

# THE REPORT



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*Maryland Troopers Association, Inc.*

December 2008



# *President's Message*

Greetings:

First and foremost, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. This is the time of year that we come together and enjoy the company of family and friends. In this time of celebration and reflection, we should be thankful for the many blessings in our lives and reach out to those less fortunate. In these uncertain economic times, there are so many hard working people who have fallen victim to financial hardship and are struggling to make ends meet. Thanks to all the folks at the local lodges who work so hard each year to lend a hand by sponsoring families and holding charitable events during the Christmas season.

Looking forward, there are many difficult challenges that we will face in the coming year. As many of you are aware, the Maryland Troopers Association has depended heavily upon revenues generated through telephone solicitations by Civic Development Group (CDG) to fund benefits to our membership. The current contract with CDG expires on December 31, 2008 and for numerous reasons discussed in earlier newsletters, the Board of Directors has elected not to renew this contract. We have opted instead for a far less intrusive manner of contacting the public and our supporters. In the Spring of 2008, we launched a direct mail campaign through LEAD marketing. While the initial returns are promising, this approach will require several years to develop and maintain the base revenue stream we previously received through telemarketing.

As always, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our office staff, the members of the Board of Directors and to our membership for your hard work over the past year. I know that many hours have been dedicated to the cause and that many sacrifices had to be made. God bless and have a wonderful new year.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Kirk Daugherty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

M. Kirk Daugherty  
President

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The Maryland Troopers Association's December 2008 Executive Board Meeting was called to order on December 16, 2008 at 1800 hours by President Kirk Daugherty. Vice-President Chris Sasse, and Executive Director Bob Devers were present. Secretary Treasurer Vicki Patterson was excused due to illness. Roll call was taken by the Executive Director and the following Lodge Presidents were present:

Tri-County - C. Horner; Lodge 1 - D. Cameron; Lodge 13 - D. Morris; Lodge 14 - R. Ruff; Lodge 15 - Alan Michael, Lodge 17 - B. Gill; Lodge 19 - D. Truitt for S. Bolger; Lodge 20 - E. Bredenburg; Lodge 40 - Excused; Lodge 51 - P. Grotte; Lodge 76 - J. McLeary; Lodge 88 - B. Kloos; Lodge 96 - C. Creswell. With a quorum present, the President declared the meeting in order.

The minutes from the November 2008 Executive Board Meeting have been distributed to the Lodge Presidents. A motion was made by Lodge 76 to adopt the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded by Lodge 20 and passed.

## **President**

M. Kirk Daugherty

While traveling here this evening, I received a call concerning the application of furlough days to MSP personnel. Sworn personnel, 1/Sgt. & below, PCO's, & Civilian pilots will not be subject to furlough. They are currently working on an exemption for Aviation Mechanics as well, due to the nature of their schedule. Commissioned officers and other civilian personnel will be subject to the Executive Order.

I would like to thank Jim Dulay, President of SLEOLA, for keeping me informed during the recent negotiations with DBM concerning furlough days. I offered our assistance in addressing this issue if indeed it became necessary. I also understand that the 10 hour day pilot study has been re-instituted at the Salisbury Barrack.

## **Vice-President**

Christopher Sasse

Last month I assisted with arrangements and fundraisers for Officer Richard Bremer who was killed in a departmental collision. I also assisted with some fundraising activities for the Triebel family following his death.

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Vicki Patterson

Excused

## **Executive Director's Report**

Robert Devers

I sent out an advertisement on the listserv concerning one of the fundraisers for the Triebel family. They have designed a Christmas ornament depicting the helicopter flying over a city scene of Frederick. The ornaments are available from [www.creativeglasstchings.com](http://www.creativeglasstchings.com) at a cost of \$19.99 plus shipping and handling.

We had the roofer here during the past month to address the leaks in the conference room. The first attempt failed to resolve the problem but they came back yesterday and put an additional patch down which appears to have stopped the leak. The cost was \$2000.00 for this repair

A copy of the Executive Order on Furloughs for State Workers and a sheet of frequently asked questions regarding the order has been distributed.

## **National Troopers Coalition Liaison**

Daniel Truitt

On December 13, 2008, Oregon State Police Senior Trooper William ("Bill") Hakim, age 51, a Certified Hazardous Device Technician with the Arson & Explosives Section. Hakim was killed in an explosion after responding to a suspicious package report. He was an 11-year veteran of the Oregon State Police.

As of this evening, I will be resigning as the National Troopers Coalition Liaison. After 16 years as President of Lodge 19 and NTC then NTC representative, I feel as though it is time to pass the torch. I would recommend Charlie Horner to replace me as NTC Liaison as he is familiar with the NTC Board and has attended several meetings in the past.

