



TRUE BLUE & GOLD

THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER
NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS

DECEMBER 2021



COURTESY OF TROOPERS UNITED FOUNDATION

INDEX: 1 - Cover 2 - Colonel's Comments 3 - President's Corner 4 - Editor's Comments 5 - Spotlight Stories
6 - Exemplary Service 10 - Recall & Revere 12 - Colonel's Row 15 - Business Updates 16 - FTA Social Events
17 - Military Matters 18 - Health, Security & Misc. Info. 19 - Bessie's Corner 21 - Division Activities 25 - Quarter Century Club
26 - Last Patrol 30 - Letters to the FTA 31 - Executive Staff 32 - Misc. Forms & Information

COLONEL'S COMMENTS



As we come to the end of 2021, the year that marked the 100th Anniversary for the New Jersey State Police, I wanted to take a few moments to offer just a few thoughts on this phenomenal Oufit of ours. This has been a special year for us. A year of remembrance of things distant in memory. A year of reflection on things gone wrong, and jobs well done. A year of tribute to those who lived and died as troopers, never forgetting to honor their service and sacrifice. We have upgraded the grounds around the State Police Museum and Learning Center to include the construction of a columbarium which will remain for ages in the shadow of our memorial garden which stands as a living tribute to those troopers who gave their last full measure of devotion. Those troopers were with us for such a short time and yet their influence is felt by all of us who followed them in the ranks and whose reputation is guarded and embellished by our actions.

Our major asset, as an organization, has always been our people, both civilian and enlisted. We continue to be blessed with dedicated women and men to carry on our tradition of service. A tradition rooted in Colonel Schwarzkopf's General Order #1 in which he stated, "the prevention of crime is more important than the punishment of criminals." The public and law enforcement agencies around our nation and world have recognized this high caliber of dedication and we should all be justifiably proud, yet humbled by, the many compliments and acknowledgments we receive. Think of that reputation for a moment. Think of our motto – Honor, Duty and Fidelity. To meet that self-imposed standard has not been an easy task. To gain that reputation, many members have spent decades building devotion to duty and integrity on that cornerstone.

Discipline through self-pride has always been the foundation of the State Police. Our first Superintendent, Colonel Schwarzkopf brought that concept from West Point and applied it to the first State Police Class in 1921. He made it a hard school for them, for he realized that those troopers were destined for a hard life. His methods proved to be right, and discipline and pride still set the State Police apart.

I ask each and every one of us to take a moment to think back to the early mounted troopers, crisscrossing the state on horseback and motorcycles, as they met the demands of bad weather, long hours and an often hostile

pubic. Today's young troopers meet those same demands in a more complex world populated by some who are violent and indifferent towards our mission. We have developed and implemented special equipment along the way such as in-car computers, cell phones, body worn cameras, forensic labs, helicopters, and the like, but it is still the trooper who makes our image. An image which holds Jersey Troopers a cut above the average and are not expected to need guidance at every step. Troopers that must show restraint when provoked, must be reasonable in unreasonable situations, must show dedication in the face of apathy, all while on public display. That takes a rare breed. Our troopers are a rare breed, individuals all, but all as one.

That is our strength. The strength that assures us that the State Police will continue in the next 100 years as before, and that Honor, Duty and Fidelity are not just empty words, but words infused with the life of those who took them as their standard from that first day they had the privilege to call themselves "Jersey Troopers." That standard, those words, our troopers, and our families all relate to those words and to that ideal. I would like to think that we are all better people because of that standard and that we will pass on that ideal to others, with pride. Pride – There's that word again. We are certainly a proud Outfit. We are proud of our women and men and their service over the past 100 years. I have no doubt that we will continue to be a proud Outfit and I want to let all of you know how proud, honored, and humbled I am to serve as your Colonel, but am even more proud to call myself a "Jersey Trooper."

May God continue to bless the New Jersey State Police as we enter into our next century of service to this great State and may God bless you and your families throughout the holidays. I also pray that 2022 comes with an abundance of health and peace for all of you and as always, stay safe out there.

-Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It is hard to believe that this is my last President's letter. At the end of this year, I will complete my 4 years as President and 6 years as Vice President, and 4 years as a Director. It has been an honor and very humbling to serve as your FTA President, especially during our organization's 100th Anniversary.

I would be remiss, if I did not thank my Executive Board and all the Board of Directors from the FTA, Heritage Foundation, and True Blue and Gold. I also want to thank Colonel Callahan, his staff, the Union Presidents, the Survivors of the Triangle, and all troopers, active and retired, who have supported me during my tenure.

As I look back, there have been many accomplishments and disappointments. Most of all, I am saddened by all the men and woman that have been listed on the last patrol, especially during Covid-19.

