

Chapter 2

Past Presidents

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This chapter of the history is dedicated to the forty individuals who have served as president of the Association.

Since the creation of the Association in 1935, only 40 individuals have served as president. From 1935 until 1951 most of the presidents were from the Roanoke area.

Julian Wise was 35 years old when the association was formed and he was elected the first president. In February of 1935 he was also serving as Captain of the Roanoke Life Saving Crew. Julian served three additional terms and is the only president to serve four terms.

The Association has limited records of its early history and almost no information on the individuals that served as president. Information on the deceased presidents was obtained from newspapers, family members, and early bulletins.

Over the 75 years, the forty Association presidents have represented only 27 different squads. Twelve of the forty presidents came from three squads: Roanoke Life Saving Crew, Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad in Richmond.

Bill Baker of Winchester served on two separate occasions and is the only president except Julian Wise that served more than two years as president of the Association.

The first woman to serve as president of the association was Wanda Morehead from the Long Shop-McCoy Squad in Montgomery County. Since then, two additional women have served as president including Karen Wagner and the 2008-2009 president, Dreama Chandler.

Of the 40 individuals, all but eight were elected Life Members of the Association and 19 of the past presidents are still living.

Past Presidents and Life Members

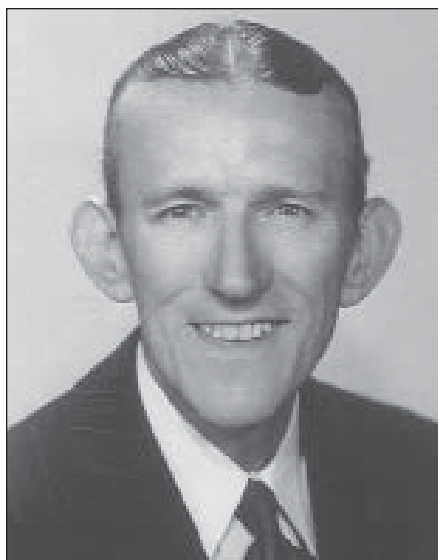


(Front Row, L to R) J.C. Phillips, Page Entsminger, Buddy Phillips, Ken Morgan, Clayton Lester (Back Row, L to R) Ronnie Slough, Kevin Dillard, Kelly Walters, Benny Summerlin, Tarry Pribble, Karen Wagner, Gary Dalton

Past Presidents

Year	Name	Squad
1935-37	Julian S. Wise*	Roanoke Life Saving
1937-38	Armand W. Reynolds*	Roanoke Life Saving
1938-39	LeDru P. Strobel*	Alexandria
1939-40	Jack B. Ferguson*	Virginia Bridge / Roanoke
1940-41	M. Buford Blair, Sr.*	Virginia Tech
1941-42	Jack B. Ferguson*	Virginia Bridge / Roanoke
1942-43	Lewis W. Overstreet, Jr.*	American Viscose
1943-44	Lewis D. Staton*	Lynchburg
1944-46	C. W. R. Dunlap*	Lexington
1946-47	Andrew L. Hodges*	Roanoke Life Saving
1947-49	E. Neal Bunts*	Southside Petersburg
1949-51	Julian S. Wise*	Roanoke Life Saving
1951-53	William B. Billingsley*	Fredericksburg
1953-55	Everett Peters*	Williamson Road
1955-57	James E. Greer*	Danville
1957-59	George T. "Tommy" Gill	Henrico
1959-61	Ernest M. "Duck" Reynolds*	Lynchburg
1961-63	Marvin R. Hines*	Virginia Beach
1963-65	Kimball L. Glass*	Lynchburg
1965-67	Thomas W. Crowder	Forest View
1967-68	Carl E. Gallahan*	Fredericksburg
1968-70	William H. Baker*	Winchester
1970-72	L. E. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr.	Forest View
1972-73	William H. Baker*	Winchester
1973-75	Glenn H. Puhle*	Staunton-Augusta
1975-77	G. Kenneth Morgan	Tuckahoe
1977-78	A. Page Entsminger	Lexington
1978-79	Clayton T. Lester	Danville
1979-81	J. C. Phillips	Forest View
1981-83	O. E. "Buster" Greene	Manchester
1983-85	Garry Clatterbuck*	Hopewell
1985-87	Kelly B. Walters	Christiansburg
1987-89	Carroll R. Hawkes	Southside Petersburg
1989-91	James P. McGuire	Forest View
1991-93	Jack S. Long, Jr.*	Fredericksburg
1993-95	Benny Summerlin	Axton
1995-97	Ronnie L. Slough	Buena Vista
1997-99	Kevin L. Dillard	Fredericksburg
1999-01	Wanda B. Morehead	Long Shop McCoy
2001-03	Karen D. Wagner	Woodstock
2003-05	Gary A. Dalton	Strasburg
2005-07	Tarry R. Pribble	Citizens
2007-09	Dreama D. Chandler	Wythe County

Julian Stanley Wise
Roanoke Life Saving Crew
President, 1935-37; 1949-51



Julian S. Wise was born January 13, 1900 in Roanoke, Virginia. He was the son of Robert Samuel Wise and Marcella Himes Wise. He attended Jefferson High School, held a degree in Safety Engineering and was the author of many articles relative to the safety movement.

At one time he was employed in the motive power department of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. Leaving the N&W, he became associated with the Roanoke Fire Department and served as Executive Secretary to the Fire Chief. In 1945, he took a position with Southern Oxygen Company where he became director of the medical division and district manager of the Roanoke area.

Mr. Wise organized the first volunteer Life Saving and Rescue Squad in the world, the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew in May 1928. He served as Captain of the Roanoke Life Saving Crew for thirty years. He served as Chief of the Roanoke Civil Defense Rescue Division.

He was a Life Member of both the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads and the Roanoke Life Saving Crew.

He was a charter member of the International Rescue Association and assisted in organizing this association and served two years as their president. Mr. Wise also assisted in organizing the Virginia State Association of Rescue Squads, and served four terms as president.

He was cited by many civic and fraternal organizations for his involvement in life saving and rescue activities. He was a recipient of the American Red Cross Medal of Honor.

His fraternal organizations included Masons, Shrine, Knights of Pythians, Scottish Rite, Elks, and Moose.

He served on the Board of Directors of the local March of Dimes, the Roanoke Valley Heart Association and was a member of the American Association of Inhalation Therapists' and the Virginia Safety Council.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of Sertoma International presented him the club's local and district "Service to Mankind" award in 1969. In 1975 he was honored with the "Elk of the Year Award".

He was elected as an honorary member of numerous squads throughout the state.

Mr. Wise, and his wife Ruth, were active at the Association Convention for many years and often spoke of his involvement in the formation of the Association.

Mr. Wise died on July 22, 1985 in Roanoke.

Armand W. Reynolds
Roanoke Life Saving Crew
President, 1937-38



A. W. Reynolds was born January 20, 1900.
His nickname was "Tot."

He was a bookkeeper at Virginia Bridge Company in Roanoke.

Reynolds joined Roanoke Life Saving Crew on March 20, 1931. He served as secretary of the crew from 1931-33.

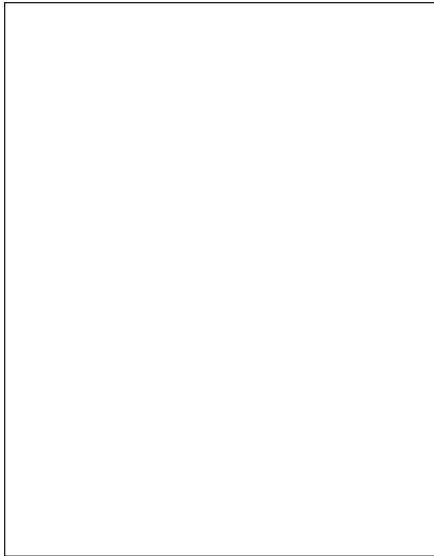
He was charter secretary of the Association and also served as Third Vice President prior to being elected as the second president of the Association for 1937-38.

He was a member of the American Red Cross First Aid Committee and First Aid Instructor. In 1940 he served as chairman of the American Red Cross Highway First Aid Division in Roanoke.

He was a member of Melrose Avenue Methodist Church and honorary member of Roanoke Life Saving Crew at the time of his death.

Mr. Reynolds died February 16, 1957 at age 57 in a Roanoke hospital.

LeDru P. Strobel
Alexandria Fire & Rescue
President, 1938-39



Strobel was born in July 1903 or 1904 in Alexandria and attended public schools in Alexandria.

He entered the machinist trade with Southern Railway following his graduation. He later attended night school and became a precision expert in mechanics.

During World War I he enlisted in Naval Ordnance and was in charge of plants in Kentucky and later in Indiana.

