

3rd Quarter 2018

This is my first newsletter as Chapter Chair and I cannot begin without acknowledging and thanking Doug Riggan for his trust and confidence in me to assume the role as interim Chapter Chair following his promotion to Assistant Regional Vice President (ARVP) for Region 4A. That said, Doug has done a phenomenal job as ARVP in his short tenure in his role, resurrecting the Chattanooga Chapter and creating some buzz with the Smoky Mountain Chapter in Knoxville. I'm certain that Doug will take his talents to those chapters as he has done for the past few years in Middle Tennessee, and we are fortunate to have his skills, talent, enthusiasm, and dedication to support our current and future efforts.

During the quarter, our Chapter has undergone some substantial changes. We have renamed the Chapter from Mid-Tennessee Chapter 52 to Middle Tennessee Chapter 52, created a new logo to reflect the change, and launched a new website that reflects our new name, logo, and direction. While these changes are subtle, we needed to make this correction to fully reflect our membership, and geographic footprint. If you are reading this, you have obviously found the new website and are enjoying the new benefits of instant notifications of Chapter information and updates. We are committed to providing our membership with up to date notifications and information now and in the future. This includes information on our organization, members, events, charitable efforts, and more. In the near future we will tie in a payment method for member to pay, in advance, for luncheons, golf, and other activities.

During the third quarter of 2018, the Chapter was awarded with the 2018 Chapter Community Service Award at GSX for our efforts related to the annual Charity Golf Tournament, support of the FOP Youth Camp and David S. Hawtin Memorial Scholarship Fund. As a result of our efforts and the award, the Chapter was presented a check for \$1,000.00 to further support the FOP Youth Camp. We've launched a store on our new website that will allow members, sponsors, donors, and golfers to easily register and pay for their involvement in the 2019 event.

This year we opened the David S. Hawtin Memorial Scholarship Fund to Chapter members, and family members seeking to further their education in the security and criminal justice fields, and for Chapter members seeking professional certification through one of several ASIS professional certifications. We will announce those awards at our 2018 Awards Luncheon on October 24th at a location to be announced this week. Your board will meet during the week of October 1st to vote on the applicants for those awards.

During the third quarter we also saw training opportunities related to DHS and IT Security through Interface; both offered members the opportunity to expand their networks, as well as learn about recent events effecting critical infrastructure, and IT Security. We will continue the commitment to our membership to provide these types of training and learning opportunities in future meetings and training/networking opportunities.

As we close out the third quarter and begin the fourth, we must begin by announcing the call for future involvement in Chapter leadership. We will hold Chapter elections for 2019 in November 2018, and install new Chapter board members on January 1, 2019. If you've thought about investing your time, talents, and leadership in the Chapter, you should consider how you can contribute to our future direction and success by volunteering your time. We typically see few members step up for Chapter board roles, and fewer members participate in the voting process. We ask that this year you, our membership, take an invested stake in electing your representation

for 2019. We are a community of professionals seeking to further professionalize the industry, association, and our Chapter. We cannot achieve our goals without your input and participation.

I will close this newsletter with a sincere thanks for those who are involved, participative, and contributory to the Middle Tennessee Chapter's mission and goals. This Chapter exists for your benefit, and we cannot achieve our goals without your input, involvement, and active participation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Blake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

David Blake, CPP
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