The 100th Anniversary has been exciting and rewarding. The Gala and the FTA Evening was memorable. I am especially proud that, shortly, the FTA will be completing the renovation of the NJSP Museum and Learning Center, Memorial Courtyard and Columbarium. The final resting place of past and future internments of NJ State Troopers and their spouses. I want to thank all the donors and contractors who were an integral part of the team to accomplish this special project, especially our 2021 Former Trooper of the

Year, Lt. George Wren. I want to personally congratulate George on this prestigious award and thank him for all his efforts and overall commitment to this project and the FTA. Without him, it would not have been possible. What started as a dream years ago is now a reality.

As we welcome in 2022, I want to wish George good luck as he becomes the president of the FTA. I pledge my continued support to him as I serve the FTA Board of Directors as the 1st Past President. I have also expressed my willingness to continue my fundraising efforts to support the Heritage Foundation.

Passing the torch is never easy. However, when you leave it better than you found it, and in most capable hands, the future of any organization is always brighter.

Most importantly, I want to thank Rhonda and my girls for understanding all the time and effort that was dedicated to our State Police family. From the entire Soranno family, we want to wish all of you a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. May God bless you, your families, the New Jersey State Police, and the United States of America.

Warmest Regards,
Nick Soranno

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and our Staff season's greetings! We hope your fall into winter months were filled with exciting and relaxing events along with great health. As we conclude our "Outfits" 100th Anniversary year we hope that you participated in some of the memorable and wonderful events. The Gala in Atlantic City was attended with over 1200 attendees. Celebrity Joe Piscopo was the emcee and was fantastic. All attendees had a great time as well.

In reflection for 2021, the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation awarded \$25,000.00 in scholarships to our members children and grandchildren. Important to recognize several families who have dedicated personal funds in memory of their loved ones so that college bound students have less of a financial burden. Specifically, Bill and Joan Trump dedicate \$5,000.00 annually in memory of their daughter Cindy for future nurses. Also, the Baker family dedicates \$1,600.00 annually in the name of Captain Peter Baker #1600. The Soranno Family dedicates \$1,000.00 per year in the name of their nephew Richard S. Soranno. The Delaney Family dedicates \$978 annually in the memory of Captain Robert D. & Mary Delaney, #978. These devoted members and their families allow our members access to additional funding toward their college dreams which truly makes a difference.

I would be negligent not to acknowledge the leadership and efforts by our outgoing President, Nicholas Soranno. Under his direction our association has made great strides in many areas. The signature product is our newly renovated Memorial Courtyard and Columbarium at Division Headquarters. The makeover of our history has made history. This expansion includes nostalgic statues, upgraded memorial paver walkways, professional landscaping, and the highlight - Columbarium. Make sure to visit and see this fantastic project that will assist our membership and the Division into the future.

In closing, be assured from the Board's perspective that the hard work by its members will continue for the advancement of our association. My hope for all is that you have a blessed and happy holiday season with your families and friends along with continued health.

Captain Patrick J. Reilly, Jr. #3570 (Ret.)

SPOTLIGHT



2021 FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Presented to

LIEUTENANT GEORGE J. WREN, JR., #3680 (RET)

In recognition of his dedicated 25 years of service to our Outfit, and 15+ years of service to the Former Troopers Association, the last 4 as Vice-President. George has always answered the call to serve; to the Outfit, to the FTA and to many who needed a helping hand. He had a remarkable career as a Trooper, serving in the Intelligence Bureau, doing undercover work, and rising to the rank of Lieutenant.

George's writing skills are outstanding which has been evident during his 11 years as the FTA's Newsletter Editor. He then researched, wrote and self-published Jersey Troopers II – The Next 35 Years (1971-2006). This is a highly acclaimed historical review of the State Police. These skills were heavily relied upon by the FTA to outline Mission Statements, Policies & Procedures, By-Laws, Permits, Trademarks, and correspondence that were all instrumental to bring the FTA into the 21st Century.

His FTA tenure has been high energy, endless accomplishments, including the Heritage Foundation's first Trustee Director, and for the past 4-years, serving as its Chairman as well as being an incorporator, Director, and the 1st Corporate Secretary of True Blue and Gold, Inc. He reformed our website accessed by thousands. During the NJSP's 100th Anniversary Year of 2021, he assisted at every event including the FTA & NTC Picnics, and Former Troopers Night Centennial Cocktail Party, as well as endless other FTA responsibilities.

In the midst of COVID 19 and preparing to be the next FTA President, George took on the responsibility to oversee construction of the Columbarium, a successful project that is nothing short of miraculous. The present Memorial Garden, which has been the final resting place for many troopers, was suffering severe disrepair. George single-handedly directed logistics, planning, design, and overwhelming funding needs, to make the State Police Columbarium a breathtaking mark for ages to come.

George has earned this award through his selfless service to the NJSP, the Former Troopers Association and to all who have ever met him.

