

**NHRSTA Semi-Annual Meeting
September 19, 2013
Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH**

Chairman Dave Kelley opened the meeting at approximately 6:25 pm by greeting the 54 NHRSTA members and guests that were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by special guest, Nate Noyes, and was followed by a moment of silence for the deceased members of the NH State Police family and for our armed forces serving around the world.

Several special guests were welcomed to our semi-annual dinner meeting. They included Deb Noyes, Sgt. Nate Noyes and his family, Colonel Robert Quinn and members of his command staff, Sgt. Dave McCormack of Troop E and Lt. Chris Wagner of Troop B.

Secretary's Report: Kathy Kimball reported that since our May meeting, she has sent out 5 letters of invitation to join the NHRSTA. The only completed application returned to date is from recently retired Sgt. Ian Berkeley. The Association is in receipt of a thank you letter from the Benevolent Association for our financial donation to assist with the 75th Gala celebration. Also since May, we have lost 2 more members, Ret. Major William Cray and Ruth Messer, widow of retired Lt. Roy Messer (also deceased). In addition, retired Lt. Jim Garvin lost his father, retired Lt. John Scarinza lost his father, and retired Sergeant Guy Kimball lost his father. Several members have experienced recent health related issues: Major Sheldon Sullivan, Bonnie Morse, Sergeant Dan Golden, Major Nick Halias, and Beth Allard. We extend our best wishes and our hope for their speedy recovery.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Hilchey advised that the NHRSTA checking account currently contains \$22,354. He advised the membership that, after consultation with the Executive Board, he has engaged in preliminary discussions with legal counsel concerning the possibility of obtaining 501(c)3 non-profit status for the NHRSTA. More information will be provided as the process continues.

Scholarship Committee: Jim White announced that the 2013 recipient of the Sgt. James Noyes Scholarship is Ashley Hanson, who graduated in June from Kennett High School. Jim gave an overview of why Ashley was selected for the award and he said that he has since received a thank you note from Ashley.

NHSP Update: Colonel Bob Quinn talked about a new NHSP display case project for the third floor at Headquarters. Tom Mohr (recently retired from Troop G) has designed 5 glassed in cases for the display and will be donating his labor to the project. The display cases will hold artifacts of state police history from 1937 to present day. Many of the items have been donated by retired Troopers and their families. The display will also include a monitor that will continuously scroll pictures of division members and events. The retired state police community will be proudly represented. The cost of the materials for the project is calculated to be approximately \$7,000. Colonel Quinn advised that a

large share of the cost for materials will be paid from funds left from the 75th anniversary yearbook project. It is noted that several months ago Chairman Kelley, Major Ernest Loomis, and Major Richard Campbell met with Colonel Quinn, members of the 75th Anniversary Committee, and representatives of the NH Troopers Association to discuss the design of the display cases. Recently Chairman Kelley entered into further discussions with the Colonel and the NHTA concerning cost-sharing for the display cases. A tentative agreement was reached, pending discussion/approval by the Executive Board, that the NHRSTA would join with the NHTA to support the NHSP in the costs to erect the display cases. The estimated cost to both the NHRSTA and the NHTA is estimated to be \$1500.00 each.

Legislative Committee: Ernie Loomis provided a legislative update and advised that after attending a meeting on September 9, 2013, it appears that the cost and level of benefits of our current health care benefits for our members will be maintained. To date, there have been 86 LSRs (Legislative Service Requests) filed by title only for the next legislative session (no text is available as of this writing). However, there appear to be two that would be of interest to the NHRSTA. They are:
2018....regarding recoupment of excess benefits paid

2019... regarding membership of Police Standards and Training Council

Ernie closed his report by stating that NO measure opposed by us has passed this session.

Dinner break

Following dinner, Dave Kelley introduced members of the Noyes family that were in attendance: Deb, Nate and his family and NHRSTA member retired Sgt. Steve Noyes.

Dave explained that Deb, who has been involved on a national level with the COPS program and peer counseling efforts with the NHSP, had recently contacted him through Colonel Paul O'Leary. She was invited to the podium to explain the purpose of her contact. Deb talked about how everyone has people that we admire and after Jim's death, she and the family heard from people all over the country who shared their thoughts and offered prayers. Many of these people also sent donations that were put into a fund in Jim's memory. Some of these funds have been used in the community to build a ball field, assist the church and for other uses in Jim's memory. The Noyes family has been grateful to the NHRSTA for all they have done to support them and Deb continued by reading the following letter:

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NH Retired State Troopers Assoc.

It is with great pride that Nathan, Daniel, Briana and I donate \$10,000 Ten Thousand Dollars to the NHRSTA.

We appreciate all that you have done for us, and for Jim's memory with his scholarship.

Please consider a portion of this gift to be used to help with the Sgt. James Noyes Scholarship.

We are so glad to be able to help you with all of the good you do for our retirees!

*Fondly,
Deborah Noyes"*

Following the reading of this letter by Deb, those members present immediately rose and provided a sustained standing ovation for the family. On behalf of the NHRSTA, Dave expressed our great appreciation to the Noyes family for their extremely generous gesture. Chairman Kelley informed Deb Noyes that he would work with the Executive Board to act upon her intention to donate to the NHRSTA.

50/50 Raffle: The drawing was made by our newest member present at the dinner, Cathy McHugh. The winner of the drawing was Herb Frink. Congratulations!

Old Business: Colonel O'Leary spoke of the recent loss of retired Major Bill Cray. He advised that although the death occurred in Arizona, some type of memorial service was being planned here, in New Hampshire. Details will be forwarded as soon as available.

New Business: A reminder that on October 3rd, the annual memorial at the cemetery in North Conway for Sgt. Jim Noyes would be taking place. All were welcome and a courtesy contact with Troop E if you plan to attend would be helpful in order to plan for the meal following the service.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Skip Korbet. The motion was seconded by Bob Gifford and the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kimball
NHRSTA Secretary

At the conclusion of the dinner meeting, a brief conversation was held by members of the Executive Committee. Those present were, Dave Kelley, Skip Korbet, Herb Frink, Kathy Kimball and Peter Hilchey.

Peter provided an update on his recent meeting with Attorney Thomas T. Barry of the law firm Nixon, Vogelmann, Barry, Slawsky & Simoneau, PA in Manchester, NH regarding

the process that the NHRSTA needs to complete in order to obtain non-profit status for tax purposes.

A workgroup of E-Board members will form and meet in the near future to discuss the issues and review the necessary paperwork. In the meantime, Peter will scan the documents he received and he will send them to all of the Executive Board members.