A Tribute to One who Gave so Much to so Many

Several months back I received a correspondence from Detective Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) indicating his interest in establishing a lasting tribute to honor our dearly departed Debbie Chesko. As you all know, Debbie touched everyone. No matter how trivial the inquiry, Debbie gave her undivided attention to the matter, making sure you and your family received the utmost assistance. As the Benefits Consultant for the Former Troopers Association, Debbie made it her personal responsibility to assist each and every member. And, in their most trying of times, Debbie was there to assist our families whenever a member’s passing had occurred. She was without doubt a very classy lady who gave so much of herself to so many.

Bob Delaney’s idea comes on the heels of his involvement with Dick Vitale and The V Foundation. Bob is the National Co-Chair for “Blow the Whistle on Cancer” campaign. Through his involvement with The V Foundation, Bob has established a cancer research grant in Debbie’s honor. Donations from the grant will directly fund a New Jersey based cancer research program being conducted at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. The program titled: Genomic Instability and Tumor Progression Program is led by Doctors Arnold Levine, PhD and Zhiyuan Shen, MD, PhD.

While Bob has facilitated the establishment of the research grant in memory of Debbie Chesko, it’s up to us to make it happen. As such, I’m calling on every Jersey Trooper, Active and Retired to help honor all that Debbie did for all of us. Now it’s up to us to fund this very worthy research grant and help stamp out this terrible disease in Debbie’s honor. Our goal is to reach at least $100K. This is a New Jersey project, and 100% of every dollar donated will go directly to the cancer research program. Due to generous donors, The V Foundation has an endowment that covers administrative expenses. Make your tax deductible donation by completing the donor registration form on page #39 of this newsletter, or by visiting http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/NJFTA/chesko. With Bob at the helm, you can be sure that he’ll be calling on every other State Police agency to follow our lead. Help set the standard for others to follow.

Do it for Debbie, you know she’d do it for you, and your family!

Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)
I hope everyone is having a good summer, and you and your families are in good health.

I would like to speak to you and let you know what the FTA is doing about our members loosing the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). I, our officers and board of directors have had many inquiries into this matter.

The amended pension reform law was passed and signed by Governor Christie in June of 2011. This is why we received a small COLA on Feb. 1, 2012 due to the law becoming effective in June of 2011. In reading the new law it was obvious that the formula for figuring out the COLA was arbitrary. Myself and two directors then met with Senator Sweeney, the Senate President, in June of 2012 in his office in South Jersey. Senator Sweeney assured us that our pension fund was very stable and we would be getting the COLA in February of 2013. In September of 2012, Senator Sweeney met with members of the Police & Fire Pension members and advised them that they too would receive a COLA in February of 2013. As all of us well know, no COLA was given to any retired employee in the State pension fund.

On May 7, 2013 I met with two aids of Senator Sweeney at the State House. Unfortunately, the meeting was not productive in that the aids apparently didn’t know much about the issue of the COLA. I recently wrote a letter to Senator Sweeney advising him of the poor response from his aids and I told him I would only meet with him.

Also on May 7th I spoke with the Governors Chief Counsel, Mr. Charles McKenna. This was a productive meeting and he not only listened to my requests but wrote them down and stated he would speak to the Governor about them. But as you all know, it is an election year and nothing is going to be done until after the November elections.

On June 12, 2013, myself and our Vice-President, Nick Soranno, met with 17 different retired police and fire agencies from Jersey City to Cape May County. The meeting was chaired by Bob Brown an attorney and former police officer from Old Bridge, NJ. Bob Brown knows more about the NJ pension system than anyone else I know and I stay very close to him on matters of mutual concern. We have another police meeting in September to decide what we can do. If we do nothing the best scenario for us receiving a COLA will be in the year 2023. This is not acceptable to our members or the other members of the NJ State pension system. It may take additional legislation to get our COLA back.

I will try and keep you informed of any new information on the COLA with the bulletin board of our web site. Also you can get additional information from the web site, www.afterthebadge.com.

God Bless you and your families,

Sal Maggio
President

FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013, starting at 10:00 AM at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting and all attendees are invited for lunch immediately following.
As you may well know, your Executive Officers and Board of Directors are very motivated towards obtaining a reinstatement of our cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Our President Sal Maggio and Vice-President Nick Soranno have made important inroads with other police and fire agencies in the hopes that through combining our efforts, we will stand a better chance at obtaining a reinstatement of our COLAs. While Bob Brown, Esq. has taken a lead role in this combined front, we maintain our own legal counsel through Carl Soranno, Esq., a Partner at the law firm of Brach Eichler, LLC, which by the way I neglected to report last issue, has graciously offered the FTA his services pro-bono as our Association Counsel. Carl’s research and advice have already helped our Association better understand this very difficult issue, and the hurdles to come.

Years ago, costs associated with printing and mailing the newsletter was minimal, but those costs have increased substantially in recent years. The internet offers our membership better, quicker, and a much more affordable delivery service. As such, several years back the Association initiated a voluntary campaign to utilize internet email as its primary delivery service for future publications of the True Blue & Gold newsletter and Association correspondents. If you haven’t submitted your email address to join the Association emailing list please do so at your earliest convenience. For those who do not have computer email, a limited black & white printed version of the newsletter will continue to be mailed to you.

Digital technology allows the viewing of multiple photos and documents that will not be available in the printed version, simply by clicking on the link to the article “cover photograph.”

While it was originally thought that this feature would lessen the page number of the newsletter it actually increased its content overall while maintaining the same size.

In keeping with the Mission of the Association towards maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of all FTA operations, the Board of Directors once again requests that all members able to receive the newsletter by email enroll in our emailing program. All new members to the Association will only receive the newsletter via email. So, if you have internet access and you’re not receiving the newsletter electronically, it’s time to sign up!

To join the FTA emailing list simply log onto the FTA website at: www.ftanjsp.org. Click on “MEMBERS LOGIN.” Enter your “USER NAME” and “PASSWORD” and click “OK.” After entering the “MEMBERS ONLY” page, click on “MAILING LIST,” and then “SUBSCRIBE TO MAIL LIST.” An information box will appear where you can fill in the blanks. Use the space bar to place checks in the boxes you desire, especially the newsletter. Lastly, click on “SUBSCRIBE” to complete your subscription.

It’s that simple, your viewing will now be much more extensive, and in a digital color format. You’ve saved your Association more money than you think. Money better spent on important issues and very worthy causes.

