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ONLINE
REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN

2019 Annual Convention & General Membership Meeting
Registration is now open for the 2019 Annual VAS Convention & General Membership Meeting, April 24-27, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel, Herndon, VA. [Click Here]

Letter from First Vice President and Convention Chair Gary M. Faulhaber: [Click Here]

**VAS Presents Governor, Attorney General a White Paper on GIS for Boundaries Legislation**

VAS submitted a white paper to Governor Northam and Attorney General Herring explaining concerns for legislation that would permit the use of GIS lines for local government boundaries. The white paper explained how the legislation, and current law, violate or are inconsistent with other provisions of law and are unworkable. Notwithstanding VAS's objections, Governor Northam signed **SB 1594** into law. Upon receiving the white paper, the Governor's staff called VAS to explain his position. Earlier in the legislative process, VAS Executive Director John Palatiello testified before a subcommittee of the House of Delegates on problems with the bill. [READ MORE]

**Editor's View**

Last month I discussed training of staff. This month I will touch on other direct means of profits. Proposals and relationships with clients are equally as important. The relationship with clients begins with our proposals and ends with the accounts receivables....... [READ MORE]

**VAS Officer Candidates Announced**
Please review your new slate of officers. There will be a notice of the election coming soon (to all voting members)....

**Protect Surveyors' Intellectual Property Rights - by Perry Trunick**

Jeff Lucas, who writes the Traversing the Law column for *POB*, shared some information on a potential class action where surveys dutifully filed with a state authority were then provided to a technology company, apparently in their entirety....READ MORE

**Recruit a Member**

Did you know that when you recruit a new member to VAS you will receive a 25% discount on your own membership dues? Spread the word about the great work VAS is doing for the surveying profession and be sure to tell the new member to include your name on the "recommended" by portion of their application....READ MORE

**Membership**

The 2018 VAS membership year expired on December 31, 2018. Renewal invoices for 2019 membership dues were emailed to all VAS members in early November, after which reminders were sent. Please make sure your profile information on the VAS website is up to date as that is the main communication tool we use to contact you. Registration is open for the Annual Convention and ballots for VAS officer and director elections will be sent soon. To get the discounted member rate on convention registration and to vote in the 2019 election, you must be a member in good standing and your dues must be paid. Check in your inbox or spam filter for the renewal notice! As always, if you have any questions or need a replacement dues invoice, please feel free to contact the VAS office at 844-414-1466. Another reminder will be sent to all members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues.
Memorial

John Otho “Jack” Marsh Jr., the nation’s longest-serving secretary of the Army and a Winchester native, died Monday morning at an assisted-living center in Raphine. He was 92.

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Do you know a fellow VAS surveyor who has passed away? Want to recognize them in the monthly newsletter? Please email Khea Adams the information at Khea@vasurveyors.org.

USGS 3DEP Lidar
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Plat Contest

Are you proud of the work you or your firm does? Well here’s your chance to show the world (or at least everyone who attends the 2019 VAS Convention)

Revision to the bylaws

A revision to the bylaws will be sent to all members in advance and a vote
The **USGS 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)** is excited to announce the availability of a new way to access and process lidar point cloud data from the 3DEP repository. 

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**Order Your VAS Apparel**
VAS is pleased to work with Land's End to provide an opportunity to purchase quality clothing with the VAS logo embroidered on it. Go on, showcase your membership in VAS. To start shopping and place your order, **CLICK HERE**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2019 VAS Land Surveyor Exam Review Class**

March 26-29, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn
Richmond (Sandston), VA
2019 Annual Convention & General Membership Meeting
April 24-27, 2019
Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel
Herndon, VA

2019 Summer Seminar
June 21-22, 2019
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
Staunton, VA

New Job Announcements
Would you like to post a job on the VAS career board? Members can advertise job openings. Job posting cost is $25 per ad, posted for 30 days. CLICK HERE to view how to post a job opening. To view positions waiting to be filled, CLICK HERE

Advertise in Old Dominion Surveyor
Does your company want to get the word out about a new service or product? To view our NEW advertising rates and options... CLICK HERE

Stay Connected
Be sure to connect with VAS on social media.