

Jim Ashby Tribute

Over the years Jim Ashby has served the HPROA in many capacities– Board member, PAC Chairman, Website Chairman and ultimately as the Webmaster.

The HPROA Website was first started in the year 2000.

In 2002, \$10,000 was finally budgeted to get the HPROA website operating on a solid basis. By July 2002, the website had about 40 visits per day [1200 per month].

In 2003 Jim became the PAC Chairman and was serving on the website committee.

By 2004 he was serving as Website Committee Co-Chairman and was elected to the HPROA Board of Directors.

In 2005 Jim voluntarily took on most of the responsibilities and expense of running the website, making improvements and additions, such as posting firearms qualifications forms on the website.

It wasn't until 2006 that Website Chairman Eli Rivera proposed that Jim be paid \$150 expense money monthly to keep the website up and running.

On December 13, 2007, the HPROA formally hired Jim Ashby as the Webmaster. Prior to that time, all the work, expense and time Ashby spent on the website had been a voluntary labor of love.

It needs to be noted that over the many years Jim was so dedicated to the HPROA that he always monitored the website 24/7, even while on vacation. Back in the old days he paid for Internet time when necessary, such as while on cruise ships. In Japan and elsewhere he kept the website up to date although the time difference made it extremely difficult.

After many years of dedicated service to the HPROA and its members, Jim decided it was time to relax and enjoy life.

Finding a replacement was a long, hard, and challenging endeavor. Mike Gee was finally hired as Jim's replacement.

On August 13, 2020 Ashby resigned his position as Webmaster and did not seek reelection to the Board of Directors.

For the last few months Mike and Jim have been working together tirelessly to make Mike's transition to the HPROA Webmaster as smooth and seamless as possible.

Thank you, Jim, for your jokes, reports, football pots and years of dedicated service.