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# A NOTE FROM THE FAUQUIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JAN SUTTON - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



As the Fauquier Chamber Chairperson and an insurance agent, safety is at the top of my list. So, tonight, with the event of the 5th Annual Valor Awards, I am especially grateful that we are celebrating our community's Public Safety men and women. This program is a wonderful opportunity to honor and appreciate each one. While I must acknowledge that it is impossible to individually recognize all who go beyond the call of duty, we truly thank them. They are heroes; extraordinary men and women who risk their lives to protect us. When we hear some of their real life stories this evening, they are sure to bring tears to our eyes.



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# PROGRAM

**6:00 TO 6:45** – Registration and Networking

**6:45** – Welcome and Opening Remarks – Joe Martin, Fauquier Chamber of Commerce President & CEO

**6:48** – Presentation of the Colors – Liberty High School Army JROTC

**6:50** – National Anthem – Performed by Angela Gibson

**6:55** – Invocation – Chaplin Smith

**7:00** – Dinner

**7:30** – Recognition of Invited Guests and Introduction of Presenting Sponsor  
– Jan Sutton, Fauquier Chamber of Commerce 2016 Chairman of the Board of Directors

**7:33** – Introduction of the Master of Ceremony – Mark B. Williams and Associates, PLC

**7:35** – Introduction of the Honorees – Will Thomas

**8:00** – Closing Remarks – Jan Sutton and Renee Davis

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# JOEL KARSTEN CHASE



**JOEL KARSTEN CHASE**, age 71

*Education* - Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA  
(Degree in History/Political Science)

*Army* - Enlisted 22-01-68 - Commissioned Second Lieutenant from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA 25-01-69

*Time in Vietnam* - 4-10-69 to 11-06-70

*Locations* - Central Vietnam and the Cambodian Incursion of May 1970

*Rank* - First lieutenant

*Duties* - Provide leadership to squad leaders and riflemen to ensure their safety

*Responsibilities* - Guide the platoon on missions and direct artillery, air and mortar support against enemy positions

*Training* - Jungle Warfare, Battle Indoctrination, RVN Training, Military Justice, Geneva Convention

*Platoon size* - Varied from a high of about 40 men to a low of perhaps 20

*Missions* - Conduct search and destroy missions as directed by our Company Commander

*Injuries* - Grazed in the head by AK-47 fire and later blown up by an enemy hand grenade on 14-06-70 at Fire Support Base David in Cambodia

*Extent of injuries* - Three pieces of shrapnel in the heart, perforated lung, lacerated kidney and liver, pulverized elbow, numerous shrapnel wounds entire body

*Decorations* - Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" for valor and Oak leaf (second award), Army Commendation Medal with "V", Air Medal, Purple Heart with oak leaf

*Hospitalization* - Walter Reed - approximately one year

*Medical status* - Retired at 100% disability as a Captain 11-02-71

*Contributions to community* - Assist with student Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards, Teacher of The Year selection, Assist at the Manassas VFW and American Legion bingo operations (weekly), Speak to elementary, high-school and college students about Vietnam



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### Stribling Incident

Fauquier County Sheriff's Office - Master Deputy Sheriff (MDS) Alex Armstrong, 9-1-1 Dispatcher Gus Anderson, Dispatcher Joseph Murphy

Fauquier Department of Fire Rescue - Battalion Chief Randy Arft, Technicians - Benjamin Wilson, Nicholas Baer, James Wyne, Technicians - Jennifer Morris and Sam Miller

Goldvein Volunteer Fire Department - Michael Sullivan

On August 18th, 2015 Master Deputy Sheriff (MDS) Alex Armstrong responded to Striblings Garage for a cardiac emergency with CPR in progress. A patient was found collapsed and not breathing. Upon his arrival MDS Armstrong found Neil Stribling, Jacob Clopton and Joseph Stribling providing aid to the victim. Jacob was providing chest compressions while Joseph was providing breaths. Neil was on the phone with a 9-1-1 dispatcher (Gus Anderson) and was overseeing the rescue efforts. MDS Armstrong deployed his AED and relieved Jacob by taking over chest compressions. Jacob then relieved Joseph and began providing rescue breaths. Units were dispatched promptly by Dispatcher Joseph Murphy. Ambulance 8 (Michael Sullivan), Rescue Engine 13 (Technicians - Benjamin Wilson, Nicholas Baer, James Wyne) and Battalion 1 (Battalion Chief Randy Arft) arrived and took over patient care. Mr. Stribling was given three separate shocks by the AED by the BLS providers on scene prior to ALS arrival. Medic 7 (Technicians - Jennifer Morris and Sam Miller), arrived to find the patient with a pulse. The crews worked together to secure an airway, provide oxygen and establish IV access. The victim was alert and oriented prior to arrival at Mary Washington Hospital. This incident service as an example of the outstanding service provided by the first responders and law enforcement personnel. Their quick actions saved the life of the victim.



