



# THE REVIEW

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### Quote of the Week

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."  
 Arthur Schopenhauer



- The Patriot Run is a fundraising event for the Central Arizona Honor Guard
- September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Prescott Valley Civic Center
- 10k & 5k 6am registration – 7am start time
- Honor Guard & Pipes and Drums perform at 9:30am
- 1 mile fun run and family fun event with fire trucks, kids obstacle course, a raffle, and a silent auction at 10am.
- Reasonable registration fees
- U.S. Military Vets and Active Duty run for free. (Free registration only on the day of the event with any form of verification of service.)

Online Registration: [www.raceentry.com](http://www.raceentry.com)

Search: **The Patriot Run** On: **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



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## The Chief's Desk

### Self Reflection



Last weekend was my 30 year class reunion. I know what you're thinking, "he can't be old enough to have a 30 year reunion," as well as, "wow, he's aged well – Jen is sooo lucky!" I get that☺

It's interesting at this stage of my life to consider what was, what is today, and still think about what opportunities lay ahead. I have to admit, I did not think of these things in High School. Quite honestly, I was not even a good student and certainly wasn't motivated by much. It took me until my mid-twenties before I started to find my way.

I opted not to attend the reunion, but did have an old friend reach out to see if I was coming back to St. Louis. I told him no and that my grandkids were coming for the weekend, and bringing their parents. He responded that he was just leaving a day at the zoo with his grandkids. What the heck happened to us!? How did time pass so quickly?

At 10-12 years into my career I was thinking about how to promote and looking forward to the years ahead of me. Now I'm 10-12 years from the end of my career and focused on what to do in retirement while wondering where the last 25 years has gone. In total, I will finish my career, if I make my goal, with 37 years in emergency services. Seems like a long time, but it has gone by in a flash. I often wonder if I used my time wisely, if I really learned what I needed to, and whether or not I'm doing the best I can for everyone I serve including myself.

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### Upcoming Events:

Aug 4-11 – Chief in Dallas for Fire Rescue International Conference  
Aug 7 – Labor Management Meeting, National Night Out  
Aug 9 – PV Council Meeting

### Board Meeting:

August 27th Chino Valley Town Hall

CVFD – 1600-1630  
CAFMA – 1630 -1800  
CYFD – 1800-1830



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## "Honor the Fallen, Honor the Flag"

By: Captain/Honor Guard Commander Jeremiah King



I asked Captain King if he would be willing to write up a history of the Central Arizona Honor Guard to be shared in this week's edition. I've attached the history to the email carrying *The Review* this week as an additional document because it is longer than I can fit here. I did not think it appropriate to scale the document back

to fit on these pages. To that end, make sure you open the additional attachment.

Next week's edition will include the origins of our Pipes and Drums Band.

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## He worked years to become a firefighter and in a single night, the dream shattered

By: Clarence Williams "The Washington Post"  
Submitted by Firefighter Tim Tillich



For nearly a decade, Dane Smothers Jr. fixated on becoming a D.C. firefighter.

And he stuck with it, despite hurdles.

As he was finishing high school in 2008, Smothers Jr. applied to the department's cadet training program, thinking that was the quickest path. But the department shuttered the program for that year.

He entered college and studied fire science for a year, before the university told him the major was only for active firefighters.

He shifted briefly to computer science, worked at a Starbucks and got a job at a city library — and badgered an uncle who was a city firefighter, asking when the department would be hiring again.

When applications opened in 2015, interest was so high it swamped the department's website, but Smothers Jr. stayed online for three hours to submit his name.

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## Fleet Maintenance Update

By: Fleet Manager Domenic Scaife



**Update from month of July:** There were many services and repairs on both the heavy and light fleet. Most of that work was routine. We did have an oil cooler fail on E-51 and it came in with oil in the antifreeze. We are still working on flushing out the system, but it should be good to go next week. We are working on catching up with the backlogged

services. When we get new apparatus in a lot of our normal day to day work gets put off. When this happens there is a growing concern of whether fleet will remember all of the things that need addressed on a certain engine when it finally makes its way in to the shop. As we've said before, make a list. Your repair orders are in a file and do get addressed at the time of service, but if your crews feel that there are many things needing attention, feel free to start a list and pass it on at service time. The new engines that just went in service are handled this way. A lot of concerns brought up are not necessarily things that necessitate a repair order. Just put it on a list and we will get it taken care of. New vehicles for Chiefs Freitag and Tharp have been researched and will be on the August board agenda. Next month look for a section on this report as to how we decide who gets a vehicle and when.

**Outside agency repair:** Mayer fire had their front line type 1 in for service and repair. It also had some ongoing issues with the foam system and ABS brake system. In August we will start bringing in Yavapai College's Type 1 engines for annuals. We also are partners with PVPD in the mobile command unit. We bring it in on a yearly basis and perform an annual service. This is one vehicle that we missed when we replaced our logos with the new CAMFA ones, therefore it will come in next month as well for service and logos. With that in mind if you happen to see anything that still has CYFD or CVFD logos, please bring it to our attention.

**Update on the new apparatus order:** The Ladder truck has most of its IT/COMM install completed and the interior of the cab has been reassembled. Right now we are on to mounting equipment and adjusting compartments. With training coming up we are walking a fine balance of getting the work done and keeping the truck buttoned up enough to be used to train.

