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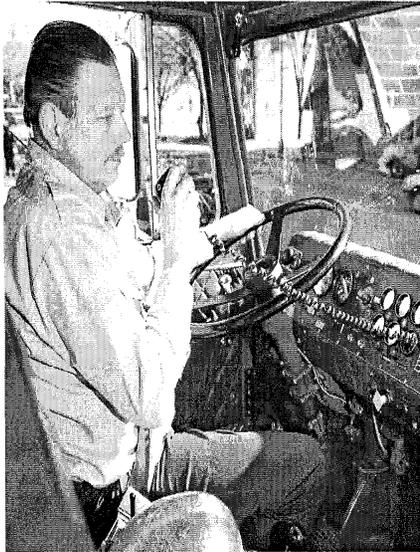
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## State Chaplain—Charles Gabel

I want to thank all the squads we visited in February. We had a good turnout in all the regions and looking forward to the June meetings. I have learned about Tennessee and its history in my visits to the different squads. It was very interesting to see how the different squads had their own unique way of serving their community. I'm glad the stormy weather has past. We need to keep those affected by these storms in prayer, as they start to rebuild. Convention time will soon be here. Please get the names of your nominees ready for the various awards to be given, deadline date is August 15, 2011. Once again, during the memorial service we will do the "last call" to honor those who have passed away. Please forward the application and pictures to the state office. Thank you to all who came to "Rescue on the Hill," and to those guys who took care of me that day when I got sick. I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, I have enjoyed serving this last year as your state chaplain, in October, I will once again ask for your vote as I seek re-election for State Chaplain. Hope to see everyone during the June travels.

State Chaplain  
Charles Gabel

**What ever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead and the unborn could do it no better.**

Martin Luther King Jr.



Excilibur Knoxville is an organization dedicated to Tennessee's finest men and women, who represent the true Spirit of America, volunteers who invest and risk their own lives to save the lives of all who live and travel in our great state. This highest moral standard of sacrifice is most accurately represented by our Tennessee Rescue Squads and Fire Departments, and our primary mission is to assist them in their efforts to fully fund their annual operating expenses.

Excilibur Knoxville takes on the humble duty of serving as a face-to-face liaison between these fine organizations and their respective communities, as door-to-door professional fundraisers. Once a year we strive to remind the people of their towns, cities, and counties of the vital services their volunteers perform, and why they deserve to be fully funded by the communities they so willingly serve. In short, we are honored to help everyday ordinary Tennesseans become extraordinary heroes - by donating and raising money to help save

## Executive Director—Stacy Rhodes

Are you ready? The big word PREPAREDNESS. There is so much that we do to be prepared to assist when the call comes in. Are you prepared to answer the call that you are responsible for? Is your truck washed, maintained and ready? Is your equipment clean, maintained and ready? Are you and your fellow squads properly trained, physically and mentally prepared? If you answered no or not sure to any of the prior question's then you need to get prepared to answer the call. With the horrible weather and flooding that we have seen in the past month, we never know when it is going to hit in our communities or pass us by. Most people and communities are never prepared for catastrophic weather events. Take the time to plan with your family what they need to in case of a tornado, fire or other catastrophic event. Whether its taking training, maintenance of your truck or equipment, maintaining yourself and family, your community is counting on you to be prepared to answer the call.

As we are still preparing for this year's EMS Symposium and we still have a few things to work out, I think that you are really going to enjoy it. We have added another day to the EMS symposium so now it is two days and if you attend even as a speaker you can get 1.2 contact hours toward your state license renewal. Please remember to get your registration form sent in early as we only have seating arrangements for 200 people. There is more information and a registration form on pages 16 and 17 in this issue.