In 1924, Strobel became a charter member of the Potomac Truck and Engine Company. In January of 1930, Potomac was annexed by the City of Alexandria and the company became Alexandria Fire Department #2. In 1931, eighteen members of the fire department organized a rescue squad.

In January 1930 he was elected Truck Lieutenant of the Fire Department.

A 1931 newspaper article mentions that he was a member of the Potomac Truck and En-

gine Company No. 2 where he and several of his fellow firefighters received notice they had passed an advanced first-aid course given by the American Red Cross.

He later served as a First Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross.

Strobel served as Second Vice President of the Association in 1935-36 and First Vice President from 1936-1938. At the 1938 Convention in Salem, he was elected the third president of the Association.

In October of 1937, Strobel and several other members of the Alexandria crew published the first issues of The First Aider, a monthly newsletter for members of the association.

He was married to Doris Gaines. He had two children, Jean and Bereley.

Strobel moved from Alexandria and lost contact with the Association. Strobel died May 9, 1960 in Dunedin, Florida.

Jack B. Ferguson
Virginia Bridge (and)
Roanoke Life Saving Crew
President, 1939-40, 1941-42



Jack B. Ferguson was born April 16, 1905 in Missouri.

Ferguson joined Roanoke Life Saving in 1932 and served as Lieutenant of the Roanoke Life Saving Crew. He was also a member of the Virginia Bridge Crew.

Ferguson was one of the original board members of the Association and was present at the charter meeting in 1935. He served as Chairman of the Board in 1937-38 and as president in 1939-40 and again in 1941-42.

He attended an American Red Cross Aquatic School in 1935 and was a First Aid Instructor.

During World War II he served in the Seabees and was stationed in Williamsburg for part of the war.

He retired as superintendent of the water department for the City of Roanoke and then worked as a salesman for Ross Valve Company. He was a member of the Virginia Section of the

American Waterworks Association.

Jack was a member of Virginia Heights Baptist Church and a member of Roanoke Elks Club.

He died November 19, 1985 at his home and is buried in East Hill Cemetery in Salem.

M. Buford Blair, Sr.
Virginia Tech Life Saving Crew
President, 1940-41



M. Buford Blair, Sr. was born on January 20, 1898 in Blairs, South Carolina. He attended Vanderbilt University for three years and completed his teaching certificate at the YMCA school of Springfield College.

Blair was one of the individuals present in Roanoke on February 12, 1935 when the association was organized.

Blair and his wife both served as Editor of the First Aid Bulletin in the mid 1930's. He was elected president at the Lynchburg Convention and served during 1940-41.

Blair was hired in 1924 as the basketball coach at Virginia Tech. In 1927 he was appointed Instructor of Physical Education and Director of Intramural Athletics. He later became an Associate Professor and retired in 1967. He worked as volunteer director for the volunteer water rescue team composed of Virginia Tech students.

In 1942, Blair applied for a commission in the United States Navy but before he was accepted the age limit was changed and he was ruled ineligible.

Blair organized three national fraternities at Virginia Tech: Sigma Delta Psi, a national athletic fraternity; Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity; and Sigma Nu Sigma, a Masonic fraternity. Blair was the national president for both Sigma Nu Sigma and Sigma Delta Psi and a member of the Board of the Directors of Alpha Phi Omega.

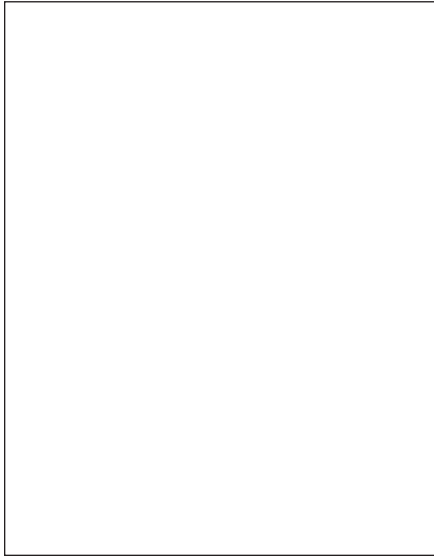
He was an officer for the Association of American University Professors and a director of the Virginia Amateur Athletic Union. He was also active in Boy Scouts and was a scoutmaster and Director of the River District. He held a Scoutmasters Key and the Silver Beaver for his service in the scouts. He taught the Scoutmasters Course and American Red Cross First Aid and Life Saving Courses.

Blair and his wife Margret had three sons, one that followed in his dad's footsteps serving four years in the Virginia Tech Life Saving Crew while a student.

He was also a deacon at the Blacksburg Baptist Church.

He died on February 8, 1972 at the age of 74.

Lewis W. Overstreet, Jr.
American Viscose First Aid Crew
President, 1942-43



He served on the Executive Committee of the
Roanoke Safety Council and as a First Aid In-
structor for the American Red Cross.

He died at his home in Roanoke on November
23, 1977 at the age of 81.

Overstreet was born on March 10, 1896.

He was employed at the American Viscose
Company in Roanoke and became a Charter
Member of the Viscose First Aid Crew when it
formed in September 1934.

The Viscose Crew was organized to provide
first aid for the employees at the plant in Roa-
noke. Overstreet served as Captain of the Vis-
cose Crew.

The Viscose Crew was one of the six charter
members of the Association and it is possible
that Overstreet was present at the meeting in
February of 1935.

Overstreet served two terms as Treasurer, as
Second Vice President, and as Association
President in 1942-43.

Early records show that he was a veteran of
both World War I and II.

Lewis D. Staton
Lynchburg Life Saving Crew
President, 1943-44



Lewis Douglas Staton was born January 8, 1908 in Lynchburg.

Staton joined the Lynchburg Fire Department in May 1927. He was promoted to captain in November 1938 and to assistant chief in October 1948.

Staton was one of the organizers of the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew in 1934 and became captain of the crew in 1938. He served for 10 years as the captain of the crew and resigned as captain after his promotion to assistant chief of the fire department.

Staton was elected president of the Association at the 1943 Convention held in Lynchburg.

Staton was married to Mildred and they had two daughters.

Staton died of a heart attack while on duty at the Lynchburg Fire Station #1 on January 22, 1956.

He is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery in Lynchburg.

C. W. R. (Charles William Reynolds)
Dunlap
Lexington Life Saving Crew
President, 1944-46



Mr. Dunlap was born November 19, 1888 in the Kerrs Creek Community of Rockbridge County. He attended schools in Lexington.

After his schooling, he was associated for a time with the Lexington Store of J. McDadair. He enlisted in the Army in December 1917 and served overseas during World War I as a Sergeant in the Ordnance Department. He was discharged from the Army in January 1919.

After his discharge from the Army he joined the Myers Hardware Company where he worked until his retirement in December 1961.

In 1935, Mr. Dunlap became a charter member of the Lexington Life Saving and First Aid Crew. He served as the Captain and held many other offices. He was the lead instructor in first aid for the crew for more than twenty-five years. He was awarded Life Membership in the crew in recognition of his service.

Mr. Dunlap was an organizer of the American Legion Post 95 where he served as Post Commander. Also active in Masonic work, he served as secretary of Royal Arch Chapter 44 and secretary of Mountain City Lodge. He also served as scoutmaster of one of the Lexington Boy Scout Troops.

Mr. Dunlap became the first editor of the VARS Bulletin and served the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads as President in 1944-45 and 1945-46.

In 1954, he was inducted as the first Life Member of the Association.

He was a member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Dunlap died February 2, 1966 in the McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. He was buried in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington.

Andrew L. Hodges
Roanoke Life Saving Crew
President, 1946-47



Hodges was born June 29, 1897 in Bedford County.

He worked for many years at the John M. Oakey Funeral Home as manager of the garage.

He joined Roanoke Life Saving Crew in March 1930 and completed his Standard and Advanced First Aid Training in July of 1930.

He served as president of the Association in 1946-47.

Hodges died February 25, 1977 in Roanoke.

E. Neal Bunts
Southside Virginia Emergency Crew
President, 1947-49



Edward Neal Bunts was born on December 1, 1902 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Moses L. and Hattie J. Bunts. As early as 1910, his family had moved to Saltville, Virginia. Sometime after 1930, Neal and his wife, Maude Jones Bunts, relocated to Colonial Heights, Virginia.

Neal was employed as Foreman of the Right-of-Way Crew for Virginia Electric & Power Company (now Dominion Power) in Petersburg, Virginia. He was employed there at the time of his death in 1957.