**Next on our fleet list:**

- E-611
  - E-51 service/ oil in antifreeze
  - E-54 service/ repairs
  - E-62 service/ repairs
  - E-59 oil consumption issue
  - Inventory on reserve engines
  - Ladder truck outfitting
  - Razor outfitting
  - P-62 Pump replacement from Cascade to Darley
  - Specifications and order of new Chief vehicles.
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## Chief's Desk Continued

My advice to all our newer personnel is to cherish the moments and embrace the opportunities. In a previous *Review* I talked about reading the book *Grit*. I read a chapter Monday evening about people who are recognized as experts in their fields and the dedication it took to get to that level. Each of the individuals cited still considers themselves apprentices in their positions despite being revered as masters of their craft. As I reflected on my career and compared myself to those Dr. Duckworth described I came to the conclusion that I needed to turn back time and start over. If only it were that easy, or if only I knew then what I know now. The reality is that if I changed anything along the way, I may not be where I am today. Quite honestly, I like where I am and therefore would not want to change a thing – not one mistake or one triumph. Besides, it doesn't do any good to dwell on the past; it's much more productive to do better each day as I look to the future.

Another bit of advice - learn, train, practice, learn, train, practice, learn, train and practice. Work to become a master at your craft. As I wrote last week, a life can be changed in an instant. The better you are at your craft, the more chance you have of avoiding, or at least minimizing your exposure to risk. Remember that you are always an apprentice no matter how many years you have on the job. If you quit learning, please do us all a favor and retire.



As I said, my career seems to be moving at light speed and I'm just now realizing that retirement is on the horizon. Fortunately throughout my life I've had a great friend who now owns part of a company called Retirement Plan Advisors. Andy and I have been friends since grade school, and he has been advising me on retirement since we were in our early 20's. Fortunately, under his direction I've planned and will be ready for retirement.

My recommendation, have a retirement advisor and start putting money away at the beginning of your career. Whatever you can sacrifice will pay dividends when retirement becomes a reality. As Andy has always advised, "You can borrow for your kids' education, you can borrow for a home, but you cannot borrow for retirement." Plan now and enjoy later because it will be here before you know it.

For those of us more senior people in our careers do not discount the new comers. We should still be learning something new every day and yes, we can learn from those new to the profession. At the same time, share your knowledge with them and be patient..... No, they did not grow up exposed to the same things as us, but it doesn't mean they don't want to learn. Besides you know you need someone to make your smart phone work for you, or get the MDT up and running. The bottom line is, when we came on the job the more salty didn't want to hear what the little kid had to say – "shut up, pay attention, and don't do anything stupid!" Not doing anything stupid is sound advice, but telling someone to sit down and shut up doesn't help anyone learn or sharpen their skills.

As the airline industry has taught us, crew resource management is a key component in everyone going home safely. This means everyone has a voice and that we should listen. How many have heard, "I've forgotten more than you'll ever learn." I'm not sure that's a good thing..... If you've forgotten that much, you may be missing something important. The bottom line is that as professionals we should be learning up until the last day we are on the job no matter our position at CAFMA.

Where has the time gone????? Someone told me the other day that they were taking a couple days off to go deal with their number problem – they're turning 40. At 48 closing in on 50, I'm starting to think 40 would look pretty good. But, I digress age is just a number and a state of mind. In reality, the older I get the more I've had the opportunity to grow and develop. Going back in time would only work if I could retain the knowledge I have today.

If I had the chance, I'd choose this profession again. I may make some small adjustments along the way, but would never want to change so much that it would take me somewhere other than here. All in all, I'm better than I was in high school; I have an amazing family, a great career, and a lot of good friends. I've had a great life and I look forward to the opportunities tomorrow will bring.

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## **Stuff That's Happening**

I am happy to report that Jonha Van Tuyl has accepted the position of Technical Services Manager. Jonha will start on August 27<sup>th</sup>; however we will be keeping him apprised of things between now and then.

I was able to attend the ground breaking/ribbon cutting for the Boys and Girls Club in PV this week which also served as a ribbon cutting for the new local on-line new publication *Signals*. Most Boys and Girls branches have a name; however the one in PV did not. That changed this week when the branch was dedicated to the Fain family. It is now known as the Fain Family Branch. The branch is being expanded with the addition of a 10'000sqft gymnasium.

For those not familiar with *Signals*, it is a Fain family on-line news venture meant to report positive news stories, events and economic development. According to Brad Fain, they want to spur healthy debate, not debacle in our community. Since *The Review* has gone public, publisher Guy Roginson, all around good person and new to the Jeep family, has been picking up the Chief's Desk as well as other sections and posting it as part of positive community news.

I caught up with Leza Dandos this week with Magic 99.1 and 93.9 The Mountain. She has invited me to stop by and have some fun on the air with her in the mornings on Magic 99.1 once or twice a month. My first opportunity will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are going to have some fun, and hopefully make people laugh☺

Chief Tharp and I attended the PV Chamber breakfast on Tuesday morning. This was the Chamber's annual candidate forum where those running for office in contested elections have a chance to stand up and give a 4 minute commercial about who they are and why you should vote for them.

Andie Smith and I attended the Chino Chamber luncheon on Wednesday this week. They had a fantastic speaker from the Governor's office talking about economic development and work force readiness.

We have had several development plans come through prevention of the last few weeks for PV. One is a mixed commercial and residential development on the north side of 89A at Viewpoint. The other is a commercial development on Glassford in the area around Maverick and down to Yavapai College. I'm hearing that more is in the pipeline along 69 as well as some other areas.

Talks between the Town of Chino Valley and City of Prescott seem to be progressing regarding the Prescott water system in Chino. It is amazing what changing a few players can do for bringing communities together for the betterment of the region. I know Mayor Mengarelli has been an amazing regional partner and continues to attend events in PV as well as Chino representing Prescott. Very cool to see the positive changes.