



MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the **Senior Statesmen of Virginia** will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm** at the **Senior Center, Inc., on Pepsi Place**



Chief Timothy Longo
City of Charlottesville

Two Police Departments Working as One Team to Enhance your Safety

At the next meeting of the Senior Statesmen of Virginia, to be held on Wednesday, January 11, 1:30—3:00 at the Senior Center Inc., we will hear from two of the most experienced and respected local law enforcement officials in the United States.

Albemarle County Chief of Police Steve Sellers, and **City of Charlottesville Chief of Police Timothy Longo**, will join together for a comprehensive presentation addressing the multifaceted issues of crime, crime prevention and law enforcement.

Some of the specific areas to be covered include:

- an overview of area crime
- a look at traffic safety in Albemarle
- the Occupy Charlottesville demonstrations—
a constitutional and operational perspective
- a discussion of collaborative efforts:
 - ◆ gangs
 - ◆ Crisis Intervention Team
 - ◆ police firearms range
 - ◆ future training



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The program will be moderated by Senior Statesmen of Virginia Board Member **Jim Perkins**. Everyone is invited to attend. The program is free and open to the public. Please see overleaf for more information.

Timothy J. Longo, Sr., Chief of Police, City of Charlottesville, is a 25-year veteran of law enforcement and is nationally-recognized in the area of police ethics and professional standards. He holds a law degree from the University of Baltimore and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1993. From 1981-2000, Longo served on the Baltimore police force, where he commanded several divisions and retired as Colonel in charge of Technical Services. Since 2001 he has served as Chief of Police for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Longo lectures across America in the fields of Ethics, Professional Standards, Internal Affairs, and a variety of legal topics. He has served as adjunct faculty at Towson University and a guest lecturer at University of Virginia schools of law and business.

Longo serves on the boards of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation, the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Commission on Children and Families, and Special Olympics Virginia. He chairs the Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board. He is non-voting member of the Charlottesville Police Department Foundation board. Other professional affiliations include the Police Executive Research Forum and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

During his tenure on the Baltimore force, Longo worked in a variety of operational positions, led investigations of criminal wrongdoing within the department's ranks, commanded the department's Southeastern District, served as chief of staff to the police commissioner, and led the Communications Division to implement the nation's first three digit non-emergency number, 311, for which the division received the prestigious Weber Seavey Award for innovative law enforcement.

In Charlottesville, Longo has guided the police department through a transition from a traditional reactive force to a proactive problem-solving model. Under his leadership, the department has instituted a comprehensive strategic plan community policing throughout the organization, and has undertaken major initiatives to improve police effectiveness, transparency and accountability. Those include a sophisticated crime analysis software system, a monthly Compstat process, an intensive 8-week Citizens Police Academy, a community-wide gun violence project, a strict internal quality assurance process, advanced leadership training opportunities, and community partnerships for targeted problem-solving projects.

Steve Sellers, Chief of Police, County of Albemarle, is a 29 year police veteran in Virginia and was appointed as the Chief of Police for Albemarle County in January 2011.

Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, Sellers developed a plan to improve criminal intelligence and information sharing between local, state and federal law enforcement and helped to create the National Capital Regional Intelligence Center (now the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center) staffed by local, state and federal agencies. The Center is now heralded as a national model for the sharing, collection and investigation of criminal intelligence.

In 2003, Sellers led the Washington Area Sniper Prosecution Taskforce, responsible for the successful prosecution of Lee Malvo and John Mohammed. In coordination with his counterpart in the Prince William County Police Department, his role was to lead the 26-agency team, responsible for the investigation and prosecution of the Washington Area Snipers.

Sellers is married with three children and resides in Crozet, Virginia. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Capital Wireless Information Network and is on the Board of Directors for the Fairfax County Police Historical Association. His hobbies include fishing, boating, motorcycles, blue grass music, wood working, hiking and amateur radio.

Sellers holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Virginia Tech. Additionally, he is a graduate from the FBI National Academy and is a graduate and alumni of Leadership Fairfax.