Kirk thanked Danny for his past service to the MTA in both positions. I will make appointments under New Business.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**By-Laws:** S. Bolger - Not Present

**Finance:** J. Diggs - On December 9, 2008 the Finance Committee held its December Meeting at the MTA Office. In attendance were Finance Chairperson Jay Diggs, Earl Bredenburg, Pete Edge, Walt Mills, Rick Norman, Mike Smith and Executive Director Bob Devers.

**MEETING DATES:** January 13, 2009 @ 10am at the MTA Office

**STATE OF THE MTA:**

1. Citigroup Account November 2008 \$389,412

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The November Committee Report was approved by the Board. Per rule, the 2009 Budget was presented to the Board at the November meeting and per rule was tabled until the December Board Meeting. Comments were requested and as of this moment, I haven't received any inquiries.

2. 2009 Convention DATE CHANGE - Save the New Dates November 5 8, 2009 at the newly remodeled Howard Johnson's on 12th Street. Marvin Hollinger is working tirelessly on getting the best packages. Marvin has the room rates broken down based on double occupancy. A reservation flyer will be out in January.

3. Injury Assistance Bill We have just received the statistical data requested from MIEMMS on the number of people affected by our proposal. We will put this information in our proposal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Requests for Donations: None

2. FORM 106 REVIEWS:

A. Executive Director's MTA Form 106 for November 2008, in the amount of \$22.63 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

B. Lobbyist Bernard Shaw's Form 106 for November 2008, in the amount of \$157.20 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

C. President Kirk's Form 106 for November 2008, in the amount of \$40.00 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

3. The Treasurer's Report for November 2008 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.

4. As we all know, Mr. Peter Fairchild Edge celebrated his 70th birthday. Pete is concerned about the reduction in the Life Insurance premium that takes affect at age 70. He asked us to look into seeing what Sun Life would charge the MTA to raise the benefit amount or to see if they would offer supplemental insurance to the member. Bob Devers is handling this project.

5. Lead Marketing Based on current figures from Lead Marketing we are more confident that they should meet the 2009 projections.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Time Start: 0900 hours Time Ended: 1115 hours

1. The Aviation Command would like to thank the MTA for all of its assistance provided after the sudden death of First Sergeant Tobin Triebel.

2. Once again, we remind all of our members to examine the amount of insurance and benefit coverage they have or don't have. As we are all well aware, tragedies can strike at any time. I know that we all want our families to be financially secure, so please take advantage of the benefits available to you. The costs for supplemental insurance, AD&D or personal life insurance plans are small in comparison to the peace of mind they provide. Take the time to examine your family status. It may be the best present you can give to your family.

Motion to accept the Finance Committee Report was made by Lodge 76, seconded by Lodge 14 and passed.

**Legislative/Political Action:** Bernie Shaw - November 24, 2008, I attended the Lodge 15 meeting to address legislative

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questions.

On December 3, 2008, I attended the Joint Committee on Pensions meeting in Annapolis. This is a meeting where the Pension Board puts in bills each year to remain in compliance with regulations. There was a lot of discussion concerning their desire to come out of the Corridor method of Funding. The \$67 million initial payment necessary is cost prohibitive at this time.

On December 3, 2008, I also attended a fundraiser for Delegate Rudolf in Rising Sun, Maryland with Lodge 15 President Al Michael.

On December 9, 2008, I attended the Christmas meeting for Lodge 76.

**Minority Affairs** - Ron Ruff - Nothing to Report.

**Retirees:** Dave Cameron - Nothing to Report

**Scholarship:** Brian Kloos - Nothing to Report. The 2009 MTA Scholarship process

**SLEOLA** - Brian Gill - Vice-President Chris Sasse complimented Jimmy Dulay on his representation of the SLEOLA members during the negotiations.

Brian Gill noted also that the 10 hour day schedule has been implemented at the Salisbury Barrack.

**Legal Advisory** - Chuck Creswell noted that he spoke with Gary Tracey earlier in the day and that there was nothing new to report to the Board.

Byron noted to the Board that the firm was currently appealing a decision to the Circuit Court in a termination case which should have been resolved through negotiations. The firm filed a show cause in the case, however it was not granted and the trial has begun in Talbot County. The firm has assumed the cost of litigating the matter for the MTA. President Daugherty thanked Byron on behalf of the organization.

## LODGE REPORTS

**Tri-County:** C. Horner - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 1:** D. Cameron - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 13:** - D. Morris - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 14:** R. Ruff - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 15:** A. Michael - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 17:** B. Gill - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 19:** - S. Bolger - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 20:** E. Bredenburg - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 40:** O. Artfitch - Not Present

**Lodge 51:** P. Grotte - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 76:** J. McLeary - The Lodge annual Christmas Party on December 9, 2008 was a success.