Lastly, I’d like to address the terrorists attack surrounding this year’s 117th Boston Marathon. While I won’t dignify those responsible by including their names and pictures in this publication, it’s important that we all remember those who were injured or who lost their lives as a result of this heinous act. When you’re out, pay attention, and use your police senses where applicable. It can save your life and those around you.

Every year many avid sports enthusiasts participate in the Boston Marathon, as well as many other sporting events, and some of those participants are very close us. One such participant was our own Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (Ret). You may recall that I mentioned John’s upcoming participation in the Boston Marathon in the last newsletter, and all the hard work he endures to prepare for such an event. Well, John’s hard work paid off, placing 2nd and 1st American in his age group. And just to put your mind at ease, John had already completed the race 1 hour and 25 minutes before the bombs went off, and was back in his hotel room watching it on TV. Congratulations rooting for you in your future marathon races.

Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)
For all you Lindbergh Kidnapping enthusiasts, I’ve included a recently published article (15 February 2013), authored by our State Police historian and archivist, Mark Falzini - offering yet another intriguing theory.

Why the Delay?

The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case is full of baffling aspects, not the least of which was the timing of the payment of the ransom money. Could the phase of the moon provide some insight into why it took a month for the ransom to be paid?

When the Lindbergh Baby was kidnapped on March 1, 1932, a ransom note was left in the nursery demanding payment of $50,000. It also stated that, “After 2-4 days we will inform you where to deliver the money.” Because Charles Lindbergh did not open the note as soon as he found it and instead waited for the police to arrive, it was too late to heed the instructions of the kidnappers not to make “anyding public or for notify the Police.”

On March 4th, a second ransom note arrived at the Lindbergh Estate. It scolded Lindbergh for not following their instructions: “We have warned you note to make anyding Public also notify the Police now you have to take the consequences. ths means we will holt the baby untill everyding is quiet. We can note make any appointment just now.” It also increased the ransom to $70,000.

The following week, the infamous Bronx blowhard Doctor John F. Condon, aka Jafsie, was brought into the story as the intermediary. An editorial had run in the Bronx Home News stating that Condon wanted to act as go-between. He received a note from the kidnappers accepting his offer and instructing him to place advertisements in the classified section of the newspaper. He would then receive further instructions through the mail.

A ransom note was delivered to him on March 12th. It instructed him to meet with a member of the kidnap gang that evening at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx so that the ransom could be paid. However, when Condon met with a man who was later referred to as Cemetery John, Condon refused to pay, instead demanding further proof that he was in fact dealing with the actual kidnappers.

A few days later, on Wednesday, March 16th, Doctor Condon received what was accepted as the baby’s Doctor Denton sleeping suit. Convinced now that they were dealing with the actual kidnappers, it was decided to pay the ransom. However, it would be another two weeks before this was done! Why the delay?

Many people mistakenly accuse Lindbergh as causing the delay, saying that he refused to pay the ransom until he was convinced to do it for the sake of his wife’s health or because the kidnappers threatened to increase the ransom to $100,000. A closer look reveals the opposite. It was not Lindbergh that was delaying, but the kidnappers!

The day after the sleeping suit was delivered, Condon again began placing advertisements in the paper. “Money is ready. No Cops, No Secret Service. No Press. I come alone like last time. Please Call. Jafsie.” ran on March 17th. “I accept. Money is ready. John your package is delivered and is ok. Direct me. Jafsie.” ran on the 18th and 19th. Finally, on March 21st, a note was received from the kidnappers. However, there are no instructions for delivering the ransom! It was a long note that really said nothing:

Dear Sir: You and Mr. Lindbergh know ouer Program.
If you don't accept den we will wait untill you agree with ouer Deal, we know you have to come to us any way But why shoul'd Mrs. and Mr. Lindbergh suffer longer as necessary We will note communicate with you or Mr Lindbergh until you write so in the paper.
We will tell you again; this kidnaping cace whas prepared for a yaer already so the Police would have any look to find us or the child
You only puch everything further out dityou send that little package to Mr Lindbergh? it contains the sleepingsuit from the the baby is well. Baby.
Mr Lindbergh only waisting time with his search

What was the point of this note, other than to “remind” Lindbergh that the kidnappers were still out there? Doctor Condon continued to place his ads in the paper. Four more, posted on March 22nd through the 25th, were more extensive than previous ones:

Thanks. That little package you sent was immediately delivered and accepted as real article.
See my position. Over 50 years in business and can I pay without seeing the goods? Common sense makes me trust you.
Please understand my position. Jafsie.

The plea was met by a lingering silence by the kidnappers. Three more ads were placed on March 26th, 27th and 28th:

Money is ready. Furnish simple code for us to use in paper. Jafsie.

On March 30th, the kidnappers finally sent another note. But once again, there are no instructions. The note does, however, set a time frame for the payment of the ransom. Lindbergh was told that if the ransom was not paid by April 8th, the ransom would be increased to $100,000.

For the next two days, March 31st and April 1st, “I accept. Money is ready. Jafsie” ran in the newspaper. On April 1st, another ransom note arrived, this time with instructions:

Dear Sir: have the money redy by Saturday evening.
we will inform you where and how to deliver it.
have the money in one bundle we want you to put it in on a sertain place. Ther is no fear that somebody els will tace it, we watch everything closely. Please lett us know if you are agree and ready for action
by saturday evening. --if yes-- put in the paper
Yes everything O.K.
It is a very simble delivery but we find out very sun if there is any trapp.
after 8 houers you gett the adr; from the boy, on the place you finde two ladies. there are innocence.

The ransom was finally paid on Saturday, April 2, 1932 – just a month from the night of the kidnapping. Why did the kidnappers delay the payment of the ransom? We may never know the answer for sure, however one theory could be that it was based on the phase of the moon.

It is not known for sure why the kidnappers chose March 1932 to commit their crime, but working with the “moon theory” March 1st was the opportune time to kidnap the child. Why? It was because the phase of the moon at that time was a “waning crescent” and only 32% visible making for an all-important dark night.

With the kidnapping occurring on March 1st, you can then factor in the “3-4 days” mentioned by the kidnappers in the Nursery Note as to when instructions for the ransom payment would be provided. That brings us to Friday March 4th and Saturday March 5th. The moon at this point is only 8% and 4% visible, respectively – in other words, no moon. A dark moonless night is just what the kidnappers would want for the night of the ransom drop. But there is a problem. Lindbergh did not follow instructions and he called the police!