***Congratulations Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret),
2021 Former Trooper of the Year!***

EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARDS



Lt. Harry C. McCurdy #2117 (Ret) was recently recognized at the Former Troopers Night in Atlantic City for his embodiment towards the betterment and enrichment of his fellow man, through his exemplary U.S. Marine Corps service and leadership roles in the New Jersey State Police, State of New Jersey Attorney General's Office, Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, the N.J. Former

Troopers Heritage Foundation, and True Blue and Gold, as well as numerous leadership roles in civic and military organizations, such as Boys Scouts of America, Burlington Co. 200 Club, Local Planning Board and Sewer Authority, Marine Corps League, U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association, and the N.J. Law and Public Safety Credit Union.

As a member of the N.J. Bar Association, Harry's legal prowess was and remains instrumental in his visionary attributes, providing valuable direction to the NJSP-Weapons and Tactics Committee in changing its weaponry, and the implementation of the State's Lemon Law and Meghan's Law, and as DNA Coordinator for all crimes in the State while at the AG's Office.

Upon retiring from State Police Service in 1986, Harry joined the Association, volunteering to be Secretary in 2004, President from 2008-2009, and remains an active member, contributing his insight for the future growth, such as the Association's re-organization into three separate entities, adding the Heritage Foundation as a charitable, section 501©(3) and True Blue and Gold as a for-profit, both serving to stabilize, strengthen and enhance future growth and benefit to the membership.

Throughout his life Harry, has embodied the principles of service to his fellow man, as evidenced in everything he does. In true State Police fashion, and in commemoration of its Centennial Celebration, Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (Ret) is hereby recognized for his Exemplary Service, with "Honor, Duty and Fidelity."

Lt. McCurdy's legacy is a testament to his deep love of the State Police and its members. His indelible mark has made the FTA better and continues to provide guidance as needed. We salute you Harry and thank-you profoundly!



Trooper I William T. Trump, #2516 (Ret) was recognized at the Fall General Membership Meeting for his quick, decisive actions in assisting a neighbor during a stressful choking event. Things certainly do happen in the blink of an eye, often without warning!

During the late morning of October 29, 2021, Bill and his wife Joan were inside their Naples, Florida home when suddenly their next-door neighbor burst in screaming, “Steve is choking to death in our kitchen.” Without hesitation, Bill ran to the women and they both rushed to the neighbor’s home while Joan immediately called 911. Upon entering his neighbor’s home, Bill found Steve bent over the kitchen sink gasping for air. A quick assessment led Bill to immediately realize that Steve was in despair. At 6’-3” and 260 lbs., Steve was a lot to handle, but Bill was able to pull him upright and began administering the Heimlich Maneuver.

Bill’s first thrust didn’t work, and Steve began to start falling towards the sink. Maintaining control of the exhausted man, Bill administered as second, and then a third thrust, but again no results. Bill could see that Steve was fading fast and slumping forward. Thankfully, Bill’s fourth thrust did the trick and dislodged the cause of the emergency and out popped pieces of the culprit, a carrot. A few deep breaths, and Steve was able to regain his composure, stand on his own and speak to Bill about his status.

About ten minutes later a Deputy from the Collier Co. Sheriff’s Department arrived, followed shortly thereafter by Paramedics who checked Steve out and advised he was fine thanks to the quick actions of his neighbors.

Instances such as these happen when they are least expected. Thanks to his first aid training and quick response, Bill Trump was able to step-up and handle a life-threatening situation through to a successful outcome.

***Congratulations Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117 (Ret), &
Trooper I William T. Trump, #2516 (Ret) on your Exemplary Service!***

MEMORIAL COURTYARD RENOVATION AND COLUMBARIUM PROJECT



The past two issues of True Blue & Gold have offered updates on the progress of our Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard Renovation Project. While many may think that this endeavor was just launched in the last year, it all began almost a decade ago when structure failures and courtyard flooding started being noticed in the Memorial Garden and surrounding courtyard. The FTA hired engineering and testing firms to inspect and analyze the problems, and over time it was determined that the Memorial Garden and Courtyard would have to be replaced. Several concepts were offered, but none seemed to reflect the significance or expanse of this very important site.

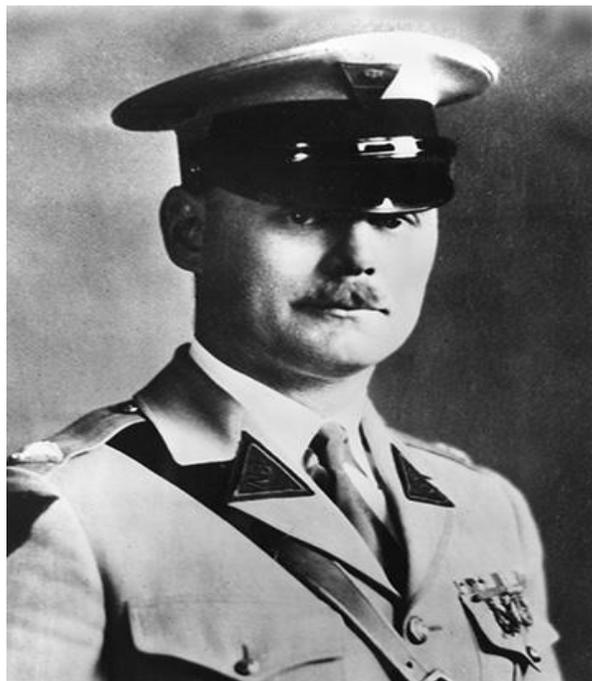
Realizing the magnitude of respecting this hallowed ground and developing it into being a focal point of the Division Headquarters Complex, FTA President, Captain Nicholas C. Sorzano, Jr., #3065 (*Ret*) and Heritage Foundation Chairman, Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (*Ret*) undertook a plan to create a consortium of investors, contractors and materials suppliers that would solidify that objective. With Nick handling fundraising, purchasing, and scheduling, and George handling the design, planning and construction supervision, they quietly broke ground in late April with Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, #5243's blessing, and they have been at it ever since.