Sellers enjoys membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police, FBI National Academy Associates and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Senior Statesmen of Virginia—Annual Meeting—Wednesday, December 14, 2011

The Branchlands Manor House, Charlottesville, Virginia



President Sue Liberman opened the meeting by stating that she can report that SSV is healthy, well, growing, and under the leadership of forward thinking, engaged and enthusiastic board members. She then introduced the other board members and officers and asked them to report on their areas of responsibility.



Board member **Bob McGrath**, chair of the Education and Advocacy Committee, noted that the programs have been well aligned with the mission statement, and that the topics have been drawn from recommendations from the membership. He requested written feedback on past programs and suggestions for future programs.



Secretary **Bill Davis** said that it is amazing that SSV started 15 years ago and is still growing, and it all began with just five people getting together: **Gene Ecton Davis, Joe Lieberman, Ray Torrey** (now living in Philadelphia); **Mike Ludgate** and **Grace Patrick** (who has moved and whereabouts unknown). Bill named the past presidents: **Mike Ludgate, Ray Torrey, Gene Ecton Davis, Charles Myers, Bill Dawson, Don Wells, Marvin Hilton, and Bill Hodson**. Bill

then asked Sue to read a very moving letter written by Immediate Past President **Bill Hodson** who relocated recently to Florida.



Treasurer Jim Peterson reported that membership is now at 137. With regard to the finances, SSV began the year with a balance of \$1,821, but will close out the year with \$989. Although inflation has risen 42% over the 15 years, the dues have never been increased from the original \$15. Now, however, in order to maintain fiscal viability, the dues will be increased to \$20.



Board member **Jim Perkins**, chair of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee, reported that the committee publicizes SSV programs through 21 media and other organizations, including radio, TV, and newspapers).

Jim thanked Sue and Branchlands for hosting the Annual Meetings and providing the delicious luncheons.

Jim also chaired the Nominating Committee along with members **Grace Zisk** and **Charlie Smith**. Continuing for the second year of their terms will be **Bob McGrath**, vice president, and board members **Charlie Smith**, and **Jim Perkins**. Elected for 2012 -2013 are **Sue Liberman**, president; **Bill Davis**, secretary; **Jim Peterson**, treasurer; and board members **Tommy Boyd, Grace Zisk** and **John McCauley**.



Founding member and first President **Mike Ludgate** gave a brief history of SSV. He said it all started after an initiative from the Chamber of

Commerce followed by **Gene Ecton Davis** encouraging the founding of a senior legislature (at least 15 other states have these), but after a trip to Richmond, state officials said "No way with people like you trying to push bills through!" So, Gene and the others regrouped to form the SSV for people who want to stay active and informed and generally interested in life. "Therein lies the genesis of how we got to today!"

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Pictured from left: Mike Ludgate, Gene Ecton Davis, Ray Torrey, Joe Lieberman

Photos courtesy of Dan Gould, Charlottesville Podcasting Network.



The Senior Statesmen of Virginia is pleased to welcome two new members, **David Lea**, 139 Stribling Avenue, Charlottesville, VA 22903-2940, 434-979-2775, and **Bert Page**, 100 Linden Lane Farm, Keswick, VA 22947, 434-293-3893; and to welcome back founding member **Joseph Lieberman**, 250 Pantops Mountain Road, Apt. 304, Charlottesville, VA 22911, 434-972-2304

Upcoming meeting schedule... to be held at the Senior Center, Inc., from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00. p.m.

Wednesday, February 8



Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor at Slate and editor at Newsweek and a contributor to New York Times. **Topic: the Supreme court.**

Wednesday, March 14



Craig Littlepage, University of Virginia athletics director, **speaking on big time collegiate athletics and the interface with academics especially at a university such as UVa.**

Wednesday, April 11

Virginia House of Delegates' report. *Invited guests:*



Rob Bell



Steve Landes



David Toscano

Wednesday, May 9

Virginia Senators' reports. *Invited guests:*



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