

Briefing Notes



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2018 HCPROA CALENDAR

Annual General Membership Meeting Dates

Thursday February 22, 2018

Happy Hour 6PM

Meeting to follow at 7PM

(Snow date Thursday March 1, 2018)

Thursday May 17, 2018

Happy Hour 6PM

Meeting to follow at 7PM

Thursday September 13, 2018

Happy Hour 6PM

Meeting to follow at 7PM

All General Meetings will be held at
Players Bar and Grill

Happy Hour Dates

Wednesday April 18, 2018
4:30 - 7:30PM
Location TBA

Wednesday
December 5, 2018
**Annual Christmas
Happy Hour**
4:30 - 7:30PM
Location TBA

“PIGNIC” – June 9, 2018

“BULL and OYSTER ROAST” – October TBA

2018 LEOSA DATES

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, January 17 th	1600-1900
Saturday, February 17th	0830-1130
Saturday February 17th	1230-1530
Wednesday March 14 th	1600-1900
Saturday, April 21st	0830-1130
Saturday, April 21st	1230-1530
Wednesday, May 16 th	1600-1900
Saturday, June 16th	0830-1130
Saturday, June 16th	1230-1530
Wednesday, July 18 th	1600-1900
Saturday, August 18th	0830-1130
Saturday, August 18th	1230-1530
Wednesday, September 12 th	1600-1900
Saturday, October 13th	0830-1130
Saturday, October 13th	1230-1530
Wednesday, November 14 th	1600-1900
Saturday, December 15th	0830-1130
Saturday, December 15th	1230-1530

"When Cops Retire....."

The below essay was submitted by Lee Hajek from the Paul Hajek's email archives. The author is unknown.

"Whenever someone ask me: Don't you miss the job?"

I say No, I don't miss the Circus, but I miss the clowns..."

Always a Cop:

Once the badge goes on, it never comes off, whether they can see it, or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear and adrenaline and no one who has ever worn it with pride, integrity and guts, can ever sleep through the "Call of the Wild" that wafts through bedroom windows in the deep of the night...

When Cops Retire

When a good cop leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who have already retired wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which last long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know if he throws them away, they will be on him with step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with the respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the "job" and merely being allowed to leave "active" duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment the "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God," and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Civilian Friends vs. Police Friends

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

POLICE FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years, and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

POLICE FRIENDS: Have cried with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

POLICE FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.

POLICE FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

POLICE FRIENDS: Will kick the crowds' ass that left you behind.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

POLICE FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences.

POLICE FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no citizen could ever dream of....

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will ignore this.

POLICE FRIENDS: Will forward this....

"THERE ARE THOSE THAT THINK THEY UNDERSTAND... AND THEN...THERE ARE COPS."

RETIREE'S BEAT

By:

Tim Branning

Time to catch up on some retirements that have been happening for the last several months.

Major Lee Lachman retired in late August after more than thirty years of service at HCPD. Lee spent just over two years with the Baltimore County PD prior to joining HCPD in October of 1986. His assignments included Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations, Administration Command, Human Resources, and ISOC. Lee will be assuming a position at the John's Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory after leaving HCPD. Lee intends to remain in the area and spend time relaxing with family in his free time.

Also retiring was Lieutenant Charles "Chuck" Jacobs. Chuck retired after thirty-one years with the department. Beginning his career as a cadet in 1986, he served in patrol, Violent Crimes, Special Operations, and most recently before retirement as the Commander of Vice and Narcotics. Among the many recognitions and awards he received over the year were his selection as Police Officer of the Year and recipient of two bronze stars and the Life Saving Award.

Rob Dell' Erba retired In September with over twenty-eight years of service to the agency. Rob's assignments included Patrol, Special Operations, and Education & Training. His tour in Special Operations was as a member of the SWAT team. As a firearms instructor at the Training Academy, Rob trained many of the past and present HCPD officers in firearms proficiency at both entrance level and in-service training. Rob also assisted the retired officers at the annual LEOSA qualifications.

Also retiring in September was Jacob "Jake" Bell. Jake had twenty-five years of service with the agency. He also spent a few years with Baltimore City PD prior to joining Howard County. His assignments included tours in Patrol, School Resource Officer, Vice and Narcotics, and most recently as a Tactical Flight Officer in the Aviation Unit.

He was also a member of the Civil Disturbance and Emergency Services Units. During his twenty-five years he was awarded eight Unit Citation, two Bronze Stars, and the Silver Star. He also received the Police Officer of the Month and Regional Aviation Unit Award. Jake is an avid hunter and enjoys the outdoors and I'm sure you will find him out in the woods somewhere!

The department said goodbye to DFC. Marilyn Brookins in December as she retired after more than twenty years of service. Marylin's duty tours included Patrol and Criminal Investigations where she served for fifteen years in Vice & Narcotics. Her time in V&N included serving on the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force. Detective Brookins was awarded many commendations, citations, certificates, and investigative recognitions during her career.

Another "Old Timer" retiring in January is Don Guevara. Don leaves the agency after thirty years on the job. Don served on multiple squads and platoons during his tours in Patrol and as an investigator in Violent Crimes, Robbery, Arson, and Vice and Narcotics while serving in criminal investigations.

I mentioned in my last column that Kevin Costello was retiring. As promised, here is a bit more info on that. Kevin retired in July at the rank of sergeant after twenty-eight years on the Department. His assignments included Patrol, Research & Planning, and more recently before his retirement he was assigned to Education and Training. Kevin recently returned to HCPD recently as a civilian to supervise the Background Unit in Human Resources.

Another retiree update; After a brief separation from law enforcement, retired Sergeant Mark Shiplett has taken a deputy position at the Howard County Sheriff's Office. Mark will be sworn in during the week of January 7th.

"A LONG, LONG TIME AGO"

44 Years and Counting



Front Row: James Reske, John Dennis, Charles Huckleba
Back row: Frank Dawson, Jerry Zerlaut, Wendell Rudacille,
Harry Wink

Photo taken on the rooftop of Baltimore City PD Headquarters

In January 1974, these seven young men entered the doors of the Baltimore Police Academy. James Reske retired in 1993, then became a registered nurse, and currently resides in Florida working as a real estate agent. Frank Dawson left the PD in 1988 and worked as a pupil transportation supervisor for the Howard County Public Schools retiring in 2006. Frank is now living in Taneytown, MD. Harry Wink left the PD in 1983 and served as Security Superintendent for the 135th MAC, Maryland Air National Guard. Harry is currently living in Eldersburg, MD. Wendell "Buddy" Rudacille retired from HCPD in 1992 and currently is a polygraph examiner for the Department. Buddy is now living in Westminster, MD. Jerry Zerlaut served for a few years and has not been heard of since. We wish him well.

John Dennis left the Department after several years of service and passed away in August 2000.

Charles "Chuck" Huckleba served HCPD for a short time and became an officer with Baltimore County Police. On July 6, 1977, Chuck received a call for a domestic disturbance in Landsdowne, Maryland. Upon his arrival Chuck was killed in the Line of Duty. The years past us by, but memories survive.



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White	

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OR

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