The original project focused on a partial replacement of the Memorial Garden and renovation of the surrounding courtyard, with planned expansions for the future. But George and Nick had a different vision, "We either go big, or we go home!" As the project got underway that focus grew to include additional, larger columbarium units that now have the capacity to respectfully and honorably house the ashes of some 2,640 individuals, Jersey Troopers, and their Spouses! A grand entrance walkway was created to access the now approximate 8,000 square foot Memorial Courtyard, an underground drainage system was installed, not to mention the many utility relocations. Granite recycled from the Memorial Garden was also made a prominent part of the project, accented by stonework, and extensive courtyard lighting. Belgian Block curbing was added, street reconfiguration and repaving, not to mention an extensive landscape that now proudly enriches the look of the property.

This project is by far the largest undertaking ever entered into by our FTA and Heritage Foundation! Estimated at over \$1.5 million, 90 % of the materials and professional craftsmen were graciously donated by New Jersey area suppliers, contractors, and craftsmen. This was truly a phenomenal undertaking by all concerned, unparalleled in generosity and pride, just to be a part of such a worthy venture. While much of the work was performed by skilled tradesmen, day to day work was handled by George and Karl Meier, the Owner/Operator of Meier Stone in Flanders, NJ. A truly generous gentleman, Karl graciously donated his time, expertise, and a good bit of materials to get the job done! In a pinch, about dozen retired and active Jersey Troopers also stepped-up to help-out when the need arose. Thank you all very much! Our next issue of True Blue & Gold will include an overview of the many materials suppliers, contractors, tradesmen, and donors that made this undertaking a reality that will last forever! Hopefully, a dedication of the Memorial Columbarium will take place before our next newsletter so we can give a full accounting of the many accolades that are certainly due.

As of this writing, the finishing touches and landscaping are being completed. Arrangements are being made to facilitate the administration and perpetual care of the new Memorial Columbarium and Courtyard by our Heritage Foundation. Once everything has been ironed out, we will publish the policies and procedure for reserving a prestigious final resting place should any Jersey Trooper and their Spouse be interested. However, if you really want to grasp the totality of the project and its overall stature, simply visit Division Headquarters. You can't miss it as you drive up the front entrance! To view more pictures of the project visit <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Columbariumpics.pdf>.

RECALL AND REVERE



Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf

Badge # 1

Length of term: 14 years 11 months

07/01/1921 - 06/07/1936

In the early years of the last century, New Jersey was making a limited effort to provide protection for its rural inhabitants. This effort was wholly dependent upon the county sheriff and his constables. Based on a political system of election and appointment, there were varying degrees of success. Demands for a uniformly well-trained rural police force increased in direct proportion to an increasing population and crime rates.

Legislation for this purpose was first introduced in 1914 and for several years thereafter. However, at the time, the State Police movement had become general throughout the country with thirteen states having already organized such a force. The State Chamber of Commerce and the New Jersey Grange continued their efforts on behalf of the legislation.

Finally, on March 29, 1921, the State Police Bill was passed into law. Senator Clarence I. Case, who introduced the bill, is known as the "Father of the State Police." On July 1, 1921, Herbert Norman Schwarzkopf, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, was appointed as the first Superintendent of the State Police by Governor Edward I. Edwards. Schwarzkopf was commissioned to organize the first training class. Competitive examinations were held for the purpose of selecting the type of man desired for this service.

Sixteen hundred men, between the ages of twenty-two and forty, made application for the one hundred and twenty positions. Only two hundred and twenty-seven received a passing mark. From this number, one hundred and sixteen men reported to Sea Girt on September 1, 1921. Eighty-one officers

and troopers completed the rigorous three-month training program. On December 1, 1921, the new troopers were administered the oath of office and on December 5, 1921, in a blinding snowstorm, started out on horseback and motorcycle to their posts throughout the state.

