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GAIL COBB HONORED!



In Honor of Officer Gail Cobb's service and sacrifice to the citizens of the District of Columbia, there was a presentation to change the name of the 300 block of 14th Place NE to honor Gail, who grew up there and gave her life trying to protect the city.

Gail Cobb, a member of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), was born in DC in 1950. She joined MPD in 1973, becoming one of the first female police officers in the Department.

Cobb was tragically shot and killed on September 20, 1974 during an attempted robbery at the Eastern Liberty Federal Savings and Loan office at 21st and K Streets, Northwest. She was only 24. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 4*

**DANNY GREGG ELECTED NEW RETIRED
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE D.C.R.B.
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AORP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT – Gerald G. Neill

1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Ed Reddick

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Lou Cannon

SECRETARY/TREASURER – Janet Gross

TRUSTEES

Paul Angel (2019)

Al Kelly (2017)

Henry Banks (2019)

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR MEMBER– Retired Officer

ASSOCIATE – Widow or Widower

LIFE member – not required to pay dues.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AORP OFFICE

(877)283-1065

AORP OPTICAL/DENTAL PROGRAM

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METROPOLITAN POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

DURING PREDICTIONS FOR BAD WEATHER, CONTACT THE AORP TO HEAR THE PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

301-532-2749

877-283-1065

UPDATE ON DEATH NOTIFICATIONS

By Janet Hankins

AORP Brother Joe Roche will be taking over my role as “angel of death” beginning now. Please inform your spouse or next of kin that if something happens to you, to contact Joe at 703-232-9695 or jroche7971@gmail.com.

Make sure that you have a certified copy of your marriage license and a certified copy of your spouse’s birth certificate on hand. (Show this article to your spouse.) When the time comes, she/he should notify Joe so that he can start the process of helping your spouse secure his/her Survivor’s Annuity.

TIPS FOR RENEWING DUES

When renewing your dues, it is not necessary to send in a renewal form or re-join. If you have had a change in your address, phone number, email address or marital situation, please contact AORP. If your online access to pay have been denied, after expiration, please mail in your updated membership payment, and online access will be available yearly after that.



DANNY C. GREGG, ELECTED RETIRED POLICE OFFICER TRUSTEE

BY Danny Gregg:

Although some of you know me from my time at MPD or perhaps as the president/CEO at the Police Federal Credit Union, I am sure there are many others within our membership who don't. With your indulgence, I will use this occasion to introduce myself to all members of the AORP and to pledge to each of you my steadfast commitment to perform the duties and responsibilities to which I will soon undertake as your elected representative at the DC Retirement Board.

Before I tell you more about me, I first want to express my gratitude to Gary Hankins for his service on the DC Retirement Board. Gary has done a stellar job as our elected representative over the past 8-years and I shall endeavor to carry on that legacy. Thank you, Gary. Job well done!

I also want to thank the leadership of the AORP for their support and endorsement of my candidacy. It clearly made a difference.

Now for more about me and my time with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). I joined MPD in 1971 as a police cadet until appointed to officer in April 1973. During my 24-year career with MPD, my assignments included Special Operations Division, First District, Sixth District, Communications Division, Recruiting, Court Liaison, and the Office of the Chief of Police under the administrations of Chief Maurice Turner, Chief Isaac Fulwood, and Chief Fred Thomas. I retired in 1995 as inspector/director of the Office of Finance and Resource Management.

During my career with MPD, I studied Administration of Justice at American University; I graduated from the Executive Leadership Development Institute at George Washington University; I graduated from the Senior Management Institute for Police Executives

at Boston University; and when much younger and in much better shape I graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

After retiring from MPD, I was recruited to work with the current manager of the Police Federal Credit Union, retired inspector Bob Dollard. Later that year Bob retired and I was selected by the credit union's board of directors to replace Bob. I could talk/write endlessly about my time at Police FCU and the many changes we introduced over the 24-years I served as its chief executive. It would not be an exaggeration to say, it's not the same credit union I walked into in 1995.

I am not a novice at governing businesses at the board level. I have served on numerous committees and boards overseeing for-profit, not-for-profit, and charitable organizations, as well as a host of collegial associations. I now serve as the chairman of the Board of Directors (BoDs) for Police FCU; the chairman of the BoDs for the Dollard-Suter Family Fund; the Treasurer for the DC Police Memorial/Museum Project; a director for the BoDs at the Credit Union Mortgage Association; and a committee member of Political Action and Legislative Committee for Maryland and DC Credit Union Association. I wholeheartedly believe that service to community is like a ship at sea - everybody should be prepared to take the helm at some point.

I am humbled by your vote of confidence in me. It is not by accident that our pension fund is rated among the strongest and most solvent of all public service employee pension funds in the United States. I pledge to continue the fine work performed by our former elected representatives and shall remain vigilant and dedicated to ensuring our pension fund is well managed for today's pensioners and for generations to come.

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Responding officers during the incident had approached two suspects outside the bank. The suspects fled the scene while shooting at the officers following a physical altercation. One of the suspects entered a parking garage a few blocks away.

Officer Cobb encountered the suspect, John Bryant, coming out of a restroom, while searching the garage. She ordered him to put his hands on the wall, but Bryant shot her. The bullet reportedly went through her wrist and into her heart. She was rushed to George Washington University where she was pronounced dead.

CORRECT ADDRESS FOR THE AORP

Some correspondence meant for Janet Gross as the Secretary/Treasurer of the AORP or otherwise intended for the AORP, continues to be addressed to Janet Hankins (former Secretary/Treasurer) at Janet's home address. That correspondence, which includes checks for renewal of AORP dues, must then be accumulated and mailed to the correct address for the AORP. The Post Office no longer forwards this material because of the length of time which has passed since the AORP address was changed to its current address.