“We have warned you note to make anything Public also notify the Police now you have to take the consequences. ths means we will holt the baby untiill everydying is quiet.”
The kidnappers need to come up with another plan. Suddenly, on March 9th Doctor John Condon is on the scene as the go-between. A meeting is arranged with him and one of the kidnappers in Woodlawn Cemetery on March 12th. The kidnappers are expecting the ransom to be paid. The phase of the moon is now a “waxing crescent” – it’s getting brighter – but it is still, at this point, only 23% visible. It would still make for a very dark cemetery. But there is now another problem. Condon refuses to pay the ransom that night!

It is three weeks before Lindbergh is given new instructions for paying the ransom. The sleeping suit does not arrive until March 16th. Now the moon is working against the kidnappers. Each night, it is getting brighter as it approaches the Full Moon. Eventually, the kidnappers tell Lindbergh the ransom must be paid by April 8th and arrangements are made for it to be paid on April 2nd. Why those two dates? The moon on April 2nd is once again a waning crescent and only 12% visible. On April 8th, it is a “waxing crescent” (that is, getting fuller) but still only 6% visible. Both are very dark moons, and therefore very dark nights. After April 8th, the next opportunity for a “dark night” is not until the end of the month, around April 29th or 30th and after that, not until the middle of May. The kidnappers must get the ransom no later than April 8th, hence the threat that Lindbergh would have to shell out $100,000 – twice the original ransom – if he doesn’t do what he is told.

Of course, the kidnapping could have occurred before March 1st. Nevertheless, if the kidnappers were waiting for a dark, moonless night to kidnap the child from Hopewell with a dark moonless night 3-4 days later, they had a limited number of opportunities to do so. The Lindberghs only began staying in Hopewell on the weekend of October 31, 1931. They stayed twelve weekends, and of those twelve, only six had a dark moon. Of those, only four were ideal: November 7, 1931, December 5, 1931, February 6th, 1932 and February 27th, the weekend of the kidnapping.

While the phase of the moon would have been known to anyone with access to the Farmer’s Almanac, the “moon phase theory” shows that the kidnapping of the Lindbergh Baby took forethought and careful planning and could not have been pulled off on a whim.
Trooper Jaime T. Ablett, #6211
New Jersey State Police

Washington, DC—The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund has announced the selection of Trooper Jaime Ablett, of the New Jersey State Police, as the recipient of its Officer of the Month Award for August 2013.

At approximately 5:10 pm on Friday, April 5, 2013, Trooper Ablett was on his way home after completing a shift at the New Jersey State Police Marine Services station in Atlantic City. After a long day searching for a missing boater off the shores of Cape May, Trooper Ablett was looking forward to a quiet evening.

But that quiet evening turned out to be quite the opposite. Heading westbound on Route 30, Trooper Ablett came upon a crash involving an overturned vehicle in a retention pond. All he could see were the rear wheels of the car sticking out of the water and, as he exited his vehicle, he heard someone screaming for help. He called dispatch for assistance and jumped into the frigid water.

Mr. Luis Roselli—a good samaritan who was nearby when the crash occurred—was already assisting the first victim, the driver who had made it out of the vehicle on his own. Together Trooper Ablett and Mr. Roselli entered the cold water and worked quickly to extricate two more unconscious victims from the vehicle and bring them to shore. The last victim, a pregnant female, was unable to unbuckle her seat belt, and neither rescuer was sure that he could get her out in time. The two men worked frantically to keep her head above water. When emergency responders arrived, a responder gave Mr. Roselli a sharp knife that he used to cut the young woman’s seat belt to get her out of the vehicle.

All four of the victims were transported to a local hospital where they were treated for undisclosed injuries. There is little doubt that the three people trapped inside the submerged vehicle survived due to the quick actions of Trooper Ablett and Mr. Roselli.

Trooper Ablett, a nine-year law enforcement veteran, said that all New Jersey troopers are trained to perform similar rescues and that any trooper would have acted in the same manner. He also expressed thanks to Mr. Roselli for being a good samaritan.

According to Christopher Burgos, President of the State Trooper Fraternal Association of New Jersey, “Trooper Ablett’s actions exemplify the finest qualities of the law enforcement profession and the New Jersey State Police. The fact that this occurred while he was off-duty highlights those qualities even more.”

Located in the nation’s capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America’s law enforcement officers. The Memorial Fund’s Officer of the Month Award Program began in 1996 and recognizes federal, state and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty.

Trooper Ablett, along with the other Officer of the Month Award winners for 2013, will be honored at a special awards luncheon in Washington, DC, in May 2014, during National Police Week. In addition, their stories of heroism and service will be featured in the Memorial Fund’s annual calendar.
**FTA Social Events**

**Troop “A” Old-Timers Get-Together**

The Troop “A” Old-Timers Get-Together took place at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the Kerri Brook Caterers on the White Horse Pike, Hammonton New Jersey. This year’s event was pushed back a month to accommodate the arrival of some of our Florida “Snowbirds” who wished to attend.

The year’s event drew eighty “609’ers” who thoroughly enjoyed the longstanding South Jersey tradition, hosted by Good Ole’ Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334.

*Pics courtesy Capt. Joe Curry, #1701 (Ret)*

**32nd Annual State Police Chase & Family Open House**

This year’s annual Chase and Open House took place on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. The weather was perfect for the time honored 5K, and while a bit cloudy, the Open House remained rain free. Unfortunately, attendance at this year’s event was somewhat lacking, so please plan on coming out to next year’s race and cheer on the runners. As you well know, all proceeds from the race go to help fund the Museum and Learning Center.

**Troop “B” Get-Together**

The Troop “B” Get-together was held on June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Flanders Valley Farm, Flanders, NJ. This year’s event drew fifty-five Troop “B” retirees who thoroughly enjoyed the long standing North Jersey get-together, hosted by our current President, Captain Sal Maggio, #2177.

**17th Annual SPMA Colonel’s Cup Golf Tournament**

The 17th Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Colonel’s Cup Golf Tournament took place on July 2, 2013, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. This year’s event was very well received and attended by many SPMA supporters.

**FTA Summer Golf Classic**

The FTA Summer Golf Classic took place on July 15, 2013, at the Copper Hill Country Club, Flemington, NJ. This year’s Classic broke all previously held records for attendance and activity. It is rumored that our President and golf enthusiast, Sal Maggio was so busy handling activities that he didn’t have time to play golf. Oh well, maybe next year.