Colonel Schwarzkopf's military background greatly influenced all areas of the newly formed organization. During training olive-drab denims, courtesy of the Army surplus store, served their purpose very well. As the end of training approached, the need for a distinctive uniform became a priority. Schwarzkopf outfitted the new troopers in what was standard from 1921-1924. That original uniform consisted of a Stetson hat, brown boots, olive britches, gray shirt, Jersey blue tie, navy wool blouse and Sam Browne belt and holster. The belt forced the wearer to "brace" like a West Pointer, which was exactly why it was chosen by Schwarzkopf.



When the State Police began operation in 1921, the force of new troopers was divided into two troops. Troop A was headquartered at the Raleigh Hotel in Hammonton and covered South Jersey. Troop B was headquartered at the Imperial Hotel in Netcong and covered North Jersey with five substations. A platoon headquarters was established in Freehold with three substations. This was the forerunner of a third troop, Troop C, which was established in 1928 to patrol Central Jersey. The first modes of transportation consisted of sixty-one horses, twenty motorcycles, one car, and one truck. The horse remained the principal means of transportation throughout the twenties.

The success of the New Jersey State Police may well be attributed to the theories adopted by Colonel Schwarzkopf who believed that the agency was not only an enforcement and apprehending agency, but that prevention, education, and service are equally important for the success of the mission of the organization. Furthermore, it is believed that the training and duty of the members of the State Police should be made such that it develops character, reliability and troopers who enforce the law.

Courtesy NJSP webpage

COLONEL'S ROW

Mark O. Kimberling - 2nd Colonel



Badge # 4

Length of term:

5 years 3 months

06/17/1936 - 09/22/1941

Russel A. Snook - 4th Colonel



Badge # 154

Length of term:

2 Years 8 Months

04/01/1952 - 12/31/1954

Charles H. Schoeffel - 3rd Colonel



Badge# 84

Length of term:

10 Years 6 Months

09/22/1941 - 04/01/1952

Joseph D. Rutter - 5th Colonel



Badge # 498

Length of term:

7 Years 8 Months

01/21/1955 - 09/29/1962

Dominic R. Capello - 6th Colonel



Badge # 642
Length of term:
2 Years 3 Months
10/23/1962 - 02/01/1965

Eugene A. Olaff - 8th Colonel



Badge # 858
Length of term:
9 Months
01/20/1975 - 10/01/1975

David B. Kelly - 7th Colonel



Badge # 856
Length of term:
9 Years 7 Months
02/1/1965 - 09/01/1974

Clinton L. Pagano - 9th Colonel



Badge # 1116
Length of term:
14 Years 4 Months
10/24/1975 - 02/15/1990

Justin J. Dintino - 10th Colonel



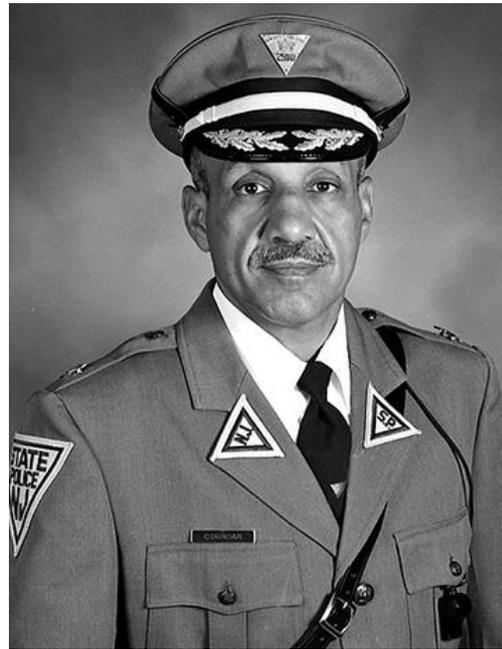
Badge # 1152

Length of term:

4 Years 9 Months

02/15/1990 - 11/19/1994

Carson J. Dunbar, Jr. - 12th Colonel



Badge # 2910

Length of term:

3 Years 2 Months

11/01/1999 - 01/31/2002

Carl A. Williams, Jr. - 11th Colonel



Badge # 1872

Length of term:

4 Years 9 Months

06/09/1994 - 02/28/1999

Joseph Fuentes – 13th Colonel



Badge # 3190

Length of term:

14 Years 4 Months

06/2/2003 - 11/01/2017

great. This new site has enhanced our merchandise selection and offers monthly specials. Links to our new store have been furnished on all our FTA Web Sites and Social Media Platforms, and any special deals that come up are also being publicized on them. Thank you again for your continued business and support!

By: Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret)

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

Following the effects of COVID-19, an attempt to reinstitute the annual FTA Florida Winter Party was initiated by Vice President, George Wren during the October 2nd NJSP Gala in Atlantic City. Preliminary plans were discussed with FTA Florida rep., Moe Washmann who later met with the staff at our longstanding, annual party location, the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Melbourne, FL. Contracts were subsequently offered for the event to be held on April 26 & 27, 2022.

