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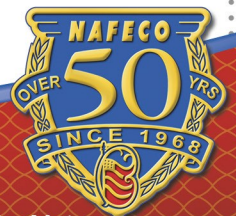
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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Well we are still here..... Hope all is doing well, and we are getting ready for our upcoming meeting in Boaz in August. Looking forward to seeing everybody. We still are seeing unprecedented and challenging times. As to the meeting in August, Tony from Union has been keeping everyone updated and as I write these things could change by the minute. We will communicate to everyone if anything warrants immediate action. Now with that the board will meet and determine if we need to set up some type of virtual meeting platform. I hope to have a very interesting article on the Randolph County Rescue Squad in next quarters Rescuer. I will be able to share some of the details in August but cannot share publicly at this time. To say that I have been a little busy is an understatement. Going to leave this short and sweet. Again, can't wait to see all the very dedicated members of the AARS in August at Boaz. Many prayers to all.

Matthew Knight
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy. Crazy times we are navigating right now. Please do everything you need to do to keep you and your family safe. We all put ourselves and our family at risk while running calls. This is a sacrifice you pay for being the generous and caring people you are. I want you all to know that I'm proud of each and everyone of you and I'm proud to represent you. Your officers care deeply about all of the squads in this great organization. Thank you again for your selfless service.

As for myself I just want everyone to know where I stand and how I feel. I love this country, I sing our anthem, I salute our flag, I believe every life matters, I support our troops that fought and died for this country and I support the police that keep us safe and sacrifice their life to do so. My brother-in-law was one of those officers that did two tours of Vietnam and then sacrificed his life as a sheriff's deputy. I believe in God and I pray he puts this country back on track so everyone can live in peace as Americans, in this last great country on Earth America

We hope to see you all at the next quarterly meeting and at conference. Remember this is your association in your country get involved and make a difference.

Brian Bailey
1st Vice President



From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Hello to everyone! Hope all is doing well. We all have seen 2020 as a change for a "new normal" I understand this has been a very trying time for everyone and it seems that this will continue for a while. I have still been working on classes for conference and we welcome your input. We would love for everyone to participate, to make it an efficient one. We know during this time things can change from day to day, but we are hoping by November we see an improvement in the COVID 19. We need everyone to make sure they sign up for classes when you receive the conference package. We will discuss this more at the quarterly meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone in August for the quarterly meeting in Boaz. We as the officers of the Association have not taken the decision in having the quarterly meeting lightly, with the safety concerns. The officers had a meeting and discussed in great length. We decided the facility was big enough to social distance and follow safety protocols. Everyone remember to take all safety precautions. For now, Enjoy family, Stay safe, and Train hard. Hope to see everyone in Boaz, Aug 15.

Jason Heard
2nd Vice President

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DEATH OF A HERO

THE STORY OF JOSEPH DONOGHUE

RESCUE 511/EOW 7/21/2020

THE MAN - RN, Paramedic, Director, mentor, son, brother, Uncle, father figure and friend.

Giving over 30 years of service to saving lives, died after working an entrapment. He will be missed dearly. We at the Huntsville-Madison County Rescue Squad want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support we have received during this difficult time.

THE MYTH - No words can describe such amazing individual that had so much passion and knowledge that impacted so many lives.

From intense training sessions to major entrapments, he was "the man". Joe pushed every one of us to our limits to make sure we were trained properly and gave us the opportunities to succeed. His passion for the job made him an intense instructor, but once you got past that rough exterior you knew how much he cared for each and every one of us in his own way and wanted us to become the best, "that person".

THE LEGEND - We would like to recognize what Joe meant to us from a few members point of view.

My partner, my crew leader, and my friend. The man who rode my butt to the breaking point at times. I will never forget what you have done for me to become a better person/rescuer. I will miss our "big brother" talks. Thank you for not giving up on me. RIP Joe ...Laura Andrews, EMT, RS575

Joe was the man of many things; no words can describe his knowledge and his passion for our community. If there is one thing, I've learned from his passing that when you care for something or someone you give it your all and give it selflessly. James Robinson

About Joe. He was called "Mr. Rescue" or "Rescue God" by some. His knowledge of rescue tools and techniques was what I would say is second to none. He put his knowledge into his teachings to better serve us all. He will be missed. Rick Copeland



**Third Quarterly Meeting
Jimmy Harris VFW Post Boaz
1441 US Hwy 431
Boaz, AL 35957
August 15, 2020**

Hosted by: Union Rescue Squad

Agenda

Registration	8:00am – 9:00am
Welcome and Posting of Colors	9:00am
Board of Directors Meeting	10:00am
Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm
General Business Meeting	1:00pm

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