**Lodge 88:** B. Kloos - Nothing to Report

**Lodge 96:** C. Creswell - Lodge 96 is holding its annual Christmas Party on December 17, 2008 in Edgewood in conjunction with the Harford County Sheriff's Office Personnel. The gathering provides an opportunity to the folks that work together in Harford County to socialize.

## OLD BUSINESS

The 2009 Budget tabled at last months meeting is now before the Board. The President called for a motion to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was made by Lodge 20, seconded by Lodge 14 and passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

With the resignation of Daniel Truitt as NTC representative, the chair would recommend Charles Horner to fill the vacant position. Lodge 1 made a motion to approve the chairs' recommendation which was seconded by Lodge 76 and passed.

Jay Diggs asked the Board to consider revisiting the eligibility of new MTA members to join the Guardian dental program. As it currently stands, the only new members who

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are provided an eligibility window to join Guardian Dental are the new class graduates. In that case, we allow newly hired troopers a sixty day window to join the Dental program and we inform them of the restrictions during the class orientation. Newly hired pilots and other civilian employees do not have that opportunity. There was considerable discussion concerning this issue and a motion was made by Lodge 20 to allow all new hires, sworn and civilian, 6 months to join Guardian Dental as an MTA member and that no member will be allowed to rejoin dental once dropped except during an open enrollment period approved by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Lodge 76 and passed.

## GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

At 1905 hours a motion to adjourn was made by Lodge 76, seconded by Lodge 20 and passed. The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 20, 2009 at 1800 hours at the MTA Office.



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## Chesapeake Investment Advisors Martin Knight

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## Bethany Beach Condo's "The Quiet Resort"



4 Bedroom Condo w/4 Full Bathrooms Full Kitchen total 1950 square feet - Sleeps 10 comfortably custom decorated and overlooks the Bay and golf course. - Off season - \$80/night w/2 night minimum

June 1st- June 28th - Pre-Season week - \$895/week or \$150/night

June 29th Sept. 1st - In-Season week - \$1,300/week (Sunday-Sunday)

2 Bedroom Condo w/2 Full Bathrooms for a total of 1250 square ft. - Full Kitchen and sleeps 6 comfortably 1 minute to community pool - Off Season - \$55/night w/2 night minimum

June 1st- June 28th - Pre-Season week - \$600/week or \$100/night

June 29 Sept. 1st In Season Week - \$795/week (Sunday-Sunday)

This is the quiet resort ideal for families. In October 2007, the Army Corp of Engineers quadrupled the depth of the Bethany Beach at a cost of over \$14 million. More space for family fun.

Bethany Bay on-site amenities available: family pool with hot tub, tennis, basketball court, horseshoe pit, 9 hole golf course (small fee), Boat ramp w/pier access to Indian River & Bay.... 2 miles to downtown Bethany Beach, boardwalk

and Atlantic Ocean. Giant & Food Lion within 1 mile. Less than 15 minute drive to Ocean City activities or Rehoboth Beach shopping. Check out [www.bethany-bay.com](http://www.bethany-bay.com)

Contact F/Sgt. Chris Sasse at the Frederick Bk. # 301-600-4164 or [csasse@mdsp.org](mailto:csasse@mdsp.org)

## Vacation Home for Rent - Nags Head

This beautiful 5 bedroom home is located in the upscale Old Nags Head Place development. Beach, fishing pier are just steps from the beach house. Also Jockey's Ridge State Park is conveniently located across the street. Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and everything else the Outer Banks has to offer. Enjoy quiet streets for strolling or biking; a community walkway leads the way to the beach. OBIE'S offers everything you need to make your stay in the Outer Banks memorable. After spending your days on the beach, relax by the large private pool, or you can relax on one of several decks or in the screened porch. For the more adventurous, a short walk takes you to Jockey's Ridge for a spectacular view of the sunset. On cooler evenings, you can gaze at the stars while you enjoy the hot tub. The first floor game room includes a pool table, wet bar, stereo, TV/ VCR/DVD. This home has everything you need for a lively evening with friends and activities to keep the kids entertained. Also, a gas fireplace is available. For those who must "stay connected," will enjoy the high speed internet access! I am offering a 10% discount for all Troopers and family members. Members can call the management company direct and get the discount. Internet site for description is [www.obies1.com/](http://www.obies1.com/) Any questions can be directed to me at [jeff.wobbleton@dc.gov](mailto:jeff.wobbleton@dc.gov) or [jwobbleton4613@comcast.net](mailto:jwobbleton4613@comcast.net)