

# THE REPORT



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*Maryland Troopers Association, Inc.*

**September/October 2011**



# *President's Message*

Greetings:

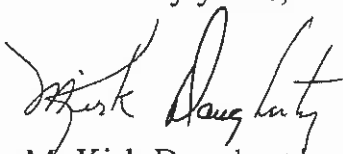
Just back from this year's MTA Convention in Ocean City and I must say that I missed a few of the old familiar faces. Despite a smaller crowd, we did have a wonderful time catching up with our old friends. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the folks on the convention committee who worked so hard to make the necessary arrangements. As always, Harry Edwards put on a great spread in the hospitality suite and I am positive no one left the convention hungry. Thank you Harry for all you did.

Class 137 recently graduated from the Police Academy and have reported to their respective assignments in the field. I would ask all of our members to greet and support these young troopers as they adapt to practical application of their training. Remember, we were all the new guy once. I would also ask our members to encourage the new troopers to attend a local lodge meeting so that they can see what the lodge does and become involved.

I would like to congratulate Chris Sasse on his re-election to the position of Vice-President of the Maryland Troopers Association. I would also like to thank both Brian Gill and Chris Sasse for keeping the campaign positive and for their interest in contributing to the future of this organization. I am looking forward to serving an additional two years as President of the MTA and I thank the Executive Board and our membership for your support and dedication.

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on November 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM at the Maryland Troopers Association Office in Pikesville, Maryland. We have extended an invitation to Colonel Brown to join us at this meeting and members are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please give Bob Devers a call at the office so that we have sufficient refreshments available. Until next time, I remain...

Fraternally yours,

  
M. Kirk Daugherty  
President

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The Maryland Troopers Association's September and October 2011 Executive Board Meeting was called to order on October 1, 2011 at 1000 hours by President Kirk Daugherty. Vice-President Chris Sasse, Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Patterson and Executive Director Bob Devers were present. Roll call was taken by Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Patterson 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 - J. Vogt, Lodge 17 - B. Gill; Lodge 19 - W. Mills for S. Murphy; Lodge 20 - E. Bredenburg; Lodge 40 - O. Artfitch; Lodge 51 - P. Grotte; Lodge 76 - J. McLeary; Lodge 88 - B. Blubaugh; Lodge 96 - C. Creswell. With a quorum present, the President declared the meeting in order.

The minutes from the August 2011 Executive Board meeting were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Lodge 20 to adopt the minutes as recorded. The motion was seconded by Lodge 13 and the motion passed.

### President

M. Kirk Daugherty

I would like to thank our Executive Director, Bob Devers, for filling in for me on extremely short notice at the graduation of Academy Class 137. I was unable to attend at the last minute and Bob responded to the graduation and made the MTA plaque presentation.

Welcome to the Bi-Annual MTA Convention in Ocean City, Maryland. I would like to recognize and thank all the folks on our convention committee for their hard work in putting together this weekend. I would especially like to thank Harry Edwards for the outstanding hospitality suite.

I would like to recognize Major Jerry Jones, Retired Major Don Lewis and Jim Dulay and thank them for attending this years convention.

Congratulations to Vice-President Chris Sasse for his win in this year's election. I would like to thank both candidates for their interest in filling this position and for their positive approach to the election.

I would also like to point out that there are flyers in the hospitality suite for the new MTA Credit Card. I would ask all of our members to apply for the new card and to make a

single purchase with the card. The MTA will receive \$50.00 for everyone who does this. The card has excellent benefits and helps to support the MTA.

Last but not least, I am honored to be serving as your President for another two years. I truly appreciate all the hard work and support I have received over the years from the MTA office staff, lodge presidents and committee chairs. I look forward to two more great years.

**Vice-President**  
Christopher Sasse

Bob Devers and I responded to the Academy in Sykesville for the Employee Group Orientation meeting with Class 137. We had 13 members sign up that evening and all members of the class were provided with an application packet. Two additional members have joined since the class graduated.

### Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Vicki Patterson

Nothing to Report

### Executive Director's Report

Robert Devers

The new MTA Website launched earlier this week. The new site is integrated with the NTC and provides a dynamic, real-time platform for the exchange of information between the member states. I sent an e-mail to all our members who had an e-mail address listed in our database informing them of the launch and providing instructions for registering on the website for access to the "Troopers Only" section. For those members who did not receive the instructions by e-mail, please feel free to contact the office for the registration username and password.