On May 18, 1945 Neal attended the organizational meeting of Southside Virginia Emergency Crew and became a Charter Member of the squad. He was elected 2nd Lieutenant at that meeting. Neal, along with other Charter Members, enrolled in a Standard First Aid Course and later the Advanced First Aid Course, administered by the American Red Cross. He later became certified as an Instructor for the American Red Cross in the Standard and Advanced First Aid Courses. Neal served in nu-

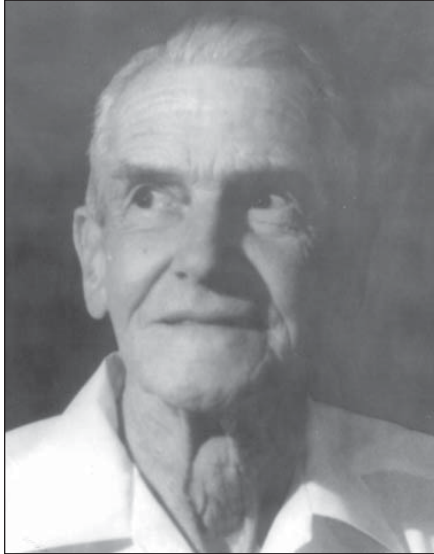
merous other offices of the squad, including four years as Captain.

Neal attended the 1947 Association convention in Clifton Forge and was elected President for the coming year. The 1948 Association convention was held in Petersburg with 200 members from 24 life saving crews and rescue squads in attendance. At this convention, Neal was re-elected President for 1948-1949. He attended many other conventions and participated in competitions, parades and Board of Governor meetings.

Neal attended Highland United Methodist Church in Colonial Heights and was also a member of Blandford Masonic Lodge #3.

Bunts died on July 26, 1957 in Colonial Heights and was buried in Saltville, Virginia.

William B. Billingsley
Fredericksburg Volunteer
Rescue Squad
President, 1951-53



Bill was instrumental in organizing the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad in 1939, and he became a Charter member in 1940. He served as Captain of the squad in 1940 and 1941. He served as Treasurer of the squad for 23 years. He received the Samuel E. Perry Outstanding Squad Member Award in 1973 and 1974.

He was a Life Member of the Fredericksburg Squad, the Spotsylvania Rescue Squad and the Association. He was one of the first EMT Lay Instructors in Virginia and also served many years as a First Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross. He is credited with helping to organize 28 additional squads in the state. He served as president of the Spotsylvania Rescue Squad from 1974 to 1976.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1946, Mr. Billingsley served in many capacities with the American Red Cross, including Field Director in Germany and Austria. He was also a Safety Engineer for the American Viscose Corporation and the F.M.C., where he retired as the plant's

Security and Safety Officer after 40 years of service.

In addition to the active role he played in the rescue community, Bill also served as a member of the Fredericksburg City Council, past president of the Fredericksburg Kiwanis Club, Second Lieutenant in the Virginia Protective Service, and Administrator of the Selective Service System in Fredericksburg.

After retirement, he worked for Abel Industries, as a cleaning supply salesperson and he also sold ambulances part time. He also was a volunteer deputy for the Woodstock Police Department.

He also served as a football referee and was Commissioner of the Rappahannock Football Officials Association in 1968.

Bill was born on April 9, 1910 and died on February 8, 1990.

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Everett Peters
Williamson Road Life Saving Crew
President, 1953-55



Everett was married to Hazel and had one daughter, Barbara.

One of his favorite hobbies was raising hybrid roses.

Everett died at his home in Roanoke on November 25, 1991.

Everett was born on August 28, 1905 in Franklin County. He moved to Roanoke County at an early age and graduated from Roanoke High School.

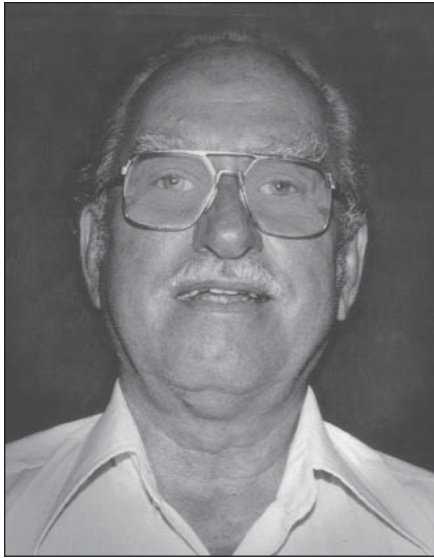
He was owner of Humphries and Webber Drug Store on Roanoke City Market Square. He began working there as a clerk soon after graduation from high school and ended up as owner of the store. He sold the store and retired in the early 1970's.

Everett was a charter member and Captain of the Williamson Road Life Saving Crew. According to his daughter, the Life Saving Crew was his great love and he dedicated many hours to the Crew.

He served as association president in 1953-54 and was elected the second Life Member of the association in 1960. He also served three terms as state historian.

He was an American Red Cross First Aid Instructor and taught many of the crew members.

James E. Greer
Danville Life Saving Crew
President, 1955-57



Jimmy Greer was born February 21, 1915 in Ashe County, North Carolina.

He was a graduate of Roanoke College, Northwestern University Law School, the Aeronautical Academy in Oklahoma, and the Canal Zone Disaster College. He served in World War II in the Army Air Corp as an instructor of British aviators.

Jimmy moved to Danville in 1944 and became actively involved in the community. He was a charter member of the Danville Life Saving Crew and a pioneer in the first aid field. He became a first aid instructor at the age of 17 and helped teach first aid to the charter members of the Danville Life Saving Crew. He was one of the first to be certified in CPR in the state of Virginia. Jimmy was active with the American Red Cross and served as an instructor trainer for many years.

He served as Captain of the Danville Life Saving Crew from 1946 to 1952 and again from 1956-1957. He served as president of the Association from 1955-1957.

He was awarded three Presidential Citations for saving lives.

In addition to his service to the Danville Life Saving Crew, he served as Coordinator of Civil Defense for Pittsylvania County for two years and was the first civilian head of Civil Defense in the Panama Canal Zone. He also served as Commander of the Danville Civil Air Patrol. Jimmy retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after 33 years of service.

He owned Jim Greer's Antique Shop in Danville.

Jimmy was a Mason and Shriner, Boy Scout Commissioner, and member of Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He was a charter member of the Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday School teacher.

He was married and had four children. Jimmy died on May 12, 1991 after months of declining health.

George T. "Tommy" Gill
Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1957-59



Tommy was born February 1, 1925 in Richmond. He was educated in the Richmond public schools and graduated from John Marshall High School in 1941.

After high school, he attended the College of William and Mary prior to joining the U S Army Air Corps. After his service in the Air Corps, he briefly attended the University of Richmond.

He was employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for many years and retired in the late 1970's.

Tommy was one of the founders of the Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1951. He was a strong advocate for safety, first aid, and rescue in the early days of the volunteer rescue squad movement. He taught first aid classes and was an early instructor in Basic and Heavy Duty Rescue courses.

He served as captain and president of the Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad.

He was elected president of the association at the 1957 Convention in Richmond.

At the 1959 Convention the delegates approved a request from Douglas L. Moore, State Coordinator of Civil Defense. The request was that the Association designate Mr. Gill to be the liaison to his office with the authority to coordinate the rescue work in time of emergency. As a result, Tommy was the first Chief Rescue Officer for the association. He resigned from the position in June of 1960 due to increased work responsibilities.

In 1964, Tommy was elected the ninth Life Member of the Association.

Following his retirement from the telephone company, he moved from Richmond to Urbana, Virginia and was no longer involved in the association.

Ernest M. "Duck" Reynolds
Lynchburg Life Saving Crew
President, 1959-61



"Duck" was born June 16, 1891 in Ronceverte, West Virginia. He got his nickname because of his prowess as a swimmer.

"Duck" began his rescue and first aid work as a young man in 1909. Reports are that he dived into deep water to save a young man from drowning.

Around age 20, he moved to Lynchburg and took a job with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company where he worked for 43 years. After retirement from the telephone company, he worked as an associate funeral director for W. D. Diuguid's Funeral Home.

He was interested in the Lynchburg Crew when it organized in 1934 but was unable to join due to his job. He joined the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew in 1939. He held almost all positions in the crew and served 12 terms as Vice President of the crew and was chairman of the building fund campaign.

"Duck" served the association as president from 1959 to 1961 and then served 10 years as

state Chaplain. In 1961, he was the third member elected to Life Member in the association.

"Duck" is responsible for the scripture that appeared on the cover of the First Aid Bulletin for many years. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" from John 15:13.

He was First Aid Instructor and First Aid Committee Chairman for the American Red Cross for 16 years. He scheduled classes and instructors for the Lynchburg Chapter of the American Red Cross.

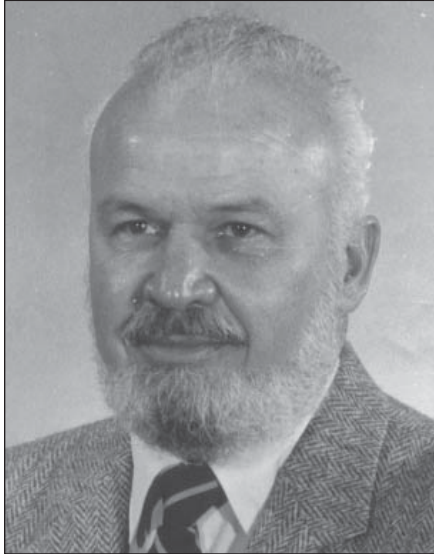
He was also chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Lynchburg.