**Troop ‘C’ Get-Together**

The annual FTA Troop “C” Get-Together took place on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the Bordentown E.L.K.S. Hall, Bordentown, NJ. The event drew some sixty-eight Troop “C” retirees who thoroughly enjoyed the Central Jersey get-together, hosted Captain Bette Welch, #3506 (Ret).
The FTA Annual Picnic was held on Friday, August 16, 2013, at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Hamilton, NJ. This year’s event was blessed with the best weather we’ve had in a long time. Everyone, all 420 attendees enjoyed not only a beautiful day, but a plethora of food and drink second to none. Special thanks go out SFC Ted Schafer, #5207 and his trusted steed Sprout for providing rides to all of the children, and to the Aviation Bureau for stopping by to display one of our State Police choppers, and also to those active uniformed Troopers who stopped by for a quick bite and to share in some camaraderie with us “old salts.” This annual picnic sets the standard for a great outing, highlighting the importance of our Outfit of Jersey Troopers. Pics courtesy Capts. Joe Curry, #1701 & Bette Welch, #3506 (Ret)

The 2013 State Police Holiday Open House

As usual, the date for the annual State Police Holiday Open House hasn’t been set yet, but we expect it to take place on either Saturday, December 7th or Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Either way, I’ll post the date as soon as the State Police schedule one. All Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families are always cordially invited. Plan to come out and help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Season to Division Headquarters.

As in the past, a fine gathering of our State Police family and friends, numbering in the hundreds is expected to be on hand to welcome jolly old Saint Nicholas, hopefully, arriving compliments of the NJSP Aviation Bureau. Children of all ages will be eagerly waiting to sit on Santa’s lap, each hoping that he will grant their wish with a special present come Christmas morning. Don’t miss out on this special occasion.

In addition to a huge assortment of food and refreshments, this year we will make available an even larger selection of State Police and FTA Logo merchandise ever. In addition to our fine selection of T-Shirts, Sweats, hats, and assorted memorabilia, we now offer an expanded selection of clothing, State Police related books, prints, and more. Don’t forget to obtain your SP/FTA 2014 calendars. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or “future” Jersey Trooper.

The 2013 FTA-NJSP Christmas Party

The 2013 FTA-NJSP Christmas Party will take place on Saturday evening, December 14, 2013, at the Spring Lake Manor, Spring Lake, New Jersey. This centrally located affair is the finest Christmas Party in the State, offering an open Premium Bar, Cocktail Hour, Sit-Down Dinner, and music by The Cameos. Open to all active and retired Jersey Troopers and Civilian Support Staff. This is the party to celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. Hotel accommodations are readily available at many local hotels, inns, and bed & breakfasts. Don’t miss this fantastic party! Call the FTA Office for tickets.
THE 2014 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday March 4th and Wednesday March 5th 2013 at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility.

Festivities will begin on Tuesday, March 4th with a cocktail party starting at 3:00 PM. There will be an open bar until 6:00 PM, followed by a buffet at 7:00 PM. After the buffet there will be a D/J present for your dancing pleasure. The reunion will begin on Wednesday, March 5th with a sit-down breakfast that will start at 8:30 AM. A sit-down luncheon will begin at 1:00 PM.

The costs are $30.00 per day per person in good standing, thus $120.00 per couple for two days. For former troopers not in good standing the cost is $50.00 per day per person, or $200.00 per couple for two days. Payment for the dinners, etc. must be made through the FTA Office in Hamilton Township (609)588-8323. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be mailed. Your name will appear on a prepaid list at the door.

Due to previous problems with bookings, please DO NOT call the toll free number. Call the REGULAR Hotel number at (321)777-4100. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the NJ State Police. Use the code “FNJ.” Reservations can be made for a week or less with the same discount. Reservations are currently being accepted, however, the cut-off date for making room reservations is FEBRUARY 9, 2014.

Room Rates are as follows:
- $109.00 Standard Non-Oceanfront View
- $129.00 Standard Partial View
- $174.00 Oceanfront w/Balcony
- $204.00 Oceanfront Suite

Directions and a registration form will be provided in the December newsletter. Any problems, contact Moe Waschmann at (239)542-8098  Cell (239)292-8992.

MILITARY NEWS

THE STATE INCOME TAX, FOR MILITARY PENSIONS

Many of our FTA members are also retired from the military, either the National Guard or Military Reserve units. For these members (or spouses) who are receiving United States Military pensions or survivor's benefits, you are exempt from paying New Jersey Income taxes on this income. A substantial amount of money is saved by this exemption.

It is also noted that New Jersey does not tax Social Security benefits, unemployment benefits or income tax refunds from New Jersey, the Federal government or other jurisdictions.

When filing your New Jersey State Income Tax Return, check in the 1040 Instruction book under Line 14 (wages, salaries, tips) for other exempt income that may apply to you.

Lt. John O. O’Keefe, III, #2121 (Ret)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ALL VETS SHOULD KNOW

The link below will open a list of web-sites that will provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file and/or ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. Visit: http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Veterans.pdf.

Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (Ret)
**Drano Danger**

You may have heard of this previously, but in light of the danger, a reminder seems appropriate. Pass it on to those who might need to know about it.

Kids are putting Drano, tin foil, and a little water in plastic drink bottles and capping it up - leaving it on lawns, in mail boxes, in gardens, on driveways etc., just waiting for you to pick it up, intending to put it in the rubbish, but you'll never make it!!!

If the bottle is picked up, and the bottle is shaken even just a little - in about 30 seconds or less it builds up enough gas which then explodes with enough force to remove some your extremities. The liquid that comes out is boiling hot as well.

Don't pick up any plastic bottles that may be lying in your yards or in the gutter, etc.

Pay attention to this - A plastic bottle with a cap, a little Drano, a little water, and a small piece of foil. Disturb it by moving it; and BOOM!!! No fingers left and other serious effects to your face, eyes, etc.

Submitted by Capt. Jack Caldwell, #1629

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**96th Class Reunion**

The 96TH NJSP Class just celebrated our 33 year anniversary with a weekend long Class Reunion at Renault Winery. This gem of a hotel sat on a beautiful golf course which classmates enjoyed each day. The pools were great for cooling off, the restaurants were great and we learned of the fundamentals of making Jersey wine!

*Elizabeth Welch, #3506*

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**Former Trooper of the Year**

Nominations for this year’s Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award are being accepted from April 1, through September 30, 2014. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in Hamilton, N.J. by the September 30th deadline. Candidates will only be considered from members who are in good standing with the Former Troopers Association.

The criteria being considered for the award will be the candidate’s contributions of volunteer time or service to the FTA. In addition, the candidate’s participation to any civic or charitable organizations and community activities will be considered, along with any major accomplishment or award bestowed upon the candidate. Lastly, has the candidate continued to best represent both the traditions of the New Jersey State Police and the Former Troopers Association.

