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FBI MICHIGAN CHAPTER

NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Greg Laurain



Hello everyone, hopefully the winter months were good to you and with spring behind us, summer is finally here. So, let's catch up on the Chapter's happening's and what is in store for 2022.

The Chapter's Spring Luncheon was our first event for the year being held at Burton Manor in Livonia this past April. Those unable to attend missed hearing from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein. His remarks were so phenomenal on law enforcement that we made available through YouTube his entire message to his audience. Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/KAEE5BeP2bA>. We extend our thanks to Justice Bernstein for gracing us with his presence, his remarks, and his kindness.

Just recently we hosted another successful golf outing in Milford. Thanks to Curriculum Committee members Al Maciag and Dan Keller for their efforts in spearheading this annual event in June at Mystic Creek Golf Club, Milford. Thirty-four teams entered for a day of fellowship and relaxation under sunny skies and mild temperatures. Many great gifts were raffled off after the event to attending golfers at the closing of the outing.

This year we are very fortunate to have been asked by National to sponsor a second High School candidate to attend the Youth Leadership Program. The Oklahoma Chapter was unable to commit to the program this year, so Michigan was asked if we wanted their spot and we of course accepted. These two will be attending this June for one week in Quantico, VA. At the Fall Training Luncheon we will be hearing from two of Michigan's finest YLP attendees.

Our Michigan Chapter Mobile App is complete and now enables paid members to connect with each other through our member's only list on the app. The member's only list also has other optional fields (photo, address, session number, phone number) for members to take advantage of in setting up their profile. If you have not downloaded the app yet, do so and take advantage in keeping in touch with other chapter members and information on our annual events.

This past spring an email was sent out to our membership seeking members interested in serving in an official capacity as clergy, chaplain, minister or spiritual leader for our Chapter. Duties of the Chapters Chaplain were also outlined in the email. Chapters having a designated Chaplain was just

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recently supported by the National Board. The intent is to recognize one chaplain for each of our Chapters to connect our state/international chapter spiritual leaders with the National Office and bring support to those in need, more efficiently unite us in spiritual thought and prayer, and bring us closer together in times of celebration and in times of need.

After a vetting process by the National Board, the National Chaplain and with my letter of recommendation, I appointed Scott Pike as our first Michigan Chapter Chaplain at our Executive Board meeting held on June 22, 2022. He will continue to serve in this capacity and at the pleasure of the sitting Chapter President. Scott is a graduate from the FBINAA session #249 in 2012 and has been an active member with the Chapter since. He retired from the Port Huron Police Department in 2016 holding the rank of Lieutenant after serving their community for 25 years. Days after retirement he went to work for Imlay City Police Department serving as their Chief until his second retirement in 2021. You will see much more of Scott at our annual events, and he will make himself available to all chapter members. You can read more on Scott's background in the "Chaplain's Corner" within this newsletter.

Currently under development is a new Chapter website. Our current webpage is outdated, not user friendly and needs a premier look. We have looked at several other Chapter's sites to get ideas and we've narrowed it down to a website developer "Revolutionary Designz LLC." that promises us the state-of-the-art website in late fall this year.

We will be hosting our first Cigar & Bourbon Event on Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Huron Valley Gun Club. This will be a great annual fall event to bring those members together for a great cigar and the tasting of bourbon. More information coming on this event on our website later this summer. All proceeds from this event will go to the FBINAA Charitable Foundation.

I am pleased to announce that this year's Fall Training Conference will once again be held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island September 7-9, 2022. Those of you that have previously attended our conference know this is the Crown Jewel of our Chapter and a must attend event. 2021 marked our 75th year anniversary as a Chapter and in celebration of this occasion all 2022 registered attendees will receive a commemorative throw/ blanket displaying our Chapter's logo. A 75th Anniversary firearm is also in the works to be raffled at our fall training conference this year, and you definitely do not want to miss that!

Make sure to mark your calendar for the Chapter's Fall Luncheon that will be at the Polish Century Club in Sterling Heights, Michigan on November 4, 2022. The speaker will be announced later this fall.

