

# ATTENTION TO ROLLCALL

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## TIME TO STEP DOWN

*By Janet Hankins*

Eleven years ago, George Suter asked me to run for his position as Secretary/Treasurer of the AORP. It was a wonderful honor to be asked, and then elected by the membership. It didn't take long for me to truly understand what a great Association we have, with a wonderful heritage.

Due to some physical issues, I can no longer work at the same level that I believe my position requires. It is time to turn it over to someone who can. Because my term runs until the end of 2018, there will be a vote by the membership attending the September General Membership Meeting to select my replacement. Any Regular or Life Member, attending that meeting, will be eligible to run.

Looking back at the past, I realized how important it would be for me to seek out an individual who would have the dedication and ability to carry on the traditions and goals of the AORP, just as George did with me. I am very happy to recommend a 26-year veteran of the MPD who retired as a Desk Sergeant at 3D. Her knowledge of the MPD is 20 years more current than mine and her computer skills are way beyond mine. Her name is Janet Gross, or as I like to call her, Janet 2.0.

I will continue to volunteer to assist with deaths and survivor benefits as needed. Thank you for trusting me all these years. It has been my privilege and honor to serve.

## POLICE PENSION TAX RELIEF IN MD - COMING IN D.C?

Effective beginning tax year 2017, HB 100 (the law signed by Governor Hogan this year) modifies the available subtraction from MD income to include those retired law enforcement officers at least 55 years of age. This subtraction is limited to the first \$15,000 of their law enforcement pension income for those retired law enforcement officers between the ages of 55 and 64. For those over 65, the maximum pension exclusion is \$29,400.

Gary Hankins has written Governor Hogan to ask him to ensure that MPD Officers are considered qualified under HB 100. Gov. Hogan has tasked the Comptroller's Office to provide an official opinion. It is the AORP's position that sworn members of the MPD are federal officers under the U.S. Constitution. This will be addressed in the September General Membership meeting.

Meanwhile in the District, the City Council is considering Council Bill 22-0044, introduced in January which provides significant tax relief for DC seniors: Seniors ages 62-64 who received pensions from the military, DC government or federal government could exclude up to \$10,000 from DC taxes. Seniors aged 65 and older could exclude up to \$20,000. The bill exempts non-affluent seniors from paying DC real estate tax. The exemption applies to individuals at least 70 years of age who have been DC homeowners for at least 20 consecutive years and who have household income of \$60,000 or less. Finally, the bill restores the deduction for premiums paid for long-term care insurance. Our objective is to get it passed. Let the Council know you care. Call and write in support of this bill.

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**The AORP office will be closed during the week of June 5th. Please do not call or email unless it is an emergency such as a death of a member. Thank you for your consideration.**

**FLORIDA REUNION SET FOR OCT. 6-8<sup>TH</sup>**

***Registration on Pg. 3 Send It ASAP!***

# 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	DEPT	RANK	ASSIGN	DOD
Winfred R. Bracey	06/01/71	MPD	OFF	SOD	01/17/17
Harry P. Taylor	05/30/70	MPD	OFF	10PCT	01/18/17
Theodore R. Zanders	08/01/76	MPD	A/C	ISB	01/21/17
Edward G. Allen	02/01/71	MPD	SGT	11PCT	02/02/17
Harvey Norris	08/12/90	MPD	DET	MD	02/07/17
William F. Bracey	01/01/74	MPD	SGT	1PCT	02/17/17
George E. Sullivan	06/15/90	MPD	OFF	5D	02/17/17
Joseph A. Berti	10/01/70	MPD	OFF	2D	02/20/17
Terence M. Sheehan	08/01/76	MPD	OFF	5D	03/02/17
James T. Murdock	10/01/78	MPD	SGT	YAD	03/13/17
Samuel L. Franklin	09/01/72	MPD	SGT	6D	03/17/17
Robert A. McCready	09/30/94	MPD	DET	OCOP	03/29/17
Michael A. Gabor	08/24/91	MPD	OFF	MC	04/06/17
Michael W. Hartford	08/04/84	MPD	LT	4D	04/19/17
James W. Harris	05/01/78	MPD	DET	CID	04/20/17
Eldon G. Hayes, JR	08/24/91	MPD	OFF	TSB	04/25/17
Benjamin J. Jason	10/01/68	MPD	INSP	SOD	04/25/17
Richard Pennington	11/13/94	MPD	A/C	FOB	05/04/17
William H. Claiborne	09/01/78	MPD	DET	MD	05/07/17