The selection will be made by the Board of Directors by November 1, 2014. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the FTA – NJSP Christmas Party on December 14, 2014.
Bob Delaney: Every Job has a Shelf Time

Former New Jersey state police officer and NBA official Bob Delaney joined John Canzano on The Bald Faced Truth today to discuss his career as an NBA official and Flop-Gate.

Delaney is known as a hardnosed official, a guy who calls it like it is. When the subject of flopping came up; and why the biggest stars in the NBA are doing it but not getting called on it as often as they should be, Delaney shot straight from the hip, “I understand the announcers say that and people believe about [officials giving players] the star treatment. [But] as an official I can tell you, I was never given a list of whom the stars are and who the stars are not.”

Delaney went on, “what referees do is they observe, they process, they evaluate and then they decide. That is going on constantly during an entire ball game where at times, it looks like ten guys in a blender out there and to then put in to another element [of] decision making based on who it is that’s doing it. I’d love to bring people out on an NBA floor and allow them to referee for a quarter then ask them if they are capable of deciding who made that foul.”

Delaney also spoke on the difficulties of officiating and when officiating is the easiest, “When players are playing the game and you have a high level of athleticism, the game is better; to officiate. [Now] I didn’t say it was easier, I [just] said it was better.”

Delaney noted, “As long as they are going and an athletic pace and not trying to fool you and not trying to do flopping and all those other things, all you have to do is be able to referee the size, the speed, the quickness and the ability to play above the rim.”

As posted on 750the game, see http://www.750thegame.com/pages/landing?Bob-Delaney-Every-Job-has-a-Shelf-Time=1&blockID=691971&feedID=9711

Former Troopers Association Name Tags Available

For those who would like to have a name tag to wear to various FTA functions, we have available for purchase a personalized name tag. The tags are available with blue background and yellow lettering, either with a pin, magnet or fold-over for placing in a jacket breast pocket. The cost is $11.00 each. If you are interested call the FTA Office @ (609) 588-8323 for an order form.

Submitted by Major George Coyle, #1528 (Ret)

State Police Memorial Association Paver Project

Phase I of the State Police Memorial Association’s ‘Walk of Honor’ Paver Project has been completed. However, if you’re still looking for that special gift, or can’t decide on what to buy the person who has everything, don’t worry. Phase II has just begun.

You can help support the Memorial Association while leaving a lasting tribute to a Trooper or special person by purchasing a personalized engraved paver. Pavers have been installed in the new walkway and are engraved on site. Your paver will forever remain an important State Police landmark. Reserve your spot today and give the gift that will last a lifetime.

For more information and order forms call on Adele at (856-547-2135), at adelegolf@gmail.com, or see the order form on pages #35 & #36 of this newsletter.
Visitation Program

The Former Troopers Association in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program was designed to check on the well being of retired members and to lift the spirits of those who may be seriously ill, homebound, or in need of some old fashion camaraderie by their fellow Jersey Troopers. Visits are scheduled utilizing both active duty uniformed personnel and representatives from the Former Troopers Association. The Former Troopers Association currently maintains lists of retired volunteers in north, central and southern New Jersey to draw upon for visits. Visits can be scheduled via a request from any FTA or family member, or a friend. In respecting the privacy of our members these visits will only be conducted with his or her approval. The FTA is also looking for additional retired volunteers to assist with visits to our members. Visitation requests and/or volunteers may contact the Former Troopers Association office by telephone at 1-609-588-8323. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

A Visitation with Lt. George A. Conte, #1017

On Wednesday, May 8, 2013, eleven former Jersey Troopers - Lt. William L. Lee, #1038, SFC Fred C. Smith, #1046, Lt. William H. Long, #1295, Captain Edward H. Marinelli, #1334, Lt. Alfred C. Mossop, #1337, Lt. A. Donald Ebert, #1531, SGT John R. Kelty, #1712, Det. I Ronald C. Chance, #2048, Lt. John A. Savage, #2033, Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117, and Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 paid a visit with Lt. George A. Conte, #1017 at his home in Somerdale, New Jersey after an extended hospital stay. The event was of course marked by many, many stories of years gone by, and of course some rumors of more recent activities. Lt. Conte’s lovely wife, Marlene was of course a consummate host and was very appreciative of all who took part. Many thanks also to Nancy Mossop for her help with the preparations and pictures.

Scholarship Information

FTA Scholarship Program

2013 FTA Scholarship Awards (Presented at the Open Meeting, May 4, 2013 @ Division Headquarters)

We are glad to present the first annual DEBRA CHESKO $1,000.00 scholarship award in honor of Benefits Consultant Debra Chesko. Debbie worked many years for the State Police and the FTA, assisting spouses of deceased troopers in their time of need. Debbie died last year after a courageous battle with cancer.

This year’s recipient of the Debra Chesko Scholarship Award is Sarah Bullock, daughter of Carl Bullock #4020. Sarah was a senior at Lacy Township High School, and will be entering the University of Vermont in the fall to study pre-med. Sarah had a GPA of 4.71 out of 5.0 and graduated 9th out of her class of 363 graduates.

COLEEN MCCURDY AWARDS (19)

The next 19 scholarships of $500.00 each are in honor of Coleen McCurdy. Coleen was a 15 year veteran of the Maryland State Police and the daughter of Past President Harry McCurdy. Coleen died suddenly at home on March 6, 2013. This year’s scholarship awards in honor of Coleen McCurdy went to:
FTA Scholarship Program continued...
1) Joseph Randik #2835, grandfather of Caitlin Randik;  2) John Cuzzupe #3966, father of Kelsey Ann Cuzzupe;  
3) William Carey #3761, father of Abigail Carey;  4) Harold Vliet #3469, stepfather of Mitchel J. Altamura;  
5) Anthony Daniels #3967, father of Lenna Daniels;  6) James Crann #3768, father of Margaret Crann;  
7) Robert J. Gaugler #1745, grandfather of Robert M. Gaughler;  8) Thomas Zito #4422, father of Gabriella Zito;  
9) Frederick Cordes #1527 (dec’d) grandfather of Kaelyn Jacques;  10) Frank Liantonio #4069, father of Amy Marie Liantonio;  
11) Peter Duimstra #1606, grandfather of Nicole Duimstra;  12) Robert Campbell #2735, father of Kyle Campbell;  
13) Charles Grove #1032, grandfather of Taylor Robinson;  14) Paul Wagner #3071, father of Patrick Wagner;  
15) Andre Maglione #3907, grandfather of Niko Maglione;  16) Harold Robinson #3934, grandfather of Connor Robinson;  
17) Karl Lavin #2793, stepfather of William Roll;  18) Richard Furlong #1807, grandfather of Hannah Lockwood; and  19) John Peacock, Sr. #4094, father of John Peacock, Jr.

