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PRESIDENT

Don Taylor

Summer and warmer weather is just around the corner and, with that, the Snowbirds are returning and our Association events will start taking place shortly. The Frankenmuth Picnic and General Meeting are scheduled for June 15 and 16, the Association Golf Outing August 14th and the Firekeepers event will be Nov 8 and 9.

We are continuing to wait for the Judge that heard our case against the State of Michigan, to make a decision, regarding the distribution of appropriation funds to our VEBAs. The case was heard by the Judge back in January of last year. At this point, the attorneys are advising against filing motions to attempt to force the Judge to give a decision.

We are monitoring State Senate Bill 847. It was recently introduced by Senator Rosemary Bayer of District 13 which encompasses parts of Oakland and Wayne counties. The Bill if passed into law would require a person once reaching age of 75 and needing to renew their driver's license, they would be required to have; a vision test, a written test, and a driving test every 4 years. Once a person reaches the age of 85, these requirements will be necessary every year. We don't believe this legislation is likely to pass, but we are continuing to watch it anyway just in case it starts to move. I checked the legislative record of Senator Bayer and found that in this legislative session she has introduced 40 Bills, of which none have become law. It also appears

that she has co-sponsored nearly every Senate Bill, with none becoming law. We will continue to monitor these bills and if it starts to move we will act in attempt to stop any movement.

On the Federal level, as you know, the news has been better. The President and congress finally eliminated the Windfall and pension offset. They also increased the annual tax deduction for seniors on their Social Security income. So hopefully, we were all able to keep a little more of our money.

That's it for now. Once again, not much else is going on. Stay safe and see you at our events.

Upcoming Association Events at a glance

RDPFFA ANNUAL PICNIC

Frankenmuth Heritage Park - Frankenmuth, MI
Monday, June 15, 2026

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bavarian Inn - Frankenmuth, MI
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

RDPFFA Annual Golf Outing

Oak Ridge Golf Club - New Haven, Michigan
August 14, 2026

RDPFFA November Event

Firekeepers Casino Hotel - Battle Creek, MI
November 8 and 9, 2026

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AMERICAN LEGION - Carl E. Stitt Post 232
23850 Military Rd - Dearborn Heights, MI - 7 PM
October 1, 2026



VICE PRESIDENT

Gregory Trozak

Greetings all! I hope you had the winter you wished for, either the north one or the south one and you had the chance to spend it with family and friends. Mine was disappointing and I will explain shortly.

First of all, I want to remind all our members that the Annual Picnic and the June breakfast meeting is just a few short weeks away. The format will remain the same with a Hospitality room on Sunday evening June 14th, the Picnic on Monday, June 15th and the June General breakfast on Tuesday, June 16th. Reservations can be made by calling the Bavarian Inn at 989-652-7200 and use our booking number '1429EH'. Room rates are the same as prior years @ \$139.00 + tax & fees. We hope you can make it while visiting with old friends and making some new ones as well.

Normally, I try to keep up with current events related to the association. However, I felt as your Vice-President, I needed to be transparent with you. In the middle of February, I was diagnosed with cancer in my nasal cavity. I have been, more or less, out of commission for several weeks getting extensive medical tests and determining the best course of treatment. The cancer caused severe headaches, double vision, unsteadiness and weakness. The treatment is scheduled to last for several weeks. The good news is, the doctors say it is very

treatable, but it will be a long process. As a result, I have decided to resign my position as Vice President.

So, in closing, I hope everyone enjoys the spring months and I hope to see many of you in Frankenmuth.

Remember, stay safe, be careful and most all watch your back. It is a whole different world we are living in.

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The Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association publishes four magazines a year known as the 'Unity'. The Association's paper is mailed to over 4,000 members. The distribution starts with a January issue an April publication in the spring, a July distribution for the summer and closing the year, a fall delivery in October.

Throughout the years, members send donations supporting the Association for providing our membership with information regarding the status of Pensions, Hospitalization and Insurances thus, keeping our membership informed on all matters relative to the best interests of the Association and its members.

Our members regularly contribute to the Association and send notes which are published in our "Members Letters" pages communicating their appreciation. The "Remembrance and Thank You" section lists donors who contribute in memory of a member who passed and highlighting special moments they had with that person. Many contributors appreciate what the Association does and stipulate – "to place the contribution where needed."

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The Association receives many letters thanking us for the services provided by the Association and express their thanks with both financial support along with their monthly dues membership contributions. All of these letters and contributions are greatly appreciated by the RDPFFA Officers and Board of Directors.

