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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hope everyone has had a great start of the New Year and hope 2015 turns out to be the best year ever. With that said, many of you follow me on Facebook and have seen our family's post on Dianne's sister, Theresa Welsh. We want to thank each and every one for the prayers and please continue them. I told many that has asked how our Christmas and New Year's had been, my reply was simple, if I had not got a single present or had a single Christmas meal, I could not complain, because we got the best present ever!!!! Miracles happen every day and our God continues to give them and answer prayers.

Let me really start by saying thanks for your support to me, for being allowed to serve as your president for another year. I have not really set any goals, other than a commitment to your other officers and committee members to have an open line of communication. There are some things that have got to be addressed and so therefore I have got to improve. Please never hesitate to call or email me, if you have any questions or concerns. The other officers and members of our various committees do their part most admirably, but please know I am here to serve you the members of this association.

As you will see in the Rescuer and report at our first quarterly meeting, Chauncey has managed to get us into something else. Your officers and legislative liaisons had the distinctive honor to be participants in Governor Bentley's Inaugural Ceremony on Monday, January 19. And again everybody was asking, "Who are those folks in the green jackets"? Yes I still believe that it will make a difference in our continued pursuit of permanent funding for our squads that need it. You deserve it! As long as I can, I will make every effort to put the association in the eyes of our elected and appointed officials. Thanks for the other squads that took the time to come out and were seen at the various functions around the inaugural ceremony.

I would like to say Chad has hit the ground running and is making great strides in creating very beneficial training opportunities in our future. He has brought some new and much needed suggestions. So be on board and support his effort in making this happen.

Just a reminder of what was voted on at conference. There will not be a high attendance award given any longer, but please, I hope that does not discourage our squads that send a large contingency to please continue do so. The host squads makes every effort to secure refreshments and/or a meal as well as door prizes, so please attend.

I hope everyone has safe travels to Athens, as Athens-Limestone hosts our first quarterly meeting in February. See You There.....

God Bless,

Matt Knight
President



From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

First thing that comes to my mind as we start a new year is to say thank you to all the squads that made the 2014 Conference a great success. It was a great time with all of the people who were present and if you were not there, well, you missed a good one. We approach this year with new ideas and new Executive Board members, Chad Singleton will be beginning a term on the board, please help him out. As we start this year, it is sad to see Executive Board members go. We will be working on new classes as always as the NREMT is always changing. We have partnered with Air Evac Lifeteam for some con ed classes coming up so watch the website. I will say we have lost a great supporter of the AARS, Gary Mackey has retired from the ADPH EMS. He was a great part of the system for 30+ years from what I am told. As we work during this year, let's see if we as an association can pull together to make ourselves even stronger. We will see you in Athens in February.

Danny Butler
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Greeting everyone! I hope you enjoyed Conference, had a wonderful Christmas season, and that your new year is off to a great start. With the new year came a completely new challenge for me: This Office! As the "new guy" among the officers I realize that I have a lot to live up to from those who have held this office before me and I hope that all of you will work with me for the betterment of the Association and be understanding of any perceived shortcomings. I know that together we can continue to make the AARS an organization to be proud of. As my primary focus is training, I want to start the year with two requests. First, please let me know if there is training that you feel is needed in the association. I desire your input to insure that the training we provide is what you actually need. Second, I'm going to ask for your participation. We need every squad to make their best effort to attend the training sessions that are provided and support the efforts of those providing the training, whether it be the AARS or an individual squad. I want to thank each and every one of you for the confidence that you have placed in me and for the many expressions of support that I have already received. I look forward to working with you to move our association forward and continue the legacy of service to this great state. Thanks again and God Bless!

Chad Singleton
2nd Vice President

FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Conference 2014
Orange Beach, AL

Meeting called to order by President Jason Heard. Colors presented by the Honor Guard, opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren. Special guest Col Steve Thompson with the Alabama Marine Police.

Roll was called with 61 squads in attendance.

Motion was made by Ider to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Desoto. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daphne to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Seconded by Monroe County. Motion carried.

Tray Carter with the Armed Forces Benefit Association spoke about free insurance offered to first responders and left cards to be filled out.

Chauncey spoke about the SD1 program and Autauga County and Lake Martin showed pictures of the equipment that they have received.

Danny Smith presented 2 By-laws changes to be voted on.

1st: Any By-law change to be presented at 3rd Quarterly meeting to be read and then voted on at conference.

2nd: Any new organization must be present to be voted on.

Brian presented a late renewal to be voted on. Selma-Dallas and also to count them present at the 3rd Quarterly meeting. Motion to accept by McIntosh, Seconded by Autauga County. Motion carried.

Conference 2015 will be in Orange Beach at the Orange Beach Event Center.

Officers for 2015:

Matthew Knight-President

Danny Butler – 1st Vice President

Chad Singleton – 2nd Vice President

Executive Board reappointed Debbie as Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Danny presented a plaque to Talladega Rescue Squad for high attendance 3rd Quarter.

Motion was made by Ider to do away with the high attendance. 2nd by Desoto. Motion carried.

