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HONORED FOR SUCCESS

8th Annual Promotions & Awards Ceremony

The Newport News Sheriff's Office had a year full of successes from individual accomplishments to organizational milestones.

Delegate-elect Monty Mason was the keynote speaker at the 8th Annual Promotions & Awards Ceremony. Chief Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit Court, Timothy S. Fisher, graciously offered to use the event to ceremoniously give the Oath of Office to Sheriff Gabe Morgan.

Over the course of twelve months, several individuals were elevated in rank. Each was spotlighted at the ceremony, including Jeffrey D. Vergakis, Services Bureau Chief, who was surprised by a promotion to Lt. Colonel.

Additionally, Life Saving Medals were presented to two teams of deputies and Conmed nurses who endeavored to save human lives. In each situation CPR was initiated, utilizing skills taught at the corrections academy and during annual recertification training.

The Citizen Service Medal was presented to Richard Eilenfield for his dedicated service as a volunteer. A group Citizen Service Medal was given to a team of CSB clients who volunteer at the jail weekly assembling toiletry packets for indigent inmates. ✪

(see page 5 for Ceremony Photos)

8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Volunteers Recognized for Their Good Deeds

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." ~ Author unknown.

City Manager Jim Bourey gave the keynote address at the Newport News Sheriff's Office 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held October 24, 2013.

Most inmate programs offered at the jail and jail annex are facilitated by volunteers. Bourey acknowledged that these classes are essential to help men and women successfully reintegrate into the community once released from jail.

There are approximately 150 jailhouse volunteers with an average of 40 programs offered. ✪

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Sgt. R. L. Jones
Valencia White
Dep. W. S. Ange
Dep. H. E. Rojas
Sgt. P. A. Preyer
MDep. S. M. Bailey
Alysha Woodhouse
Dep. C. L. Holmes
Dep. W. Cariles
Dep. R. J. Beale

Dep. S. Holloman
Brenda Charity
Cpl. S. J. Summerford
MDep. A. R. Ireland
Dep. J. K. Jones
Deshaun Thomas
Dep. T. T. Hill
Dep. J. E. Adams
Dep. D. L. Hoang
Dep. E. E. Mazerolle



FEBRUARY

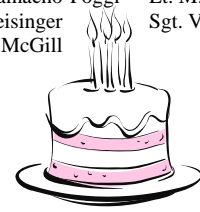
Dep. R. W. Dobkins
Sgt. V. J. Williams
Dep. A. L. Cofield
Dep. M. D. Jones
Dep. T. G. Cross
Dep. M. D. Henry
Sgt. S. E. Rybaczuk
MDep. T. S. Washington
Dep. M. R. Daniels
Dep. J. Barham

Katina Richardson
Dep. K. M. Odom
Dep. A. S. Nutt
Capt. R. S. Coleman
Lt. A. Morales
Cpl. D. Wright
Ronald Johnson
Dep. B. Petitfrere
Dep. R. E. Spencer

MARCH

Dep. T. R. Brovald
Dep. R. L. Solomon
Dep. R. J. Gray
Dep. J. P. McCollough
Cpl. S. L. Chapman
Maj. K. R. Langford
Dep. D. A. West
Dep. Y. Camacho-Poggi
Lt. J. P. Reisinger
Dep. J. K. McGill

Dep. T. W. Davis
Dep. R. S. Forrest
Lt. F. L. Hubbard
Dep. V. P. Kelly
Dep. D. M. Payne
Dep. K. S. Stanford
Dep. H. Delgado
Lt. M. L. Daniels
Sgt. V. M. Scott



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NNSO Anniversary:

(11/2008)

5 year: Sgt. C. Agee; Sgt. D. Woodhouse; MDep. Q. Abdullah;
MDep. K. Lampkins; and Dep. R. Bullock

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

— Gloria Johnson, **Civil Enforcement**, NNSO "Employee of the Quarter," 3rd Qtr.

PROMOTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Vergakis, Jeffrey D.	Lt. Colonel	December 16, 2013
Brenzel, J. C.	Sergeant	January 1, 2014
Jones, R. L.	Sergeant	January 1, 2014



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Basic Law Enforcement Class 13-B

AND

Basic Combined Jailors Class 13-3



BLE CLASS 13-B

Having graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy on November 21, the above deputies are now dual certified in corrections and law enforcement. Pictured (left-right) F. Vito, G. M. Armstrong, and G. L. Robertson



BASIC COMBINED CLASS 13-3

Five men and women were certified December 11, 2013, as NNSO Deputy Sheriffs at their graduation ceremony. Pictured (left-right) R. Mojica, A. C. Cofield, T. L. Fulton, K. A. Richardson, and K. A. McBride.

Sheriff Gabe Morgan gave the keynote address at the ceremony.

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NAVY WIVES CLUBS OF AMERICA Peninsula-Norfolk #91



NNSO Sheriff gives opening remarks at local Wreaths Across America ceremony

Veterans Cemeteries across the country participated in the National Wreaths Across America Day remembrance event on December 14, 2013. The Navy Wives Clubs of America, local chapter Peninsula-Norfolk #91 organized the ceremony at the Hampton National Cemetery.

Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan gave the opening remarks. Morgan is a decorated Veteran of the United States Army, serving his country proudly for over twenty years. He entered the service as a private and remained enlisted through the rank of Staff Sergeant. He subsequently earned a commission through Officer Candidate School. He retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Major.