Reflecting on our members' generosity and kind thoughts, my attention was drawn to the members who take the time and effort to send a letter expressing their feelings for a loved one, as well as friends who were fellow workers. The primary focus of this article is to emphasize and appreciate those individuals who should be acknowledged with a sincere thank you. The kind and encouraging thoughts, along with favorable compliments towards the Association, are appreciated. It makes our job more satisfying and encourages us to continue with the organization's objectives.



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Follow up with a call to the Pension Bureau, (313) 224-3362 Ext. 214 or (800) 339-8344 and BeneSys (833) 725-5336 to make sure that they were notified. Last but not least, notify the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association, (586) 795-1734.

Fire employees, start by notifying the Detroit Fire Fighter Association, (313) 962-7546, the Detroit Firemen's Fund Association, (313) 628-0099, Detroit Fire Mutual Fund call Firemen's Fund Association to leave a message, Detroit Pension Bureau, (313) 224-3362 or (800) 339-8344, ext 221 and BeneSys (833) 725-5336.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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Third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 A.M.

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First Thursday of the month at 9:00 A.M.

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*Call the Association Office
if you need additional information*

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

For your information and the Association's benefit, it is important that when your summer/winter address changes, we are notified in advance of the move and again when you are returning to your home address. That way we can keep our records current. We don't want to lose you in the process.



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23850 Military Rd - Dearborn Heights, MI - 7 PM

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Snowbirds Of Michigan*

Meet 2nd Sunday of the month

May thru November

at "Fred's of Roscommon"

430 N. 5th Street - Roscommon, MI

Social Hour 11:00 AM – Meeting at 1:00 PM

*Refer to columns for specifics or program changes

**Articles for the Summer 2026
Issue should be "submitted" by
June 24, 2026**



May Birthdays: Marsha Dreslinski,
Geraldine Henningsen

July Birthdays: Muriel Corsiglia, Claudia Sevald,
Joann Nichols, Robin Mueller,
Melanie Pauch and Don Rem

Note! Our First meeting of 2026 will be May 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Freds of Roscommon – all are welcomed and our June 14th meeting is canceled because of the RDPFFA picnic starting June 14th rooms, 15th picnic, 16th meeting and breakfast.

The “Snowbirds” meetings will resume July 12th at Fred’s of Roscommon.

Take Care and God Bless
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Greetings from Florida

On January 30th, some of us met in Wildwood, Florida at the Russell Stover store to stock up on our chocolate supply. Afterwards we met at Codys Restaurant for lunch. John and Carolyn Wood, Bill and Cathy Jasper, Don and Cindy Rem, Joann Cherry, Tony Fortuna and Dan Zemaitis. – good people and good food. All are welcome to join us – just give us a call so we can give the restaurant a head count.

On February 21st we met at Piccola Italian Restaurant in Zephyrhills – Mike and Sus Kniaz, Georgette Gekiere, Dan Zemaitis, Dan and Chris Osinski, Don and Cindy Rem, John and Carolyn Wood, Joann Cherry and Tony Fontana.

March Birthdays: Jerry Rozanski, Evelyn Brehm,
Violet Prather and George Perry

April Birthdays: Georgette Gekiere,
Maryann Ponik, Mike Kniaz,
Karen Haderer, Cindy Rem,
Cathy Jasper and Sue Kniaz

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During the crusades, many Knights became firefighters out of necessity. Their enemies had resorted to throwing bombs and sailing war vessels containing naphtha. Hundreds of Knights were burned alive. Others risked their lives to save their brothers in arms from dying painful fiery deaths. Thus these men became our first firefighters and the first of a long list of courageous firefighters.

The Maltese Cross is your symbol of protection. It means that the firefighter who wears this cross is



willing to lay down his/her life for you, just as Crusaders sacrificed their lives for their fellow man so many years ago.

The Maltese Cross is a Firefighter's badge of honor, signifying that he/she works in courage... a ladder-run away from death.

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Members Letters

Thanks to all involved in the fight to get the full Social Security for our members. A job well done! Maybe those who rode our coat tails should think about making a donation & membership payment.

Rick Irons
Clinton Twp, MI

Summer is around the corner, can't wait. The enclosed checks are in appreciation for all the work that you did assisting in getting the Social Security benefits to become a reality. Also in remembrance of two good friends, Police Officer William Bowman, my Scout Car and Cruiser partner and lifelong brother, also to Sgt. Eugene Fular my grade school classmate and Icelandic shipmate. Thanks again and hope to see you at the Frankenmuth picnic.

Daniel Budz
Sterling Heights, MI

Please deposit this check into the appreciation fund. It is in memory of Crime Fighter Shirley Wagner.

