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From the Desk of GG Neill

I hope that this update finds you and yours in good health and sprit. If there is one good thing to come from this COVID mess, it is that we can reach out to more of our members through online meetings. It is good to hear from members who live out of the area for our in-person meetings. I understand that as we get a bit grayer, distances that once seemed easy to traverse, now seem undoable. Let's blame it all on traffic. Anyway, I am happy that we are once again able to get together, see each other and work through the few issues that we have. We must be able to have meetings to conduct the business of the AORP, and I like to see you in person.

Finances: Every year, we can stash away funds for running the AORP. Sound financial practices, and maybe a little penny pinching keep AORP on solid footing.

Dollard Sutter fund: Your generous contributions make this fund happen. The fund is set up to help widows and orphans from our membership with a small loan or a grant when a former member of our retirement group passes. The loan or grant is to tide the loved ones over while their change in income is processed and then paid out. I always worry that too many grants could hurt the long-term viability of the fund, but so far, we are strong as we have been stepping up our donations. We can congratulate each other for being the generation who have the spirit of giving. Giving is a hallmark of our membership's devotion to each other. I think this is because few in life ever work together in support of each other on the street, and cares as police officers do.

DCRB Update: Good news from the DCRB as they have a live self-service portal for members to sign into. I can only see this as faster service. Take advantage of it and let us know what you think of it.

In closing the Board of Directors, and the members who come in and do the work to support our meetings wish you all a good summer. I would like to thank them all for their dedication and support over the past year.

As we begin the summer months, I look forward to getting out and seeing a few baseball games and of course eating some crabs with old bay on them. Enjoy the summer as best you can, and like I hear people say, "keep moving, and keep it moving."

Respectfully yours, Gerald G. Neill Jr.

MARYLAND TAX RELIEF LAWS PASSED

The first piece of legislation is the Maryland Tax Reduction Act. It will cut retirement taxes by eliminating all state tax on the first \$50,000 of income for retirees making up to \$100,000 in federally adjusted gross income. Retirees with Maryland income will pay no state tax up to \$50k. This is purported to be the largest tax reduction for Maryland residents in two

decades. The tax reductions are scheduled to be phased in over five years, beginning this year. As a result, 80% of Maryland's retirees will receive substantial relief or pay no state income taxes at all. (\$1.55 billion)

The second piece of legislation is the Hometown Heroes Act to exempt retired law enforcement, fire,

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT – Ed Reddick

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Paul Angel (2019)

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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

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR MEMBER– retired police officer

ASSOCIATE – Widow or widower of a Regular member – not required to pay dues.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AORP OFFICE

(877)283-1065

AORP OPTICAL/DENTAL PROGRAM

410-337-7577

DC RETIREMENT BOARD

(202)343-3272 (866)456-3272

FOP LODGE (202)408-7767

FOP STORE (fopdcgift.com)

METROPOLITAN POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Al Kelly (301)758-9553

POLICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Headquarters Branch

(202)383-1757

Main Branch

(301)817-1200 (877)278-7328

MPD RETIREMENT I.D.

441 4TH STREET NW

10TH FLOOR NORTH

DCRB Self Service Portal:

The AORP is working with DCRB to create a webinar for questions and answers setting up the self-service portal. Stay Tuned.

MARYLAND TAX RELIEF

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rescue, corrections, and emergency response workers from state tax on all retirement income specific to the profession. In 2017, the Governor exempted the first \$15,000 of these employees' income.

Unfortunately, a retired officer (not from a Maryland agency) would not qualify for the Maryland retired officer pension exclusion. The Hometown Heroes Act provides an exclusion from retirement income on Maryland taxes. It applies only to "a retired law enforcement officer or fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel of the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the state. If over 65, the retiree could qualify for the general pension exclusion.

It is my intention to lead the effort, next session, to include those Maryland retirees who were excluded from the Hometown Heroes Act by adding language that neighboring state agencies would be included in this retirement tax relief.

For more information, see the Comptroller's website information for pension exclusions.

<https://www.marylandtaxes.gov>

Delegate Mike McKay

Serving Allegany and Washington Counties

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
Anthony Cash	10/01/1981	US Secret Service	SGT	04/07/2020
Richard H. Kisner	08/31/1984	SOD	OFC	12/26/2021
Robert Bechtoldt	06/09/1989	Morals Division	DET	01/05/2022
Thomas Hamlett	12/03/1988	Helicopter	OFC	01/06/2022
Richard A. Hayden	01/06/1985	1D	SGT	01/11/2022
James Gannon	05/06/1988	6D	LT	01/15/2022
Nicholas Sagan	10/31/1979	3D	CAPT	01/18/2022
Charles Faber	04/01/1977	SOD	OFC	01/19/2022
Franklin Fruth	05/11/1985	ID&R	SGT	01/21/2022
Gary Long	09/30/1979	2D	OFC	01/22/2022
John Taylor Jr	03/21/1997	3D	CAPT	01/23/2022
John Recknor	08/01/1984	MPD & USSD	SGT	01/30/2022
James N. Leopard	02/28/1991	3D	OFC	02/20/2022
Richard Dunn	02/01/1975	ISB	SGT	02/21/2022
Bruce Swank	01/05/1985	7D	LT	02/22/2022
Jerry L. Wells	09/30/1979	US Park Police	Chief	03/01/2022
James W. Davis	02/07/1993	1D	SGT	03/04/2022
Paul Brandle	04/01/1977	SOD	SGT	03/15/2022
Robert Wickett	08/31/1980	1D	OFC	03/18/2022
Ronald Ingram	03/31/1977	1D	CAPT	03/24/2022
Victor Smith	08/01/1993	CID	DET	03/31/2022
Thomas E Blake IV	02/18/1993	2D	OFC	04/05/2022
Deborah Lambert	11/28/2015	3D	OFC	04/06/2022
James Walker	01/24/1992	MPD-AH	DET	04/18/2022
James T. Hawkins	08/23/1993	5D	LT	04/22/2022
Casimir Wyzgowski	08/06/1994	IAD	SGT	05/04/2022
Carol Blake	12/31/2014	3D	OFC	05/05/2022
Francis Mason	11/01/1967	SOD K-9	OFC	05/07/2022
Neal Gasser	11/17/2006	1D	SGT	05/07/2022

NAME	SPOUSE	DOD
Judith Bennett	Melvin Bennett	12/24/2021
Mildred Gallagher	Bernard Gallagher	01/07/2022
Ada Harrison	Willie Harrison	01/20/2022
Shirley Brown	John Brown	02/12/2022
Gertrude McCathran	Francis McCathran	03/17/2022
Jacqueline Catoe	Rodwell Catoe	04/09/2022

NAME	WIDOW OF	DOD
Loretta Raph	Larry Raph	01/16/2022
Thelma Rhoe	Alton Rhoe	01/22/2022
Alice McGroarty	John J. McGroarty	02/03/2022

AORP ELECTIONS

The positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and (3) Trustees were all up for re-election. All the current members remain in office:

President - GG Neill
1st Vice President - Ed Reddick
2nd Vice President- Lou Cannon
Secretary/Treasurer- Janet Gross
Trustees: Paul Angell, Al Kelly, and
Henry Banks

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