Rescuer of the Quarter presented to Nancy Jones Calhoun County

Motion to adjourn by Desoto. Seconded by McIntosh. Motion carried.

**ALL REQUESTS FOR AARS ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF YOUR COUNTY
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AND GO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- * 2015 SECOND QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: **MARCH 29, 2015 !!!!!!!!**
- * The Electronic Version contains the ads and articles and can be found on the AARS Website or by subscribing by sending an email to rescuer@alars.org please include your name and Squad.
- * THE EDITOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED
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- * Be sure to check the Website regularly for updated information about things of interest.

The AARS Website is <http://www.alars.org>

1st Quarterly Meeting
At
Vietnam Veterans of America
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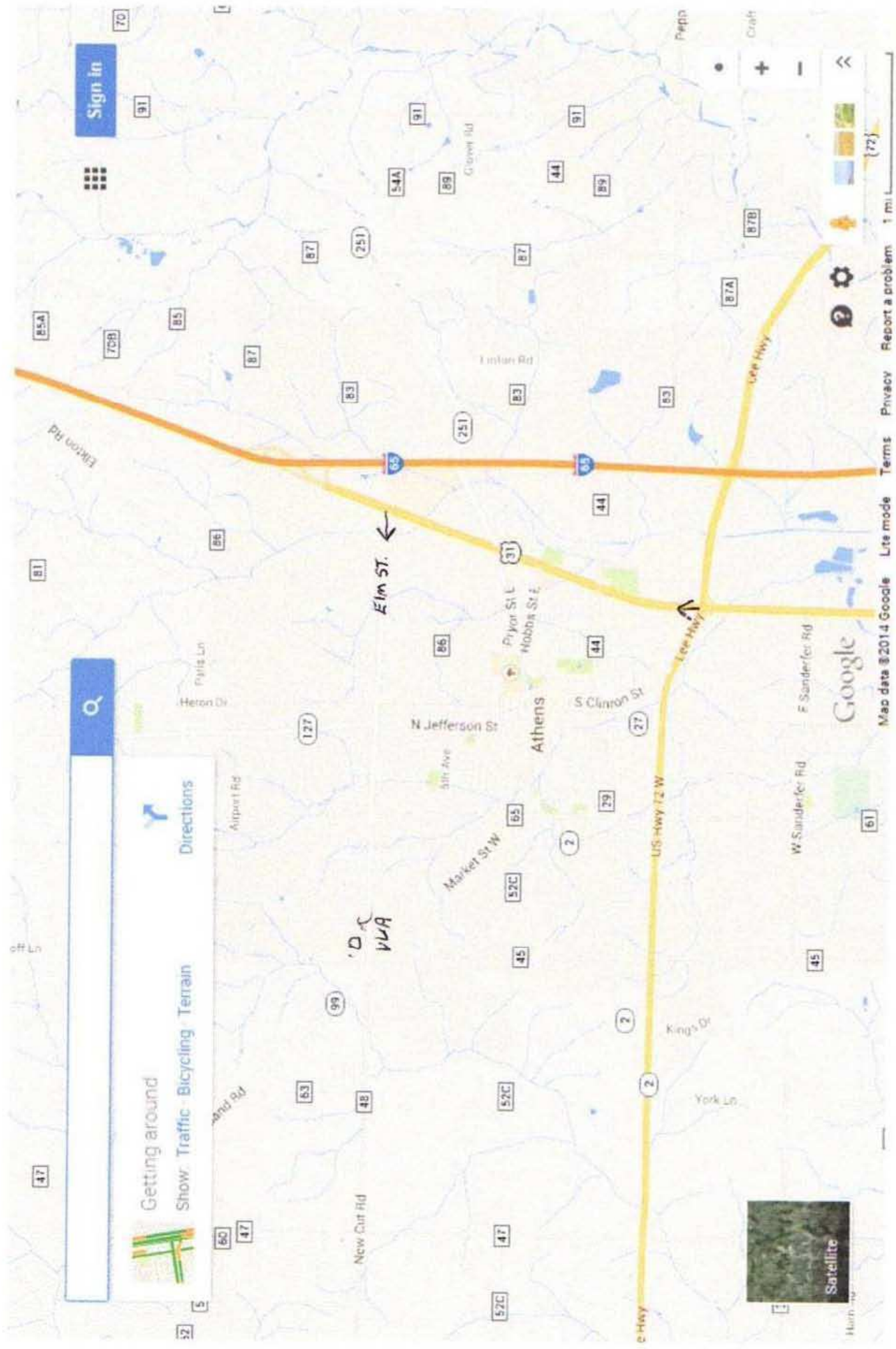
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Welcome and Posting of Colors.....09:30am
Board of Directors Meeting.....10:00am
Lunch.....12:00pm – 1:00pm
General Business Meeting.....1:00pm

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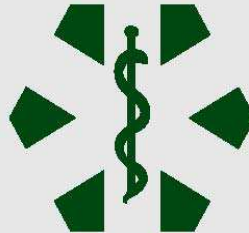
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