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Back the Blue Bash Exceeds Attendance, Fundraising Goals

The Arlington Police Foundation continues to find big success in an event born three years ago to support local law enforcement.

The Back the Blue Bash 2017 surpassed attendance and fundraising goals on March 3 when close to 900 guests gathered to enjoy live music, a silent auction and prizes throughout the night.

Event Chairperson Bethany Tinderholt said close to \$80,000 was raised.

"Every year, we set out to make The Back the Blue Bash bigger and better than the year before," she said.

"We are thankful for the tremendous amount of support we continue to receive from the Arlington and Tarrant County community."

This year, guests paused for a moment of silence before giving a standing ovation to the families of officers who died in the line of duty.

Planning is already under way for the Back the Blue Bash 2018. It returns March 2.



We appreciate your support.

Ask us about corporate sponsorships for Back the Blue Bash 2018.



Growing Support for the Foundation on Facebook

Using social media, the Arlington Police Foundation is helping to grow widespread support for the mission of the Arlington Police Department.

With Arlington-based Wheeler Advertising as a strategic communications partner, Facebook is the social media platform of choice being used to reach residents, businesses and supporters of APD.

"On Facebook, we're sharing a lot of great information with our community," said Foundation Board Chairman Jim Ross.

"We're growing awareness of who the Foundation is, what we're doing and letting our Facebook friends know about the many ways they can donate and help support the Arlington Police Foundation."



Like the Arlington Police Foundation on Facebook.

See what you're missing.

Member *FOCUS*

Meet John Slover



BOARD MEMBER SINCE:
June 2014

OCCUPATION:
Retired Federal Law Enforcement (ATF) Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms

FAVORITE MOVIE: Lonesome Dove. I like the crusty old characters (Robert Duvall).

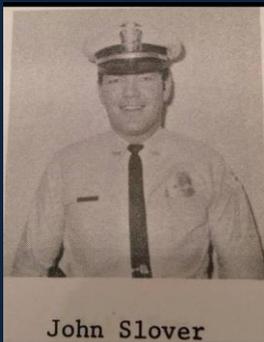
FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:

Sandestin, Florida with my wife, Charlotte.



WHY I CHOSE THE POLICE FOUNDATION:

I worked with APD for many years as a Special Agent. The men and women of the Arlington Police Department were some of the most professional individuals I'd ever encountered in my nearly 40 years in law enforcement. I felt a close association with the department. For several years in the 1990s, I also worked with Arlington officers as a member of a Career Offender Task Force. I shared offices with them at police headquarters. When I had the opportunity to work on their behalf as a board member with the Arlington Police Foundation, I was honored. It is an opportunity to repay them for all they shared with me.



John Slover

Serving in 1968.

PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED TO KNOW: I come from a law enforcement family. My dad was a police officer for over 30 years and my daughter was in law enforcement prior to getting married. I spent 11 years as a police officer in Texarkana, TX before joining the ATF. My years as a police officer are still my favorite.

Thanks, Arlington Police Foundation!

A dream has come true for a local artist. "I want to thank the Arlington Police Foundation and the Museum of Art for making this project possible for me and so many local artists," said Justin Simmons who relocated from Oklahoma to Texas to fulfill his dreams as an artist.

His art work was installed last month on the front lawn of the Ott Cribbs Public Safety Building thanks to a \$2,500 donation from the Police Foundation.



Artist Justin Simmons titled his star, "An Ultimate Sacrifice." It is one of 20 that make up the Star of Texas Project. Read more. Click [here](#).



(Left to Right) Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Michael Glaspie, Police Chief Will Johnson, Pastor J.P. Thompson and Pastor David Hogg.

THANK YOU! Following the "Unity in the Community" citywide service hosted by the Mount Olive Baptist Church on March 6, clergy leaders presented the Police Foundation with a \$5,000 check.

It's National Police Week

During Police Memorial Week, we salute every hero lost in the line of duty. We will never forget their sacrifice. The Arlington Police Foundation supports the families of fallen officers. Join us for lunch or dinner on WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 at Mavericks Bar and Grill and 15 percent of all proceeds will be donated to the Arlington Police Foundation.



Join us Wednesday, May 17 at 601 E. Main St. in downtown Arlington.



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