The FTA will be awarding scholarships for upcoming the school year ending in June 2014. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2014 need apply. Also the student must be a child, grandchild, step child, or a step grandchild of a member in good standing of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association.

This scholarship can be used for the study of any curriculum while attending a state accredited college or university anywhere in the USA. The award will be paid directly to the student.

Applications are available on our web site under “forms,” at our office, or on pages #32 - #34 of this newsletter. Completed applications must be received at the address at the end of the application no later than April 20th of the year the student is a senior in high school.

Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 3rd General Membership Meeting.

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Sal Maggio, Chairman @ 908-850-5021, Ken Wondrack, Director @ 732-223-5259, or George Coyle, Past President @ 732-254-6646.

ASSOCIATION OF THE FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Association of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund will continue to offer a scholarship open to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper, or retired state trooper, who is living or deceased as set-forth in the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund (“The Fund”) By-laws.

The program will consist of two (2) scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of $1,250.00. The scholarship is open to any student presently attending a college and maintaining a GPA of at least 2.5 and to any high school senior with an equivalent grade who plans to enroll in a state accredited college or university anywhere in the USA.

Any person interested in the scholarship must complete and submit an application to the Secretary of “The Fund.” The application can be found on page #37 of this newsletter.

The application must be completed in its entirety and submittals must include a copy of the high school transcript, if a senior, along with a letter of acceptance from the college accepting enrollment. In the case of a student already attending college, a college transcript is required.

Selections will be based on a lottery type drawing, which shall include all applications submitted that meet the stated criteria. Applicants benefiting from the drawing will receive formal notification by the secretary of “The Fund” along with a check payable to the applicant. If for any reason the applicant should change his/her mind about pursuing or continuing a college education, the money shall be returned to “The Fund.”

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Attention: Daniel Morocco, Jr., Secretary, 291 Westcott Blvd., Pennington, New Jersey 08534.
Test your State Police memory and see if you can name each of these people and the event that took place that would warrant this photo. You’ll find the answer at the bottom of the next page.

“In democratic societies...there exists an urge to do something even when the goal is not precise, a sort of permanent fever that turns to innovation of every kind. And innovations are almost always costly.”

~ Alexis de Tocqueville – Democracy in America
The murder suspect’s trial wasn’t going well, so his attorney resorted to a trick. “Ladies and gentlemen of the jury,” he said, “I have a surprise for you. In one minute, the real murderer will walk into this courtroom.” Stunned, the jurors looked toward the door, but nothing happened. The lawyer chuckled. “I lied. But because you all looked with anticipation, that proves there is reasonable doubt as to my client’s guilt, and I insist that you find him not guilty.” The jury retired to deliberate, then returned a verdict of guilty. “But you must have had some doubt,” bellowed the lawyer. “You all stared at the door.” “Oh, we looked,” said the jury foreman. “But your client didn’t.”

Submitted by: SGT Edwin J. Syrek, #1002 (Ret)

Definition of insanity

"FATHOM THE HYPOCRISY OF A GOVERNMENT THAT REQUIRES EVERY CITIZEN TO PROVE THEY ARE INSURED ..., BUT NOT EVERYONE MUST PROVE THEY ARE A CITIZEN." "AND NOW, ANY OF THOSE WHO REFUSE, OR ARE UNABLE, TO PROVE THEY ARE CITIZENS WILL RECEIVE FREE INSURANCE PAID FOR BY THOSE WHO ARE FORCED TO BUY INSURANCE BECAUSE THEY ARE CITIZENS."

We are persuaded that good Christians will always be good citizens, and that where righteousness prevails among individuals the Nation will be great and happy. Thus while just government protects all in their religious rights, true religion affords to government it’s surest support.

~ George Washington

Answer: Capt. Bill Gronikowski, #2243, Capt. Robert Kilmurry, #3114, Dr. Donald Izzi (Division Physician), Lt. George Malast, #3417, and Administrative Assistant Gail Carrigan. Reportedly, the Medical Bureau did a skit at the wedding reception of co-worker Tracey Herbert, where they performed the Village People’s - YMCA. Of course after many ‘OFF DUTY’ hours of practice, they changed the lyrics to NJSP!
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The Former New Jersey Troopers Association, Inc., has authorized the sale and display of the above pictured FTA Auto Plaques. Each plaque bears a registration number assigned to the buyer. Proceeds benefit the many charities undertaken by the FTA.

To purchase a plaque, simply contact the FTA Office @ (609) 588-8323. Each plaque requires a donation of $125.00, plus $4.00 to cover shipping and handling.
March 22, 2013

Dear President Sal Maggio and Former Troopers Association,

The family of Joseph E. Barry wishes to express deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the lovely plaque and picture of my father, Major Joseph E. Barry, #1142, a member of the 42nd class of the N.J. State Police. We are also, grateful for the State Police presence at both the wake and funeral which took place in January. The Troopers exemplify the State Police motto of “Honor, Duty, and Fidelity.”

My father was honored to be a member of the New Jersey State Police while active and retired. He proudly wore the Blue & Gold and we are privileged to be a State Police Family!

Sincerely,
Joanne Barry Selitto & the Barry Family

March 24, 2013

Dear Sir,

I am a long time member of the Morris County “200 Club,” and periodically a contributor to the “Former Troopers Assn.”

I’d like to make this periodic contribution, enclosed, in memory of my deceased uncle, “Trooper Daniel P. Barclay, Badge #600. I would appreciate it if you would send me two Former Trooper Association window decals also. Thanks.

Respectfully yours,
David D. MacDowell
U.S. Navy Veteran

Dear Sal and Former Troopers Association,

Thank you very much for your kind words of sympathy. The plaque arrived yesterday. Thank you very much. We sincerely appreciated it.

Maribeth, Megan, Brian & Jess
Family of Captain Edgar J. Hess, #3015

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the association on behalf of my father Walter T. Decker, JR #1321, retired Captain. I have many fond memories growing up in a house with a father who was a State Trooper. I can remember when my father was working on an organized crime family case and we had the wiretap in our basement. There would always be several State Troopers working in our basement on cases throughout the years. At one point they had to take me to school and back because there was a hit put on my father. I will never forget all the Troopers I have met throughout my life growing up.

I would also like to thank Troop B for helping with my dad’s wake and funeral. My father was very proud to be a Trooper and had the upmost respect for the uniform. Once a Trooper, always a Trooper. So once again thank you for everything that was done for my father and my family.

