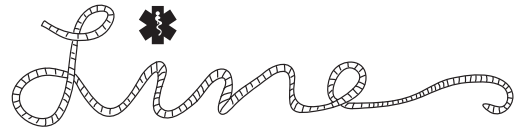




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SPOTLIGHT ON ...By Steve Carden

PARIS-HENRY COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

The Paris-Henry County Rescue Squad (PHCRS) is located in Northwest Tennessee along the Kentucky and Tennessee border. Henry County (pop. 31,000+), an area of approximately 562 sq. mi., was created in 1821 from Indian lands and was named in honor of Patrick Henry (1736-1799), a Virginia statesman, patriot and Revolutionary leader. Paris, the County Seat, is well know as the Catfish Capitol of Tennessee and is also home of the PHCRS headquarters.

The unit was one of the early rescue squads to organize in Tennessee, formed by eight (8) charter members in 1955, the same year that TARS was founded. Without a doubt, the formation of the squad focused on water rescue and recovery in the early years & today remains a primary mission for the squad. With the Tennessee River and a sizeable portion of the Kentucky Lake in its area, it represents one of the largest bodies of water in the State and

attracts thousands of boaters, sportsmen, and barge traffic year round.

In the early days, equipment was scarce and no doubt operations were dependent on the goodwill of many businesses and the citizens to be able to establish a good foundation for the squad. The City of Paris leased a lot to the squad to allow for a modest building in the first couple of years of the squad's existence.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By Bill (B.J.) Robbins

Fellow Squadsmen & Families:

I would like to take this opportunity as your State President to thank each squad and their families, from East to West Tennessee and several of the surrounding Southeastern States for the support that you have given me for the past ten (10) years.

The core membership for the TARS has always been the Volunteer Rescue Squads. Our Association remains strong keeping the long time valued tradition intact and allowing growth

through the Associate Members. There has been a lot of good training offered this year from one end of the State to the other. Also remember the better trained that we are - the better we can serve our communities.

We have been blessed in many ways, which make many people ponder on what has made TARS so successful. My theory is that it is our members. Each of you share a desire to help our fellowman and you share a bond of closeness no matter where you are in the great State of Tennessee.

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Throughout the past (10) years in this Association I have made many friends. I have also witnessed many changes in our rescue squads and our squads in the future will be shaped by how we adapt to the ever-changing world. Take time to THANK your families for letting us care for so many. Without them we could not do our jobs.

It is only a few months until convention time. Our convention this year will be hosted by Chattanooga, which will be on the 11, 12, & 13, of October in 2007 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Remember our organization is run by those that show up, so get involved and help your squad compete in this year's competition. Everyone who tries is a winner

All of our officers and training personnel have worked hard at keeping this organization moving forward, we need every squad's input to make this convention a success.

I would also like to thank the squads that responded when I called them for help, whether it was on water or someone was lost, it could not be done by one squad, it takes a team effort. Thanks again from the bottom of my heart for giving of your time and the support that you have so graciously gave to help me in anything that I have asked of you or your squad. . .

Although this is my last year as President, I will join the ranks of our Organization's Past Presidents and look forward to continuing to serve. Come and enjoy the convention, it is here for you! Be a winner, stay safe, train hard and may God bless each of you.

REGIONAL NEWS

STATE VICE PRESIDENT...By Jim Williamson

Hello to all, I hope that everyone is doing fine. Summer is in full swing and is one of the busiest times of the year. Increased highway travel and water activities result in increased call volumes all across the State. We should be ever mindful that help is only a phone call away.

The Region meetings were great. I appreciate the effort made by the squads that hosted them and also appreciate those in attendance making time in their schedules to be there. If you were not able to make it, your presence was missed and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Convention will be here before we know it. The rooms always go quickly so don't wait until late to make your reservations. A great time is expected to be had by all in Chattanooga.

Thank you in advance to Chattanooga-Hamilton County for all of the countless hours of hard work that you will put in to make this convention a success.

I would like to thank everyone for your support of me as a State Officer for the past six years. I have enjoyed all of the opportunities I have been given to learn more about this Organization, but more than that, I enjoy all of the friendships I have made along the way. I am excited about watching TARS continue to grow and improve and appreciate your continued support of me as I seek to further serve this organization in the future. ■

Dyer County Rescue Squad Dedicates New Headquarters "Phillip Pinion Building."