He was a Life Steward in the Centenary United Methodist Church in Lynchburg and served as president of the Men's Bible Class.

He was married and had two children.

Duck remained active in the Association until his death on May 25, 1978.

Marvin R. Hines
Virginia Beach Volunteer
Rescue Squad
President, 1961-63



Marvin was a native of Norfolk, Virginia and was born on January 20, 1930. He graduated from Maury High School in Norfolk where he was on the football team.

He attended Old Dominion College in Norfolk for a year and then transferred to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. He graduated from VPI in 1951. After graduation, he moved to Virginia Beach.

For most of his professional life he was a government petroleum chemist in Portsmouth and Norfolk. Occasionally, he was flown to aircraft carriers at sea to test for contaminated jet fuel.

He was a Scoutmaster for the local Boy Scouts.

He joined the Virginia Beach-Princess Anne Rescue Squad in 1954. He served the squad as Treasurer, Chaplain, and Captain in 1963. He became a Life Member of the squad in March of 1964.

He was elected VAVRS Vice President in 1960-61 and served two terms as President in 1961-62 and 1962-63.

In 1970, the Virginia Heart Association received Regional Medical Program funds to implement CPR training throughout the state. Hines was hired as the first director of CPR training. In this position, Marvin worked with hospitals, physicians, nurses, and rescue squad members throughout the state in organizing CPR training seminars. Federal funding of the position was discontinued and Marvin left the Heart Association in 1973.

After retirement he moved to Edisto, South Carolina and then moved to Durham, North Carolina to be near his daughter. Late in life, Marvin suffered from cerebellar degeneration and had difficulty speaking and walking.

He died at the age of 76 on September 6, 2006 at Croasdaile Village Retirement Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Kimball Glass
Lynchburg Life Saving Crew
President, 1963-65



Kimball was born June 6, 1923 in Lynchburg.

He began his involvement in rescue work at the age of 17 as rescue technician in the United States Navy. His job was to rescue pilots from downed aircraft during World War II.

Kimball joined the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew in 1951 and was an active member for 37 years. He rose through the ranks serving as Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain for 18 years. He was a Life Member and was elected Chief Emeritus of the crew in 1985.

He served as Association president from 1963 to 1965. He served as Chief Rescue Officer from 1969 to 1976 and was Chief Rescue Officer Emeritus from 1976 until his death. He was elected Life Member of the Association in 1965 and was inducted into the Virginia Rescue and Lifesaving Hall of Fame in 1989.

Kimball was known for his experience and expertise in water rescue. He taught over 100 members of the Association Water Search and Recovery Techniques at the Rescue College.

In 1969, Kimball was cited by President Richard Nixon for his work in coordinating rescue efforts in Nelson County following Hurricane Camille. Kimball spent almost a month as a volunteer, coordinating search and recovery efforts from the flooding in Nelson County where 138 people lost their lives.

Kimball was a First Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross. He served on the Board of Directors of the Piedmont Heart Association and the Lynchburg Highway Safety Commission. He also served on the state EMS Advisory Board.

Kimball was a former Lynchburg police officer, long time employee of General Electric, and the owner/operator of Kimball's Restaurant in downtown Lynchburg for many years.

Kimball died on October 25, 2004 at the age of 81.

The Virginia General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution #722 on January 12, 2005 to celebrate the life of Kimball Lee Glass and his contributions to the rescue movement in Virginia.



Thomas W. Crowder
Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1965-67



Tom was born March 8, 1926 in Richmond. He attended John Marshall High School.

In February 1944, he joined the United States Marines. He served in World War II in the Pacific and was called back to duty during the Korean War. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant.

In 1946, Tom began employment with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company. He retired as a supervisor after 42 years with the company.

Tom joined Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1955, shortly after it was formed. He was an active member for 15 years and is a Life Member of Forest View. He served Forest View as President, Captain, Treasurer and Squad Leader.

Tom was involved in some of the early struggles of the Forest View Squad. Tom shared that after answering calls, members would take bloody sheets home to launder them. Occasionally, due to the shortage of volunteers, one

individual would respond to a call. And in the early years, fundraising to purchase equipment for volunteer squads was always difficult

Tom was elected District 3 Vice President in 1961, 1962, and 1963 prior to the two year term limit. He was Association Vice President in 1963-65 and elected president from 1965-1967. He was elected Life Member of the Association in 1967.

In 1963, he assisted the Greenville County Rescue Squad form in Emporia.

He has remained active in the Marine Corp League and the Marine Heritage Museum in Quantico, Virginia.

Tom was married to Nancy in 1948 and they have two children and two grandchildren. Tom continues to live in Richmond.

Carl E. Gallahan
Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1967-68



Carl was born August 23, 1913 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He dropped out of high school for a brief period and then returned, graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1933. While in high school, he was a member of the varsity baseball, football and basketball teams.

During high school, he also found time to work part time at the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company. Upon completion of high school he gained full time employment with the same company. He became store manager in the late thirties through 1941 when his National Guard Division of the 29th Field Artillery Company was mobilized. While training recruits at Camp Polk, Louisiana he lost the front portion of his right foot and received an honorable medical discharge from Walter Reed Hospital on April 14, 1945.

Returning to his former employer he continued as store manager until 1947, when he accepted a position with the U. S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier. He continued in this position until his retirement in 1973. During his employment as a rural mail carrier, he served his

older patrons additionally by transporting them to doctor appointments, getting their medications, getting their groceries, and checking to make sure they were ok.

He joined the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad in 1951 where he served as Captain, regional Vice President of the Northern District, Vice President, and President of the State Association in 1967-68. He was elected a Life Member of the Association in 1969.

Carl was a member of many civic organizations including the American Legion, Elks, Ruritan Club, Rod and Gun Club and various other civic organizations.

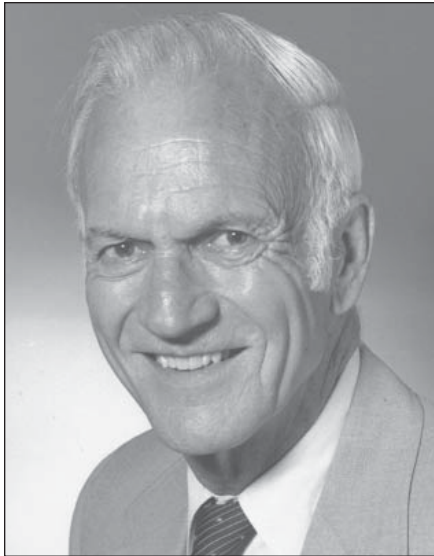
He was a member of First Baptist Church where he served on many committees including Scout Leader for the Girl Scout Troop at the church.

His brother, V. F. Gallahan, was active in the Colonial Beach squad and also served as a district vice president.

He was married to Vergie in 1942 and had one daughter, Patricia. Carl died on June 30, 1975 at the age of 61.

His wife, Vergie, served as President of the Auxiliary from 1963-65.

William H. "Bill" Baker
Winchester Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1968-70; 1972-73



William H. "Bill" Baker was a native of Winchester and was born November 13, 1918. Bill attended Shenandoah Valley Military Academy and Episcopal High School and graduated from Handley High School in Winchester in 1938.

After graduation, he joined the Navy during WW II and retired with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was awarded 10 battle stars for service on the USS Wisconsin and other ships.

Upon returning home from the Navy he became Personnel Director for the American Brake Shoe Company. In 1968 he joined the staff at Rubbermaid Commercial Products and retired in 1985 as the Vice President of Human Resources. After his retirement, he worked for the Winchester-Frederick County Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Frederick County Board of Supervisors from 1979 to 1983. He was appointed to the Virginia Highway Safety Commission and the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Commission.

He served as president of Handley Judges Athletic Association and was inducted into the Judges Athletic Association Hall of Fame. He served as president of the James Wood Athletic Association and was stadium announcer for James Wood Colonel football games for many years.

He was a member of Kernstown United Methodist Church, the Exchange Club, Shawnee Lions Club, Elks Lodge, and Moose Lodge. He was also active in the Boy Scouts during the 1970's and was assistant scoutmaster of Troop 63 in Winchester.

Bill joined the Winchester Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1958. He served as squad secretary and three years as president. Bill was one of only three people to serve as VAVRS president on two separate occasions, 1968-70 and 1972-73. He also served as vice president, district vice president and treasurer. In the mid 1970's, Bill was instrumental in the development of the Association's state office.

Bill's dedication to the volunteer rescue squad movement was known throughout the state and he traveled extensively setting up new rescue squads.

