



**2017
ANNUAL
VAPT AND VDOE
Professional Development
CONFERENCE**

**Norfolk Waterside Marriott
Norfolk, VA**

June 19 – 22, 2017



VAPT HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

2002

R. A. "Buster" Bynum
Sonny Merryman
Hamp Haislip

2003

Chauncey Logan

2004

Robert Devers
Nathan Young

2005

Fred Valentine

2008

Frank Dixon
Harold Grimes

2012

David Pace
John Hazelette

2014

Barbara Goodman

BG of Tidewater, LLC
BraunAbility
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations
Bus Planner
Bus Safety Solutions
Carter Machinery
Crystal Clean
Cummins
Data Management. Inc “TimeClock Plus”
Diesel Force
Eaton Transmissions
Easy Way Safety Services
Education Logistics, Inc.
Fleetsoft
Fortress Mobile
GovDeals, Inc.
HSM Transportation Solutions
Hydrotex
Jasper Engines & Transmissions, Inc.
Jones and Frank
Kingmor Supply, Inc.
Mobile Climate Control
OnSpot of North America
Q’Straint/Sure-Loc
Reflective Image/School Bus Design
REI
Ricon Webtec
Rosco, Inc.
Rush Truck Centers
Seon
Sonny Merryman, Inc.
Synovia Solutions, LLC
Syntec Seating Solutions
Tidewater Fleet Supply
Trans/Air Manufacturing
Transfinder
TripSpark Technologies “Trapeze”
Tyler Technologies “Versatrans”
Winzer/LB Supply LLC
Zonar

Sunday, June 18, 2017

6 – 9 pm **Vendor Hospitality Night**
Sponsored by: Carter Machinery–Blue Bird Bus Sales
Location: Hampton Ballroom I-III

Monday, June 19, 2017

8 am **Bryan W. Morris, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament**
Location: Bide-A-Wee Golf Club
1 Bide-A-Wee Lane
Portsmouth, VA 23701
Coordinator: David Pace, Virginia Beach, Retired

8 am **VAPT Fishing Trip**
Location: Rudee Tours
200 Winston Salem Ave.
Virginia Beach, VA
(Boat leaves at 8 am – please arrive 30 minutes before departure – boat returns at 12 pm)
Coordinator: Robert Clinebell, Norfolk City

8 am **School Bus Road-e-o**
Location: Birdneck Elementary School
957 South Birdneck Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
Coordinator: Sharon Utley, Chesterfield Co.
Lunch sponsored by Carter Machinery- Blue Bird Bus Sales
Shuttle buses will begin at 6:30 am from Marriott and Sheraton Hotels.

8 am **Technician's Competition**
Location: Sonny Merryman, Inc.
1221 Fleetway Drive, Chesapeake, VA
Lunch provided by Sonny Merryman, Inc.
Coordinator: Robert Clinebell, Norfolk City

10 – 5 pm **Registration**
Location: Norfolk Ballroom Foyer
Coordinators: June Eanes, Alice Matthews,
Barbara Goodman, Brenda Huband

10 – 5 pm **Exhibitors Setup**
Location: Norfolk Ballroom
Coordinators: Fred Valentine, Gail Putze, Darrin
Wills

2:30 pm **First General Session**
Location: Marriott Ballroom
Presiding: James Lash, CDPT, President, VAPT

Presentation of Colors – Norview High School
NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance – Ronald Wilkins, Field
Supervisor, Norfolk Public Schools

National Anthem – Mark Stewart (Bus Driver),
accompanied by Arthur Harding (Bus Driver)
Norfolk Public Schools

Invocation – Floyd Miles, Richmond City

Welcome – Dr. Melinda Boone, Superintendent,
Norfolk Public Schools

VAPT Business Meeting

VAPT EXECUTIVE BOARD

President – James Lash, York County
Vice President – Cheryl Fisher, Fauquier County
Secretary – Donna Carter, Franklin County
Treasurer – Floyd Miles, Richmond City
Past President – Lonnie Reavis, Fairfax County

Board of Directors

Region 1 – Edward Tucker, Dinwiddie County
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DOE Staff

Vijay Ramnarain, Director of Support Services
Alice Matthews, Administrative Assistant
Kerry Miller, Associate Director
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Harold Grimes, Efficiency Specialist

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VENDORS

Alan Tye & Associates
ALC
American Cooling Technology, Inc.
American Traffic Solutions
Ametek Dynamic Fluid Solution
AngelTrax
App. Garden
ASE

1 – 3:45 pm **Bus Evacuations**
Speakers: Asst. Chief Jeffery Payne, Division Mgr./Fire & Rescue Operations, York Co. Fire & Life Safety & Norfolk Fire and Rescue personnel
Location: Buses will depart the front of Marriott hotel to an offsite demonstration immediately following a short presentation and video.