(from left to right in foreground) Ricky Gatlin DCRS Unit Director, Dyer County Mayor Richard Hill &, State Rep. Phillip Pinion cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony for the new Dyer County Rescue Squad building June 23, 2007. Several TARS State Officers, area rescue squad members, local officials & local citizens were also present for the ceremony that was held during the Region IV meeting weekend. The building was named in honor of State Representative Phillip Pinion who donated the property to the squad.

NATIONAL EMS MEMORIAL SERVICE

GLEN MOORE, CAPTAIN TARS HONOR GUARD

Each year the National EMS Memorial Service is held in Roanoke, Virginia on Memorial Day weekend. The purpose of this service is to honor emergency medical services personnel who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate sacrifice they have made for their fellow man. During the service a family member or agency representative was presented with a United States flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol denoting the honoree's service to their country, a white rose representing their undying love, along with a medallion signifying their eternal memory.

Also as part of the service, each person being recognized is represented by their state flag. After the last name was read there was a moment of silence, followed by a last call and the playing of taps. The names of those who were honored during this ceremony will be engraved on a bronze oak leaf and added to the National EMS Memorial "Tree of Life." The oak leaf has historically been accepted as a symbol of strength, valor and solid character. All of these are common characteristics of the men and women honored.

This year's program honored 16 fallen EMS personnel from all across the United States including one of our own from Tennessee. Joseph "Joe" Donald Snow from Clarksville, TN, a member of the Montgomery County EMS and TARS was honored. Joe

passed away on May 28, 2006 due to injuries suffered during a Water Rescue and Recovery mission at a low level dam

near Clarksville. He was a devoted father and a dedicated employee who loved his work. Safety was his utmost concern. Joe was an experienced SCUBA diver and paramedic and he gave countless hours to train and oversee the service's Emergency Response Team. Ultimately, Joe gave his life doing what was dear to him.

Members of the TARS honor guard attended this memorial service on May 26, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Roanoke, VA. Those attending were Tommy Bowers, Region II (Blount County) and Glen Moore, Region IV (Hardeman County). Both members participated in the service to honor Joe and his family. Tommy carried the Tennessee State flag, while Glen served as the escort for the family, which included Joe's two sons, his father, sister and brother.

TARS honor guards have attended and participated in this service for the past seven years. But this year's service will be especially remembered by both Tommy and Glen for many years to come because they had the honor to present "one of our own" to be included on the "Tree of Life."



"2007 CONVENTION IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE"

The 52nd ANNUAL TARS CONVENTION will be held October 11 - 13, 2007 at the Chattanooga Choo Choo in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Pre-Registration form and Hotel reservation information are included in this newsletter. Please take care of these items early to help avoid delays or possible sell-outs.

The Chattanooga Choo Choo is conveniently located at 1400 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tn 37402 and is surrounded by local attractions and restaurants. All of our functions will be held on site, so your attendance at the meetings, exhibits, and contests will be only a few moments walk from each other.

CONTESTS

Some contests scheduled are the Vehicle Extrication contests, the Rescue Challenge, the Emergency Care Contest, the (EVOC) Emergency Driving Contest, and The Rambling Rescue Race. Don't forget the Horseshoe 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!!!

TRAINING

Be sure to indicate on your pre-registration form your plans to attend Thursday's training seminar. This year's training opportunity is scheduled for 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and will focus on Medical Trauma Treatment in Rescue. The program will feature several speakers from the local medical community that promises to deliver a look at Trauma Medicine that every rescuer might have to deal with in specialized rescue missions. A Seminar certificate with 0.3 CEUs will be awarded to attendees. Cost is only \$10 with conference Pre-registration. Seminar by itself or at the door is \$20. Classroom activity only, casual dress is acceptable.

ENTERTAINMENT

This year's Thursday Evening Outing is a dinner cruise. True Southern Hospitality prevails in the old riverboat tradition. While you're cruising the beautiful Tennessee River you can dine on some of Tennessee's finest meals. Enjoy the "Dixieland Dinner Cruise", complete with world famous slow-cooked prime rib, shrimp creole, and the toe tappin' music of the "Riverboat Ramblers"

Dinner selections include slow cooked prime rib and shrimp creole with steamed rice, baby red potatoes, green beans, ceasar salad, dessert, coffee, and iced tea. Cost: Adult - \$40 and Child - \$28. Food, Entertainment, Transportation and gratuity are included in the \$40 ticket price. Our bus will depart the Hotel by 6:00 pm and return around 9:30 pm that evening.

Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited for this event, so be sure and complete your form and enclose the proper fee to join this exciting event. Your boarding pass will be in your registration packet and may be picked up at the TARS desk at the Main Hotel Lobby

between 4:00 - 5:00 pm Thursday afternoon. *Be sure and complete the pre-registration form and enclose the proper amount to join the crowd for this exciting event!*

FUN-NITE

Friday night Fun-Nite will offer a different venue this year. "Memories of Conway" is a special tribute to Conway Twitty by his son Michael. Family tradition is a cherished trait in country music and like many others Michael is a part of that heritage. Being the son of Conway Twitty, Michael literally grew up learning his craft first hand from the industry's greats. Michael has spent the last 20 years developing his style and paying his dues! Let's follow Michael down memory lane, while he shares his thoughts of his Dad in story and song. It will make you laugh, it will make you cry, and it will definitely entertain you. His energy, vocal power, and timely wit, will keep an audience on the edge of their seats for his entire performance and on their feet at the close of this show! The Songs live on, you will hear Hello Darling, It's Only Make Believe, Tight Fittin Jeans, The Rose, Linda On My Mind and many others. . . *TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 500 (MAXIMUM SEATING). SO, EARLY PRE-REGISTRATION IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY.*

PRE-REGISTRATION FEES ARE:

(PACKAGE A) \$25 per person, which includes your registration fee, name badge, and Fun-Night ticket.

(PACKAGE B) \$50 per person, which includes your registration fee, name badge, Fun-Night ticket and Awards Banquet ticket.

(EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS) will be available only to Non-TARS/WATARS guests of registered members at a cost of \$35 each.

THURSDAY, October 5

"Dixieland Dinner Cruise": \$40 Adult & \$28 per Child.

* *(After September 9)* - Pkg A is \$35, Pkg. B is \$55,
Extra Banquet ticket is \$40.*

Your reservations at the hotel need to be made as soon as possible. Their reservation numbers are listed here along with room rate information. Remember check - in time at the Hotel 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. Let's 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.

On behalf of our State Officers and our Convention Host, we hope to have an exciting and enjoyable convention for you. ■

**WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE!!!**



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OCTOBER 11 - 13, 2007

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RATE \$89 + Applicable Taxes

Reservation cut off date Sept. 19, 2007

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2007 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM



SQUAD OR DEPT: _____

(check one)

| | PKG A \$25 ea. | PKG B \$50 ea. | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| NAME: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | -----\$ _____. |
| NAME: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | -----\$ _____. |
| EXTRA BANQUET TICKET No. _____ @\$35 ea. ----- \$ _____. | | | |

THURSDAY: SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name: _____ x \$10 ----- \$ _____.

Attendee Name: _____ x \$10 ----- \$ _____.

NOTE: PRICE ABOVE IS WITH PRE-REGISTRATION.

*** SEMINAR ON-SITE REGISTRATION @ CONVENTION or By Itself - \$20 ea.***

“Chattanooga Dixieland Dinner Cruise”, No. _____ @\$40 ea. Adult ----- \$ _____.

No. _____ @\$28 ea. Child ----- \$ _____.

(12 & under)

TOTAL ENCLOSED ----- \$ _____.

Package "A" includes: Registration, Convention Name Tag, and Fun-Nite Ticket.

Package "B" includes: Registration, Convention Name Tag, Fun-Nite Ticket and Awards Banquet Ticket.

