



## POLICE ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

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## March News

Due to the inclement weather and forecast for several inches of snow, our quarterly meeting in January was canceled, so here's an update on what has happened since our last meeting in October.

*Ladies Night was held and although the crowd was not as big as anticipated, everyone who attended enjoyed the food and fellowship. Mike (Fishbones restaurant) and his staff prepared another outstanding reception for those who attended Friday night and a fantastic meal on Saturday. Over \$1200 worth of door prizes were given away, and Skip Blanchard and Donnie "DK" Butler each won over \$600 in the \$50/50 drawings. During the evening "program", Brian Hallman was recognized for his forty plus years of service to the organization and presented the "Executive Emeritus award".*

**Congratulations Brian on a well-deserved award!**

Members Don "Sack" Hodges, Billy Mutter & "Life Members" Al Bremer, & Earnest Forbes have all passed away since the beginning of 2025. Past President Lou Tayon had surgery, and has since been released from the hospital, Leo Therrien had a recent heart procedure and his son Karl, had successful Cancer surgery. President Ken "Butterbean" Strickland's son Henry completed his cancer treatment with Johns Hopkins and is back at home. Deceased member Gene Klemp's wife Mary, was recently released from the hospital, and Immediate Past President E.C. Harris had a recent hip replacement, "**rumor**" has it... he's working hard rehabbing in order to compete in the Boston Marathon next month?

*Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers...and remember, if you know of a member sick and/or in distress contact Ralph (757-544-8680) or Ronnie (757-651-3300).*

**It's that time of year again** and with only a few months left before school graduation exercises, members are reminded the PAV Scholarship & Jack P. Benzie JR award are available to immediate family members. Applications are attached for those interested in applying. Please keep in mind the deadline for completed application packets is May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

On behalf of the BOD's, I would like to thank Kyle Strickland for getting our website back up and running. Although it remains a "work in progress", it's a start!! For those interested, you can visit [policeassociationva.org](http://policeassociationva.org) and check it out!

### **ALERT TONE\*\*\*\*ALERT TONE**

*At our upcoming April meeting, we will be discussing the future of the Ladies Night Dinner/Dance event. The BOD's has been tracking our attendance numbers over the past few years, and.... they've seriously been declining. As a Board, we want to continue this event for the membership yet, with the lack of participation, it makes it difficult to justify the expense. We understand that as we get older, life changes and sometimes "gets in the way" of having a good time however, **this is/and has always been, a "FREE" event for the membership!** Over the past couple years, in an effort to provide a more accurate guest count for catering, we've asked for an upfront \$25 (per couple) when RSVP'ing, and **then** after you attend the event, that fee is applied toward your annual dues resulting in the entire event costing you nothing! This year's event date is November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> with the 7<sup>th</sup> being our normal "hospitality reception" and the 8<sup>th</sup> being the actual dinner/dance. IF you are not able to attend the April meeting, and have input please email me at [pav6874@gmail.com](mailto:pav6874@gmail.com) OR call me 757-651-3300, with your comment(s)*

***Don't forget, 2025 annual dues of \$25 were due in January and if you're not up to date with dues and assessments, you risk losing out on benefits associated with the organization.***

***Our next quarterly meeting will be at the Grassfield Ruritan Club, located at 920 Shillelagh Road in Chesapeake, on April 12<sup>th</sup> , beginning at 11:30 am, with lunch being served immediately following the meeting. Hope to see you there!!***

***Until next time,***

***Ronnie***