Thank you,
W.T. Decker, III
May 3, 2013

FTA,

Thank you all for your support, flowers, kind words, everything you’ve done. It is the thoughts and prayers of our friends in the State Police Family that sustain us during these difficult times. Support from the Officers, Board, Staff and Members is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Harry & Cookie McCurdy

Dear Troopers Association,

I am writing to thank you for your generous $500.00 scholarship award from the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association. As the granddaughter of Lt. Fred Cordes, I was very happy and honored to learn that I was selected as one of the recipients of your scholarship. Because of your generosity, my financial burden in attending the University of Scranton will be lessened. I am deeply appreciative of your support in furthering my education.

Sincerely,
Kaelyn Jacques

Sal, Nick,

Thank you for the generous donation to our members during their time of need and recovery from Sandy. Thank your members for a strong show of support at Bar A on the day of the event.

Thank you,
Wayne Blanchard

May 20, 2013

Former Troopers Association,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Police Unity Tour Inc. This past year we were able to raise 1.65 Million Dollars for the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. We owe our success to your generosity and we cannot thank you enough for your $250.00 donation.

The Police Unity Tour Inc. was organized in 1997 by a group of 18 law enforcement officers from New Jersey who rode their bicycles from Florham Park, New Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. The purpose of the trip was to raise awareness of and financial support for the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial while honoring those law enforcement officers who died in the Line of Duty.

Your donation is fully tax-deductible, as the Police Unity Tour did not provide you with any goods or services in whole or partial consideration for this contribution. The Police Unity Tour Inc. is a 501 ©(3) non-profit organization. Our federal tax ID number is 22-3530541.

Very truly yours,
Patrick P. Montuore – CEO / Founder
Harry E. Phillips – Executive Director

May 29, 2013

John Hennessy
Former Troopers Association,

Please accept this donation for the Fallen Troopers Memorial in memory of Robert Prato #2535. These monies are being donated from members of the Applicant Investigation Unit, Background and Compliance Bureau and Special Investigations Section.

Thanks,
A/Lt. Susan Kamish #5464
May 31, 2013

Dear Mr. Maggio,

Re: Capt. George F. Mucci, Jr. Badge #1075

On behalf of my mother, my brother and I, I want to convey our heartfelt gratitude for the kind expression of sympathy and the beautiful plaque with my father’s image on it. Being part of a family that was led by such a wonderful husband and father, we were so moved by this beautiful tribute to his memory as a New Jersey State Trooper.

His association and long career of service with the New Jersey State Police as well as his membership in the New Jersey Former Troopers Association filled him and his family with pride. It is truly a brotherhood born of honor, duty, and fidelity.

We love him. We miss him. And we thank you for honoring his memory in this way.

Kind regards,
Patricia A. Mucci

June 7, 2013

Dear President Maggio,

Thank you, and the members of the Former Troopers Association, for awarding me a $500.00 scholarship. I am honored to have been selected out of the 48 applicants to receive this award.

This fall I will be attending the University of Delaware and your scholarship will greatly assist me pay for college.

Sincerely,
Kyle Campbell

Dear Mr. Maggio,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! I really appreciate the extra money for my studies and I will be sure to spend it wisely.

Sincerely,
Hannah Lockwood
(Granddaughter of Richard Furlong)

Former Troopers Association,

Thank you so much for awarding me the 2013 scholarship. I am so grateful. This will help me next year at the University of Alabama as I work to earn my degree in Chemical Engineering. I appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
Amy Liantonio

Former Troopers Association,

I would like to thank you for choosing me among the many for the $500.00 scholarship towards my education. This will be a huge help in funding my college career.

Thank you all again!
Mitch Altamura
June 27, 2013

Dear Mr. Maggio,

I wanted to write you and express my gratitude for the kind generosity that you and the retired troopers association have provided me with this distinguished scholarship. I will put it to good use, for tuition and book purchase for the upcoming semester at George Washington University. I look forward to my attendance and would like to thank you for the association’s scholarship that is making my higher education dreams come true.

Sincerely,
Niko Maglione

Dear Sal Maggio,

Thank you so much for your condolences and the Memorial plaque. The plaque will become a part of Jack’s collected NJSP Memorabilia.

Sincerely,
Pat Robinson & Family

Former New Jersey State Troopers Association,

I wanted to thank you for awarding me this generous scholarship. I’m very honored to have been chosen! I’m going to the University of Virginia this fall, and the check will be used to pay for some of the tuition costs. My grandfather, Peter Duimstra, and I really appreciate it.

Thanks again,
Nicole Duimstra

Dear Captain Maggio,

I would like to thank you and the Members of the FTA for the generous scholarship. I will be attending the Catholic University of America in the fall and will be using the money towards books.

Sincerely,
Patrick Wagner

Dear Former New Jersey State Troopers Association,

I was honored to receive this scholarship from the Former Trooper Association. I have always considered the State Police part of my extended family and this generous award just proves my point further. I can’t wait to make the State Police proud as I travel to Virginia Tech in the fall! Thank you so much again!

From,
Kelsey Cuzzupe

Dear Mr. Maggio,

I would like to thank you and the committee for awarding me a scholarship that I know will aid me in my educational endeavors. I hope to make my father and grandfather proud at the College of New Jersey!

Thank You,
Caitlin Randik

In Memory of Sam Cunningham:

Thank you everyone for your support and making my Dad’s service extra special. And thank you for the beautiful Plate!

Always,
Marianne Cunningham & Family
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An interesting bit of historical information regarding the Quarter Century Club was recently found in the October 5, 1976 Association newsletter. It revealed that in an effort to stave of costs associated with the printing and mailing of newsletters and annual correspondences, Don Wisham, #688 and Ed Netterman, #488 instituted an old method of raising funds on October 24, 1975. Together with Fred Bodenstein #549, Hal Lattimore, #663 and Frank Pasch, #835, they all left checks for $25.00 with the Treasurer as a means to begin accepting voluntary contributions from life members to keep the association from going broke; hence the name “Quarter Century Club.”

In the first year of operation, Quarter Century Club donations reached $775.00, certainly enough to buy stamps. Of course, over the years the Quarter Century Club evolved and became a vehicle for making memorial donations that fund the many charitable contributions made by your FTA, in honor of comrades, family, and friends. Thank you all!
SAVADGE, EDGAR A., #1124 passed away on 3 September 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 June 1952 as a member of the 41st Class and retired on 1 September 1985. He is survived by a daughter Joann, a son, Don, a brother James E. Savadge #1228 and a nephew SGT Carl M. Savadge, #4832.