Finally, as President, I assisted the Charitable Foundation by presenting a check on their behalf to the family of one of our members (Chief Fred Posavetsz) who suddenly pass away last year. That small act of presenting a check along with the emotional response from the family had a profound effect on how I viewed the importance of the Foundations existence. Earlier this year I read an article on the National Charitable Foundation Ambassador Program which sparked my interest and was a way for me to promote the program that gives back to our members. I applied this past winter to the program knowing the Ambassador's speak at chapter events, conferences to educate their active member how the Foundation can assist them in need, along with promoting the many initiatives directly impacting the Foundation. This spring, I was notified by Chapter II Section Director Kelli Bailiff that I had been selected by the National Board to serve as Ambassador of the Michigan Chapter. I am so honored and will doing my best in promoting the importance the work of the Foundation does at future Chapter events.

I am wishing everyone a great summer, God Bless you all, and I look forward to seeing you at our future Chapter events this year.

2022 FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Greetings FBINAA Michigan Chapter members. This is a quick reminder to remember to register for our 2022 Fall Training Conference at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Our Curriculum Committee has done another incredible job putting together a top notch agenda filled with outstanding speakers and topics. Please see the attached agenda for details.

Registration is open and rooms are filling fast. You must register by July 15th to receive a conference sweatshirt and you must book a room by August 5th in order to secure a room at the conference rate. Please see attached conference flyer for more information.

Please spread the word to all NA graduates and encourage them to attend this year's conference on Mackinac Island. Join the FBINAA Michigan Chapter's Facebook page and watch the FBINAA Michigan Chapter website (www.fbinaamichigan.org) for continuing updates about the 2022 FBINAA Michigan Fall Training Conference.

2022 SPRING TRAINING LUNCHEON

By: Ron Taig

On April 8th members of the Michigan Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates gathered, at their annual Spring Luncheon, to network, break bread, and to listen to Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein as he delivered a rousing speech of nearly 18 minutes. You could have heard a pin drop as he expressed his appreciation and admiration for the members of law enforcement. For those in attendance, it was quite clear that Justice Bernstein stands in unabashed opposition to the "Defund the Police" philosophy that has caught hold in some parts of our country. At times, his remarks were given in the cadence of a fiery preacher, especially when he expressed his sincerely held belief that law enforcement contributes to the safety and viability of our communities and there is a need for more of the public to stand up and express their thanks and gratitude to the men and women of law enforcement.

I think it is safe to say that many of those in attendance did not expect Justice Bernstein, a self-identified liberal Democrat, to vocalize such clear, definitive, and unequivocal support for the police. His words were well received and much appreciated. Hopefully, his profound message will resonate amongst the silent majority and cause them to join the ranks of those that are willing to have their voices heard as they express their support for law enforcement and their recognition of the value they place on those that are willing to put their lives on the line to keep them safe from the predators that would wish to do them harm. Perhaps this is just the beginning of the pendulum swinging in the other direction, time will tell. In the interim, the members of the Michigan Chapter of the FBINAA extend their thanks to Justice Bernstein for gracing us with his presence, his remarks, and his kindness.

Justice Bernstein has granted permission for his presentation to be viewed by the men and women of law enforcement. Click on <https://youtu.be/KAEE5BeP2bA> to view the presentation.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By: **Scott R. Pike**



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me introduce myself, I am Scott Pike, ("Spike" to my friends). After being vetted by the FBINAA National Board and Chaplain, our Chapter President and Executive Board have recently appointed me as the Michigan FBINAA MI Chapter Chaplain.

Please let me tell you a bit about myself and my responsibilities. My church title is a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (authorized by the Southeastern Michigan Synod). My Synod Bishop has authorized myself (and other LLM's) to perform Pastoral duties in the absence of an ordained Pastor.

This all came about after a 2-year argument with God until I heeded to his call. Since that time God has taken me into uncharted waters and somehow, I continue to succeed.

My Law Enforcement background started with the Lake Havasu City Police Dept. in Az. (patrol officer/ Narcotics detective), After three years I left the land of year-round sunshine to come to Michigan the land of Ice and snow when the Port Huron Police Department hired me. I retired after 25 years as a Lieutenant in 2016. After about 6 days of retirement, I was sworn in as the Chief of Police in Imlay City. I retired from there in 2021. I attended the 249th session of the FBI National Academy in 2012. I have been an active member with the Michigan Chapter since then.

