# 50th Annual Conference and Business Meeting

Good facilities, entertainment, great training and fun filled weekend was had by those that attended the 50th Annual Conference and Business Meeting that was held at the King's Pointe Resort in Storm Lake on April 1-2-3, 2022. Immediate Past President Scott Mack was the conference chairperson.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday morning, allowing all of the board members to help set up for the conference on Friday afternoon. Later in the day, as the other guests arrived, many were able to greet old friends that they had not seen since the last conference.

Friday evening, everyone was able to meet in the ISRLOA hospitality room and visit and enjoy the company of those that they may not have seen since the last conference. Those attending also enjoyed an evening of playing bag games.

Saturday morning began with registration and the opening ceremony. President Todd Pettit opened the 50th Annual Conference and Business Meeting by calling for the presentation of the colors by the Buena Vista County Color Guard. After welcoming everyone President Pettit then introduced Conference Chairperson Scott Mack, who then welcomed everyone to Storm Lake. Several gave a welcome to the attendees including Storm Lake Mayor Mike Porsch, Storm Lake Chief Chris Cole, and Buena Vista County SO Sheriff Kory Elston. (continued on next page)



Conference Chairperson Scott Mack



President Todd Pettit



Storm Lake Mayor Mike Porsch



Buena Vista County Sheriff Kory Elston



Storm Lake Chief of Police Chris Cole

The morning's activities finished with district meetings and the annual business meeting, which included reports of officers, business of the association and the election of a new 3rd Vice President.

The Saturday afternoon seminar was "Trauma Related Injuries" by Dr. Garret Feddersen who is the medical director at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Saturday evening began with the annual banquet. The guest speaker was Roger Timco, retired special agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. After the banquet everyone was entertained by comedian Lee Cole.

Sunday morning started with a brunch, at which time the new 3rd Vice President, Walter DeBock of Buena Vista County SO was introduced. The trophies from the 2021 shoot were presented to the winners by ISRLOA President Todd Pettit and other board members..

The 2021 Outstanding Unit Award was presented to the Linn County Sheriff Reserve.

The conference was well attended and many enjoyed an educational and fun-filled weekend. Once again, exhibitors were on hand to show the latest equipment in law enforcement. The ISRLOA also had display tables showing many highlights of the association from the last 50 years.

The 51st Annual Conference and Business Meeting will be held at West Des Moines in April 2023.



District meetings prior to the Annual Meeting



The Registration Table



Knight Arms was an exhibitor



ISRLOA display area

L-R: Kenneth Mims and Todd Pettit

### AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

At the Saturday evening Banquet President Todd Pettit presented Linn County Reserve Deputy Kenneth Mims with the Award of Excellence. In the presentation of the award Conference Chair Scott Mack said the following:

"On Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 1:17 am, the Linn County Sheriff's Office received a call from a suicidal man sitting on a railroad bridge south of Central City threatening to jump. Deputy Matt Oltman and Reserve Deputy Kenneth Mims were nearby.

Upon arriving they observed the man on the bridge straddling the side railing. Upon exiting their vehicle Deputy Oltmann began a dialogue with the

man. He discreetly signaled Reserve Deputy Mims to move closer to the man.

Fearing the man was nearing a decision to jump from the bridge and with Reserve Deputy Mims in position, the decision was made to grab him and pull him back on to the bridge decking. Mims grabbed the man around the torso and pulled him forcefully back over the railing as Oltmann assisted. The fact that no one was injured during this incident is a testament to the deputies honor and self-control.

Tonight we would like to honor Linn County Reserve Deputy Kenneth Mims with the ISRLOA "Award of Excellence" for his ability to demonstrate excellence, while either on duty of off-duty, through the reserves officer's actions and training."

President Todd Pettit then presented Reserve Deputy with the "Award of Excellence" plaque.



The Bags Tournement is always a popular event for Friday night. This year Eric Beron printed out a form for the teams. The winning team was Walter DeBock and Brooke Grote. Prizes were given to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners.

#### VISA \$500 GIFT CARD RAFFLE WINNER



ISRLOA President Todd Pettit presents the gift card to the winner, Lynette Goodman from Storm Lake, Iowa at the Sunday Brunch.

## **2022** Conference Highlights



Saturday night entertainer at the Banquet



Enjoying the Saturday night Banquet



Guest speaker Roger Timco



Sec-Trea Dan Brandt honored for 50 years of service



The Friday evening bag games were enjoyed by all



"Trauma Related Injuries" was the Saturday afternoon seminar



The conference attendees enjoy the buffet line



President Todd Pettit (L) and the 50/50 raffle winner Jeff Goodman (R)



Linn County Sheriff's Reserve 2021 state reserve team shoot winners



Outgoing President Todd Pettit gives the gavel to incoming President Mike Schleimer



Linn County Sheriff's Reserve 2021 Outstanding Unit Award winners



President Mike Schleimer presents the "President's Plaque" to the new Immediate Past President Todd Pettit for serving as ISRLOA President for 2021