Upon receiving the go-ahead on November 13th, Moe advised that it was too late, reporting that a large corporation had bumped us for the accommodations. Moe indicated however that the hotel might be able to accommodate us at a later date in May. Seeing the lateness of the season, George declined the offer.

Surprisingly, nine days later, Moe posted a bulk emailing, announcing, **“Members of F troop will be getting together in Melbourne on April 26th & 27th. any one interested contact, me. for info on rooms. THIS IS NOT AN FTA FUNCTION.”** While this longstanding Florida Winter Party was certainly a favorite hosted annual event for the FTA it is apparent that the “Members of F Troop” would rather go it alone without any FTA involvement, so be it, enjoy.

FTA/Heritage Foundation Winter Cruise Party

With the cancellation of the Florida Winter Party, an alternate party was being investigated and we are proud to announce that a 4-day **FTA / Heritage Foundation Winter Party Group Cruise** has been facilitated for March 7 – 11, 2022, aboard the Norwegian Sky. The cruise leaves out of Miami, FL and sails to the Grand Bahama Island, then on to Norwegian’s Private Island - Great Stirrup Cay, and then Nassau, before returning to Miami. This is a very nice cruise, visiting a different island every day, and will certainly fill the void of the former, annual Florida Winter Party in Melbourne. For those trying to stay warm in the northeast, get away and join us for some fun in the sun in the Bahamas. For those residing in Florida, we hope to see you on board the Sky for a fun filled 4-day NJ Former Troopers Party! Base prices per person, per room are currently at a 35% discount, starting at only \$329 for an inside cabin, \$363 for an Oceanview cabin, \$679 for a Balcony Cabin, and \$1,349 for a Suite, taxes and gratuities not included! Great food, drinks and other amenities are included. Check out the FTA Web Site Announcements Boxes for more details or call the FTA Office!

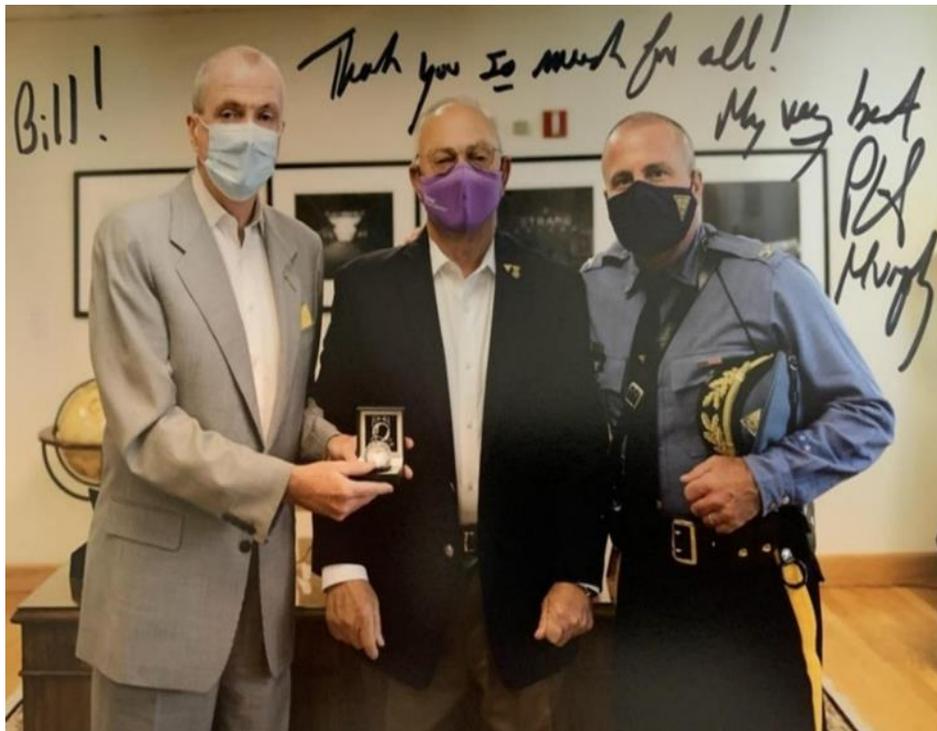
Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret)

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHERS

Unless the effects of COVID-19 et. al., again results in restrictions be placed on various businesses, the FTA will resume its annual Troop Old-Timers Get-Togethers come 2022! Troop "A" will kick off these regional events on April 21, 2022, at the Frog Rock Golf & Country Club in Hammonton, NJ. Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (Ret) has once again set the stage for a great Get-Together. It's a welcome back sort of dinner that will afford everyone in attendance a great time, reminiscing with old comrades, and even some new ones, great food and drink, all at an unbelievable price. You'll be sorry if you miss this event! Email or call the FTA Office and leave your name for a headcount to be included!

MILITARY MATTERS

On July 19, 2021, DSG William Trump #2516 (ret) met with Governor Phillip Murphy along with Colonel. DSG Trump presented the Governor with a Viet Nam Memorial Pocket Watch and an American Veteran's bracelet. DSG Trump is very active with assisting our members and friends with Veteran Benefits and helping them navigate the various systems. Great Job Bill!!!





STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
P.O. BOX 001
TRENTON
08625
(609) 292-6000

PHILIP D. MURPHY
GOVERNOR

July 19, 2021

Dear Bill,

Thank you so much for your visit today, I was honored to host you. I would also like to thank you for the pocket watch commemorating the Vietnam War. I will display it proudly in my office and will remember you every time I admire it.

Your dedication and assistance to the veterans of New Jersey is an inspiration. The American Veteran bracelets you presented will be distributed so that others can honor our veterans as well.

Best wishes in all your future endeavors.

My very best,

Bill-
Thank you and
bless you!
P.

Phil Murphy

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC. INFO.

FTA WEB SITE HOSTING ISSUES

In early October the FTA experienced its second web site outage in three-months. This nine-day outage was caused by Jumpline Hosting, our Internet hosting service provider, and was the mirror of a similar outage in July. Both outages were caused by an unannounced, attempted transfer of Jumpline's hosting service from one location to another Jumpline facility. It's apparent that neither attempt went well. In both instances, our FTA Web Master, James Vincent and his team worked tirelessly to correct the damage done, and retrieve, reformat, and reinstall the web site to its original configuration. They are to be commended for such a fine job, on both occasions!

The FTA has utilized the services of Jumpline for its hosting services for many years, but this second outage caused us great concern and we decided to secure the services of another hosting services provider. Today we are pleased to announce that our Internet hosting services are now being handled by the very reputable hosting services provider, Bluehost.

We apologize for the noted outages and trust that we will not be experiencing any further problems. Thank you.

Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret)

VISITATION PROGRAM

The Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers in cooperation with the New Jersey State Police developed the Visitation Program in 2009. The program was designed to check on the wellbeing 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 Association. The 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 1-609-882-2000 x2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

CORRECTION: Please be advised that I made a computer error in preparing the mailing list for the printed copies of the September 2021 True Blue & Gold newsletter. This error resulted in individual names not matching with correct mailing addresses. While we expect that the newsletters did in fact reach their intended destinations, the recipients names were mostly wrong. My apologies if I caused anyone any undue concern over this mistake. Thank You.

Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (Ret)

BESSIE'S CORNER



Hello everyone! Hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and was able to get out a bit more than this time last year. Such a busy time of year with the holidays moving in quickly! I have settled into my new place in Yardley, Pa and actually, have been enjoying the weather! It feels good to be back North. Home for me, so I am now local for anyone who may need in-person assistance. Still flying the friendly skies, so my schedule is quite varied!

This link is for information regarding RETIREE pension and benefits info. You can find the answers to many of your questions here.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pension-retirees.shtml>

This link provides contact information with telephone, mailing address and a link where you can send an email. Office hours are Monday through Friday 7 am until 4:30 pm. I understand there are still extremely long wait times to get someone on the phone, if you can, I would send an email.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/contact.shtml>

This link will provide info regarding your Pension, such as change of address, Letters to Retirees, Change of Beneficiary, etc. If you have an MBOS account, you can log into your account and get much of this same info specific to your retirement account.

The link below will provide information regarding RETIREE health benefits, including information on enrolling in Medicare upon turning 65 and what plan(s) you and eligible dependents move over to.

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/hb-retired-shbp.shtml>

NEW this year, once a retiree OR spouse turns 65 and enrolls in Medicare, the retiree and/or spouse moves over to the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan. Retiree or Spouse and eligible dependents who have NOT yet turned 65 will be enrolled in a non-Medicare advantage Aetna plan. Please see below taken from NJ Pension and Benefits website:

Aetna Medicare Advantage Plans

Medicare Advantage plans, sometimes referred to as "Part C" or "MA plans," provide Medicare Part A (inpatient hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (outpatient medical insurance) coverage. The Aetna MA plans offer access to providers nationwide, with the same benefits in or out of network, and no referrals required.

SHBP Medicare-eligible retirees can enroll in the following Aetna Medicare Advantage plans: Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10;* Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 15; Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO and Aetna Medicare Advantage HMO 1525.

**Not all State retirees will be eligible for Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO ESA 10*

Spouse or Partner with Different Medicare Eligibility than the Member

Medicare-eligible retirees enrolled in a non-Medicare Advantage plan and who have a spouse or partner who is not Medicare eligible will move to the Aetna MA plan while the spouse/partner and/or any covered children remain in the non-Medicare-Advantage plan. Similarly, retirees who are not eligible for Medicare but have a spouse or partner who is Medicare eligible will remain in their non-Medicare-Advantage plan (along with any covered children) while the spouse/partner is transferred to the Aetna MA plan.

PREVIOUSLY, when the retiree or spouse turned 65 and enrolled in Medicare, they were moved over to a Medicare Advantage health plan while the non-Medicare spouse and eligible dependents remained in their current health plan, they will now be moved over to the NON-MEDICARE Aetna plan.