When I did accept my role as a minister it was always my hope, and my desire to use this ministry to give back to a career that has been deeply ingrained in my soul and to my brothers and sisters who still hold the line. While this position is still new, my roles and responsibilities are still a work in progress. At this point I will function as a liaison between the chapter and the National Spiritual Leadership Network, as well as between the chapter and members in need. I will provide religious services when required (Invocations, blessings etc.). I will also be a point of contact for members (or family) who are sick, injured, or have passed away or other needs of the chapter.

The Michigan chapter as well as national has a great many resources available; I will also have a national network of Chaplain's I can call upon for assistance and advice. What I would ask of the membership is if a need is known to please reach out to me (contact info below). While law enforcement officers are great at most things, the one they do not do well is seek help when needed. You may be that person that can get help started when needed by reaching out on their behalf. If a member should pass away, please notify myself or the chapter immediately so that we may render the proper honors at the proper time.

While it is clear from my explanation, I come to you as a Christian and follower of Jesus Christ, this is not meant to ignore our members of other faiths. Please feel free to reach out to me on how we can include your beliefs and practices (as well as to educate me) into our happenings. In future newsletters I will address relevant topics to keep you abreast of happenings in the Spiritual Leadership Network.

In closing I would acknowledge those that have guided me along this process Dan Bateman (MSP Ret.) former National Chaplain for encouragement and mentorship and Chapter President Greg Laurain for his confidence in me and his encouragement.

I look forward to a wonderful relationship to come.

Blessings,
Scott R. Pike
"Spike"

RETIREE'S CORNER

By: John Courie

Greetings everyone. The National Board is considering a recommendation from the Membership Committee to create a LIFE MEMBER DESIGNATION. As of now this would affect members with consecutive or accumulated 25 years of FBI NAA membership.

The proposed benefits to this designation is:

1. Recognition as a member in good standing with full voting rights
2. Certificate of achievement award
3. Special Life Member card awarded
4. Life Member recognition lapel pin awarded
5. FBINAA Annual dues reduced to \$25 (Michigan Dues waived)
6. Members will be recognized on the FBINAA National website



You may not always be an active police officer but you will always be a graduate of the FBI National academy. However, in order to remain a member of the FBI National Academy Associates everyone does have to pay dues.

The FBINAA National no longer allows local chapters to accept dues.

You can pay dues at, <http://www.fbinaa.org>

National dues are **\$90** for active & **\$45** for retired members. Michigan dues are **\$15**.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jennifer Watson at 703-632-1944 or jwatson@FBINAA.org

Information on membership dues is also available on our website: <http://www.fbinaamichigan.org/>

FBINA SESSION #282 - YELLOW BRICK ROAD RUN



Left to Right: Matthew Kaluzny, Robert Backus, Scott Jackson, Michele Dunlap, Jay Poupard, Craig Shepley and Marcy Kuehn.

FBINAA 2022 College Scholarship Award Recipients

By: Al Cox

There were several excellent candidates who competed for this year's College Scholarship awards. Each of the award recipients are exceptional young adults who recognize the importance of achieving academic excellence, while serving their communities, and participating in extra-curricular activities. **Congratulations on behalf of the entire Michigan FBINAA Chapter!**



Alexander Yon

Son of Charlie Yon (Oakland County Sheriff's Office) #241

Alexander plans to attend college in the Fall and pursue a career in law enforcement, following in the footsteps of his father and other family members. He has participated in many school and community activities including the Optimist Club and Toys for Tots. Alexander is also a three-time All-American athlete in indoor Track and Field where he has set multiple school and State records.



Audrey Lipe

Daughter of Brian Lipe (Grand Blanc Police Department) #244

Audrey plans to attend Michigan State University in the Fall to study Horticulture and Agribusiness Management. Future aspirations include owning and operating her own cut flower farm and operating a sustainable horticulture business. Audrey has participated in many school and community activities including National Honor Society, Ladies Golf, 4H, and Rotary Club. She is also the recipient of many awards within her field of study.



