

Delaware State Police Museum and Education Center

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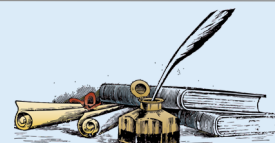
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From the President's Pen

Captain Gregory Sacco (Ret.) 150



I hope that all is well with our readers. We are into the third quarter of 2019 and are well into the infrastructure work needed to make our Museum an even more attractive place for our visitors. Our Board of Directors remains proactive in this venture.

We have had some real challenges with our Fire Suppression System and are deeply involved in getting it up to standard. It has been time consuming and expensive, but the repairs need to be done. We have replaced some of our HVAC units and will replace the remaining units sometime in the fall. These two areas have consumed most of our time and money thus far.

The roof has been washed giving us an additional 5 years before full replacement is needed. We will start addressing other outside needs as we can. The first steps are to evaluate and set a schedule for initiating the work. Progress is being made. We may not get everything completed by year's end and will carry those initiatives into next year.

The ARDSP had another successful golf tournament dividing the proceeds between the ARDSP and the Museum. The Electronic Messaging Center (EMC sign) is in full operation and has been of great value to both the Museum and the Division. It was a great addition to the Museum. We are assessing other issues that may need addressing and will keep you advised.

We are continuing to look for better ways to advertise the Museum including working with the Kent County Tourism Board and with other venues to attract more visitors. We will make you proud to want to show off our wonderful facility to your family and friends and encourage you to do so.

Until next time, stay safe and well.

Greg Sacco, President

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*From the Executive
Director's Desk
Peggy L. Anderson*



I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! Fall is here and that brings the cooler weather along with the changing of the leaves. What a beautiful time of year.

Our summer events went very well. The Delaware Antique Police Car Association's Multi-Club "Cruise In" was attended by over 50 show cars. Former Governor Ruth Ann Minner was the keynote speaker and was driven to the event by her grandson in her convertible hot rod, a 2000 Plymouth Prowler. A huge thank you to Bob Herrington & Don Miller for helping put together a great event.

There were 34 campers and 2 youth counselors participating in the 5th Annual Summer Day Program. The kids enjoyed a day of demonstrations by several of the DSP Units. While touring the



Academy, they enjoyed a lunch of Grotto pizza (Thank you DE



Crimestoppers) and Chick-Fil-A. Some were repeat attendees and many are looking forward to next year.

In the upcoming months the Museum will be hosting several activities; Wills for Troopers & Civilians and our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, to name a couple.

Take a break from the crowds at the stores for your holiday shopping and come see what the Museum store has to offer.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season – Halloween through Christmas!

Stay Safe My Friends,
Peggy



**A huge Museum THANK
YOU to RICH FOSKEY**

for all he has done and continues to do in and around the Museum. Several times a week you will find RICH busily

involved in at least two simultaneous projects. Only to name a few examples, RICH is involved with: Replacing and upgrading all the outside Signs for parking, handicap spaces, bus lane, exit points and directional; Repair of outside water-hose bibs; Storage Room completely cleaned, reorganized and inventoried; Replacement of a broken thermal-pane window in the connector corridor; Roof and gutter cleaning; Restroom commode upgrade and replacement; Restroom accessory repairs; Repair/replacement of handicap ramp and walkway (in progress); Replacement of fence gate to Helicopter display pad (in progress); and many more. All this in addition to various Museum "homework" projects that have produced a beautiful, sturdy oak hardwood Sign-In Podium for the Visitor Logbook, hardwood "Contributions" box that attracts Visitor attention (and increased Donations), plaques and accoutrements throughout. Great Work, RICH, your skills, dedication and numerous selfless hours are very much appreciated!

Volunteer "sweat-equity" on March 21 and 23, 2019 gave us about 37-personnel who provided 300-man/woman hours for enhanced Displays, improved lighting in Displays and building, repair of several broken and outdated systems, switches, interactive displays, CLEAN GLASS, doors, shelves and artifacts. It gave everyone a "good time" of camaraderie, sharing of stories and building of friendships. JOIN US on the next one – perhaps in the Fall of 2019 (more to follow). Several friends and family members contributed immensely to the effort. Our sincere thanks to all who participated.

