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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## From the Desk of the President

Hope this letter finds all of you and your family doing well. I know 20/20 has been a challenging year for all of us. Let us try to go into 2021 with a greater hope for a better and healthier year.

It has been an honor to represent the association's members as an officer for the last 2 years. as always it has been a pleasure to work with Jason Heard and Matt Knight, two of our outgoing officers. You can't ask for better people to work with. I am looking forward to serving the membership as your president. I'm also looking forward to serving with Danny Butler again. He has been a mentor of mine since I became involved with the association. I would also like to welcome David Holcombe aboard. Everyone please give him a lot of support. It's not an easy job to jump into. I know with all of our support he will do a fantastic job for the association. I would also like to thank Debbie and Chauncey for all of the hard work they do and help keeping the rest of us straight and the association on the right track.

As most of you have heard Mike and Corinne Hardy have chosen to retire from the honor guard. They will be missed. I am glad I was able to serve on the honor guard with them for many years. Being invited to and able to participate in the national EMS memorial service not once but twice was a highlight of my life. Mike we will miss your leadership of the honor guard. Andrew Nicholas will be taking his place and has some very large shoes to fill. I have known Andrew for a long time and I feel confident he will do a great job. We always appreciate the fine job our Honor guard does for our association.

As I always say this is your association get involved and make a difference. In the meantime everyone please stay safe and healthy and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in February at the 1st quarterly meeting.

Brian Bailey  
President

## From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

I'm so humble to be coming in as the First Vice President. I take pride serving on the board. It was great seeing everyone at the Conference, we had a great turnout. As we go into 2021 with COVID-19 still in the news and the mask order extended till March, it is uncertain what will come in the future.

We still need to practice social distancing for sure. I have been in EMS for 33 years and never seen anything like this. With the vaccines being made available to First Responders, it is hopefully going to help us all.

As with a new board coming in during our change over meeting there is some new ideals and new thoughts to be coming out. President Bailey has good ideals to be brought in, and David Holcomb will bring great classes to the training during the year.

Danny Butler  
1st Vice President

## From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

I would like to start off by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice President. The AARS is an amazing organization full of wonderful people who sacrificed their time and talents to serve their communities. It takes a special person to have a servant's heart and serve others. 2020 was a year full of stressful times and many first for us all. I hope this year will be better and I look forward to working with you all. Thanks for all you do and if I can help you in any way please feel free to reach out to me.

David O. Holcombe NR-P  
2nd Vice President



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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Conference 2020  
November 14, 2020

Welcome by Matt Knight

Colors were posted by the Honor Guard and Hoyt McCaghren opened with prayer.

Speakers:

Brian Hastings – State EMA Director

Col Charles Ward – ALEA

Steve Thompson – ALEA Marine Division

Jamie Hollingsworth – ADECA

Meeting called to order by Matt Knight. Roll was called with 50 squads in attendance and 7 squads virtual.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Desoto Rescue Squad, motion was seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried from BOD. Motion to general business meeting to add amendments for the equipment to purchase 3 sets of equipment for virtual meetings. Also grants were awarded to:

Etowah County - \$4193.28

Randolph County –\$ 5900.00

Vernon - \$12585.00

South Marengo - \$1925.00

NASDA - \$1800.00

Financial report was read. Motion to accept by Desoto. Motion was seconded by Huntsville – Madison. Motion carried.

Anniston brought up about putting the Ad Valorum money into an interest-bearing account.

Chauncey presented awards to vendors:

Ray Grantham Alabama Fire College – 6 years

Caroline Stringfellow – Columbia University – 7 years

Tracy McVay – Coastal Rescue Solutions – 5 years

Jeff Wages – Stryker – 7 years

Chauncey spoke about legislative – prefile – rescue squad trailer tag bill.

Emergency Lights and Sirens for POV –

HJR 50 – Study committee – 2020-205

Brian did not have any new squads to present. Brian advised that Rick Miller, Chauncey Wood and Letty Rodriguez were presented the presidential award for 10,000 hours committee service, all are members of LASAR. Brian advised that we are working on the workers compensation and hope to have it in place by middle of January. Squads must be 100% on the workers compensation.

Brian brought up about a raise for Debbie due to the added work for doing the workers compensation – tabled until February.

Jason spoke about the classes.

Matt made request to count Copeland Ferry F/R and Copeland Ferry Rescue present due to not being able to connect. Motion made by Desoto to count them present. Seconded by Daphne. Motion carried.

Executive Board reappointed Debbie for another year. Daphne made motion to accept. Motion was seconded by North Baldwin. Motion carried. 1 Nay

Matt spoke about the Cares Act grants.

Motion was made by Desoto to purchase a new laptop for Debbie. Motion by Carbon Hill to purchase. Seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

Motion to not show green cards to vote but use signature by Desoto. Motion was seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

We will be back in Orange Beach for the next 3 years.

Presented plaques to Michael and Corrine Hardy for years of service as they retire from the Honor Guard.

Motion to suspend the meeting until the banquet by Desoto. Motion was seconded by LASAR.

The new officers were installed and sworn in:

Brian Bailey – President

Danny Butler – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

David Holcombe – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Debbie Tidwell – Executive Secretary/Treasurer

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **2021 2nd QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2021**
- **ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE IS SUBJECT TO BE PLACED IN NEXT QUARTER'S MAGAZINE!**
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**First Quarterly Meeting AARS 2021**

**Lillian Community Club**

**34148 Widell Ave.**

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**February 20<sup>th</sup> 2021**

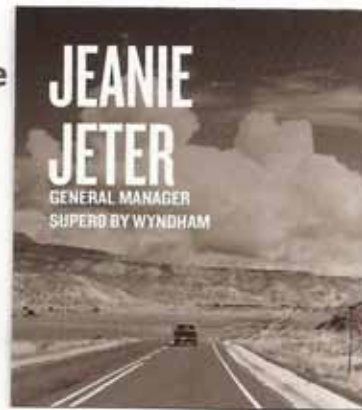
**Hosted by Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR)**

**AGENDA:**

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>08:00-09:00</b>
<b>WELCOME AND POSTING OF COLORS</b>	<b>09:00</b>
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b>	<b>10:00</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>12:00-13:30</b>
<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	<b>13:30----</b>

**THE Lower Alabama Search and Rescue wishes to invite you to attend the February meeting and celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> year in service as a member of the AARS! we wish to thank all the member squads of AARS for your support and dedicated service. We hope you will attend this meeting to help us celebrate this milestone in our existence and to help us thank those who have provided much needed assistance and guidance for our continued development in the rescue field our continued training and support from the AARS leadership!**

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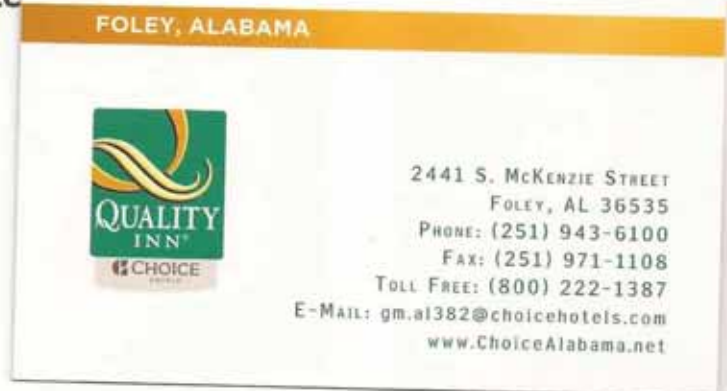


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LASAR Building

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### Legend

- Post Office
- Church
- Feature 1
- Library
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- Palmetto Creek Dental
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