5 – 6 pm **Reception**
Location: Hampton Ballroom Foyer
Sponsored by: Kingmor Supply, Inc.

6 pm **Banquet**
Location: Hampton Ballroom IV-VIII
Presiding: James Lash, President
Poster Contest: Diane Stewart, Virginia Beach
Golf: David Pace, Retired
Road-e-o: Sharon Utley, Chesterfield Co.
Scholarships: Linwood Horne, Hanover Co.
Dean Farmer, Sonny Merryman, Inc.
Technicians: Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City
Hall of Fame: Barry Sudduth, Stafford County

Dance
Location: Hampton Ballroom I-V
Sponsored by: Kingmor Supply, Inc.

Thursday, June 22, 2017

9 – 12 noon **Closing Session**

8 – 9 am **Breakfast**
Location: Hampton Ballroom IV
Sponsored by: Kingmor Supply, Inc.

8:30 – 9 am Mr. Ryan Kauffman, VP of Sales

9 – 11 am **VAPT Business Meeting**

11:15 am **Lessons Learned/Announcements**

Keynote: “Saying Yes – Finding Affirmation in the Little Moments of Daily Life”

Speaker: Brett Leake, Motivational Comedian,
Sitdown Standup Comic

4 - 7 pm **50th Anniversary Open House**
Sponsored by: Sonny Merryman, Inc.
Location: 1221 Fleetway Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23323
Buses depart at 4 pm

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

7:30 am **Registration**
Location: Norfolk Ballroom Foyer
Coordinators: June Eanes, Alice Matthews,
Barbara Goodman, Brenda Huband

8:00 am – 1 pm **Trade Show & School Bus Display**
Location: Norfolk Ballroom
Coordinators: Fred Valentine, Gail Putze, Darrin Wills

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Area
Sponsored by: Transfinder Corp. and VAPT

12 noon **Lunch in the Trade Show Area** (Must have a coupon to receive a lunch)
Box Lunch provided by VAPT

12:30 pm Three Drawings for \$200 prizes
Sponsored by Kingmor Supply, Inc.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Technician’s Sessions**
Location: Booker T. Washington High School
1111 Park Ave., Norfolk, VA 23504
Shuttle Buses Department from Marriott @ 1 pm
Coordinator: Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City

1:00 –
5:00 pm **PDS 805 – Managing Behaviors of Students**
Location: Hampton Ballroom I-III
Instructor: Alexandra Robinson, M.Ed., CDPT,
Executive Director, New York City Department of
Education, Office of Pupil Transportation
Moderator: Heather Handschin, Spotsylvania
County

1:15 pm **Second General Session**
Location: Marriott Ballroom
Moderator: Cheryl Fisher, Fauquier County

1:15 pm –
2:30 pm **Changes in Foster Care, McKinney-Vento and
ESSA**
Speaker: Dr. Patricia Popp, State Coordinator,
College of William and Mary

2:45 pm –
4:30 pm **Gangs in Virginia**
Speakers: Sgt. J. T. White and Cpl. Young, Norfolk
Policy Dept. Gant Suppression Unit

5:30 pm **Family Night Dinner**
Sponsored by Sonny Merryman, Inc.
Location: Virginia Zoo
Buses leave at 5:15 pm

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

7 am – 4 pm **Technician's Sessions**
Location: Booker T. Washington High School
1111 Park Ave., Norfolk, VA 23504
Shuttle Buses depart Marriott @ 7:30 am
Coordinator: Bob Clinebell, Norfolk City

7:30 am **Continental Breakfast**
Location: Foyer outside Marriott Ballroom
Sponsor: VAPT

8 – 12 Noon **PDS 503 – School Bus Specifications**
Location: Hampton Ballroom I-III
Instructor: Barry Sudduth, CDPT, Stafford Co.
Moderator: Heather Handschin, Spotsylvania Co.

8 am - noon **Third General Session**
Location: Marriott Ballroom
Moderator: Donna Carter, Franklin County

8 – 9:45 am **Special Education Round Table**
Leaders: Diane Fleming, Hanover County
Adrian Frierson, Chesterfield County

10 am –
11:45 am **VCU Autism Training, Service Animal Protocol
and Updated Physical Form**
Speakers: Kerry Miller, DOE
Stephanie Paul, VCU
Dr. Krishna Padiyar, Medical Director
of Bon Secours Occupational Health

12 – 1 pm **Lunch**
Location: Hampton Ballroom V-VIII
Sponsored by: Carter Machinery – Blue Bird Bus
Sales

1:00 pm –
5 pm **PDS 404 – Human Resources Critical Issues**
Location: Hampton Ballroom I-III
Instructor: Cheryl Fisher, CDPT, Fauquier Co.
Moderator: Bertha Thomas, Surry County