Bill was married to Phyllis and had two sons and two daughters.

Bill died on December 17, 1998 at the age of 80.

Leonard E. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr.
Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1970-72



Buddy was born May 23, 1929 in Richmond. He graduated from Manchester High School and attended RPI (VCU).

His early career was with the family business, Eastern Handle Corporation. The business was sold in the 1970's and Buddy began another career in medical and first aid sales.

Buddy was married to Francis Taylor Phillips for 51 years and had five children. Francis died in 1999 and in 2001 he married Dot.

Buddy started his volunteer career of assisting people when he joined the Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1956. Three years later, in 1959, Buddy was elected president of the squad. He subsequently served four additional terms as squad president. In 1977, Buddy received Life Membership in the Forest View squad.

In 1964, he was elected District III Vice President and in 1970 he was elected president of VAVRS. He also served VAVRS as Vice Presi-

dent, Secretary, Convention Chairman, and Life Membership Chairman.

In the early 1970's, prior to EMT training, Buddy worked closely with administrators at MCV to sponsor medical seminars for rescue squad personnel.

In 1972 he was elected a Life Member of VAVRS and in 1995 he was elected to the VAVRS Hall of Fame.

Buddy served as an instructor for the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. For many years he served as an instructor trainer in CPR for the American Heart Association. In 1978, he taught the first VAVRS Vehicle Extrication class at Rescue College.

Buddy is a member of Branches Baptist Church, Manchester Masonic Lodge, and the Manchester Shrine Club.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, and showing bird dogs.

Glenn H. Puhle
Staunton-Augusta Volunteer
Rescue Squad
President, 1973-75



Glenn was born July 21, 1926 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended Washington High School and graduated in 1944.

He served in the US Navy submarine service from 1944 to 1946. He received the WW II Victory Ribbon and American Ribbon.

He owned a plumbing and electrical business in Milwaukee prior to employment with Westinghouse Company in Staunton.

Glenn moved to Staunton in 1962 as an engineer for Westinghouse Company. In 1975, he became Regional Service Manager and later National Service Manager of the Fedders Corporation. In 1982, he joined McQuay Company and retired as their Regional Manager in 1995.

He joined the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad in 1962 and served as Vice President of the squad. He was an EMT and American Red Cross First Aid Instructor. He was a member of the Virginia EMS Advisory Committee.

Glenn served VAVRS as Vice President in 1972-73 and President from 1973-75. He was elected Life Member of the Association in 1975.

In addition to his rescue squad activities, he was Fund Drive Chairman for the local Salvation Army and a reserve police force member for the City of Staunton.

Glenn's wife, Pat, served as president of the VAVRS Auxiliary at the same time Glenn was President of the Association.

Glenn and Pat moved from Staunton to New Jersey in the Fall of 1976 when Glenn accepted a new job.

They later moved to Minnesota and he had limited involvement with the Association after the move out of state.

Glenn had five sons and six grandchildren. Glenn died on August 9, 1997.

G. Kenneth Morgan
Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1975-77



Ken was born December 2, 1947 in Farmville and graduated from Prince Edward Academy in Farmville. He has an undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond and a masters degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

He began his volunteer rescue squad involvement in August 1964 as a Junior Member of Emergency Squad, Inc. in Crewe (later the Nottoway County Rescue Squad). He attended the 1965 Convention in Natural Bridge where he was elected a Junior Association officer.

In late 1966 he joined the Tuckahoe Junior Volunteer Rescue Squad in Richmond. For two years he served as a resident dispatcher, living in the squad building while attending college. He became a member of the Senior Squad in December 1968 and served in numerous officer positions. At the age of 25 he became president of Tuckahoe.

Ken was elected VAVRS District Three VP in 1971 and at the age of 27 he became president of VAVRS. He also served as Secretary, Vice

President, and Historian. In 1975, while serving as Vice President, he worked with Virginia Tech representatives on the creation of the State Rescue College. During his presidency, the state bylaws were revised to create the Executive Committee and the first VAVRS office was opened. He was elected Life Member of the Association in 1979.

Ken's involvement as a volunteer in the rescue squad led to his early fulltime employment. While a student at the University of Richmond he began working in the St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Department.

In 1970, he was hired by the American Heart Association and was responsible for all of the educational programs of the Heart Association including training in CPR. He and a team of volunteers traveled the state certifying volunteer CPR instructors. In 1979, promotions by the Heart Association involved several moves before he relocated to Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 1982.

While in Virginia, he also served as Instructor Trainer for the American Red Cross, as an adjunct faculty member of the Anesthesia Department of MCV-VCU, and was the first non physician vice chairman of the EMS Advisory Committee.

Following his move to Chapel Hill he became a member of Rotary International. He served in numerous positions including election as one of the 17 members of the Rotary International Board of Directors from 2004-2006.

Since 1995 he has been employed as Executive Director of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors – North Carolina.

Ken is married to Winnie and has one daughter, Rebecca.

A. Page Entsminger
Lexington Life Saving Crew
President, 1977-78



Page was born January 8, 1936 in Rockbridge County, Virginia. He graduated from Effinger High School in June 1954.

He was a life long employee of James Lees Carpet Company. He began work there in September 1954 as a serviceman in manufacturing. He was drafted into the military in August 1958 and trained as a Military Policeman. He returned home on leave in December 1958 and married Edith Sorrells. He spent the next nineteen months in Albuquerque, New Mexico serving as a Military Policeman and aide to the base commander. After discharge in August 1960, he returned to his previous employer which had become Burlington Industries. He was transferred to administration and later became Plant Planning Manager and was promoted to Division Planning Director in 1982. Page retired in September 1997.

Page joined Lexington Life Saving Crew in 1970. He served the crew as Captain, President, Treasurer, and on numerous committees. He was elected Life Member of Lexington in 1991.

He served as officer in District 1 prior to becoming active in the state association in 1974. He served as Secretary, Vice President, President, and 6 terms as Chaplain. He was selected as VAVRS Life Member in 1981 and Rescue Hall of Fame in 1993.

He qualified as an EMT Instructor in 1974 and taught for twenty-seven years. He received the Virginia EMS outstanding EMT Instructor recognition in 1991. He was an instructor for the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. His certifications include EVOC, Vehicle Extrication, and Basic & Light Duty Instructor.

Page served on the Board of Directors of Stonewall Jackson Hospital, the American Heart Association and the Governor's EMS Advisory Council. He was on the faculty of the first Rescue College and keynote speaker at the first National EMS Memorial Service.

He was a member of Collierstown Baptist Church for 16 years and Lexington Baptist Church for 36 years, serving as Superintendent, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Youth Director, Lay Speaker and Deacon.

He was a member of Ruritan International from 1997 to 2007 where he also served as District Governor and participated in their National Flag Ceremony.

Page and Edith have three children, and four grandchildren.

Clayton T. Lester
Danville Life Saving Crew
President, 1978-79



Clayton Tune Lester was born in Java, (Pittsylvania County) Virginia on February 20, 1935. He graduated from Spring Garden High School in 1954. After graduating he married Adelaide Davis and moved to Danville. He graduated from Danville Technical Institute in 1955.

In 1956 Clayton joined the Army. He was sent to Fort Jackson for basic training and then to Fort Devens, Massachusetts where he was assigned to Army Security Agency (ASA). In June 1957 he was transferred to Camp Walters, Texas. Clayton was discharged on April 2, 1959.

Clayton was employed by Security Bank & Trust on April 20, 1959. He stayed with Security Bank & Trust until 1982. He then went to Peoples Bank and retired as Vice President in 1988.

Clayton graduated from Danville Community College in 1978 with a Associate Applied Science Degree in banking and financial management.

Clayton became a member of the Danville Life Saving Crew in March of 1962 and has held different positions including Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and Captain. Clayton served as Treasurer, business manager, and member of the Board of Directors for 19 years. He is a life member of the Crew and the present crew building was named the Clayton T. Lester Crew Hall in 2006.

Clayton became involved with the VAVRS in the early 70's. He was elected Treasurer in September 1975. After being Vice President, he was elected President in September 1978. He served on many state committees. Clayton is a life member of VAVRS and a member of the Hall of Fame.

He was active in the American Red Cross, Danville Cancer Society, YMCA and the Riverside Merchants Association.

After his retirement from banking, he began a career with Wilkins Realtor & Co. as a real estate salesman.

Clayton and Adelaide had two children, Rickie and Pamela. After Adelaide's accidental death in 2001 he married Evelyn "Polly" Woodson on March 8, 2007.

J. C. Phillips
Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1979-81



John Carlton Phillips (J. C.) started his career of caring for people when he joined the Junior Red Cross at the age of 17 while still in high school. He served in the National Guard while in high school and pulled active duty in the United States Army after graduating.

J. C. joined Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad in Richmond in 1965. He served as President (three times), Vice President, Secretary, Captain, Public Relations Officer, and Board Member-At-Large.

