Congratulations to Frederick Robert “Bob” Seibel III
AACVFA’s Nominee for the 2014 Unsung Hero Award
for the Anne Arundel County One Hundred Club!
Cape St. Claire VFC

Please log into the AACVFA’s site to read Bob’s full fire service biography.

Heroes Among Us

Crystal Glover (left), an EMT at Odenton VFC since 2011, stated it is “emotionally gratifying to be able to help someone on what could be the worst day of their life.” Crystal won top honors with 374 EMS calls in 2013 at the Odenton fire station.

Kyle Phelps, another volunteer at Odenton VFC was the company’s top responder with 714 calls in 2013.

Will Fischer (right), a volunteer firefighter at Odenton VFC and an Army Reservist, lost his leg while serving in Iraq. Will has overcome his injuries through rehab at Walter Reed National Military Hospital Center and has returned to Odenton VFC to continue to serve his community.

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Crystal Glover
Kyle Phelps
Will Fischer

Quote of the Month

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has."

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Jane Huffman
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“Danny’s Girl’s for a Cure”

Theresa Winkelmeyer, Past President Ladies Auxiliary
AACVFA is a good example of a hero. In February 2013, both Theresa and her sister Maria were diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Despite surgeries and illness, Theresa continued to be proactive, raising funds for services to families touched by breast cancer. Theresa and Maria’s father, Danny Dean of Jessup VFD lost his battle with cancer in 1999. Theresa, Maria, family, and friends will be participating in “Ride Across Maryland” Saturday, May 31—June 2, 2014 at the Francis Scott Key Family Resort in Ocean City. If you would like to sponsor Theresa and Maria, you may donate online at www.rideacrossmaryland.org under Theresa Winkelmeyer/team “Danny’s Girls for a Cure” or you may send a check payable to “Ride Across Maryland” to Theresa Winkelmeyer, 2049 Citrus Avenue, Jessup Maryland 20794. Join Theresa and Maria in their fight against breast cancer!

SAFE AWAKE INSTALLERS
(Bed Shakers for Deaf or Hard of Hearing Persons)

If you have a deaf or hard of hearing individual that requires a Safe Awake bed shaker, please contact Sharon New at (FD009612@aacounty.org) or John Spiker (silverspike2548@aol.com or 410-218-1814) to have it installed. If you are interested in becoming an installer, contact Debbie Gartrell at debbiegartrell@comcast.net.

Meet Your Candidates

“Coffee Social”

State Senators & Delegates
Districts 31A, 31B, 32, and 33
Monday May 12, 2014
7:30 a.m. til 9:30 a.m.
Educate yourself!
Meet your candidates in a relaxed setting. Coffee and pastries provided.
Free and Open to the public.
Gavigan’s Furniture
7319 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie 21061
RSVP 410-766-8282

The MSFA Recruitment & Retention Committee will be sponsoring the IAFC—VCOS Leadership training seminar, “Beyond Hoses and Helmets”. It will be presented May 3rd & 4th at UMBC. This class is open to all that wish to become better leaders in the fire service.

MSFA’s 1st Vice President Car for Sale:
SEALEDBIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE COMMITTEE BY MIDNIGHT JULY 15, 2014. Mark the envelope “MSFA CAR”. Bids are to be sent to: Rusty Leftwich, 2121 Harkins Road, Pylesville, Md. 21132 Please direct questions to the same, at 410-808-8095, or whitehat10@aol.com. MSFA reserves the right to accept or reject bids.

Sunday
May 11, 2014

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
Anne Arundel Cares, Inc. was incorporated in February, 2012 to help raise money for non-profit organizations in Anne Arundel County. All donations that are raised on the Anne Arundel Cares website go directly to the nonprofit for which they are designated minus a 4.9% processing fee. Donations are sent to the non-profit (could be your Company!) on the 10th of the following month.

Anne Arundel Cares will be hosting a free “speed networking” party for non-profit leaders on Tuesday, May 20th from 5:30 p.m. til 7:30 p.m. at Loews Annapolis Hotel, 126 West Street, Annapolis.

The goal of the evening will be to provide local non-profit leaders the ability to talk about the issues they are facing within their organization, brainstorm ways non-profits can partner together, and share ideas and solutions to their problems.

This should be a really fun event! If you are interested in attending, RSVP to 410-757-2811 or info@aacares.org. (Ferndale VFC currently participates in this, so you may want to ask Chaplain if it was beneficial.)

To obtain additional copies of Anne Arundel County’s Emergency Preparedness Guide go to; //www.aacounty.org/OEM/preparedness%20Guide%202013v2.pdf

“SURVIVING THE STORM”
Encourage your friends to make an emergency plan!

Riviera Beach VFC Carnival
May 12th — May 17th
(Parade will be held on May 17th.)

Join us for a fun-filled week!

RAFFLE
CHOOSE BETWEEN
N5A NEW YORKER
or
N6A SAM HOUSTON LEATHER HELMET!

Tickets are $10 each. Acquire tickets through Webmaster@rbvfc13 or jship@cablespeed.com (Master card and Visa accepted) Drawing will be held May 17th Proceeds benefit the Riviera Beach VFC

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Do you have flashlights with extra batteries?

Do you have a battery-operated radio?
AACVFA
CONVENTION BOOK UPDATE
Drop-dead date for ANYTHING to go in the AACVFA Convention Book is JULY 25, 2014!
(If your report is not in by July 25th, it will not be included in the annual book.)

Advertisements
Officer’s Reports
Reports of Committees
Booster ads, etc.

Booster Ads – Patti Kidwell will be the point of contact for Booster ads. (PAKIDWE@VERIZON.NET) They do not have to be in alphabetical order. Family names should be grouped together. They are also to be typed in single line format when turned in. No EXCEL.

Fire Company Ads – Jane Huffman will be sending copies of the ad form to each fire company along with an invoice to make it easier for you. Please help support this AACVFA fundraiser by sending in your $100 company ad to AACVFACVC@GMAIL.COM. Your support will help defray the cost of printing the Convention book. All invoices and payment must be returned to Jane Huffman. You may mail payment and invoice to Jane Huffman, 1285 Magothy Road, Pasadena, Maryland 21122. for documenting. Jane will contact you when the payment has been received. Thank you!

Fire Prevention Week — Plan Ahead
2014: October 5-11
2015: October 4-10

Food for thought: Most fire companies try to hold their Open Houses during the month of October, making it difficult to obtain the Fire Safety House and other agencies.

You may want to think about holding your Open House in a month other than October so there is no competition in coordinating all of the outside agencies.

MSFA
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
The MSFA believes it is important to recognize company members. Each year at the convention, members are recognized for the following reasons.

EMS Top Responder This Recognition is presented to the EMS Responder who takes the most calls "out the door".

Fire Top Responder This Recognition is presented to the Fire Responder who takes the most calls "out the door".

Rescue Top Responder This Recognition is presented to the Rescue Responder who takes the most calls "out the door".

Active Military Service This Recognition is presented to members of the Volunteer Fire, EMS, Rescue Services that have been called to Active Duty as a member of a United States Military Services.

Three or more Generations in the Fire Service This Recognition is presented to the members of families that have at least three generations. i.e. father, son, grandson...father, daughter, grandson, etc.

Over 90 Years of age and still active in the fire company. This Recognition is presented to the members of your company that are at least 90 years old and are still actively involved in some activity at your fire station. The activity is not expected to be running calls.

To take advantage of MSFA's “Thank You Certificate” for your members, please go to the MSFA's Convention Committee website and click on the appropriate award listed. Certificates will be presented at Convention providing time is available.