On June 29, 2018, an era came to close. The afternoon of that day, Al Hafner walked out of HCPD headquarters for the last time as an employee. It was bitter sweet. The HCPD said goodbye to a very valuable member of the staff. Al had contributed so much during his long tenure with the HCPD. Not only did he serve his time in Patrol, but as a sworn officer was an integral part of the Crime Lab. After his retirement from sworn duty he continue as a civilian in the Crime Lab as a latent print expert, photographer, crime scene processor.

In addition to his regular duties, Al took on the task of collecting information about the history of the HCPD. He was a major contributor in the publication of the Howard County Police Department’s 50th Anniversary Book, and became known as the Department’s Historian. Without Al’s hard work and contributions, the Howard County Police Museum probably would not be what it is today. During the two recent floods, Al, with others, salvaged, repaired and resurrected the artifacts and displays.

Al’s contributions continued outside of the Department. He is a Past President of the Howard County Police Retired Officers Associations and has contributed in a major way to this publication, the Briefing Notes. He has on many occasions offered his time as photographer of numerous HCPROA activities and most of the HCPD historic photos used in the Briefing Notes can be attributed to his collections and reproductions.

Al has advised that he will be celebrating his retirement with a trip to Bermuda this summer and later a cruise to the Canadian Maritime Provinces. We wish Al and his family all the best.

In recognition of his service, contributions, and dedication to the Department and the Association, Al has been nominated for HCPROA LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Celebration of Al’s Retirement
“Presentation of HCPD Flag”
From left to right: Lt. Ed Sprinkle, Al Hafner, Major Luther Johnson
July 19, 2018
The TBLBF was established as a way for contributors to donate to a tax exempt fund that assists retired Howard County Police Officers and their families in time of financial need or tragedy.

TBLBF is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Donations may be made at www.tblbf.org.

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3rd Platoon Reunion

Because folks are coming to town for the HCPROA Bull Roast in October, once again members of the "old" Third Platoon (or is it "old" members of the Third Platoon) will be getting together for a reunion of their own! Four years ago (or so - who can remember?) the old third met for breakfast at Eggspectations the morning of the Bull Roast. Some folks that weren't able to make the evening Bull Roast were able to make the reunion and about 20 folks showed up to share old stories, eggs and a drink! Getting together to chat about the old days - remembering the big chase down LPP after a kidnapping at Marmaduke's, lunch at George's, beers after 3-12 at O'Donnell's and doing the coffee/donut run to Laurel, and 10-25ing at Pigeon Hills at the old Rt. 32 and Rt. 29 for the 3:00 A.M. break! This year, we are going to do it again!!!! The tentative plan at this time is to meet at Glory Day's in Ellicott City on Friday, Oct. 12 for lunch. So far we have about 15 folks that are planning to be there including out-of-towners from Virginia, Arizona, New York and South Carolina. There's even a rumor that a copy of a Third Platoon Cartoon Book might make an appearance.

If you were on the Third Platoon between 1973-1978, and would like to get together with some of your former platoon mates contact Skip Beall at fjbeall@verizon.net by 15 August 2018 and let him know.

Submitted by: Skip Beall and Marna McClendon

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Your Assistance Please!

To help make the HCPROA annual events a success, the Executive Board is asking members to solicit items for door prizes. If you know of a business and/or individual(s) that may be willing to donate items, please contact Frank Dawson to receive donation request and thank you letters. Donated items will be received by the Thin Blue Line Benevolent Fund, Inc. and the value of those items are tax deductible. Also, Items for auction are would be greatly appreciated.

For more information please contact:

Frank Dawson
fdawson3@comcast.net or 410 227-4727

Or

Kemp Freund
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Life Member Nominations

The Executive Board is soliciting nominations for HCPROA Life Member Awards. Any member in good standing may nominate another deserving HCPROA member. That nominated member must meet the criteria stated in the Association’s By-Laws. “Life Memberships are bestowed upon an individual in recognition of outstanding service to the Howard County Police Department, the Howard County Police Retired Officers’ Association and the community. Life Members are exempt from dues while retaining all privileges of members.” Nominations should be forwarded to Frank Dawson at fdawson3@comcast.net by August 1, 2018. Nominations shall be voted on at the September 15, 2016 HCPROA General Meeting.

Currently the Life Members of the Association are Woody Rush, Tim Branning, Bobbie Friesland, and Mike Chiuchiolo.
In Memoriam

Robert “Bob” Earl Reid Sr.
1945 - 2018

“Blessed are the Peacekeepers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

Matthew 5:9
The HCPROA Executive Board is still seeking members interested in running for the Association’s officers. On September 13, 2018, at the next general membership meeting, nominations will be held for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms. If individuals have questions concerning the responsibilities of each Executive Board position they should contact Frank Dawson at fdawson3@comcast.net. The current Executive Board will assist in the transition and responsibilities of the newly elected officers. Elections will occur during November.

To continue the success of the HCPROA, members are strongly encouraged to consider filling one of the above positions. When considering please keep in mind that the success of OUR Association depends on the participation of members in the events, activities, and especially the leadership of the HCPROA.

From left to right: Karen Davis, Lee Hajek, Nancy Yeager, Ceci Moran, Beth Healy Mangano, Rose Ann Schuler, Lyn Neser.

About once every three months the retired ladies from HCPD get together for fellowship. On May 23, 2018, the above group met for lunch at the Olive Garden in Westminster. They are planning another get together sometime this early Fall. Ladies interested in participating should contact Rose Ann Schuler at roseschuler@yahoo.com.

The next general membership meeting of the Association will be September 13, 2018. This will be the last meeting for the year and we are encouraging members to attend. Some of the topics to be discussed are as follows:

- Life Member nominations and voting.
- HCPROA Executive Board nominations.
- Thin Blue Line Benevolent Fund donations.
- Membership participation.
- New HCPROA Membership recruiting.

If members would like to add topics to the agenda, please contact Frank Dawson at fdawson3@comcast.net or 410 227-4727.

We will be returning to Players Bar and Grill, Woodstock, MD. Happy Hour starts at 6:00 P.M. and the general meeting begins promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Hope to see you there.

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