Thank You.
Loren 'Crime Fighter' Wagner
Las Cruces, NM

The enclosed donation is in memory of: Allan Bickford & Sgt Lorin Budzinski. Please use this where it is most needed. Thank you for all you do!

David & Melanie Pauch
Mancelona, MI

Enclosed please find my check for dues for 2025. The dues were not taken from the pension check. I want to thank you so very much for all your help and support when my husband PO Joseph O'Brien passed on in 2023. Thank you all again.

Joyce O'Brien
Lewiston, MI

Thank you to the hard working staff. You are truly appreciated. In memory of P.O. Richard Santarossa.

Connie Santarossa
Roscommon, MI

Accept this in memory of Giacomo Buffa, Great Cop solid citizen & friend. Thanks to you.

Den & Mag Barton
Caseville, MI

Memorial gift of appreciation. Please accept our check in memory of our Dear friend Robert Scully, retired Detroit Police Officer and Executive Director of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) in Washington DC. Thank You.

Robert and Noreen Livesey
Northville, MI

Please use this donation as you see fit. Also in the memory of Lt. Robert Amoe, a good friend. Thank you.

Captain Dan Lamphier
Sterling Heights, MI

Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Assn.,

Please use the enclosed donation at your discretion. Thank you for all you have done for me as well as all retirees. Keep up the great work.

William (Bill) Durkin
DPD Class of 77-B
Fishers, IN

My dues for 2025 and a donation in memory of my husband Alan Malesky. I look back over the last 25 years since I retired and see all this association has accomplished for police & fire retirees. So thank you to all the past and current Officers. To the current Officers your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Donna Mistele
Farmington Hills, MI

This donation is in memory of my husband, Jim Tanderys. Please use it wherever you need it most to continue to work on our behalf. Thank You.

Judy Tanderys
Northville, MI

Please accept this memorial contribution in memory of Paul Laube. I've known Paul for over 49 years, you couldn't ask for better friend or partner. Paul would do anything in his power to help anyone in trouble, or need a helping hand. May he rest in peace. Please use this contribution as you see fit.

P.S. I want to thank everyone for their work helping us retired members, sometimes in difficult circumstances.

Jim Turner
Hudson, FL

Use this donation wherever needed. In memory of all the great members of S.T.R.E.S.S.

Jay & Geri Koby
West Bloomfield, MI

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Members Letters (continued)

Enclosed is a donation for the RDPFFA to use as needed. We are grateful for all that you do and all that you have done over the years to help overturn the Windfall Elimination Act.

Robert Peterson
Howell, MI

Please fight for officers living outside of Michigan, so they can be covered under Priority Ins. & Medicare. We are not currently covered by Vanderbilt doctors.

Tom & Brenda Krantz
College Grove, TN

Please accept this contribution in memory of Michael Posler. Thank you for all you do! Use this wherever it is needed.

Carol Posler
Shelby Twp, MI

In memory of my wife Charlene, she passed away 2 yrs. ago and a big thank you for all the work you do for us. I received my Social Security check last week. Use this donation where needed.

Jim Ruhlig Sgt. CATS Crew
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IN MEMORIAM Once again, we call the roll and acknowledge those friends and associates who have left us since our last publication. It is hard to let go of good friends but it is easy to remember the good times we shared and realize that now they rest in peace.

January 2026

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Babcock, David	Sgt.	Police	8-18-69	9-30-22	1-21-26	77
Blair, Tilman	Corp.	Police	8-14-67	12-1-25	1-8-26	82
Brand, Ronald	P.O.	Police	2-1-71	3-6-82	1-20-26	77
Brusseau, Norman	P.O.	Police	2-7-71	7-6-96	1-17-26	80
Danner, Kenneth	P.O.	Police	2-17-69	2-17-04	1-3-26	79
Finn, Vincent	Sgt.	Police	6-14-71	9-16-96	1-4-26	75
Goodwin, Yvonne	P.O.	Police	7-21-86	12-30-96	1-27-26	69
Herderich, Richard	Lt.	Police	2-15-60	10-30-86	1-18-26	88
Hughes-Grubbs, Alma	Sgt.	Police	12-19-77	6-30-06	1-7-26	69
Huizar, Gregory	P.O.	Police	12-30-74	7-12-00	1-15-26	73
Proby, Doris	P.O.	Police	4-21-86	5-1-92	1-31-26	70
Rucker, Nathaniel	Sgt.	Police	7-14-69	7-30-99	1-3-26	89
Shine, William	Sgt.	Police	7-13-59	8-1-84	1-29-26	89
Stringfellow, Russell	P.O.	Police	1-13-72	10-20-05	1-24-26	75
Ullin, Donald	P.O.	Police	7-26-71	8-31-97	1-26-26	80
Wiecek, Michael	P.O.	Police	2-14-60	4-11-86	1-22-26	90
Williams, Rube	Invg.	Police	8-2-71	1-6-01	1-1-26	80
Fahoome, Dale	Lt.	Fire	1-25-99	Died Active	1-27-26	47
Gulley, Lee III	Capt.	Fire	11-16-92	10-5-23	1-19-26	61
Lovett, Waymond	FF	Fire	2-12-90	7-9-01	1-19-26	58
Moore, John	Lt.	Fire	6-2-69	11-10-94	1-23-26	81
Spiltener, Frank	FFD	Fire	10-30-72	12-19-84	1-10-26	81
Trout, Patrick	FF	Fire	11-3-14	Died Active	1-5-26	47