Security of valuable firearms (those not currently on display), valuable records, their preservation/protection from fire and water hazards is now a reality. Director (DE Senator) DAVE LAWSON acquired and had

installed a new, beautiful Safe that provides both the needed levels of fire and water protection. It is located in the ground floor office next to the entry. Thank you, Dave, for a rapid, cost-effective delivery of a wonderful addition to the Museum.

The full exterior shingle roof was “washed”, removing algae and mold in the Spring, perhaps extending the life of the roof up to 5-years (a replacement cost of up to \$75,000+). Rain gutters were also cleaned. Volunteers supported the effort.

“VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE members: GALEN PURCELL, RICH FOSKEY, ADAM JEWELL, TYLER WRIGHT and ED MARTIN. We will coordinate your involvement and publish in the Newsletter, Website and Electronic Messaging Center sign. Contact Ed Martin at (302) 382-1736 (cell) / (302) 678-0512 (home) / efmartin88@gmail.com to offer your help.

Any amount of time or effort are appreciated. Please JOIN THE TEAM!

NEAR-TERM FUTURE PROJECTS: Building and Grounds Committee Chairman RICH FOSKEY has these “Projects” for September to December 2019.

“Attic Insulation” needs repair and installation for energy cost savings

Enhance Museum entry security with review and upgrades of lighting, visibility and access control

Repair/replace the walkway from south parking lot sidewalk to the Memorial Patio

Replace large double entry gate to Helicopter display area

Power wash concrete flat surface areas

Power wash Museum soffit, outside of gutters, brick and mortar walls

Apply “sealer” to Museum Exterior (possible Spring 2020)

Re-position photographs on Black Granite “Wall of Honor” in entry foyer

Winterize lawn sprinkler system

Install locking “bolts” on ground-level doors, top and bottom, for enhanced security

Clean outside windows (from ground level, using poles and “squeegee” blades)

Prepare current “Vendor / Services / Approved Contractors” list

Update “Building and Grounds” Checklist, Inspection Points

Repair Door Jamb and Window – “Memorial Patio” corridor

Upgrade Display lighting from fluorescent to LED lighting – as funds allow

Review, with BOB HAWKINS, possible removal of trees at east end – three are “deceased”

“ON THE CALENDAR”

Ongoing: JIM FORD is chairing an Education Committee “outreach” to Colleges and Universities. Interested Volunteers should contact JIM FORD (leslie41@aol.com) or ED MARTIN (efmartin88@gmail.com)

Ongoing: If you are available to assist at the Front Desk, we are always looking for additional Help. The number of visitors per day is increasing to approximately thirty (30) and growing

December: “Volunteer Luncheon”

Cleaning of Antique Police Cars and Motorcycles - interiors and exteriors: To Be Scheduled (Antique Police Car Club of Delaware)

Museum Maintenance: To Be Scheduled – 2019 Fall Clean-up; Building items; all Museum shrubs will be removed and new plantings installed by contracted vendor; in preparation for the Winter season

Board and Staff events: To Be Scheduled

Volunteer Training: To Be Discussed and Scheduled

Oct – Dec – “Fall / Winter Clean-up”

Contact Ed Martin with questions!



**Dedicated
Selfless
Proud**



In Memorium

*Our Fallen Heroes
Lest we Forget*

**Paul H. Sherman
1909 - 1945**



October 16, 1945



**Robert A. Paris
1935 - 1963**



October 17, 1963

**James D. Orvis
1916 - 1950**



November 17, 1950





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*Our Fallen Heroes
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**Francis Ryan
1891 - 1922**



November 2, 1922



**David B. Pulling
1956 - 1987**



November 18, 1987



Never Forgotten

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events

Museum Board of
Directors' Meetings
Tuesday - October 1, 10:00
Tuesday - December 3, 10:00

Meetings are held at the Museum

DSP Memorial Service
Monday - December 2, 2019, 09:30 AM
St. Polycarp's, Smyrna, DE



MUSEUM CLOSED

Monday, October 14, 2019
Monday, November 11, 2019



Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 28 - 29, 2019

Christmas Holiday
December 24 - 25, 2019



DSP Museum: <http://www.dspmuseum.com>



***ALWAYS, AND ESPECIALLY DURING
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON,
REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE
TAKEN FROM US***



Memorial Brick Walk

Memorialize your service or those who supported you during your career. This is an excellent way of acknowledging your parents, spouse, sibling, children or another trooper. Show them that they are an important part of the DSP family and your life.

Memorial Brick - \$100.00

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