We encourage you to attend your convention. The Convention is planned to be to your and your enjoyment. If you have never been to one, now is the time to come on and see what is going on. We have competitions on Friday, a Memorial Service and Business Meeting on Saturday morning, more competitions then the Awards Banquet on Saturday Night. We will have exhibitors there showing the latest technology, tools and equipment, Fund Raising, Insurance, Clothing and Tee Shirts, etc. Why is a better city to visit and have the convention in than Pigeon Forge. Pigeon Forge is a great family place and they have plenty of shopping, go carts, restaurants and things to see and do, and we are only 20 minutes from Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains. We are working on getting the on line registration form up and running and are tentatively looking at having it ready by the first of July. If you have not made your hotel reservations, our convention hotel block of rooms is filling up fast and as of the end of May we only had about 100 rooms left for each night. All of the convention information and registration form on pages 8-11 in this issue. Bring your family and come to this year's convention, we promise that you will have a fantastic time.

Confucius says, "Wherever you go, go with all your heart!"

## President's Page—Joe Arnold

This year is going by fast, and a lot has happened within each Region. I just wanted to say THANKS for a job well done. And remember, you have other Squads within your Regions who could be called in for help if needed. Call your Region Vice President and let them know what has happened and what kind of help you need. This is one of our main benefits of having a united TARS organization.

We all know the severe weather we have had this year. Several squads have had extra work due to this weather, rescuing flooded and tornado victims, cutting trees out of the roads, etc..This is another reason we need to always be prepared, and do our jobs in the professional manner in which we have been trained.

This past April, we had a good turnout for Rescue on the Hill Dayqin Nashville. We met with our State Senators and Representatives to let them know who we are and the services we provide. It is always good to stay in contact with your representatives and your local officials. Then if some legislation is brought up for voting, they will know how important your community services are, and the value of your volunteer services. Think about inviting your local officials to some of your activities, and keep your name in front of them whenever you can.

I am looking forward to the June Region travels coming up. I think all of our interactions help to keep us a close-bonded group, and we know we can count on each other when we need it.

Convention is coming up fast. Lots of people are working on details for this year's Convention in Pigeon Forge. As we always tell you, and we really mean it, get your teams together and compete. It is fun and educational at the same time. And there are seminars planned for Wednesday and Thursday that should be very educational and interesting, and you get CEU's. This year, TARS is hosting the Convention, and we will need a lot of help, so if you are asked to help on a certain aspect, please do what you can to help make our Convention a success. We hope this Convention will be an exciting one for you.

I have enjoyed serving as your President these past two years, and I appreciate your giving me this opportunity. I will still be around, and do whatever I can to keep our TARS organization moving in the right direction in the future. You all know you can call me any time. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Thank You;

Joe Arnold

TARS President 2010-2011

**"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."**

***Mitch Albom***

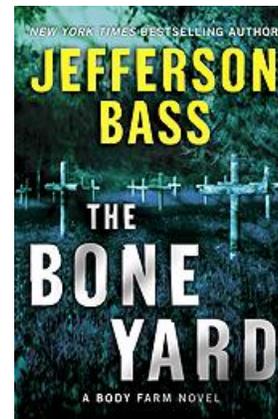
either on the research facility's work or on actual cases he has helped solve and prosecute. During half a century in the classroom, Dr. Bass has taught thousands of students, including many of the foremost forensic anthropologists practicing in the United States today.

Dr. Bass and co-author, Jon Jefferson, have written eight books. Death's Acre, Carved in Bone, Flesh in Bone, Beyond The Body Farm, The Devil's Bone, Bones of Betrayal, The Bone Thief and The Bone Yard. From the Lindbergh baby, The Big Bopper, current and cold cases, Dr. Bass turns each one into a learning experience and helps bring answers and closure to the victim's family and loved ones.

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# 2011 TARS EMS SYMPOSIUM

## Registration Form

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# 2ND ANNUAL TARS EMS SYMPOSIUM

## OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH, 2011

Make your plans now to attend the 2nd Annual TARS EMS Symposium. I am excited to announce that we have a two day symposium this year. We have worked hard to get a great list of speakers lined up for this years symposium. The list includes, Rick Slaven—Walters State Community College, Dr. Karen Gilson—TARS Medical Director, Joe Campbell—TWRA, Eric Clauss—Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital, Brent Lemonds—University of Vanderbilt Hospital EMS, Shane Dingus—Washington County EMS, Scott Warden—University of Tennessee Lifestar, Angie Bowen—East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Greg Miller—Gatlinburg Fire Department, and Phil Sanderson—Methodist University Hospital. Our Keynote Speaker this year will be Dr. William (Bill) Bass with the University of Tennessee Anthropology and Forensics Center. Seating is limited to the first 200 participants. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. We promise you will have a good time and learn something new.