*Make Checks Payable to: Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads *Pre-Registration Deadline - SEPT 9*

****NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE****

MAIL PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO::

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TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE SQUADS
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REMEMBER! PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

2007 RESCUE COLLEGE

(FULL)

SWIFTWATER I - JUL 13 - 15
EAST POLK/OCOEE RIVER

ADVANCED EXTRICATION,
JUL 20-22, LAVERGNE RESCUE

SCHOOL BUS RESCUE - JUL 27-29,
CHATTANOOGA

BASIC TRENCH - AUG 3-5
SEVIER CO RESCUE

(FULL)

SWIFTWATER II, AUG 10-12
Reliance/Hiwassee/Tellico

DIVE RESCUE I - AUG 10-12

Tenn Fire Codes Academy, Bedford Co
RELOCATED TO WINCHESTER, TN

BASIC TRENCH - AUG 17-19
HARDEMAN CO RESCUE

SWIFTWATER I - SEPT 7-9
EAST POLK/OCOEE RIVER
DIVE RESCUE II - SEPT 7-9, Tn Fire Codes
Academy, Bedford Co. RELOCATED TO
WINCHESTER, TN

ADVANCED TRENCH RESCUE
SEPT 7-9, TENN FIRE CODES ACADEMY,
BEDFORD CO

BIG RIG RESCUE - SEPT 14-16,
CHATTANOOGA RESCUE

INSTRUCTOR I - VEHICLE
EXTRICATION SEPT 21-23
TENN FIRE CODES ACADEMY IN
BEDFORD CO

FARM RESCUE - OCT 26-28
NEWPORT RESCUE

*(Rope Rescue Class Schedule
Available On-line)*

* NEW TRAINING FEES * TARS - \$70 * ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - \$85 * NON-TARS - \$110

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND A PRINTABLE APPLICATION ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT WWW.TNARS.ORG
Specific information regarding meetings and training will be mailed to each TARS unit usually 30 days in advance.
Training classes and dates are subject to cancellations or rescheduling.

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN H. BIRD

*Greeneville Emerg & Rescue Squad
1950 - 2007*

NORMAN ACRES

*Scott County Rescue Squad
1963 - 2007*

DAN ELLIS

*Loudon County Rescue Squad
1958 - 2006*

JERRY D. DENSON

*Jackson County Rescue Squad
1973 - 2007*

HOWARD MULLINS

*Monroe County Rescue Squad
2003 - 2006*

CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICES

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 13, 2007 at 9 am. We request a photograph of the member to be recognized, to be provided by any unit who has submitted a Memorial Plaque Application for inclusion in the service. 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 being remembered in this special service.

You may E-Mail photos to or mail a copy of your selected photo (No Originals please, as we cannot be responsible for return) not later than September 1, 2007 to the State Office.

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Spotlight On Con't from Page 1 . . .

By the mid 1960's the city had donated the lot and other local organizations including the Elks Lodge & the Paris Fire Department, had donated equipment. By then squad had expanded their building and officially joined TARS as a Unit member. The 1970's saw the unit accept the vehicle rescue mission as well as continued growth in membership, training, and equipment to conduct its expanding operations. While expansion of the existing building was accomplished the following decade to better serve the community, the decade of the 90's focused on finding the location and means to build a new facility for the organization.

That goal was realized before the new millennium in 1999 when the squad moved into a newly constructed 9600 sq. ft. facility located on a 5 acre tract donated by Henry County. Centrally located in the heart of the County on a new bypass, the squad built a fantastic facility that will serve the County well into the future. About 1/3rd of the new building is designated as administrative space for meeting rooms, kitchen, day-room, communications area, office space for squad officials and bunk areas. The balance of space consists of five (5) large bays around 80 ft. deep that provides ample storage to house the squad's equipment.

It seems the new decade is quickly taking shape with the goal of updating rolling stock and other unit equipment. New Rescue One boats, a Ford quad cab truck, and newly acquired F-550 Extrication unit, trailered four wheelers, and Mobile Command Post have replaced and supplemented the squads tools of trade.

With 39 active members, a third are EMT to Paramedic level, about a fifth are firefighters, and membership also includes dispatchers, deputies and a coroner, as well as 2 divers. That diversity blesses the squad with a healthy mix of well trained emergency volunteers dedicated to serve their community in a professional manner.

Over 50 years of success and hard work has proven a good foundation that promises a bright future for the PHCRS. A motto depicted below the Association emblem, that was moved from the old original building, hangs prominently on a wall in the new headquarters says..."The Desire to Serve, The Ability to Perform, & The Courage to Act".

As long as we all embrace that philosophy and work together, our future can be bright and promising in service to our fellow man.



Photo Circa 1960's PHCRS



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