Morgan said, "Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation, are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear."

The keynote address was given by (Ret.) Major General Wallace C. Arnold, U.S. Army. Participating in the commemoration were ROTC members from a couple of different high schools.

There are 33,000 graves at the Hampton National Cemetery. Seven Medal of Honor

Recipients are buried at this location, one of whom was a graduate of Hampton University.

The Navy Wives Club was able to afford 7,000 wreaths through donations. ★



Wreaths line the graves at Hampton National Cemetery. *photo by Jonathon Gruenke, Daily Press*

REMEMBER. HONOR. TEACH.

Remember our Fallen Veterans. Honor those Who Serve. Teach our Children about the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy.

CEREMONY PHOTOS *(contin. from page 1)*



Photo: Sgt. H. McCoy



Photo: Lt. B. Murray



Photo: Lt. B. Murray



Photo: Sgt. H. McCoy

FLOWER FUND

Become a Member

for only \$12 a year.

A death in the family is difficult.
Help ease that sorrow.

A gift of flowers shows colleagues
you care.

Please give your \$12 to
Capt. S. Whitfield.

Thank you for your participation.

**See's
VALENTINE
FUND RAISER
CANDIES**

Profits for the

Flower Fund

Orders can be placed through
Capt. S. Whitfield
Sgt. D. Woodhouse
Brenda Charity or
Section Commanders

by January 24, 2014

FLASH BACK



To EVENTS

DEPUTY SHERIFFS ASSUME THE ROLE OF SANTA ELVES FOR CHILDREN OVERSEAS



Local collection point before shipment to Samaritan's Purse in North Carolina

This is the fourth year that Sgt. H. McCoy, Court Security Assistant Commander, has spearheaded "Operation Christmas Child" at the NNSO. The toy drive is part the Samaritan's Purse Operation International Relief ministry out of North Carolina.

Organizers ask for shoebox sized containers be filled with a variety of goodies to delight a boy or girl between the age of 2 & 14. Boxes not only include toys, but also essential toiletry items. Remember, these items are for disadvantaged kids all over the globe.

This season, the NNSO donated 25 shoe boxes plus money for shipping and handling.



GOBBLING-UP THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

Project Lifesaver client, 7-year old Isaac, enjoyed a special visit from his Sheriff's Office friends. Deputies dropped off a Thanksgiving feast for the boy and his parents and stayed for a little fun. This was one of several food basket stops.





Santa's Helpers Wrap Gifts for Seniors

The Midtown Community Center was transformed into Santa's Workshop on December 10 for the annual gift wrapping project for senior citizens.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office was present (pictured top) wrapping gifts for its S.O.S. clients. Safety for Our Seniors get a wellness check each weekday morning, excluding holidays, to ensure they are okay. For those living alone, it may be the only voice they hear.

Those same seniors receive a Christmas gift wrapped by the caring hands of deputies and staff.



YULETIDE GREETINGS

The Newport News Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism operates "Active Lifestyles" for locals over the age of fifty. On December 11th, the Annual Yuletide Greetings Program was held at Knights of Columbus Hall. MDeputy G. Robertson (pictured middle) was one of many deputies who volunteered to serve hot holiday meals.

"Be a Santa to a Senior"

On December 18th, deputies with the Newport News Sheriff's Office made a special visit to the Newport News Rehabilitation Center on Nettles Drive (pictured lower) to help brighten the day of about 50 residents.

Thanks to caring citizens from across the Peninsula, Home Instead Senior Care's popular campaign delivered thousands of gifts to local needy seniors. Area retailers displayed Christmas trees that were tagged with names and needs of senior citizens who otherwise might be overlooked during the holiday season.



The Sheriff's Office has partnered with Home Instead over the years not only for this specific program, but also for events throughout the year.

SHERIFF'S Last Word

Dear Fellow Citizens of Newport News,

As a Constitutional Officer I must seek re-election every four years to maintain my position as Sheriff of Newport News. Voters who went to the polls for the general election on November 5th sent a clear message providing us with a victory. 'Thank you' to the people of Newport News for your overwhelming vote of confidence.



There is no other expression in the English language that expresses sincere gratitude like those two simple words: thank you. So to all of you for your support, I wish to share my heartfelt thanks.

Each day that I continue to hold office, you will get the best I have to offer as the leader of the Newport News Sheriff's Office.

Remember, while my name was on the ballot, I am standing on the shoulders of the deputies and staff whose dedication makes me proud. Folks see us working hard and they believe in what we have done over the last eight years. They recognize that the City of Newport News is better because of the changes and improvements we have made.

Not only have the voters indicated with this win that they approve of what we have accomplished, but they also have expectations of what we will continue to do in the future.

I have said many times, I am a person who makes good on his promises. And I promise to continue to move this agency forward in a way that helps all citizens of Newport News.

I have gone to every corner of this fine City of ours and met with people and listened to their concerns. What matters to you, matters to me. What drives me is our shared conviction as fellow citizens of Newport News.

I will continue work collaboratively with local and state stakeholders, all of whom have an interest in making the City safer. The goal of always improving our future also falls on the faith-based community, community organizations, and individual citizens. Naturally I intend on maintaining those essential relationships to ensure we attain our mutual aspirations.

One thing that is clear, citizens like what has been fulfilled thus far. You have my word that I will continue to build a record of good works and positive changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriel A. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Gabriel A. Morgan
Sheriff, City of Newport News