### About Our Keynote Speaker

Dr. William M. (Bill) Bass III is a Diplomate American Board of Forensic Anthropology (D-ABFA), and is Professor Emeritus from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. After years of dedicated service, The University of Tennessee has built



a new forensic center in his honor. The William M. Bass III Forensic Anthropology Center. The new facility is located across from the current "Body Farm". Dr. Bass has the largest skeletal bone collection in the world and has started a remains collection as well. Dr. Bass is a legend in forensic circles. In 1980, he created the world's only laboratory

devoted to human decomposition: The University of Tennessee's "Body Farm". Dr. Bass has written or co-authored more than 200 scientific publica-

### State Vice-President—John Weaver

I hope this finds all of you well. It is time for Region Meetings for June. I hope to see each of you at your local meeting. Come out and support your organization. If you can't make plans to go to convention or a training class. We want to see each of you.

Training is progressing well so far. Come out and see us at a class. Remember that your certification expires in 4 years for each of the college level classes. The committee is looking at several different options to help with you keeping your certifications. We are continuing to update classes to make you better prepared for any type of event that you may encounter.

Remember, we talked about what we do and the posting on such media devices as Facebook+and My Space+. Please keep in mind that what you do is out there for all to see. I recently saw several different posts from different squads with members not wearing life jackets and standing in boats. If anything should happen, your insurance will possibly not cover you because you are not using all available resources. We are all unpaid professionals and we need to be professional at all times in all endeavors. You stopped being a volunteer when the rescue squad accepted you as a member.

If you have questions or comments feel free to contact me. I will be happy to help you in any way that I can.

Please all keep up the good work that each of you do!!!!!!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you

John

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## State Treasurer—Doug Warren

### What Does A Bad Horror Movie and the Lack of Financial Oversight Have in Common?

They both usually have a bad ending. In recent years I have investigated a rescue squad treasurer who when paying the squads utility and telephone bills, added the same charges for his residence and paid them both with the squads check. He even got brave enough to write checks payable to himself. When confronted with the accidental discovery of his deeds he had “borrowed” about \$25,000 from the rescue squad’s bank account. Another involved a church treasurer who started “skimming” money from the Sunday offering plate and grew to payment of his utility and telephone service, property taxes and his home mortgage for over two years with checks drawn on the Church’s account. He “borrowed” over \$70,000 before his bad deeds were discovered.

Another involved a local volunteer fire department treasurer who used the departments ATM card to withdraw over \$12,000 in cash for personal expenses before someone noticed that there was not as much money in the bank as they thought they should have. Another involved a treasurer of a local parent –teachers’ organization who borrowed over \$300,000 from their bank account. When this was discovered and the news was reported on the front page of the local newspaper, several other area not-for-profit organizations ask the question, “Could this happen to us”?, unfortunately for some when they investigated the possibility the answer was not only yes, it could, but, yes it had.

Others included the sponsor of a cheer leading group who spent their funds for a personal vacation; a member who used the organizations credit card to pay personal expenses, and the list goes on.

What do these organizations have in common, they all lacked financial oversight. Most treasurers of small not-for-profit organizations are honest, ethical and dependable. They perform the duties of their office with integrity and should be thanked for their hard work. However, some seize the opportunity to “borrow” from the treasures of the organization. I say borrow because this is generally the response given when they are confronted with their actions. “I did not steal the money, I only borrowed it, and I planned to pay it back.” While this may have been their original intentions, few ever pay it back. They have already spent the money and often lack the ability to return the stolen funds.