**ALEX  
ARMSTRONG**



**JOE MURPHY**



**GUSTAVE  
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KEVIN EGE

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### Kevin Ege

On September 23rd, 2015, Kevin Ege was on his lunch break at his workplace, Akamai Technologies in Reston, Virginia. He was interrupted by a panicked phone call from a coworker on another floor. Kevin was advised that a coworker had collapsed and they were unable to dial out of the building for help due to a glitch in the building phone system. The coworker had called Kevin as they knew that he was the only person trained for a medical emergency out of approximately 60 employees.

Kevin immediately responded to the victim and grabbed an AED on his way. He made contact with the middle aged male who he determined to be pulseless and apneic. Under Kevin's direction, coworkers began chest compressions on the victim while he utilized the recently purchased Phillips Heartstart AED. At 12:59:21 hours, the AED was powered on and advised a shock at 13:00:14 hours. Kevin charged the AED, cleared the victim, and delivered a defibrillation at 13:00:20 hours, with coworkers immediately resuming compressions. CPR was continued until 13:02:37 hours when the AED reanalyzed with no shock advised and Kevin noted the victim to be breathing on his own. Another coworker was able to utilize a cell phone to call 911.

Kevin maintained supportive care and was able to turn over an awake and alert victim to the Medics arriving from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue. The victim was treated and transported to the catheterization lab by the responding EMS crew, receiving two stents in his Left Anterior Descending Coronary Artery, which was 90% occluded. The victim had survived a widow-maker MI and returned to work on October 14, 2015.

Kevin had lobbied tirelessly for the purchase of the AED over the past year which ultimately was used in the saving of a life. After this event on September 23rd, Akamai purchased a second AED making one available on both floors of the company's office space. Additionally, 37 of Kevin's coworkers are now AHA certified in CPR and AED, including the victim who survived. Thanks to Kevin's dedication as a volunteer EMT-B, he was able to apply the learned skills in a chaotic environment with frantic coworkers. He was able to successfully manage a group of people while providing life saving techniques.

Thanks to Kevin's heroism, a man has another chance at life.

The link to the Fauquier Times article:

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February 27th, 2016

Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce  
2016 Valor Awards  
Nominations for July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 Incident (vehicle accident)

**Wagon 1 (WVFC):**

CPT James Campbell, Tech Michael O'Bannon, FF Ellaine Browning, and FF Todd McCall.

**Rescue Squad 1 (WVFC):**

LT William Hayes, SGT Chris Sager, Master Tech Brett Hamby, Master Tech Michael Zingaro, and FF Austin Oakley.

**Medic 1 (DFREM Personnel):**

Tech II James Wyne and Tech I Rodney Greenwood

**Narrative:**

In the late evening of July 19th, 2015 units from the Warrenton Vol. Fire Company (WVFC) and Fauquier County Dept. of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management (DFREM) personnel were dispatched for an auto accident near the intersection of James Madison Highway and Marsh Road. Initial reports from callers indicated several vehicles involved with several patients that were potentially seriously hurt and still trapped inside of their vehicles. WVFC units arrived on the scene to find two heavily damaged vehicles as a result of a head-on crash. Three patients were confirmed trapped and pinned in two separate vehicles. Wagon 1 (CPT Campbell) established incident command and quickly requested more units to the scene, which included several more ambulances, three medical helicopters, and an additional unit to handle the landing zone (LZ) for the helicopters. Crews from Wagon, Rescue Squad, and Medic 1 worked for the next 35 minutes to free the three entangled occupants. The patients were then transported to the LZ and flown to Fairfax Hospital's Trauma Center by three different helicopters.

As expected, all personnel worked diligently and efficiently to attend to and remove the seriously injured persons as quickly possible. One of those trapped was an almost full term pregnant patient. She was freed very quickly and without further injury. This incident, due to its severity and complexity of persons trapped, would typically require two heavy rescue squads to free the trapped occupants (one assigned to each vehicle). WVFC was able to specifically handle the entrapments with Rescue Squad 1, Wagon 1, and Medic 1 due to the depth of staffing and available well-trained personnel who responded.





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This chaotic scene was managed and mitigated very well, and in a timely manner to allow for the best possible patient outcome. Personnel were able to follow up with the pregnant patient some time later who did deliver a healthy baby on time and without any known complications as of this time.