J. C. was elected President of the VAVRS in 1979. He also served as Vice President, Secretary, Chaplain, Historian, and chair of numerous committees. He is a Basic & Light Duty Instructor Trainer, Basic & Light Duty Rescue Course Coordinator, Basic Rescue Technician Course Coordinator, Volunteer Management Committee Chair, and State Parliamentarian.

Over the years J. C. has had training in Advanced First Aid, CPR, EMT-Basic, Basic & Light Duty Rescue, Heavy Duty Rescue, EVOC, Vertical Rescue, Vehicle Extrication,

Aircraft Rescue, Bus Rescue, Incident Command, Hazmat, and Fire Rescue. He also taught Advanced First Aid and was one of the first CPR Instructors in the Richmond area.

J. C., as a supervisor, was part of the organizing committee to develop a Medical Emergency Response Team [MERT] to handle injuries and illness at the DuPont plant in Richmond. He became a Charter Member of MERT and Chaired the Protocols Committee when MERT was implemented in May 1986. The MERT is still in operation today.

Some of the awards and honorary achievements J. C. has received include: Forest View Rescue Squad - Life Membership, Squad Person of the Year, Crew of the Year, and the Leadership Award. "The J. C. Phillips Leadership Award" was named after him. Civic Awards include: Chesterfield Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame, Outstanding Citizen Honor Plaque from the Woodmen of the World, Outstanding Rescue Squad Member from the Chesterfield Ruritans, Dedicated Service Award from Chesterfield EMS Advisory Council, a Ten-Year Service Award from the Chesterfield County Emergency Planning Committee and a Recognition Award from Governor George Allen.

J.C. is married to Fran, a past president of the Auxiliary and past District Vice President of the Association.

O. E. "Buster" Greene
Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1981-83



"Buster" was born on April 6, 1935 in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He was educated in Chesterfield County and Petersburg Public Schools. He also attended the Institute of Applied Science in Chicago, Illinois and the Virginia Forensic Science Academy.

"Buster" was employed by Chesterfield County Police Department in 1956 as a patrolman. He held numerous positions until his retirement in 1992 as a Lieutenant in the Forensic Division.

He married Mary Anna Cousins in 1957. They have two children and two grand children and all have been active in the rescue movement.

"Buster" joined Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1969. He has served as President (4 times), Secretary and Treasurer (18 years), and as their Board of Governors Representative for many years. He has been named Outstanding Squad Person three times and Outstanding Board Member three times.

"Buster" instituted the Chesterfield County Volunteer Rescue Squad Council which com-

prised all four county squads. It is now known as the Chesterfield E.M.S. Council with members from the 4 squads, Chesterfield Fire Department (both volunteer and career), and the Chesterfield County Police Department.

For the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads, he served as District III Secretary and Vice-President, State Secretary, Vice-President and President. He also served on the Life Membership Committee, Personnel Committee, Volunteer Management Committee, Seminar Chairman, and Rescue Hall of Fame Committee. He also served as Vice-Chairman of the Virginia EMS Advisory Council.

He also has served as Chairman of the Chesterfield Chapter of the American Red Cross, President of Clover Hill Ruritan Club, and a Charter Member of the Clover Hill Masonic Lodge.

"Buster" is a member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church and has been Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

"Buster" describes his proudest moments as birth of his children, becoming VAVRS Life member, Rescue Hall of Fame Member; and Chesterfield County Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Member.

Garry Clatterbuck
Hopewell Emergency Crew
President, 1983-85



Garry was born in Hopewell on April 11, 1935. He graduated from Dinwiddie High School in 1955 and drove a school bus during high school.

He served in the Virginia National Guard for six years, leaving there as a Sergeant First Class. He was a member of the Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 176th Infantry Division.

He worked at Hercules Company in Hopewell as a millwright for 38 years. He was instrumental in getting the "Red Hat" emergency response program developed to improve medical response at the plant.

Garry spent many years involved in volunteer rescue work. He joined the Hopewell Emergency Crew in April 1961 and served as Captain. His Life Membership with the Hopewell Emergency Crew was in recognition of his years there as crew captain and active instructor in first aid, EMT and CPR.

In 1985, he was awarded Life Membership with the Virginia Association of Volunteer

Rescue Squads where he also devoted a number of years. He served District 3 as District VP, Training Officer, and Rescue Officer. He served as VAVRS president from 1983 to 1985.

Garry was a founding member of the Old Dominion EMS Alliance, a member of the ODEMSA Board of Directors representing the Crater EMS Council. He was elected the first president of the Crater EMS Council and was also the first president of Old Dominion EMS Agency. He was instrumental in the organization of the Prince George Emergency Crew.

In addition to the honors bestowed upon him for his emergency services work, he was voted Volunteer of the Year by the Hopewell Jaycees, Senior Citizen of the Year in 1995, and chosen to the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame in 1998.

Garry was married to Sylvia for 51 years and had two daughters, Holly Gorse and Lori Harris; and grandchildren Cameron and McKay Gorse.

Garry died on June 12, 2007.

Kelly B. Walters
Christiansburg Life Saving Crew
President, 1985-87



Kelly was born September 16, 1936 in Montgomery County. Kelly attended Christiansburg High School. He was employed at Blue Ridge Overall Factory, Summerset Cemetery in Christiansburg, and as Chief Animal Control Officer for Montgomery County where he retired after 19 years. He was also employed by the City of Christiansburg as Department Head for the First Aid Crew.

Kelly became a member of the Christiansburg Life Saving and First Aid Crew in 1963. He has served the crew in the offices of Treasurer, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain. He has been recognized as Crewman of the Year on several occasions and is a Life Member of the Christiansburg Crew.

He was a member of the County Fire and Rescue Task Force, Blue Ridge Environmental Task Force, Christiansburg Emergency Planning, and Montgomery County Emergency Planning.

He served VAVRS as District Vice President, Secretary, Vice President and Association

President from 1985-1987. He also served as a member of many association committees and was a key volunteer in the success of the Rescue College.

Kelly was selected as a Life Member of the Association in 1979 and as a member of the Hall of Fame in 2003.

Following his retirement, he responded to over 1000 calls for 7 consecutive years. For two of those years, he answered over 1300 calls per year, or an average of almost 4 calls per day.

Kelly is an EMT, American Red Cross First Aid Instructor, and CPR Instructor.

He was instrumental in starting a Christiansburg Life Saving Crew satellite station near Riner, and a second station in Christiansburg.

Kelly and his wife, Virginia, have one daughter and one grandson.

Carroll R. Hawkes
Southside Virginia Emergency Crew
President, 1987-89



Carroll R. Hawkes was born in Nottoway County, Virginia on February 10, 1934. Carroll graduated from Blackstone High School in 1951. He was also active in the 4-H Club, FFA, and the Bellefonte Grange during his school years.

After graduation from high school, Carroll learned the electrical trade from a local contractor, and worked for him until 1953. He then moved to Colonial Heights where he worked for E. Alvin Small Funeral Home. His work career included electrician at E. I. DuPont and the Petersburg Waste Water Treatment Plant/ South Central Waste Water Authority where he worked for 23 years. While working at the treatment plant, he obtained his Journeyman and Master Electrician Certification. He retired from there as a maintenance electrician in 1999 at the age of 65.

On April 9, 1958, Carroll met Elsie Hooper. They married on April 11, 1959 and had three children: Barbara, Mark, and Robert. They also have three grandchildren. Carroll and his family were active members of the Woodpecker

Community Grange in Chesterfield, Virginia. They were also active members of Immanuel Baptist Church in Colonial Heights.

In 1961, Carroll joined the Southside Virginia Emergency Crew in Petersburg, Virginia as a volunteer. He served the squad as Captain, Second Lieutenant Training, Second Lieutenant Equipment, and served on the Junior Squad Board of Directors. He also serves on the senior squad's Board of Trustees.

Carroll has held the office of District Vice President, Secretary, Vice President and President. He served on multiple committees and has realized many great accomplishments in the VAVRS. While President, Carroll became involved with the committee from the City of Roanoke that worked to establish the Rescue Squad Museum and Hall of Fame.

Carroll has been involved in other areas of the Rescue and EMS movement. He served on the Colonial Heights Transportation-Safety Committee. In 1984, he was appointed by Governor Charles Robb to serve on the Governor's EMS Advisory Board for five years.

Carroll has received numerous awards, some of which include Life Member of Southside Virginia Emergency Crew, Honorary member of Buena Vista Rescue Squad, Life Member of VAVRS, and an inductee into the Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame.