Another common theme is these organizations had little if any controls over the handling of their finances. No one ever looked at the check book, no treasurers reports were given, the treasurer had full control over receiving and spending of money, depositing of funds, writing and signing of checks, approval of invoices, authority to make purchases, preparation of bank reconciliations, opening of mail etc. No one other than the treasurer performed these tasks or did any review of these activities. Does this describe your organization? Could you be a victim? If so, here are some steps you should take to protect yourself from “unauthorized borrowing” of your hard earned funds. Consider for example...

## State Historian—Dale Dodds

Hello to all my fellow TARS members. I hope you all have had a great year so far and I also hope to see a big turnout at this year’s convention in Pigeon Forge. I have heard very little about your scrapbooks so I hope that means everyone is going strong with no questions. I have received a few of your photos for the TARS scrapbook but not many. Remember sending in your photos for the State scrapbook by Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, counts toward your final score on your scrapbook. As I am writing this article for the TARS Rescue Line, I am getting ready for Region travels. I am planning on visiting all four Regions in June so I hope to see many of you in your own area. Once again please send me photos, newspaper articles and/or e-mails letting me know what is going on in your county. I will add this information to the TARS scrapbook to help track events in your area year to year. It has been my pleasure this year serving you all and I hope to continue that service next year. Please call me anytime with information or questions. Thanks again, Dale Dodds 423-823-0622  
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# WATARS President—Sandy Laughlin

What can a Crewette auxiliary do for us? Why do we need them? What do they even do? These are questions we are asked by Squads that don't have Crewettes. Perhaps you have thought this when you hear someone mention WATARS or Crewettes but didn't want to ask out loud. If your Squad does not have a Crewette group, you are missing out on a lot of help. The object of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads is "to render any and all assistance whenever needed to T.A.R.S., to assist in the squads program of accident prevention throughout the state, and to increase the efficiency of the members through education, personal contact and participation in the State convention of Rescue Squads."

The next time you have a callout, wouldn't it be nice to know that your captain, chief, or unit director could make ONE phone call to ensure that meals would be on site for the members involved in the callout. Having a Crewette auxiliary can do that for you. One call and we are there, at the site, ready to help with food for volunteers. We can also help man the command station for a search mission or work the shore lines for dragging operations. We can be there to help provide comfort and care for any family members who may be at the callout site. Do you need someone to make sure blankets and water are ready for volunteers who may need them? Call a Crewette and it is covered.

Did you recently go on a call that required someone to help direct traffic? Wouldn't it be nice to have someone you can call just for traffic control rather than using a First Responder or EMT that would better used to help extricate the victim? Call a Crewette. She can help with traffic control. She can also go to the squad building to help answer emergency phone calls. The last time you had a road block to help raise money for new equipment, wouldn't it have been nice to have someone at more intersections? Call your Crewettes. We can help with whatever your fundraiser is, be it a road block, selling tickets for a drawing or a portrait project.

One big misconception is that Crewettes have to be related to the Squad members. While this may be true for some, it is NOT true for all. If your Squad does not already have a Crewette auxiliary, you can decide if that is something you want. Many squads have gone away from this way of thinking to allow those who want to volunteer to help but can't really go on calls or stand-bys join as Crewettes. Several groups have also incorporated the Crewettes to be a part of the Squad as Co-Op members.

The services provided by each auxiliary vary from group to group. There are so many different services provided, I could not possibly list them all. What each group does have in common is a close working relationship with the Squad it is affiliated with.

For more information on how to form a Crewette auxiliary for your Squad in a way that will benefit your Squad, please call me at 423-765-6681 or email me at [tslaughlin@aol.com](mailto:tslaughlin@aol.com). You can also find us on Facebook at Woman's Auxiliary to the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads.