This incident is another great example of our personnel working well together, thanks to adequate training and having the proper equipment to handle the job. Due to these personnel's outstanding performance dealing with a difficult situation, please except this nomination for a valor award for those personnel listed above.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize and honor our dedicated, professional, and ever willing to help members of our fire and rescue system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel F. Myers  
Fire Chief



(L-R) AUSTIN OAKLEY, BILLY HAYES,  
MIKE ZINGARO AND CHRIS SAGER



(L-R) JIMMY CAMPBELL, ELAINE  
BROWNING, AND MIKE O'BANNON



RODNEY  
GREENWOOD



BRIAN KIE

## WARRENTON TOWN POLICE



### TOWN OF WARRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



It is my pleasure to nominate Detective Brian Kie for the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce's VALOR Award under the **Merit Award category** for his outstanding body of investigative work. Detective Kie has been a member of the Warrenton Police Department for over 8 years and has served as a detective in the Investigative Section since 2010. Detective Kie displays a strong desire to succeed and is loyal to the organization. He has demonstrated a genuine interest in and comprehensive knowledge of investigating crimes. His work ethic and attention to detail are second to none, as evidenced in the following.

In June 2015 Detective Kie was instrumental in the investigation and prosecution of a subject involved in nearly 100 counts of prescription fraud and embezzlement from medical offices. Detective Kie's diligent 3-month investigation led to the identity of the subject on a multitude of offenses in several jurisdictions, the subject's arrest, and a successful prosecution.

In October 2015 Detective Kie was instrumental in the investigation of a multi-state credit card fraud ring. Detective Kie's investigation identified the subjects, one of which was wanted in another jurisdiction, and uncovered that the subjects committed their offenses at multiple locations in different states. As a result of Detective Kie's work the FBI assumed the further investigation and prosecution of those offenses on a federal level.

Also in October 2015 Detective Kie investigated an individual committing fraud against elderly citizens. The subject preyed upon senior citizens who had dementia or other memory problems and obtained money from them through trickery, lies, and deception. Despite not being able to obtain much information from the victims, Detective Kie was able to identify the subject, uncover numerous acts of fraud, and arrest the subject.

These are but a few examples of Detective Kie's investigative efforts and exemplify his consistent accuracy, thoroughness and orderliness in his job performance. His overall quality of investigative work is consistently high. Detective Kie is an important contributor to the success of our organization and an asset to the community. We are proud to submit his nomination for the Merit Award.

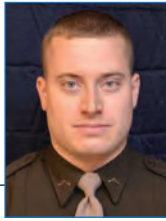
Sincerely,



Louis A. Battle  
Chief of Police



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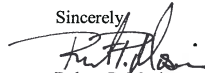
The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office nominates Corporal Dawn Rosenberg and Deputy First Class Samuel Field for the Valor Award for acts of valor or outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances.

On August 24, 2015, Corporal Rosenberg and Deputy First Class Field responded to an address on Pilgrims Rest Road for a report of a suicidal person who was holding a gun to his head. When CPL Rosenberg and DFC Field arrived on-scene, they observed the male subject on the front porch with a shotgun slung over his shoulder and holding a pistol in his hand. The man dropped the pistol once he observed the deputies. Both deputies drew their service pistols and gave verbal commands to the man. The man, who appeared to be intoxicated, failed to comply several times and continued to yell obscenities at the deputies as he refused to put down his gun.

DFC Field and CPL Rosenberg, a Crisis Intervention Team-trained deputy, safely and patiently continued to talk to the man, urging him to place the shotgun on the porch, which he eventually did. The deputies were then able to safely approach him and place him in emergency custody for a mental health evaluation. The two firearms, which were both loaded with chambered rounds, were made safe by the deputies. The man was taken to Fauquier Hospital for evaluation and admitted for further care.

CPL Rosenberg and DFC Field demonstrated valor in the face of danger. Their professionalism and personal courage protected the public and helped save the life of a citizen in a state of crisis.

Sincerely,

  
Robert P. Mosier  
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**JASON ANNS**

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Dear Mr. Martin:

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office nominates Sergeant Jason Anns for the Life Saving Award for being directly responsible for saving the life of another.

On March 16, 2015, Sgt. Anns responded to the 10600 block of James Madison Highway for a vehicle accident. Sgt. Anns was advised that there was a pickup truck resting on its side with two occupants still inside and the truck reportedly was on fire. Upon Sgt. Anns' arrival, he found the truck on its side with the engine compartment on fire. Several good Samaritans were standing around the truck trying to figure out how to extricate the two unconscious occupants.

