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ALBANY COUNTY VFA MEETING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 8 AT MIDWAY

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ACVFA WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2023 AT THE MIDWAY FIRE STATION. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:30. THE OFFICERS URGE ALL MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. THE MIDWAY FIRE STATION IS LOCATED AT 1956 CENTRAL AVE IN COLONIE.

HOST NEEDED FOR ANNUAL DINNER

The Association is looking for a Host for the Annual Dinner and Quarterly meeting to be held in September 2023. If interested or for more information please contact any of the Officers or Association Secretary John Webb at 518-256-7359 or by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED

The March meeting will include nomination of Officers that will be voted on at the May Annual meeting. President Burt Frederick's Term ends with the Annual meeting. First VP Robert White will move up to be President and Tom Cascone will move up to 2nd VP. This means there is an opening for a Second Vice President. Also up for reelection are the First and Second Battalion Directors positions. These are three year terms and currently held by Mike Taylor and Frank Papa. The Other positions of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chaplain and Sgt-at Arms are also up for reelection. These are one year terms. If you are interested in being a candidate for any position in the Association please contact Chairman Mike Taylor at 518-858-5342, Association President Burt Frederick at 518-795-4414 or Association Secretary John Webb at 518-256-7359.

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S.W. PITTS AUXILIARY TO HOST MARCH 27 ACVFA LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE ALBANY COUNTY VFA WILL BE MEETING AT THE S.W. PITTS(LATHAM FIRE DEPT) FIRE STATION ON MONDAY MARCH 27. REFRESHMENTS AT 6:30 PM MEETING AT 7:30 PM. THE STATION IS LOCATED AT 226 OLD LOUDON ROAD IN LATHAM. PRESIDENT DARLENE WILSON URGES ALL MEMBERS TO TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

COXSACKIE HOSE CO # 3 INVITES ACVFA TO PARADE IN SEPTEMBER

Coxsackie Hose Co # 3, is proudly hosting the 135th Greene County VFA Convention to take place Sept. 5-9th, 2023 in Coxsackie. They have invited all Albany County Fire Companies and Departments to take part in both the Mardi Gras Parade on Sept 8th and The Dress Parade on Sept 9th. Invitations have been mailed out to each Company in Albany County with the information and entry forms for both Parades. Applications must be back by May 15th either by Mail Or Fax. The Mardi Gras Parade on Friday Sept 8 will lineup at 5 PM on Bailey St. Step off is at 6 PM. Entertainment to follow at Riverside Park. Skeeter Creek will be performing. The Dress Parade on Saturday the 9th will begin with Truck Judging at 10 AM at 23 Sunset Blvd at the Coxsackie-Athens High School. Lineup is at 12 PM on Kings Road. Step Off is at 1 PM. Entertainment will follow at Riverside Park from 3 to 6 PM. The Refrigerators will be performing. Trophies and awards ceremony will begin at 6 PM More information will be available at the March Meeting of the Association. If you didn't receive an invite to the parades let ACVFA Secretary John Webb Know and he will let the Co-Chairman Yale Frank Know.

ACVFA ON FACEBOOK

The Association has a Facebook page. To view it go to Facebook and type in ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOCIATION.

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ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Annual Albany County Legislative Breakfast was held on Saturday, Jan 21st at the Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department. The Breakfast gave Firefighters an opportunity to be updated on Legislative issues that affect the Fire Service and to speak directly with many of our elected Officials. Guest Speaker was Drew Anderson, PH.D., FF/EMT and Associate Professor of Psychology at the University at Albany. He is an active Teacher and researcher and he also maintains a part-time clinical practice in the Albany area. His Presentation was on "Mental Health and Wellness in the Fire Service" covering the areas of PTSD, Depression, Suicide and Peer Support. Also from the FASNY Codes Committee, Tom McKinney did a presentation on current codes and updates to the codes to the Attendees.

New York State Legislators Chris Tague, Assembly Dist. 102, and John McDonald III Assembly Dist. 108 along with Congressman Paul Tonko also addressed the Fire Service Attendees. Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple also Spoke. Albany County Legislators were also in attendance along with Town of Colonie Supervisor Peter Crummey.

The event was sponsored by the Albany County Fire Coordinators Office, Coordinator Gerald E. Paris Jr. of the Albany County Sheriff's Department. Event Facilitators were Deputy Coordinators Jerry DeLuca, Paul Miller and Assistant Deputy Fire Coordinator Bob Stevens. Pictures are on Page 7 & 8 if you get the Newsletter by E mail

BURN FUND UPDATE

On February 13 at the Slingerlands Fire Station the Burn Fund presented a check to the O'Conner Family, who lost everything in a recent Fire. The Burn Fund will also be sending out an Appeal Letter to all Companies and Departments asking for Donations to the Burn Fund. For more information on the Burn Fund contact any member of the Burn Fund.

CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL CORNER

Winter is trying to leave us, but is still hanging in there. We have a Few Members that have passed away since our last get together. Keep them and their Families in our Prayers. They will be missed.

Andrew E. Cohen	Menands
Heidi A. Rukwid	Elsmere & West Albany
Margaret A. Dyer	Fuller Road
Leslie R. Newell	Coeymans Hollow
John W. Heere	Selkirk Fire Co # 3
David A Jones	S.W.Pitts
William A. Krug Sr	West Albany
Mary VanAlstyne	Onesquethaw
Ralph D. Musco	Stanford Heights

I hope everyone had a good Holiday Season. Remember the sick and wish them well.

TAB COLLECTIONS

We still need those pull tabs. If your Company or department has some please bring them to the next meeting and if I am not there the Secretary will make sure I get them. The Shriners and I thank you for all of your support.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Many of our member Companies and Departments each year honor one of their members as their Firefighter of the year. Why not submit that person for the Associations Walter W. Eck Jr. Firefighter of the Year Award. To do so, write up a description of the event or reason for the nomination on a company letterhead. Have the Chief Officer or President sign it and send it to the Association Secretary, John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Ravena NY 12143. The deadline is August 1 but don't wait do it today.

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**LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP NEWS
DEADLINE APRIL 1**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the ACVFA is pleased to announce they will once again present a one time only Scholarship award of \$2500. The applicant must be applying to further their education at a 2 year or a 4 year college. The applicant must live in Albany County and the Applicant or a member of the Applicant's immediate Family must be associated with a Fire Company/Department or Auxiliary that is a member in Good Standing with the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association or Ladies Auxiliary of the same. If you are interested in applying please contact Diane Burega at either 518-858-9084 or by email at dburega13@gmail.com for an application. Deadline is April 1, 2023.

SELKIRK # 1 LADIES FISH FRY DINNERS

Selkirk Company # 1 Ladies Auxiliary will have Fish Fry Dinners starting on Friday Feb 24 and continuing on Friday March 10 and 24th and April 7. The Dinners are take out only and will be available from 4:30 to 7 PM at the Selkirk # 1 Fire Station at 126 Maple Ave in Selkirk. Dinners include a Fish Fry, French Fries, Cole slaw and a Dessert for \$12.00. An extra piece of Fish is \$5.00 and New England Clam Chowder is available for \$5.00. The Ladies will also be conducting raffles at each dinner. Make sure to Enter to win some awesome raffle prizes

MIDWAY FIRE DEPT SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The Midway Fire Dept will be hosting a Spring Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 1, 2023 at the Fire Station located at 1956 Central Ave in Colonie. The event starts at 10 AM and will include Easter Egg Hunts for babies, kids and adults. A vendor/craft Fair, and Fun activities for everyone! For more information on all the Fun activities please check out [facebook.com/midway fire dept](https://facebook.com/midwayfiredept)

ACVFA LADIES MEETING AT S. W. PITTS

The Ladies Auxiliary of the S.W. Pitts Hose Co will host the ACVFA Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023 at the S.W. Pitts (Latham) Fire Station located at 226 Old Loudon Road in Latham. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Let's have another great showing at this meeting. Future meetings are scheduled for June 26th at New Salem and October 23rd at West Albany. We are still looking for a host for our September 25th meeting.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILSON

Hope everyone has had enough of winter and the cold weather, look ahead Spring is almost here. The Auxiliary extends our condolences to the VanAlstyne Family on the loss of our Charter/Life member Mary VanAlstyne who has moved to her heavenly home. A memorial service was held at the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar with members showing respect to our departed members. Please do not forget to check your ACVFALA Facebook group page for the latest Information about the Auxiliary. Information between meetings is posted here. Reminder if you have moved or changed your phone number, please let Diana Balling know so she can have an up-to-date membership list. Valentine cards were sent to our two adopted members, Mike and Jake. Many Auxiliaries are having fish fry dinners, let's support our friends and enjoy a fish fry dinner.

WESTMERE PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

On Palm Sunday, April 2, the Westmere Volunteer Fire Dept. will have an Easter breakfast from 8 AM to Noon at their Station located at 1741 Western Ave in Westmere. Pancakes, Eggs, sausage, home fries, toast with coffee, tea and juice are on the Menu. Cost will be \$10.00 per Adult and \$6.00 per child. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available. All are welcome to attend. Any questions please contact Michael Mabin Or Henry Smith at 518-859-5088.