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- Have the mail delivered to someone other than the treasurer. This would include the bank statement. Someone other than the Treasurer should review the bank statement and look for odd or suspicious payments;
- Donations received through the mail should be receipted and deposited by someone other than the treasurer;
- Invoices and statements should be reviewed and approved for payment by someone other than the treasurer;
- A group of members should at least annually review paid invoices, cancelled checks, bank reconciliations, and financial reports for consistency, accuracy, and adherence to policies and procedures;
- A treasurer's report should be prepared and presented to the membership on a regular basis;
- Checks for unusual payments and large sums should require two signatures. However, be careful, I once reviewed a rescue organization that required dual signatures on all checks. When I was looking through the check book I noticed a number of blank checks had already been signed by one of the authorized signatures. When I asked why the blank checks had already been signed I was told, "Well he is out of town a lot and sometimes I need to pay bills before he has time to sign them, so I go ahead and have him sign a bunch of checks in advance." This defeats the purpose of the dual signatures. Requiring two people sign the check is a safeguard that can prevent unauthorized expenditures. But only if the checks are signed after the payee is entered on the check and examination of the invoice for which payment is being made; or
- Have the treasurer and others who handle funds bonded;
- Have the financial records audited or reviewed by an independent accountant;
- Put in place policies and procedures over the way purchases are made and expenses are paid;
- Rotate the duties of treasurer, such as having a deputy or co-treasurers who rotate monthly or quarterly the duties and responsibility of their office.

These are just some suggestions that can protect and safeguard your funds. These and other policies are in place to safeguard and protect the funds of our association.

Choose and elect your treasurer wisely. Fools have said, "Anyone can write checks and pay bills." Maybe so, but the office of treasurer requires and deserves more respect. The duties and responsibilities go far beyond just writing checks and paying bills. Act responsibly, everyone shares the obligation for the proper reporting and accounting for your organization's money. Don't give anyone a license to steal. Insure proper oversight and you should not end up like a character in a bad horror movie, the victim of vicious monster called "GREED". *A ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure.*

Douglas E. Warren

Treasurer, Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

## \* \* 2011 CONVENTION IN Pigeon Forge, TN \* \*

The 56th ANNUAL TARS CONVENTION will be held October 14-15, 2011 at the Music Road Hotel & Convention Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Pre-Registration form and the Hotel reservation information are included in this news-letter. Please take care of these items early to help avoid delays or possible sell-outs. Remember that each member that pre-registers for the convention will be registered to win a weekend get-away at the hotel.

### CONTESTS

Some contests scheduled are the Vehicle Extrication contest, the Rescue Challenge, the Emergency Care Contest, the (EVOC) Emergency Driving Contest, and the Rambling Rescue Race. Don't forget the Corn Hole and the Turn-Out Gear Competitions. Rules and entry forms have been sent to your squad, so get with some fellow members and enter.

*It's guaranteed to be fun!!!!*

### Thursday Night Entertainment

GIT READY, THE FEUD HAS STARTED! This year's Thursday evening entertainment will be at the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Theater. Pigeon Forge's newest and most fun show, The Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show promises to be the best part of your vacation to the Great Smoky Mountains. Your family will be plum tickled with the action, excitement and comedy of our little shindig - not to mention the dinner served with each show. Price is \$40 per person and \$15 per child (11 and under). Pre-registration is required. Please be sure to complete your form and enclose the proper fee to join this fun event. Your ticket will be in your registration packet and may be picked up at the TARS registration desk in the Convention center between 4:00 -5:00 PM Thursday afternoon. You will need to meet at the Dinner Theater by 6:30 PM. Show begins @ 7:00 PM.

On behalf of the State Officers, we hope you have an exciting and enjoyable convention for You.

### Pre-Registration Fees Are:

(Package 'A') \$35 person, which includes your registration fee, name badge and Fun-Night ticket.

(Package 'B') \$55 per person, which includes your registration fee, name badge, Fun-Night ticket, and Awards Banquet ticket.

(Package 'C') BANQUET TICKETS) will be available to Non-TARS/WATARS guests of registered members at a cost of \$40 each.

