

The Old Town Crier

The Monthly Newsletter of the Old Town Civic Association, Inc.

Announcing the April Program and Notice of the Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2008
TIME: 7:00 p.m., Socializing with Neighbors; 7:30 p.m., Program
LOCATION: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street

PROGRAM AGENDA:

- (1) POLICE REPORT: LT. JAMIE BARTLETT**
- (2) AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION:
BRIGADIER GENERAL JACK NICHOLSON, SECRETARY**

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

The American Battle Monuments Commission is an agency of the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government. It maintains 24 military cemeteries and 25 memorials, monuments and markers in 15 countries. General of the Armies John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in Europe during World War 1, served as the first chairman of the commission from 1923 until his death in 1948.

The principal functions of the commission are to commemorate the sacrifices and achievements of U.S. Armed Forces through the establishment of memorials outside the U.S. where American Forces have served since April 6, 1917, and in the U.S. as directed by Public Law; to design, construct, administer and maintain permanent U.S. burial grounds in foreign countries; and to control the design and construction on foreign soil of U.S. memorials, monuments and markers by U.S. citizens and organizations, public and private, and encourage their maintenance.

Brigadier General Jack Nicholson, the current Secretary of the Commission will make a presentation to the Old Town Civic Association regarding these inspirational and educational commemorative shrines.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At our last membership meeting, the President of OTCA announced the composition of the Nominating Committee to select a slate of candidates to be presented at our May membership meeting. Subsequently, at our June meeting, the membership will vote for Officers and Directors to serve during the 2008-2009 time frame. The Nominating Committee consists of the following individuals:

Charlie Huettner, Past President 91-93	Area West	Chairman
Michael Hobbs, Past President 04-06	Area North	Member
Sarita Schotta	Area Central	Member
*Jean Antone	Area South	Member
Jon Aaronsohn	Area North	Member

* Jean Antone is a replacement for Phillip Bradbury who unfortunately will undergo unscheduled surgery.

All of the Officers have served two years and will be replaced. They can however, serve in another position: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

The following Board Members do not need to be replaced;

Poul Hertel: North of King; West of Washington

Tim Elliott: Central; East of Washington; North of Franklin; South of King

Jon Aaronsohn: North of King; East of Washington

The following Board Members need to be replaced:

Russell George: South of King; West of Washington

John Johansen: At Large

Michael Adams: South of Franklin (Was elected in special election in 07 and is eligible to be re-elected for a full 2 year term)

The Nominating Committee must deliver its findings to the Corresponding Secretary by the 15th of April. It will then be published in the May Crier and presented to the May Membership Meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the May meeting if accompanied by a petition with 5 signatures and an acceptance to serve letter from the nominee. All names will then be voted upon at the June Membership Meeting. No from the floor nominations are allowed at the June meeting.

If you are interested in serving in one of the aforementioned positions please contact Charlie Huettner (huettner@comcast.net) or any of the other committee members.

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Old Town Civic Association appealed to Council a BAR decision to demolition and encapsulate a 130 year old building wall at 214A N. Pitt Street along with building an addition that would overwhelm the basic carriage house structure. The building along with four small town houses is situated on land owned by a prominent Afro-American Alexandrian, Moses Hepburn. The Council denied our appeal....We are appealing to Council the painting of a brick structure at 900 Prince without authorization. The BAR not only approved the painting but also levied no fine for this after the fact approval. To add insult to injury, a member of the BAR stated that the green color was ugly and that the structure should be repainted.... Visited National Harbor where 15 of the projected 45 buildings are currently being constructed. This is a mammoth facility; essentially another small city....Sent a request to the City Manager asking him to provide Old Town Civic a slot on the Wayfinding Stakeholders Panel. The City has begun a program to develop a comprehensive citywide wayfinding signage system. The wayfinding system will project a consistent image for the entire city; reduce visual clutter; promote walking, bicycling, and use of mass transit; and be sustainable as well as expandable....Several members of the Board attended a meeting with the Planning Department regarding changes the criteria for Special Use Permits....

OLD TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION BUMPER STICKERS

Old Town Civic Association bumper stickers have arrived! We will pass them out at our June 11th meeting. That is the date we will elect a new slate of officers and directors for the next year.

BEWARE OF CAR BREAK-INS

There have been a large number of car break-ins during the past several months and now we are seeing break-ins in secure garages. If you see any suspicious activity around cars on the street or in parking lots notify the Alexandria Police right away.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
President