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FIRE POLICE NEWS

The Albany County Volunteer Fire Police Association will be having their Annual Dinner and Meeting on June 7, 2023 at the Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Station. More Details will be available soon.

HUDSON VALLEY FIRE POLICE SEMINAR

The Hudson Valley VFA will be holding the Annual Ken Merriman Fire Police Seminar on Saturday, April 15 at the Wallkill Fire Station in Wallkill, Ulster County. For more information please contact co-chairman Tom With by email at tomwith@hotmail.com.

HUDSON VALLEY HAZ-MAT SEMINAR

The HVVFA Haz-Mat, Homeland Security and Training Committee along with the Fire and Accident Prevention Committee will present the Annual BILL ECK and JOHN J. MULLIGAN Haz-Mat March 4 at the Athens Volunteer Fire Dept. Station located at 39 3rd Street in the Village of Athens in Greene County. Registration begins at 7 AM with the Seminar starting at 8 AM. Certificates will be issued following the Seminar. Registration fee is \$15.00 per attendee and will cover light breakfast and Lunch on site. Pre-registration is strongly urged as seating is limited. Pre-register by E Mail to Fred Pettingell at fpettingell@aol.com and put March 4, 2023 Registration on the subject line. For more info contact Chairman Tim Boel at 518-858-2332.

NEW SALEM FD FISH FRY FRIDAYS

The New Salem Fire Dept will be selling Fish Fry Dinners on the following Friday's during March 10th, 17th, 24th and the 31st. This will be held at the New Salem Fire Station located at 694 New Salem Road in New Salem and will be Take Out only. Dinners will be a Haddock Fish Fry, French Fries and Cole Slaw for \$15.00 and New England Clam Chowder will also be available for \$5.00. Dinners will be available from 4:30 to 7 PM or until sold out.

RECRUIT NY 2023

The Annual RECRUIT NY weekend will be held during the weekend of April 22th & 23rd. Sponsored by FASNY, Companies and Departments can use this time to help recruit new members. You can plan on having an Open House, put on public demonstrations or let the community know what your Company does for them. You can register and download numerous resources to help promote your open house at recruitny.org

**FASNY AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE IS MARCH 15**

March 15 is the deadline to submit nominations for the many awards that FASNY gives out each year. It is also the deadline for submitting for one of the 25 Gerald J. Buckenmeyer scholarships that are given out each year. This is a \$1500.00 scholarship awarded to High School seniors entering College. Apply online at fasny.com/scholarship. For other awards visit fasny.com/awards for applications and information

BROOKS BBQ AT VOORHEESVILLE

The Voorheesville Fire Dept. will be hosting a Brooks BBQ Chicken Dinner at their Station on Thursday March 30 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM or until sold out. This will be a drive thru event only. The Voorheesville Fire Station is located on Altamont Road in Voorheesville.

ALTAMONT FD MAY 6th EVENT

The Altamont Fire Department will be serving Breakfast and Lunch during the Altamont PTA Community wide Yard Sale on Saturday, May 6 2023. This will be held at the Altamont Fire Station starting at 9 AM and lasting until 4 PM or until sold out.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT EAST BERNE

The East Berne Fire Co. and Ladies Auxiliary has scheduled their spring time events. All events will be held at the East Berne Fire Station located at 25 Main Street in East Berne. Events scheduled include;

ST PATRICKS DAY BREAKFAST

On Sunday March 12th will host a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast from 8 AM to Noon. The Breakfast is donation only and will include Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, scrambled Eggs and Home Fries.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

On Saturday, April 8th from 8 am to Noon they will hold their Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt. The breakfast is donation only and will be and consists of Pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs and home fries. The easter egg hunt will begin at 12 Noon. Please bring a basket or bag to collect eggs with goodies in them.

2nd ANNUAL VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

On Saturday, April 22 they will be having a Craft and vendor Fair from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you are interested in a spot contact Jen Duncan at 518-779-9521

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AT EAST BERNE

on Sunday May 13th They will have a Mother's Day breakfast – all you can eat pancake breakfast from 8 AM to Noon. This is a donation breakfast and will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and home Fries

More events for this summer will be in the next newsletter

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

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Board Chairman	Matt Wilcenski	650-6115

BATTALION DIRECTORS

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Second Battalion	Frank Papa	765-3764
Third Battalion	Charles Feldmann	859-6883
Fourth Battalion	vacant	
Fifth Battalion	David Dodge	861-8525
Sixth Battalion	Marc Platt	461-5141

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**ALBANY COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Member Company/Department	\$ 15.00
Individual Member	\$ 10.00
Associate Company/Department	\$ 15.00
Associate Individual Member	\$ 10.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____
 State & Zip _____
 Fire Dept/Company _____
 Home/Cell Phone _____
 E MAIL _____
 Signature _____
 Date Elected as Member _____