#### Thursday October 7

"Dinner and Concert " Adult \$40 Child \$15 (11 and under)

*\*(After September 10)- Pkg. A is \$40, Pkg. B is \$65, Pkg. C—extra banquet ticket is \$40.*

*Banquet Meal : Country Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Slaw, Corn, Onion, Cornbread / Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea*

Your reservations at the hotel need to be made as soon as possible. Their reservation numbers are listed here along with the room rate information. Remember check in is typically after 3:00 PM, so please do not make a reservation and arrive at 12:00 noon and expect your room to be available. Lets remember that we are a guest in the Host City and that Courtesy is Contagious. It is up to each of us to leave a good impression of our Organization wherever we visit.

individual situations in life, there is one thing we all can be assured of, and that is: We all have a purpose and we all touch other lives whether we see it or not. What we do as rescuers is a thankless job but you never know when out of the blue someone will thank you for something you did, that you thought was nothing.

There is a book out by author Mitch Albom: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. Through out this entire book the main character is questioning his life and the sacrifices made to do a job that he loved, and he felt that at the end of his life he had nothing to show for it. However at the end he learns what an impact he had on so many people's lives. I encourage you to read the book or watch the movie and to also never forget that no matter how hard life gets or how insignificant you may sometimes feel or be made to feel, you are important and you are appreciated for the sacrifices that you have chosen to make being a part of this great organization.

May God bless and keep you all, and I look forward to seeing you at convention.

Dujuana Phelps-Naylor

State Secretary

## **Online Rescue College Application Process**

The online College Class Registration and Payment option is now up and running on our website. If you are registering online for any of the college classes please follow the instructions below. These instructions are on the first page of the registration process and you must agree to them before you continue to register. If you follow these instructions you will receive a confirmation e-mail from TARS stating that you have successfully registered for the class. If you have any questions while registering please call the state office and we will assist you. If the link to register and pay online with PayPal is missing this means the class is full.

### **Instructions for the Online Rescue College Class Registration**

Please follow the instructions below when registering for a College Class online.

1. Make sure the class and dates you selected is highlighted in yellow at the top of the page.
2. Select appropriate membership status. This will give you the cost of the class. If you are uncertain about the appropriate fee contact the state office at (865)689-3256.
3. Enter all required information. Please double check spelling as we will print your certificate from this information.
4. Click continue and you will be directed to the PayPal site for payment.
5. When finished with payment information, CLICK THE LINK TO "RETURN TO THE TARS WEBSITE" from the PayPal website to receive confirmation e-mail.
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8. By submitting your information you acknowledge that you have read these instructions and accepted the terms listed above.

## Region I Vice-President—Kevin “Bucky Ayers”

Here we are with half of 2011 gone, and where does time go to these days. As time continues to pass before you know it October will be here and time for the biggest family gathering of volunteers in the state, yes I am talking about our TARS Convention. So now is the time to start planning and getting hyped up to compete in the competitions we have and show your stuff to everyone there and how good your squad is. In the past couple months it has meant a lot to me as a Region 1 VP to know that with just a phone call I can have help in any situation that may arrive. Region 1 has had several tragedies this spring to deal with, but seems like mostly they have come from my home squad in Greeneville, with the boating accident in March to the tornado in April. But you know, I never had to worry when I picked up that phone and called the Squads in Region 1 and said, “I need help” and that was all it took. Then, here came the help we needed to give a family closure for a situation that claimed the loss of their son. The countless hours that squad members give in someone’s time of need is something you usually never hear a “Thank You” for. but in your heart you know that there was a good deed intended. I want to personally Thank all the squads in Region 1 for the support that I have been given over the last 3 years and the friendship I have made with several of you, it will never be forgotten, and you all will never know how much all of you mean to me. There comes a time when you make some changes in your life and figure out you spread yourself to thin, and I think that time has come for me, I will not be seeking to serve a fourth term as Region 1 VP for 2012, but that is not to say that I will not be there to help someone if help is needed anytime. The lessons I have learned being a TARS State Officer has gave me an experience in this organization I will never forget and will always carry with me for the rest of my life. So in ending, I can’t wait to see all of you in October for a very fun filled weekend and Thank You for all the Friendship’s I have made.