February 2026

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Cheatom, Cynthia	P.O.	Police	3-27-78	7-7-08	2-25-26	72
Farrell, John	P.O.	Police	8-5-68	7-7-04	2-21-26	83
Ferency, Philip	Lt.	Police	8-21-72	7-7-03	2-6-26	79
Gardner, Pleze	Invg.	Police	3-6-72	7-5-00	2-7-26	80
Greene, Michael	Sgt.	Police	1-26-87	2-4-12	2-27-26	61
Hannah, Stephen	Invg.	Police	4-21-86	3-28-13	2-27-26	74
Hurwitz, Larry	Sgt.	Police	1-4-61	1-4-86	2-19-26	91
Mehlhose, James	Sgt.	Police	8-1-62	4-4-98	2-13-26	87
Nisbet, Gerald	P.O.	Police	2-26-68	12-3-93	2-8-26	81
Ouelette, Roland	P.O.	Police	5-5-69	10-4-79	2-24-26	88
Sangmeister, Glenn	P.O.	Police	6-1-67	5-26-89	2-10-26	82
Scott, Harold	Insp.	Police	7-14-69	2-1-94	2-12-26	79
Swinford, Gerald	P.O.	Police	1-9-73	5-30-87	2-5-26	81
White, Cheree	P.O.	Police	5-12-97	6-8-07	2-22-26	55
Lowande, Edward	FF	Fire	3-30-53	3030-78	2-28-26	95

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Wagner, Rudolph	Capt.	Fire	5-19-47	3-11-78	2-3-26	99
Wells, Albert	Capt.	Fire	12-14-70	6-29-04	2-26-26	81

March 2026

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Belcastro, David	P.O.	Police	6-16-77	8-20-93	3-8-26	72
Berry, Charles	P.O.	Police	1-24-72	5-16-92	3-31-26	84
Campbell, John Jr.	Lt.	Police	9-12-74	6-1-02	3-20-26	68
Curry, Mary	P.O.	Police	6-2-77	2-5-88	3-23-26	82
Filar, Robert	Sgt.	Police	3-8-54	12-21-91	3-9-26	94
Hart, Harrison	Cmdr.	Police	3-10-69	3-24-99	3-14-26	82
McCartha, Michael	P.O.	Police	5-26-77	2-16-04	3-9-26	74
Perry, George	P.O.	Police	7-18-66	1-21-92	3-25-26	90
Salisbury, William	P.O.	Police	4-5-71	7-6-96	3-30-26	81
Stirling, Angus	P.O.	Police	9-17-62	7-2-91	3-12-26	86
Wagner, Loren	Lt.	Police	8-26-68	8-26-93	3-2-26	78
Glab, Julius	FEO	Fire	8-3-53	6-30-89	3-17-26	95
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Time: 9:00 a.m. (Shotgun Start)
Location: Oak Ridge Golf Club
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Cost: \$80.00 per person, (including gifts for every registered golfer). Price includes:

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- b) Full Breakfast beginning at 8:00 am
- c) Chinese Raffle, 50/50 Drawing
- d) Games played on all Par 3 holes; Skins game (additional \$20 per team)
- e) Lunch Buffet served after golf (approx.. 3 PM)
- f) Beer and beverages served in the club house and designated areas on the golf course.

Golfers **MUST REGISTER** individually by 8:00 a.m. to receive tee and cart assignments.

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A smile can brighten up the day,
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 But there's so much more smiles can do
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A smile can also show content,
 In oh'so many ways,
 It also can show disbelief,
 And at other times, show praise.

It can show a real affection,
 That is what smiles are all about,
 there also are smiles of hope,
 And also smiles of doubt.

There are smiles one gives of gratitude,
 And smiles of great relief,
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Smiles from one who's happy,
 And smiles from those held dear,
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I could go on and cite many more,
 'Cause smiles do have their place.
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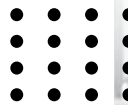
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