SHERMAN, JOHN J., #2087 passed away on 21 August 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 December 1965 as a member of the 69th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 October 1994. He is survived by his wife of 41 years Janice, one son Jeff and daughters Gina and Kim.

SHULL, JAY E., #1462 passed away on 16 August 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 19 August 1955 as a member of the 49th Class and retired on disability on 24 August 1956. He proudly served in the United States Army. He is survived by his brother Jack D. Shull.

PANERA, CARLO L., #3922 passed away on 10 June 2013. He transferred from the Division of Motor Vehicles Highway Patrol to the Division of State Police on 1 December 1984 and retired at the rank of Trooper I on 1 March 1989. He proudly served in the United States Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Martha, two sons Aldo and Gregory, one daughter Dawn and three grandchildren.

CUNNINGHAME, SAMUEL L., #1396 passed away on Thursday 18 July 2013 at the Sunnyside Nursing Home in Wall Township, NJ. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired on 1 October 1972 at the rank of Sergeant. After his retirement he spent a number of years in the trucking industry as a president of a major trucking firm for 15 years, as an executive director and president of the New Jersey Motor Truck Association and in charge of government relations for the Association of Bi-State Harbor Carriers Inc. of Newark, NJ. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 until 1954 during the Korean War. For several years he hosted the celebration of the United States Marine Corps birthday by New Jersey Troopers who had served in the Corps. He was a past President and Trustee of the former New Jersey State Troopers Association and the 200 Club of Monmouth County. He was a member of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation and the 2nd Marine Division (Mid-Atlantic
Captain Robert J. Gaugler, #1745

Gaugler, Robert J., #1745 passed away on Tuesday, 16 July 2013 at the age of 74. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 5 February 1962 as a member of the 59th Class. He retired on 1 September 1991 at the rank of Captain and had served as Commander of the Organized Crime Bureau. He is survived by his wife Lynn one son and daughter-in-law Robert and Maryann Gaugler, one daughter and son-in-law Terri and Douglas Slater, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Captain John J. Robinson, Jr., #1765

ROBINSON, JOHN J. Jr. #1765 passed away on Thursday, 13 June 2013 at his home in Island Heights, NJ. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 5 February 1962 as a member of the 59th Class and retired on 1 July 1989 at the rank of Captain. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1958 and served in the 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia, his daughter Pamela Furey and his son Sean and three grandchildren.

Captain George F. Mucci, #1075

MUCCI, GEORGE F., #1075 passed away on Sunday 19 May 2013 in Atlantis, Florida. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 16 November 1951 as a member of the 40th Class and retired with the rank of Captain on 1 September 1985. He served as the Troop "D" New Jersey Turnpike commander. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Doris, a daughter Patricia, a son George and a sister Veronica, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lt. Victor R. Schmeltzly, #1593

Schmeltzly, Victor R., #1593 passed away on 26 May 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 October 1958 as a member of the 54th Class. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 June 1989. He was predeceased by his wife Joan in 2001 and his brother Phillip. He is survived by sons Robert and Kirk and his daughter Connie J. Witzing. He is survived by seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and sisters Geraldine and Rebecca.
GILL, EDMUND A., #1287 passed away on Monday, 13 May 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police as a member of the 45th Class on 30 April 1954 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 December 1980. He was awarded the State Police Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding bravery. In responding to a house fire, fully engulfed in flames he found a male occupant trapped on the second floor. He put a ladder up to a window and rescued the man, saving his life. He suffered a large amount of smoke inhalation as a result of this action. He proudly served as a member of the United States Merchant Marines during WW II. He was predeceased by his son Timothy. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Josephine, his children Deborah, Patrick and John, 4 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

OSBORN, TIMOTHY R., #3660 passed away suddenly on 13 April 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 11 February 1982 as a member of the 98th Class and retired in 2007 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. After his retirement he served as an outstanding football coach at high schools in Brick and Jackson Townships. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jeanne and sons Matthew and Brad.

DECKER, WALTER T. #1321 passed away on 22 March 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 August 1954 as a member of the 46th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 March 1981. He served in the Criminal Investigations Section. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He served in the Big Red 1, 1st Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. He was predeceased by his wife Ann in 1998 and a son William. He is survived by two sons, Walter T. Decker, III and Stephen Decker; four grandchildren, William J. Decker, an Iraq war veteran and Nicole, Alyjah and Zane Decker.

FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS

MAUDE B. DEURINGER, cherished Mother of Sally Sheehan passed away on August 15, 2013.

JACOB RICK, respected Father-In-Law of SGT Steven R. Gott, #3778 (Retired) passed away on August 3, 2013.


BEATRICE GUZZARDO, cherished Mother of Captain Joseph J. Guzzardo, #2109 (Retired) passed away on July 15, 2013.

WINFRED WATSON, beloved Wife of Lt. James J. Watson, #3287 (Retired) passed away on June 23, 2013.


MICHAEL J. RHTICAN, cherished Son of the late Lt. Robert Rhtican, #1592 passed away on January 16, 2013.
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First     Middle     Last

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ADDRESS__________________________________________

Street     City & State     Zip Code

HOME PHONE #____________________________________

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT____________________________________

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME__________________________________________

First     Middle     Last

ADDRESS__________________________________________

Street     City and State     Zip Code

HOME PHONE #____________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH____________________________________

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING____________________________________
EXPECTED GRADUATION
DATE

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND (Could Be More Than One)


COLLEGE MAJOR

PLEASE LIST ANY SCHOLASTIC AWARDS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP
POSITIONS, OFFICED HELD AND ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT. Example. Varsity
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION: (This section to be completed by the high school counselor. Counselor
to mail completed application with transcript of grades to the below listed address)

STUDENT'S SAT / ACT SCORES


CLASS RANK

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM, STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE

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SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

FTA

c/o SAL MAGGIO, PRESIDENT
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STUDENT
Applicant’s Full Name__________________________________________________________

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Home Phone__________________________________       SS#_________________________

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Name________________________________________  Badge#________ Date Retired________
(Name of retired/deceased/active New Jersey State Trooper)

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(Signature (Retiree or deceased trooper’s family member/Active Trooper)

ACADEMIC
High School Attended:

Name________________________________________________Phone___________________

Address______________________________________________________________________

Street       City & State           Zip Code

College University Attending:

Name________________________________________________Phone___________________

Address______________________________________________________________________

Street       City & State           Zip Code

Academic Major______________________________________GPA________________

Signature of Applicant_________________________________________ Date____________

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