Sincerely  
Kevin “Bucky” Ayers  
Region 1 VP

## State Historian—Dujuana Phelps

Happy Summer everyone! Let me start by saying this is not what I had originally planned on writing but an elderly patient said something to me that touched me so much it brought tears to my eyes. Her remark was “you saved my grandson’s life.” Needless to say I was confused. She went on to tell me that I had gotten into a car with him while he was being cut out of it. She went on to tell me which accident it was and where it happened. When I realized where and when she was referring to, I also realized that this was the first car I had ever been “shoved” inside of and before I had any type of medical training. The “only” thing that I did was cover him up and talk to him.

In this day and time we all lose ourselves. We forget who we are and what our purpose in life is and I am learning every day more and more about who I am. Regardless of our



## 2011 Convention Hotel Information

Somewhere between first class accommodations and Southern Hospitality is the premiere resort Music Road Hotel and Inn. Nestled in the heart of the Smoky Mountains and action-packed Pigeon Forge, Music Road Hotel and Inn offers everything from oversized rooms with balconies to a fun-filled water park.

Free Wi-Fi is now available in all rooms! You'll Love Our 303 Luxurious Rooms Which Feature Suites For Romantic Getaways and Honeymoons. Executive Suites Available And Family Suites That Sleeps Up To Eight. All Our Guest Rooms Are 30% Larger Than Most Hotel Rooms, Providing You With The Space You Deserve. Complimentary Deluxe Breakfast Featuring Scrambled Eggs & Bacon.

Reserve online at: [www.musicroadhospitality.com](http://www.musicroadhospitality.com) Go to “Reservations” and select “Groups”. Group ID “2775” Password “37000303”. Reserve by phone at: 1-800-424-7700 Request “TN Association of Rescue Squads Convention Block”. There is a special rate of \$119.00 for Tuesday night. All other nights will be \$129.00.



## GIT READY CU THE FEUD HAS STARTED

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Leave yer Sunday go to meeting clothes at the hotel, put on ur britches, shirt and shoes and come

out to the Hatfield and McCoy Dinner Show. Help the Hatfields & McCoy's settle their feud mountain-style. Whether you are city-folk or country cuzins, you'll love this show not to mention the YUMMY vittles, which include: Feud Fried Chick'n, Open Pit Pulled -to-Pieces Pork Barbeque, Southern Style Creamy Soup, Smashed Mashed Taters, Bust Y'er Jeans Pinto Beans, Keep Comin' Cornbread, No Tellin' What's In It Coleslaw, Granny's Famous Special Dessert.

# 2011 Convention Pre-Registration Form

Squad or Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

(check one)

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| PKG A    | PKG B    |
| \$35 ea. | \$55 ea. |

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Extra Banquet Ticket No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Symposium Attendance—Please complete Symposium Registration Form on page 17 and mail in with this form along with payment.

Hatfield & McCoy No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 ea Adult....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Show No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 ea Child....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed—\_\_\_\_\_

Package "A" includes: Registration, Convention Name Tag and FunNite Ticket.

Package "B" includes: Registration, Convention Name Tag, FunNite Ticket and Awards Banquet Ticket

Package "C" includes: Extra Banquet Ticket Only

Make Checks Payable to: Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads

\* PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE—SEPT 10\* \*\*NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE\*\*

\* Every member that preregisters for Convention will have a chance to win a weekend getaway

## CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE

Any unit having lost a member this past year, Needs to submit the information to ensure that member being included in the Memorial Service at the convention. We are planning to have a photo presentation during the TARS Memorial Service to be conducted on Saturday October 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM. We request a photo of the member to be recognized, to be provided by any unit who has submitted a Memorial Plaque Application for inclusion in this. The photo may be of the member in uniform or not, of recent or several years old. You make that decision based on what best represents this person in this special service.

You may e-mail photos to [stacy@tnars.org](mailto:stacy@tnars.org) or mail a copy of your selected photo no later than September 1, 2011 to the State Office.

## MAIL PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO:

TARS STATE OFFICE

2906 TAZEWELL PIKE STE 'B'

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2011