), Treasurer Bette Skop (West Albany), Recording and Financial Secretary - Diana Balling (Saxton), 3 year Director-Alice Corbett (Selkirk #2), 2 Year Director-Deborah Graves (West Albany), and 1 year Director-Arlene LaDuke (Onesquethaw).

Congratulations to our own Carolyn Day from Delmar Auxiliary. Carolyn received LAFASNY's Member Recognition Award. When you see her, ask her about 'Fire Exits' at the hotel.

Our \$2500 Scholarship winner this year was Piper Judeikis, sponsored by the Westmere Fire Auxiliary. Piper had an outstanding application and she will continue her studies at Paul Smith's College in biology to pursue her career as a veterinarian. Her plans are directed towards going out to find abandoned animals on the street who are treated poorly and hopefully heal them and then place them into homes where they will be loved.

DUES-with the change of officers, the books are being updated and a list is being made of members whose dues are due. Any current dues collected will be posted for 2022. Should you have a receipt for dues paid past 2022, please show it to the Financial Secretary and a correction will be made. Dues will also be collected at the Sept. meeting.

With the pandemic somewhat behind us, the Town Auxiliaries of Bethlehem and New Scotland had a picnic at the Slingerlands Pavilion hosted by Elsmere Auxiliary. It was great seeing our Friends again having a good time.

## AUXILIARY PICTURES



Pictured above are the 2022-23 Auxiliary Officers From Left to Right: President Darlene Wilson, Vice President Jamie Nazario, Secretary Diana Balling, Treasurer Bette Skop, 2 year Director Deborah Graves, 3 year Director Alice Corbett and installing Officer Karen McDonald. Missing is 1 year Director Arlene LaDuke



President Wilson presenting Piper Judeikis with the \$2,500 scholarship check

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Carolyn Day being presented with LAFASNY member recognition award

#### KATHIE WOOD ELECTED HVV FALA DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Kathie Wood-Champion of the Shaker Road-Loudonville Ladies Auxiliary on being elected a 2 year Director of the Hudson VFA Ladies Auxiliary.

#### LADIES

If you would like to publicize your upcoming event or have something about your Auxiliary you would like to share please send the information to the editor John Webb. Best way is by E mail at [jlwsec@gmail.com](mailto: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 November 15, 2022. This issue can include information on events happening anytime after December 1

**FOR UP TO DATE INFO CHECK THE LADIES AUXILIARY FACE BOOK PAGE ACVFALA**

#### UPCOMING VOORHEESVILLE EVENTS

The Voorheesville Fire Dept. will be hosting the following events this Fall. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Annual Fall Fest will take place behind the FireHouse. The Fest starts at 7:30 with food, music and prizes. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> They will be having a Brooks BBQ, Chicken Dinners Only and Drive Thru only. Price at this time is \$14.00 unless Brooks price goes up.

#### SKEETER CREEK AT SELKIRK # 2

Selkirk Fire Department will play host to one of the area's most popular Bands SKEETER CREEK plays at Selkirk Fire Departments Station 2 in Glenmont on Saturday, Sept 10. Doors and Food open at 4 PM and the music starts at 5 PM. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com and are \$15.00 for anyone over 10. Youths 5 to 9 are \$10.00 and under 5 is just a donation. This is an Annual Fundraiser for the Department and will take place rain or shine. Glenmont Station 2 is located on Glenmont Hill Road just off Route 9W.

#### BUTCH RECCHIA REELECTED ALBANY COUNTY VICE PRESIDENT FOR HUDSON VALLEY VFA

Butch Recchia of West Albany was reelected County Vice President from Albany County for the Hudson Valley VFA. He has also announced that he will be a candidate for a Director's position at next year's Hudson Valley Convention

#### CONGRATS TO AIDAN MCPHILLIPS OF ELSMERE

Congratulations to Aidan McPhillips from the Bethlehem Central High School and The Elsmere Fire Company for being a recipient of one of the Gerard J Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship that is awarded by FASNY each Year.



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## HUDSON VALLEY VFA FIREMEN'S HOME DAY & LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Hudson Valley VFA Home Day at the Firemen's Home in Hudson will be held on Sunday, September 25 at the Firemen's Home in Hudson. Activities start at 10 AM with the Legislative Conference where the Legislative agenda and recommendations for 2023 will be worked on. Parade Line up is at 1:30 PM and Festivities begin at 2 pm. There will be refreshments and entertainment and the Firemen's Museum will be open to all.

## FASNY LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Annual Legislative Conference of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York is scheduled for the weekend of Nov 4, 5 & 6th. It is to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy NY. Items of legislative concern will be discussed and the Legislative agenda will be approved for the 2023 Legislative Session. For More information please go to FASNY'S website. [www.fasny.com](http://www.fasny.com)

## ALBANY COUNTY FIRE POLICE

The Albany County Fire Police Association is trying to schedule meetings for the Fall. Please watch their Website at [www.AlbanyCoFP.com](http://www.AlbanyCoFP.com) for information on dates and locations of future meetings.

## ROAST BEEF DINNER AT BERNE

The Berne Volunteer Fire Company will be sponsoring a **TAKE OUT ONLY** Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday Oct 16 at the Berne Fire Station on County Route 9 in Berne. Dinners will be available from Noon to 4 PM

## 4<sup>th</sup> BATTALION DIRECTOR VACANCY

The Association is looking for someone to fill the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Director's position. Anyone from Boght Community, Maplewood, Menands, Schuyler Heights, S.W. Pitts or Verdoy Fire Companies are eligible for this position. If interested please contact any of the Association Officers.

## ACVFA CURRENT OFFICERS

President	Burt Frederick	861-6635
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Robert White	772-9807
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	221-3437

## 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

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sept 10 – Selkirk FD Fund Raiser at Glenmont with Skeeter Creek. Info on Page 4  
 Sept 17 - Annual Muster and Inspection Day at Fort Hunter 11 AM Info on Page 1  
 Sept 17 – Elsmere Fire Company 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at the North Station Info page one  
 Sept 21 – Annual Association Dinner and Quarterly meeting at Elsmere. Info on Front Page  
 Sept 25 – Hudson Valley VFA Home Day & legislative Conference at the Firemens Home in Hudson info on page 5  
 Sept 26 – ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting at Westmere. 7:30 PM  
 Oct 1 – Voorheesville Fall Fest info page 2  
 Oct 9 – 15 Fire Prevention Week  
 Oct 16 – Berne Fire Co Roast Beef Dinner. Info Pg 5  
 Oct 24 – ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting at West Albany Station 7:30 PM  
 Nov 4, 5 & 6 Fasny Legislative Conference info pg 5

**SANTO "CHAN" RIVERA ELECTED  
 FASNY 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Congratulations to Santo "Chan" Rivera on his election as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of FASNY. He was elected during FASNY'S 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention held in Tarrytown

**FRED PETTINGELL ELECTED HVVFA SECRETARY**

Fred Pettingell, ACVFA Treasurer and a member of S.W. Pitts Hose Company was elected Secretary of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association at its June Convention in Wallkill.

**TOM WITH NOW CHIEF CHAPLAIN OF THE  
 NYS ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS**

Congratulations to Tom With of the Fuller Road Fire Dept is now Chief Chaplain of the New York State Association of Fire Chaplains. Tom will serve in this position for the next two years.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
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
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