James P. "Mac" McGuire
Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1989-91



In 1975, Mac's interest in the field of rescue started when he joined the Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad in Richmond. By 1976 he was a squad leader and a Junior Squad Advisor. That same year he became a First Aid Instructor, CPR Instructor, and Vehicle Extrication Instructor. Mac was now on the "fast track" and in 1977, two years after joining Forest View, he was elected Captain. He served a total of six years as Captain and four years as President. He has had training as an EMT, IV Technician, CPR Instructor, First Aid Instructor, Vehicle Extrication Instructor Trainer, and Search and Rescue Instructor. He was also trained in Basic and Light Duty Rescue and Heavy Duty Rescue.

On the district level, Mac was a District 3 Vice President for two years. He also served the district as Deputy Rescue Officer, Rescue Officer, and First Aid Contest Committee.

His accomplishments at the state level of the VAVRS include the following offices and positions: President, Vice President, Training Officer, and Convention Chairman.

He has served on the following State of Virginia and community organizations in the EMS field: First Aid Instructor, CPR Instructor, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Chesterfield County Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Chairman for Chesterfield County Mock Disaster Committee, Manpower and Training Task Force EMS, Haz-Mat Committee for the State of Virginia, Julian Stanley Wise Foundation Board, and State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

As State Vice President, he worked with EMS on developing workshops on Recruitment and Retention, started the District Vice President's Award and introduced the VAVRS Coloring Book. When he became State President, Mac's number one goal was to open the Rescue Museum in Roanoke.

Over the years he has received many honors and awards which include: Forest View Squadman of the Year, Outstanding Squadman of the Year for Chesterfield County EMS, Dale Ruritan Chesterfield County Squadman of the Year, Forest View Life Member, Service Award from State Junior Association, VAVRS Life Membership, and State Training Officer Award from the VAVRS President.

Mac served his country in Vietnam and in 2009 is the Supervisory Command Executive Officer for the 80th Training Command (TASS). The Command oversees training for approximately 8,000 soldiers and civilians spread over the entire United States, Puerto Rico and Guam.

He is married to Linda H. McGuire. They have a daughter, Ashley, and a son, James.

Jack S. Long, Jr.
Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1991-93



Jack was born September 3, 1942 in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg and attended Ferrum Junior College. He graduated from the John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science in 1967. He also completed a 276 hour Basic Law Enforcement Course in 1982.

Jack was a member of the Fredericksburg Junior Squad from 1957-1962. He became a member of the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad in 1962 and served until his death.

Jack's rescue career began in high school when he joined the junior squad. He served as Captain of the Fredericksburg Squad in 1981 and 1991.

His involvement in training began when he became a First Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross. He also served as a CPR Instructor Trainer for both the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. He was also an EMT Instructor.

He was an active member of the American Red Cross, serving on the Safety Services Committee and the Disaster Committee of the local chapter. He served as Chairman of the Fredericksburg Area Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1985 until 1991.

His involvement in the Association began in 1980. In 1981, he was elected District 10 Vice President. He also served as Chief Rescue Officer 1984-86, Secretary 1987-89, and Vice President 1990-91. He was elected president at the 1991 Convention. He was elected a Life Member of the Association in 1993 and to the Rescue Hall of Fame in 1993.

In 1988, when he was a candidate for VAVRS Secretary, he was employed as Sales Manager of DLR Industries, Inc.

He was a member of First Christian Church in Fredericksburg.

In addition to holding state offices, Jack served on numerous committees and was a regular instructor at Rescue College.

He was recognized by many Fredericksburg area organizations for his extensive interest and involvement in the well-being of his fellow man. He served on the Board of Directors of the Rappahannock United Way.

Jack died at home of an apparent heart attack on March 21, 1994.

Benny Summerlin
Axton Life Saving Crew
President, 1993-95



Benny became interested in the local volunteer rescue squad after talking with a neighbor who was a member. He joined the Martinsville-Henry County Rescue Squad in 1973 at the age of 13. Benny held numerous offices, including Captain and President and he was awarded life membership in 1983.

After graduation from high school in 1977, he graduated from Old Dominion University with a Bachelor of Science degree. During his time at ODU, he was active with two Virginia Beach Squads: the Davis Corner Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department from 1977-1979 and the Kempsville Volunteer Rescue Squad from 1979-1981. After graduation from college, he returned home to work as a deputy with the Henry County Sheriff's Office. He then served as Director of Public Safety, Deputy County Administrator, and became Henry County Administrator in 2002.

Benny helped organize the Axton Life Saving Crew in his community in 1993. He served numerous terms as President and coordinated the construction of the new crew building in

1996. Benny was awarded life membership at Axton. His rescue squad activity lessened in 1999 when Benny entered graduate school at Virginia Tech. He received a Master of Public Administration degree in 2002.

Over the years, Benny was certified as an EMT, EMT Instructor, CPR Instructor, PADI Driver, Vertical Rescue, ACLS, PALS, BTLS, Shock Trauma Technician, Cardiac Technician, and as a Nationally Registered Paramedic. Benny was also an Instructor-Trainer in EVOC and Vehicle Extrication.

His VAVRS activities included District Six Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President from 1993-1995. He was awarded life membership in the VAVRS in 1995. As President, Benny promoted discontinuing leasing space for the VAVRS Office and purchasing of the land for construction of the VAVRS Office and Training Center in Oilville.

Benny represented the VAVRS for three terms on the Virginia EMS Advisory Board (6 years) serving as Chair of the Public Information and Education Committee and six years on the Financial Assistance Review Committee. During his tenure on the Advisory Board, major restructuring of the Board occurred. With the concurrence of the Virginia General Assembly, the number of VAVRS representatives was increased to make the Board more representative of the Virginia EMS system.

Ronnie L. Slough
Buena Vista Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1995-97



After completing his schooling at Natural Bridge High School, Ronnie sought employment in his native Rockbridge County. In 1964 he was employed by Mundet-Hermetite where he continues to work. He has been a dedicated and consistent employee over the past 33 years.

He is a member of the Ben Salem Presbyterian Church and has served on the Parks and Recreation Committee for the City of Buena Vista.

In January 1970, Ronnie joined the Buena Vista Rescue Squad. He has served as: First Lieutenant Training, Executive First Lieutenant, Captain for 15 years, and President for four years. He simultaneously held the office of President of his squad and President of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads. He participated with his EMT team for 12 years and vehicle extrication team for 15 years. Locally, he has served as Emergency Coordinator for the Rockbridge Emergency Group.

In 1976, Ronnie became involved with the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads. He was appointed Junior Squad Advisor, a po-

sition he held for three years. He served as District Vice President for District 1 of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads for seven years, filling unexpired terms as well as being elected for four terms. He has also served as Chief Rescue Officer, Training Officer, Secretary, Vice President, and President.

Throughout Ronnie's busy career in Emergency Services, he has continued to further his education by attending seminars and training classes throughout the state. He has shared his vast knowledge by instructing, locally in his own community, as well as throughout the state. He is a CPR Instructor, EVOC Instructor Trainer, Farm Machinery Extrication Instructor Trainer, Vehicle Extrication Instructor, and Search and Rescue Instructor. In 1989 Ronnie chaired the committee that established the "district wide" training program within all districts. He has been certified as an EMT and an EMT-D since their inception. He has been ranked in the top ten in running calls for his squad for 16 years while carrying out all the responsibilities of offices and committees, both locally and on the state level.

In 1984, Ronnie married Susan, who also became a volunteer with the Buena Vista Rescue Squad. Ronnie has two children, Chad and Amy, and one stepdaughter, Sherry Lynn.

Kevin L. Dillard
Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 1997-99



Kevin's extensive EMS career began at the age of 15, as a junior member of the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad. He has since been an active part of every facet of the EMS system.

Kevin is a life member of VAVRS and served as its president from 1997 to 1999. He has also served in a number of other key leadership roles in the Association including membership on the EMS Advisory Board, EMS Financial Assistance and Review Committee, and Critical Care Committee. He received the Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS in 1997.

Although Kevin has been a major force in the EMS community on the state level, he has made an impact on EMS nationally and internationally, as well. In 1992, he was appointed chairman of the VAVRS newly formed National EMS Memorial Service Committee. The committee organized an annual ceremony to honor volunteer and career EMS providers from across the nation who died in the line of duty.

Internationally, Kevin helped coordinate a paramedic exchange program with the German

Red Cross. Kevin and other VAVRS members also visited Germany as part of the exchange program and participated within the EMS system in Germany.

As a life member and former president of the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad, he played a pivotal role in bringing EMS service to the northern portion of Spotsylvania County when the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad discontinued operations there.

In 1993, Kevin co-founded LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc., which has become one of the largest commercial transport services in Virginia. LifeCare employs over 300 EMS providers and operates emergency and non-emergency transport services from 14 locations across Virginia. LifeCare received the Outstanding EMS Agency of the Year award in 2006.

Kevin has a long history of community service and has received numerous awards for his contributions to business, community, and Emergency Medical Services. He has been president of the National EMS Memorial Service, president of the Rappahannock EMS Council, and member and former chairman of the Spotsylvania County Fire & EMS Commission.