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janetgmarie@aol.com

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AORP JANUARY 2021 ONLINE MEETING



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Please register for AORP Meeting January 6 2021 7:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3313051047959718670>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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LOOK BACK COLA LITIGATION

The AORP and the DC Retired Firefighters' Association (DCRFA) have been jointly attempting to reverse the U.S. Treasury's Office of D.C. Pensions (ODCP) policy of redefining eligibility for the Look Back COLA, for many years. In April of 2019, we agreed to jointly retain Mr. Bob Deso, a long-time friend and attorney to the AORP and for many years an attorney to the FOP/MPD Labor Committee. Mr. Deso was asked to review the available, statutes, regulations and any other relevant materials to determine if we could build a case against Treasury's ODCP.

In the months since, Mr. Deso, and representatives of the AORP and DCRFA have been investigating complaints by our members'; reviewing all the available files relating to each case; interviewing present and past DC government employees who had knowledge of the Look Back COLA policy and practices. Mr. Deso has been tireless and dogged in reviewing materials and filing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests as well as reviewing the interviews with those who have been affected by the ODCP's change of policy as well as those who were instrumental the original Look Back COLA policy and practice. Mr. Deso had a legal theory for litigation, but in order to file suit and argue that theory, we needed documentation of DC's legal basis for the previous Look Back COLA policy, and documentation of ODCP's legal basis for changing DC's policy. Despite our many, many efforts to obtain that historical documentation from various agencies of the DC Government, we were unable to obtain the necessary documentation, presumably due to the passage of time. Without those foundational documents, we could not make a legal argument in court. As a last measure, we filed an FOIA request with ODCP.

There is one remaining FOIA outstanding which was filed with the ODCP. The pandemic and the delays it has worked on the Federal and DC governments has further slowed an already tortuous process. The ODCP has advised that it will not complete the FOIA response until late in October of 2021.

Mr. Deso has advised us that he cannot recommend litigation based on the information we have (or more accurately, the information we don't have.) Without that information, we appear to be at a dead end.

Additionally, many of the plaintiffs who were impacted by this have passed on. There is also a Statute of Limitations problem that must be addressed before we may be granted standing to file litigation. Regretfully, the AORP cannot continue to pursue this matter.

LATEST MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON LINE!

The 2020 AORP Membership Directory is available to purchase by an AORP Member who wishes to buy it. If you want a 2020 Directory, you can purchase it on-line by logging onto the AORP Website.

Once you have logged in to the website click on the word MEMBERSHIP in the Blue Ribbon across the top of the page. A menu will slide down. Click on the word MERCHANDISE. The Merchandise window will appear with the DIRECTORY appearing on the left side of the page. Click in the link, "Add to Cart" then View the Cart to complete the purchase.

The following are updates at the request of our members. Please update your Directory.

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31-659-5365

IN MEMORIAM

Since the last quarterly newsletter, the following members, or their spouses, have been added to the list of those who have answered their last Roll Call and have gone on before us. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

NAME	RETIRED	ASSIGNED	RANK	DOD
John Paul	04/01/1967	YAD	DET	2018
Leon Couture	07/31/1969	6PCT	OFC	02/24/2020
Jason Yaffi	07/31/1969	1 PCT	LT	07/11/2020
Charles Rhodes, Sr	08/30/1995	2D	OFC	08/16/2020
James T. Synder	09/01/1969	UDSS WH	OFC	08/25/2020
Pamela Cooper	12/18/2010	Mobile Crime	OFC	08/26/2020
Robert L. Pleger, Sr.	09/01/1980	CID	DET	09/06/2020
Donald Cleary	01/31/1971	SOD	SGT	09/06/2020
William G. Farran	10/01/1972	YFSD	INSP	09/09/2020
Eugene Roberson, Jr	12/01/1970	Court	OFC	09/10/2020
Gerard Vincent Lee	08/05/2017	3D	SGT	09/12/2020
Thomas Barney	09/22/1992	4D	OFC	09/30/2020
James Kalbacher	05/28/1999	3D	CAPT	10/03/2020
Douglas Sine	08/23/1980	2D	SGT	10/09/2020
Thomas P McCann	08/19/1984	SOD	SGT	10/24/2020
Robert D. Parrucci	08/31/1997	5D	SGT	10/24/2020
William R. Haupt	10/15/1988	7D	OFC	10/31/2020
Michael Radzilowski	07/14/2001	SOD	CMDR	11/01/2020
Richard Getz	01/13/1998	1D1	SGT	11/12/2020
Joseph Dodson	12/18/1999	MPA	SGT	11/13/2020
David C. Cox	06/01/1969	K9	LT	11/16/2020
John Burchette	05/31/1977	2D	OFC	11/29/2020
Philip Michaels	01/31/1995	CID	LT	12/02/2020
Robert Ceselsky	05/01/1981	Morals	DET	12/10/2020
Karl Torvik	11/01/1979	1D	OFC	12/12/2020
Wendall R. Clift	06/30/1972	USPP	OFC	12/12/2020
Albert Johnson	08/21/1981	2D	LT	01/04/2021

NAME	SPOUSE	DOD
Linda P Noyes	Lawrence Noyes	11/20/2020
Leona M. Maynard	Edward Maynard	12/12/2020
Rose Marie Mattis	Karl Mattis	12/18/2020

NAME	WIDOW OF	DOD
Mary Glasser	William F. Glasser	10/28/2020
Betty Moran	Francis Moran	12/08/2020

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