Please return Application and the correct fee to
 Clayton Ash, ACVFA Financial Secretary, 1138
 Meadowdale Road, Altamont NY 12009

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CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 24 – SELKIRK #1 LADIES FISH FRY DINNERS
START. ALSO 3/10 & 24, 4/7 INFO ON PAGE 3

MAR 4 – HVVFA HAZ-MAT SEMINAR AT ATHENS.
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MAR 8 - ACVFA MEETING AT MIDWAY 7:30

MAR 10 – New Salem FD Fish Fry Dinners. Also on
3/17,24 and 31st info on page 4

MAR 12 – East Berne St Patricks Day Breakfast. Info
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MAR 27 – LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING AT S.W.
PITTS (LATHAM) 7:30PM

MAR 30 – Brooks Chicken BBQ at Voorheesville.

APR 1 – Midway Fire Dept Spring Eggstravaganza.
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APR 2 – Palm Sunday Breakfast at Westmere. Info
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APR 8 – East Berne FD Breakfast with Easter Bunny
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APR 15- HVVFA FIRE POLICE SEMINAR AT
WALLKILL. INFO ON PAGE 4

APR 22 & 23– RECRUIT NY WEEKEND. INFO PAGE 4

APR 22 East Berne Vendor & Craft fair info page 5

MAY 10– ANNUAL MEETING ACVFA NEED A HOST
Please remember that any event listed is subject to
change. Please check with the sponsoring
organization to make sure the event is still
scheduled.

DUES NOTICES

Enclosed with your newsletter is your current years
Dues Notice. If you receive the newsletter by E Mail
you will receive your Notice in the mail. If your
Company/Department pays your dues they will
receive a separate dues Notice. Please send your
dues payments to Financial Secretary Clayton Ash,
1138 Meadowdale Road, Altamont NY 12009. The
Association thanks all members and Companies for
keeping their Dues Current. We also thank the
following Companies for 100% membership; Knox,
Altamont, Guilderland Center and Westmere.

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TO JOHN WEBB AT jlwsec@gmail.com

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Sheriff Craig Apple addresses the attendees



Congressman Paul Tonko speaking



Event Facilitators Paul Miller and Jerry Deluca



Assemblyman John McDonald III speaking



Many of the attendees at the Legislative



Pictured below is Guest Speaker Drew Anderson

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Assemblyman Chris Tague speaking at the Legislative breakfast

Thanks to Tom With for providing the pictures of the Legislative Breakfast and Jerry Deluca for the information for the story on page 2

ADVERTISING

The ACVFA is always taking Ads for the Newsletter to help with expenses. We wish to thank the following for their support in 2022; River Valley Radio, Josephine "Josie" Bruno and Diane Balling, Past President of LAFASNY. The size of the ads are Business card size and cost \$25 per Issue or \$75 for Four Issues. No ads will be allowed that could cause any embarrassment to the Association or that promotes any type of illegal activity. For more information contact the editor John Webb at 518-756-3281 or by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

If you would like to publicize your upcoming event or news about your Company or Auxiliary that you would like to share please send the information to the Editor John Webb. Best way is by E mail at jlwsec@gmail.com By phone at 518-756-3281 or by mail: John Webb, 30 Van Buren Ave, Ravena NY 12143. The deadline for the next Issue is April 15, 2023 This issue can include information on events happening anytime after May 1.

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Association was held on December 8 at the Delmar Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Burt Frederick. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Chaplain Jonathan Hough gave the opening Prayer. Matt Wilcenski welcomed everyone to Delmar and pointed out the Fire exits. Communications were read and three bills were approved for payment. Committee reports were received from Newsletter, Muster, Legislative, Burn Fund, Ways and Means, By-Laws and Annual Dinner. In Old Business the application for the name change is finished and being sent to the Department of State. In New Business the Association voted to donate \$50.00 to the FASNY Holiday Appeal. The Association voted to endorse Robert Schrader of Athens for First VP of Hudson Valley and Yale Frank of Cossackie for Director of Hudson Valley. The Association voted to opt out of the Storage Locker with the Ladies who also decided to opt out also. Member's voted to donate \$100 for the Hudson Valley Hospitality rooms at the Conventions this year since Fred Pettingell is running for Secretary. Fred Pettingell presented the Treasurers report and Clayton Ash presented the Financial Secretary's report. Hudson Valley 2 VP Robert Schrader gave a very informative Legislative update. Yale Frank, chairman of this year's Greene County Convention spoke about the Convention and will be inviting all the Albany County Companies to Take Part. There were 13 Officers and members present and 9 companies represented at the meeting.

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