NAME	SPOUSE	DOD
Cheryl A. Knopick	William M. Knopick	01/14/17
James H. Shelton	Audrey L. Scott-Shelton	02/25/17
Donna Lee J. Hudson	Clayton A. Hudson	04/12/17
Norma J. Metz	Herbert G. Metz	05/02/17
Jeanne M. Koopman	Charles C. Koopman	05/19/17
Corrine Fruth	Franklin Fruth	05/22/17

NAME	WIDOW OF	DOD
Agnes E. Horrigan	Thomas J. Horrigan	04/19/17

## IF YOU DID NOT HEAR BACK . . .

If you left a message by phone or email over the last few months; but did not receive a reply, please accept my sincere apology. If what you were contacting me about has not been resolved and your answer is not in this edition of Attention to Rollcall. Please let me know once we return from vacation on June 12<sup>th</sup>...or 13<sup>th</sup>, if you want me to unpack first!

## NEW AORP WEBSITE

Most of the kinks have been worked out of the new website. If you are unable to access the site or are having any other problem with it, please contact Gary on [ghankins@laborcops.com](mailto:ghankins@laborcops.com). Thank you for your patience.

## DON'T FORGET

Please keep us informed our any changes in your mailing address, phone number and email address. Please let us know if your spouse dies. Please make sure that you family knows to notify the AORP of your passing.

Many of the widows that I contact, once their spouse has died, have no clue about the AORP or what to do. We make every effort, including tracking down next of kin through the funeral home handling the member's remains, to enlisting the help of many of you.

Please be sure to give your family the phone permanent number of the AORP which is 877-283-1065. This number goes with whoever is the Secretary/Treasurer.

# REGISTRATION FORM FOR DAYTONA BEACH REUNION 2017

**OCTOBER 6TH 7TH, 8TH, 2017- the BEST WESTERN AKU TIKI INN, 2225 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Shores, Florida, 32118. - PHONE: 800-258-8454 or 386-252-9631 FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS - must be made prior to 9-07-2017. Room prices are \$99.00\* per night plus tax. Upgrades are available. Rates are good before and after reunion.**

**Please complete the form below and indicate your choices.**

**REGISTRATION FEE** Members No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_  
Same for 20 years

**REGISTRATION FEE** Spouse/Friend No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_  
Same for 20 years

**FRIDAY** BAR-B-QUE No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.00 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY** GOLF No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 EA. = \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY EVENING SIT DOWN DINNER**

**CHICKEN NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$34.00 EA = \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUPER NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 EA = \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIME RIB NO.** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$41.00 EA = \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation to assist with Hospitality Room (please)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT SENT** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list NAME and ASSIGNMENT as you would like them on your name tags

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to and mail to:

**Jim Hampton** - 6311 E Willow Street - Inverness, FL. 34452  
**My Phone** 352 344-3970      E-mail - jhampton@tampabay.rr.com  
**Cell Phone** 352 212-7565      Call or e-mail with any questions.

**FREE PARKING – RACE TRACK – FLEA MARKET – CASINO BOAT  
HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN FRIDAY & SATURDAY DAY AND NIGHT**

\* Room rate includes two full breakfasts.

# INAUGURAL BADGES & BUCKLES

As anyone who ordered a badge or buckle, you know what a nightmare it has been to get the items! Collinson, who supplies the badges/buckles, expected to receive 5,000 badge set orders this election. Turns out they received 10,000!

While they manufacturer the badges themselves, they had the velveteen boxes made oversees. The difficulty in getting 5,000 more boxes created the major delay. You should have received your badge order by now. If you have not received your full badge order(s) by Monday, June 12th, please contact Gary by email at [ghankins@laborcops.com](mailto:ghankins@laborcops.com) or call him at 202-438-1492. All orders were shipped by Priority Mail so we will be able to track your package.

Belt buckles were shipped separately from the badges. The belt buckles had to be manufactured somewhere else. We are still waiting on a few more buckles to complete the orders. They are expected to reach us by June 12th. We will send out an email when they have been shipped.

If you do not have email with us, please wait to contact us regarding the buckles until June 16th

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