Alexandra Grabowski

Daughter of Jamie Grabowski (Plymouth Police Department) MPEDS 2013

Alexandra is this year's recipient of the MPEDS Jill Dheel Scholarship. Alexandra plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall where she will study geology and biology within the field of Astrobiology. Future career aspirations potentially include NASA. Alexandra has participated in many school and community activities including Astronomy Club, National Honor Society, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is also a recipient of multiple academic and athletic awards.

As a reminder to members, in addition to grade point average, community service, and school activities, the involvement of a student's sponsor is a key consideration in the decision-making matrix used to award scholarships. Another great reason to be involved in your Michigan Chapter of the FBINAA!

FBINAA MICHIGAN CHAPTER

FALL TRAINING CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 7th - 9th, 2022



LOCATION: Grand Hotel - Mackinac Island
286 Grand Ave, Mackinac Island, MI 49757
(906) 847-3331

Dress Attire: Business casual (No Jeans) during training, after 6:30 PM gentlemen are required to wear coat & tie and ladies are required to wear dress, skirt, slacks & blouse or pant suit.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: 2022 FBINAA MICHIGAN CHAPTER FALL CONFERENCE

\$260 (price includes round trip ferry)

****Late Registration \$280 after July 15, 2022**

You must register before July 15th to receive conference sweatshirt.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS/GUEST REGISTRATION/GOLF/FUN RUN:

Each conference attendee is individually responsible for their hotel registration at the Grand Hotel and the cost of their stay. Once you register for the conference, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing a Grand Hotel registration form and instructions for securing a room at the group rate for attendees, sponsors and vendors. Conference room block held until **August 5th, 2022**.

	Single/First Guest	Spouse/Guest/Double Occupancy
Two Night Package	\$436.00	Additional \$190.00
Three Night Package	\$654.00	Additional \$285.00

Transportation to Mackinac Island provided by: ***Shepler's Ferry***



Visit our website for registration:

www.fbinaamichigan.org

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Pre-Conference Golf Outing: **Wednesday, September 7th 2022**
COST: \$75 per person 7:30 A.M. 4 person team scramble

Golf Participants: Tuesday stay on island required due to ferry schedule.



There will be a 1 mile and 3 mile fun run on Thursday, September 8th that all conference attendees are invited to participate in. Run begins at 6:30 AM.

2022 FBINAA MICHIGAN CHAPTER ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

By: Alan M. Maciag



The FBINAA Michigan Chapter's Annual Golf Outing was held on Friday June 3, 2022 at the Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. The outing was again a huge success with 33 teams participating. The weather for the outing was outstanding and the course was in excellent condition. Registration began at 7:30 A.M. as golfers were treated to a light breakfast and refreshments. Hot dogs and brats were served at the turn and dinner was followed by the awards presentation and raffle.

The winner of this year's outing was the team of Nic Thompson, Tony Thompson, Robert Pearce and John Courie who shot a score of 11 under par 61. The winning foursome received a free round of golf at Mystic Creek and bragging rights for the entire year. Tom Buckley's team finished with the most strokes and received four dozen golf balls to practice for next year's outing. The longest drive winners were Devin Kowalski for the men and Monica Yesh for the women. Each of the long drive winners received a \$50.00 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods. TRULEO, a proud sponsor of the FBINAA, donated a cash prize of \$250 for each of the closest to the pin winners for the men and women. Closest to the pin winners were Bryce Miller for the men and Cissy Riddle for the women.

As in years past, the raffle was one of the highlights of the day with many big- ticket prizes to be had. The prizes included a large flat screen television, four Red Wing tickets, vintage refrigerators, JBL and Apple wireless ear buds, Bose wireless speakers, ice makers, Bushnell Wingman GPS speakers and a golf range finder. A special thanks to Jim Burg of Jim Burg Trucking for his generous cash donation and to Jeff Dheel and Blauer for their continued support of the chapter and the outing. Additionally, the chapter would like to thank On Duty Gear, Thin Blue Line USA, Captain Mo's Market, In-Stock Marketing and Ilitch Sports Entertainment for their prize donations. A special thanks goes out to all the staff at the Mystic Creek Golf Club for their tremendous support in making the outing extremely successful.

Proceeds from the golf outing go to support our college scholarship fund. The fund provides an annual scholarship to three high-achieving graduating seniors each year. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated by the board, the curriculum committee, and every member of the FBINAA Michigan Chapter. See you next year!