Sgt. Anns attempted to remove the occupants from the vehicle but was unsuccessful. He then used his fire extinguisher to suppress the fire enough for him and an off-duty police officer to remove the vehicle's front windshield. With access to the occupants, Sgt. Anns and the off-duty officer pulled one occupant from the vehicle, while other good Samaritans removed the second occupant. Both occupants were airlifted to Fairfax Hospital for treatment. Had the occupants not been quickly removed from the vehicle, they certainly would have sustained additional burns which could have proved fatal.

Sgt. Anns' actions are an example of what we see from our deputies on such scenes. I am especially proud of the way he coordinated his efforts with the citizens and the off-duty officer. This is a great example of law enforcement officers and citizens working together to serve their community.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Mosier  
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SEAN HEALY

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Dear Mr. Martin:

The Fauquier County Sheriff's Office nominates Sergeant Sean Healy for the Merit Award for actions leading to high achievement for his work in the Special Operations unit of the Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Healy has demonstrated leadership through passion and drive to bring to justice those people who distribute controlled substances within Fauquier County and beyond its borders.

Sgt. Healy is a 17-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, and has held numerous duty assignments to include corrections, patrol, and criminal investigations. Sgt. Healy is currently the team leader for the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) and the supervisor of the Special Operations Unit (SOU) in the Criminal Investigations Division, which he joined in September 2014.

The SOU was developed to bring together detectives assigned to narcotics, vice, gangs and other special investigations. Under Sgt. Healy's leadership the SOU has been very successful in seizing drug distribution assets and controlled substances. The SOU has established a vast network of informants who not only aid in the investigation of controlled substances, but also provide information about other crimes occurring in the county. Recently, Sgt. Healy and the SOU made the largest cash seizure in Fauquier County's history.

The recent increase in abuse of opioid-based drugs, mainly heroin, has led to several overdose deaths within Fauquier County. Sgt. Healy and the SOU have assisted with overdose death investigations resulting in criminal charges against the persons distributing the illegal narcotics which led to the victims' deaths.

Sgt. Healy is a valuable asset to the Sheriff's Office. Under his leadership the SOU combats the distribution of illegal narcotics, traces overdose deaths to the source supplier, and investigates drug-related crimes, all resulting in successful arrests, seizures and prosecutions of drug dealers and criminals in Fauquier County. Sgt. Healy has built a team of which the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Fauquier County can be proud.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Mosier  
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February 9, 2016

#### Fauquier County Chamber Of Commerce Valor Awards Nomination

The Area 12 Office of Virginia State Police would like to nominate Trooper Bernard R. Boteler and Senior Trooper Derek J. Mabie for the Chamber of Commerce Valor Award.

On August 26, 2015, Vestar Lee Flanagan, committed a heinous crime on live television when he mortally wounded two of his former colleagues and seriously wounded another person. Vestar Flanagan fled the Franklin County Virginia area and a search for him began. A short time later, a Trooper with a License Plate Reader received a positive "hit" on a vehicle associated with Flanagan and it was on Interstate 66 eastbound moving towards Fauquier County. Trooper Boteler was on duty and responded to the area. Trooper Mabie, who was off duty, heard the radio traffic and he too responded to the Linden area. Once Flanagan's vehicle was located, Troopers Boteler and Mabie worked together in an attempt to stop Flanagan from fleeing. Trooper Mabie positioned his vehicle in front of Flanagan and maneuvered him through an active work zone, with workers present, as Trooper Boteler kept his vehicle to the rear of Flanagan's car. The two troopers maintained radio contact with each other as Flanagan approached the 17 mile marker in the Markham area. This location served as a safe location to attempt a rolling roadblock to attempt a traffic stop as it shielded westbound traffic from harm as there are no houses visible in this area. As the two troopers were in position, they both observed Vestar Flanagan place a firearm to his head and commit suicide. His vehicle drifted off of the left side of the road where it stopped. Trooper Boteler and Trooper Mabie were then able to coordinate a safe approach to the vehicle and proceed with the scene.

Although the License Plate Reader was essential in locating the vehicle associated with Vestar Flanagan, we feel Troopers' Boteler and Mabie should be recognized for their actions and due regard for officer safety. These two Troopers worked well together during a very intense encounter with a known killer and it is a pleasure to nominate them for this award.

First Sergeant Jeffery K. Pearson  
Area Commander



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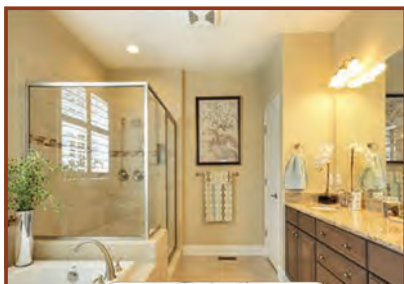
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