Kevin was recognized in 1997 with the Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Wanda B. Morehead
Long Shop-McCoy Volunteer
First Aid Crew
President, 1999-2001



Wanda was born March 22, 1951 in Christiansburg and has lived in Montgomery County most of her life. She graduated from Blacksburg High School in 1969 with honors. She attended James Madison University where she earned her BS degree in chemistry along with her minor in biology. She graduated cum laude in 1993.

She worked for the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Virginia Tech for nine years. There she managed the Wildlife Physiology and Nutrition lab. In addition to managing the lab, she instructed and worked with graduate students on their MS and PhD topics and did independent work for numerous professors. She left Tech after literally becoming allergic to her job.

She has been employed as a postmaster leave replacement for the U.S. Postal Service in McCoy. She has also worked for Hubbell Lighting as their Plant Nurse. There she administered several OSHA programs, served on the Safety Committee, did safety inspections, and general first aid.

Wanda joined the Longshop-McCoy Volunteer Fire and First Aid Crew in 1984. She has served as Captain, Training Officer, and Treasurer of the crew. She was the crew's first paramedic and female captain.

She has served the VAVRS as District 7 Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and was the first female president of the Association. She served as president from 1999-2001. She has also served as Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committees. She is one of the founders of the National EMS Memorial Service.

She is a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross. She has been a Basic Trauma Life Support Instructor and a Nationally Registered EMT-Paramedic. She has been awarded the local Red Cross Volunteer of the Year Award.

She was active in the Montgomery County Extension Homemakers serving as officers in her local, county, and state chapters. She has worked with the Boy Scouts of America serving as a CPR/First Aid Instructor for their camp staff and adult leaders. She is qualified to instruct the First Aid and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badges. She has served as Health Officer for camps Ottari, Powhatan, and the High Knoll adventure camp.

She is married to Terry and has one son, Keith.

Wanda was elected a Life Member of the Association in 2001.

Karen D. Wagner
Woodstock Volunteer Rescue Squad
President, 2001-03



A native of Fairfax County, Karen grew up in Springfield, moving to Strasburg, Virginia in 1982. It was there that Karen met her future husband Jim, then Captain of the Woodstock Rescue Squad

Karen and her husband, Jim, live in Woodstock. Karen has one son, Bob, and 5 grandchildren. She is employed by Valley Health, Valley Medical Transport as a Site Supervisor.

Besides the activities in her local squad and the VAVRS, Karen served as the Chair of the State EMS Advisory Board appointed by the Governor. Karen is the first all volunteer provider to hold this position in the history of the board.

Karen received the 2004 Governor's Award for Excellence, the highest award granted by the Commonwealth for service, for her leadership skills and work towards the advancement of EMS in Virginia.

A member of the St. John Catholic Church, Karen is active as a lay reader at her church. She is also active in her local Chapter of the

American Cancer Society. Karen has served as a past Chair of the local chapter Fund Drive Campaign.

As a survivor of non-hodgkin's Lymphoma, Karen participates annually in the Relay for Life in Shenandoah County.

Karen enjoys music of all types and travels with her husband when he plays lead guitar with a local band.

Karen enjoys, no LOVES, to travel. Her most memorable trips include Germany and the Caribbean, but by far her favorite vacation thus far was a trip across country to the Grand Canyon.

To some, the life of Karen Wagner may appear overwhelming, but to Karen her life of service is simply "her way of life". Growing up in a family of public servants made its way to her heart as a young teen and she continues to maintain that drive. Her passion is to work for the enhancement of EMS, preservation of volunteer service to the Commonwealth, keeping the best in patient care as the #1 focus and goal.

The VAVRS allowed Karen an opportunity that she would not have otherwise been given. This opportunity to volunteer, to give of her talent, and to work with her peers - fellow volunteers - who know first hand what service is all about.

Gary A. Dalton
Strasburg / Woodstock Volunteer Rescue
Squad
President, 2003-05



Gary was born May 9, 1951. He is a lifelong resident of Shenandoah County, Virginia and has been involved in many community activities.

Gary has over 40 years experience in fire and EMS and has held numerous offices and appointments for the Lord Fairfax EMS Council, Shenandoah County Fire and Rescue Association, the VAVRS and for the Commonwealth of Virginia. He served as a member of the State EMS Advisory Board and the Medal of Valor Review Board.

He became a member of the Woodstock squad in 1971 and became a member of the Strasburg Volunteer Rescue Squad in September 1991.

He became an EMT instructor in 1976 and has taught 35 EMT courses to over 750 basic and countless refresher students. He also serves as an instructor for the American Heart Association CPR and several VAVRS courses.

He is employed as the Operations Manager at Valley Medical Transport in Winchester, Virginia and is responsible for four stations, 162 employees, and the dispatch center. He has been with VMT for over 15 years and was originally hired as a midnight dispatcher.

Gary has also worked as a deputy sheriff, legal assistant, store manager, and a produce clerk.

He plays the guitar and has been a member of several rock and roll/country bands since high school and enjoys singing in public. He has been a high school league official in baseball, basketball, football and softball since the early 1980's.

Gary is a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock and has served as a council member and council president.

Gary and his wife, Sarah, were married in 1971 and have two sons, Randy and Chris. Through the years he has been involved in many community sporting, recreational, and volunteer activities such as Little League and the local recreation department.

Tarry R. Pribble
Citizens Emergency Crew
President, 2005-07



Tarry has been a life long citizen of Campbell County and a 1978 graduate of Rustburg High School where he was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Who's Who of American High School Students.

Tarry became involved in volunteer EMS in 1980, first as a member of the Rustburg Rescue Squad and then with Citizens Emergency Crew. He held multiple offices and chaired committees in both squads. During his tenure he also served as a representative to the Campbell County Rescue Commission and the VAVRS Board of Governors representative. Tarry has taken pride in his affiliation with his local squad and has worked as a BLS and ALS provider during his tenure. He is a past recipient of the Citizens Emergency Crew, "Crew of the Year Award."

Tarry has instructed EVOC, Infectious Disease Control, Basic and Light, Vertical, and Advance Vertical Rescue. He is also a Basic and Light Rescue Instructor Trainer.

Tarry became interested in becoming a VAVRS officer while attending an Executive Committee meeting with a fellow crewman. Because of his financial background, he was urged to run for the office of Treasurer. He was appointed to the Finance Committee in 1995 and was elected VAVRS Treasurer in 1999. Tarry also served as Secretary and Vice President before being elected VAVRS President in 2005.

In 2007 Tarry was awarded life membership in the VAVRS by his peers. He also was the recipient of the "Officer of the Year" award presented by the VAVRS in 2006.

Through the years, Tarry has served on many VAVRS committees most notable finance, membership, legislative, and personnel. He also served on the Governors' inter-operability committee whose goal was to bring a common radiolanguage and protocol to all public safety agencies in the Commonwealth.

In October 2007, Tarry was named a charter member of the National EMS Museum Advisory Board and support their efforts to preserve the history of EMS in the United States.

He began working in the banking and finance industry at age 17. In 1994 he accepted an opportunity to establish and develop the Collections and Asset Recovery Department of a growing community bank.

His spare time is spent enjoying his family. He and his wife, Kayla, have two children, Jessica and Wes.

Dreama D. Chandler
Wythe County Rescue Squad
President, 2007-09



Dreama was born September 1, 1957 in Baltimore, Maryland. She moved to Wythe County, Virginia following 3rd grade. She graduated from George Wythe High School in 1975.

Dreama worked at Asbury Center at Birdmont, a local retirement community as a nursing assistant then an ambulance attendant/physical respiratory therapy assistant, and then as the safety advisor.

She began her volunteer career with Wythe County Rescue Squad in 1986 after completing an EMT class taught by Roger Hudson and Luke Lambert. During her time with Wythe County Rescue Squad she has held the offices of Sergeant, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Officer, President, and a Board of Directors member. She was the first female elected to the office of Captain of Wythe County Rescue Squad. She is also a Life Member of the squad.

She has competed with Wythe County Rescue Squad on the district and state levels in EMT, ALS, and Rescue.

Dreama has been an instructor in VAVRS courses on Search and Rescue, Basic and Light Duty Rescue, and Vertical Rescue. She has taught Basic and Light Duty Rescue at Rescue College.

She is a Nationally Registered Paramedic and was the first Wythe County member to become a paramedic. She has taught both shock trauma and cardiac classes to her own and surrounding squads increasing the level of patient care within the area.

While a member of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, she has held the Offices of District 7 Secretary and Vice President, VAVRS Chief Rescue Officer, VAVRS Training Officer, VAVRS Secretary, VAVRS Vice President, and VAVRS President from 2007-2009.

Dreama was elected Life Member in the Association in 2007.

She resides in Wythe County and is employed at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital Emergency Room as a Medical Communications Specialist.



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