### National Troopers Coalition Liaison

Charles Horner

Line of Duty Death: I sent condolences on behalf of the MTA to the family of Trooper Mark Toney. Iowa State Patrol Trooper Mark E. Toney was killed in the line of duty on Tuesday September 20, 2011. Trooper Toney was involved in a single vehicle rollover. Trooper Toney's patrol vehicle caught fire and he was unable to exit the vehicle. Trooper was 43 years of age and a veteran of the Iowa

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Department of Public Safety for 24 years. Funeral and visitation arrangements are pending at this time.

NTC Conference- September 22-23, 2011 in St. Louis Missouri

NTC Picnic- September 12, 2011 hosted by New York & New Jersey: Funding for the picnic was provided from the NTC Charitable Foundation resulting in a \$25,000.00 profit. In the future if any state would like to host a picnic but lacks funding, the NTC will provide the funding from the charitable account as long as it receives the profits. The next fall picnic will be hosted by Maine, in addition Kansas is considering hosting a spring picnic.

During the reporting of states, I thanked Executive Director Dennis Hallion & NTC Treasurer William Staviski who during the funeral presented a \$1,000.00 check to the family of TFC Shaft Hunter.

Chairman Matt Hodapp (Minnesota) & Executive Director Dennis Hallion are in contact with Tennessee to have them join the NTC.

Executive Director Dennis Hallion in his report emphasized that he and executive board members are available to respond/testify on issues involving member states (Bargaining etc.). I have forwarded this information to SLEOLA.

The National Troopers Coalition has partnered with MPI Coin to announce an opportunity to memorialize a little piece of your memory of 9/11. Please visit our homepage at <http://www.ntctroopers.com/> or go to <http://www.coinsofamerica.com/ntc> for additional information.

Total expenditures to attend conference: \$788.10 (Form 106 submitted)

Next NTC Conference will be in February 2012 in Las Vegas Nevada

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**By-Laws:** W. Mills for S. Murphy - Nothing to Report

**Finance:** J. Diggs - .On September 28, 2011 the Finance

Committee held its monthly meeting in Ocean City Maryland during the MTA Convention. In attendance were Finance Chairperson Jay Diggs, Bill Bernard, Earl Bredenburg, Pete Edge, Marvin Hollinger, Walt Mills, Rick Norman, Vice President Sasse, Secretary Treasurer Patterson and Executive Director Bob Devers.

The normal order of business was suspended in order to recognize Marvin Hollinger for all of his hard work on the 2011 Convention. The Finance Committee also wanted to congratulate President Daugherty, Vice President Sasse and Secretary/Treasurer Patterson for being elected to another two year term.

MEETING DATES: October 12, 2011, 10Am @ the MTA Office (Budget Meeting Finale)

STATE OF THE MTA:

1. UBS Account – \$545,121
2. The Finance Committee spent more than 3 hours preparing the 2012 MTA budget. Approximately 99% of the hard work has been completed and will finish at our October meeting. The final budget and highlights will be presented to the Board at the November 15 Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board approved August's Finance Report.
2. The 2011 Convention. – We hope everyone is having a good time. We will be contacting the Alumni and the Aviation Command retirees in an effort to stage a convention involving all entities.
3. Affinity Program – The MTA has a new affinity partner in Capital One. We encourage all Lodge Presidents to champion this effort whenever possible. Remember, you must sign up for the new card on line. Simply visit the MTA web site at [www.mdtroopers.org](http://www.mdtroopers.org) then, after registering for the first time, click on the Benefits tab. You will note that this new card has many benefits so sign up for yours today.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Requests for Donations: None

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2. FORM 106 REVIEWS: time.
- A. Lobbyist Bernard Shaw's Form 106 for August 2011 in the amount of \$111.92 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report. **Minority Affairs** - Ron Ruff - Nothing to Report  
**Scholarship**: Brian Kloos - Nothing to Report  
**Retirees**: Dave Cameron -. Nothing to Report
- B. Executive Director Bob Devers' Form 106 for August 2011 in the amount of \$37.21 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report. **SLEOLA** - B. Gill - SLEOLA is still in the process of negotiations. As an update, the issue concerning SLEOLA offering legal services to members was mentioned at a meeting. At this time, there are no plans by the SLEOLA Board to implement a legal program, however there are members of SLEOLA who are not covered by a legal plan and that issue was brought to the President.
3. The Treasurer's Report for August 2011 was reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this report.
4. Make sure you visit the NEW MTA web site at [www.mdtroopers.org](http://www.mdtroopers.org). You must register on your first visit. Should you have any articles, pictures, events or celebrations that you want posted on the site or your Lodge's page send it to Bob Devers at [rdevers@erols.com](mailto:rdevers@erols.com) and he will attach them to the site. The web site has a lot of new features including the MTA store tab which is under construction. Thanks to Bob Devers for making this new web site possible. There was considerable discussion concerning the possibility that SLEOLA will be offering a legal plan. Brian indicated that he personally had grievance issues which would have benefitted from the use of an attorney and that none was available. James Nichols from the Law Office of Byron Warnken noted that grievances are covered by the MTA Legal plan and that he has represented several troopers in grievance proceedings in the past. He would have represented Brian also.

### LODGE REPORTS

5. All MTA members are encouraged to sign up for the MTA list serve to insure they receive timely and valuable information on every conceivable topic. All you have to do is call the MTA Office at 410-653-3885 and provide your e-mail information. Bob Devers will do the rest.
- Lodge 15 - J. Vogt - The 10th Annual Bull Roast & Shrimp Feast will be held on October 22, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight at the Ed Walls Activity Center, Fair Hill, Md. Cost will be \$35.00 Per Person (Beer & Soda Included in Cost) BYOB for Wine & Alcohol. There will be live entertainment by DJ Chuck Jackson, Catering provided by Fast Eddies Pit Beef with an all you can eat menu of Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey, Steamed Shrimp, Wings, Meat Balls, & Dessert. There will be as Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction, Chinese Auction, Games of Chance & Door Prizes 50/50 & 55" Flat Screen TV Raffle. Tickets Must be Purchased by October 19, 2011 and there will be No Tickets Sold At Door. For Tickets Contact: Larry Bray 410-392-9265 - Jeremy Vogt 443-309-5258 - Nate Wilson 443-309-2363 - Phil Scott 443-553-0645 or Gary Pierce 443-309-3988.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Time Start: 1800 hours  
Time Ended: 2313 hours

1. Our hearts are with the Families of Trooper 2 on this somber anniversary.

The President called for a motion to accept the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion was made by Lodge 1, seconded by Tri-County Lodge and passed.

**Legislative/Political Action**: Bob Devers for Bernie Shaw - Nothing to Report.

**Legal Advisory** - J. Nicols - No issues for the Board at this

Lodge 17 - B. Gill - We had our crab feast on September 22, 2011 and it was well attended. A member from Aviation filed a grievance which is currently in step 4.

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Lodge 20 - E. Bredenburg - Lodge 20 will be holding a basket bingo in November at the Reese Fire Hall. Details will be forthcoming and will be published on the listserv.

Lodge 40 - We held our annual dinner for members and associates on September 25, 2011.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

Earl Bredenburg introduced an issue raised at his local lodge meeting concerning the lack of training for new PCOs and that a recent new hire started without receiving any training. Don Lewis, Director of HRD, indicated that there is a training program in place for PCOs and that he would look into the specifics of this particular case to determine if the necessary training was provided and if not, why.

In a recent message from the Administration, MSP retiree badges will no longer be infused with gold for durability. Otto Artfitch noted that many of his members asked if the infused badge could still be made available if the retiree paid the additional cost. Don Lewis indicated that the gold infusion was no longer being offered by the manufacturer.

Ron Ruff asked if a date had been set for the confirmation hearing of Colonel Brown. Don Lewis indicated no and that it would most likely be scheduled during the regular session of the General Assembly beginning in January. Don indicated that he would let us know when the hearing is scheduled.

The President submitted to the Board the appointment of Jay Diggs to continue as the Finance Committee Chair with the current committee members to remain. He also appointed Brian Blubaugh to replace Brian Kloos as the Scholarship Committee Chair with the current committee members to

remain unchanged. A motion was made by Tri-County Lodge to accept the appointments. The motion was seconded by Lodge 40 and passed.

### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Joe McLeary presented a certificate of appreciation to the Maryland Troopers Association from the 504<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion Association expressing their appreciation for our donation of a badge plaque to the battalion.

Kirk Daugherty expressed his appreciation to Jim Nooney, President of the Maryland Troopers Foundation, for his efforts in putting on the Golf Tournament on Friday.

At 5:40 P.M. a motion to adjourn was made by Tri-County Lodge, seconded by Lodge 1 and passed. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Maryland Troopers Association Office, 1300 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Maryland 21208.

## Chesapeake Investment Advisors Martin Knight

If you have questions concerning the DROP (or any other investment issues), give Marty a call (410-810-0735). The best time to do the research is before your exit-date so very little time is lost reinvesting your assets. Marty can help your transition from active State Trooper to retired investor. And rest assured, he will always put your financial interests first.

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