Please be sure to enroll in Medicare upon turning 65. It is recommended that this be done approximately 2 months prior to turning 65. Proof of enrollment needs to be sent to Pension and Benefits. This needs to be done for both the retiree and spouse prior to turning 65. It is recommended that you visit your local Social Security office or enroll online. Fact sheet 23 addresses Medicare Enrollment, it can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact23.pdf>

For those retirees who must pay additional Medicare premiums due to higher income limits, please check the link listed further up and click on Letters to Retirees for information on having those additional premiums reimbursed. There is a due date established each year for reimbursement, if you miss the deadline date, you will not be reimbursed for the prior year's additional premiums paid. Upon turning 65 and enrolling in Medicare, Medicare becomes your PRIMARY insurance and the State Health Benefits – Aetna Medicare Advantage plan becomes your SECONDARY insurance. The majority of the time, you will need to only present your Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan membership card to the medical professional you are seeing. Your medical professional will submit billing to Aetna Medicare Advantage, who will coordinate processing of the claim with Medicare.

Change of Address and/or Financial Institution Changes

Please be sure to notify Pension and Benefits of any changes to your address and/or banking information. Any of these changes need to be reported immediately as to not affect the depositing of your monthly pension check, or receiving important benefit information by mail. Again, you can make these changes online through your MBOS account, but either way, please be sure they have your current address and banking information. Pensions and Benefits is the only one who has access to your account information. As I am not an employee of State of NJ, I do not have access to a retiree's personal information.

REPORTING A DEATH

Pensions and Benefits should be contacted as soon as possible regarding the death of a retiree OR spouse. Please contact them at 609-292-7524. It is recommended that this telephone number be written down and kept with your important papers so it is readily available when needed. The sooner they are contacted, the sooner any survivor benefits and insurance benefits can be completed. After contacting Pensions and Benefits, please reach out to Patti at the FTA office to notify the FTA office of any changes at 609-882-2000, EXT 2220.

Surviving Spouses of Retirees Tax Implications:

After the passing of a retiree or spouse, the surviving spouse will need to have the income tax adjusted for the pension. The default is set to 2 deductions and will need to be changed to "1" to offset any end of year tax "surprises." This can be done online through your MBOS account.

A **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT** is available to eligible retirees through the State of NJ. This life insurance benefit is provided through Prudential and the benefit is equal to 50% of the final year of salary of the retiree. This benefit is payable to your listed beneficiary. Beneficiary info can be accessed through your MBOS account, and if it needs to be changed, you can do it right online. If you do not have an MBOS account the form can be accessed through the first link listed above.

If you do not have computer access, you will need to contact Pensions and Benefits at 609-292-7524 and have them send you a form to change.

Information regarding death benefits can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact40.pdf>

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact10.pdf>

Information regarding Designation of Beneficiary:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/forms/eb0215.pdf>

For more information regarding this benefit and the Certificate of Group Life Insurance, click here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/pdf/life-sprs.pdf>

Any questions or concerns? Reach out to me, at anytime, by either phone or email My email is bjones@ftanjsp.org or at **609-649-3221**. If you know of a member who doesn't have computer access, please have them reach out to me.

Pensions and Benefits 609-292-7524
Patti FTA Office 609-882-2000 Ext 2220
Bessie FTA Consultant 609-649-3221

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and wonderful holiday season! Bessie

DIVISION ACTIVITIES



It is with great sorrow that Colonel Patrick J. Callahan announces the sudden passing of Sergeant Juan C. Fajardo #6564, Division Human Resources Section, Training Bureau, Armorer Unit, on November 9, 2021 from a motorcycle accident. Sgt. Fajardo enlisted in the State Police on April 29, 2005 and was a member of the 139th Class. He was an active member of the New Jersey Army National Guard. He is survived by his wife Adriana Fajardo, and three children Nicolas, Ava and Cristian. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, family and friends.

To keep us connected to the Division's various Sections, periodic updates to current investigations and notable stories will be included in our newsletters.

Stories courtesy of NJSP Public Information Office

State Police and Brigantine Police Solve 25-Year-Old Cold Case

DNA Evidence to Arrest Suspect for Sexual Assault of 10-year-old Girl

Brigantine, N.J. - The New Jersey State Police and Brigantine Police Department have charged Brian Lee Avis, 59, of Egg Harbor City, N.J., for the sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl during a 1996 home invasion, after detectives used DNA evidence to solve the 25-year-old cold case.

On July 19, 1996, the Brigantine Police Department responded to the report of a sexual assault at a local residence. A male suspect allegedly broke into the residence in the middle of the night and sexually assaulted a 10-year-old girl while she was sleeping.

Detectives collected evidence at the scene and obtained a DNA sample of the suspect from the victim's bed. The suspect's DNA profile had been generated in 2002 and was uploaded into the Combined DNA

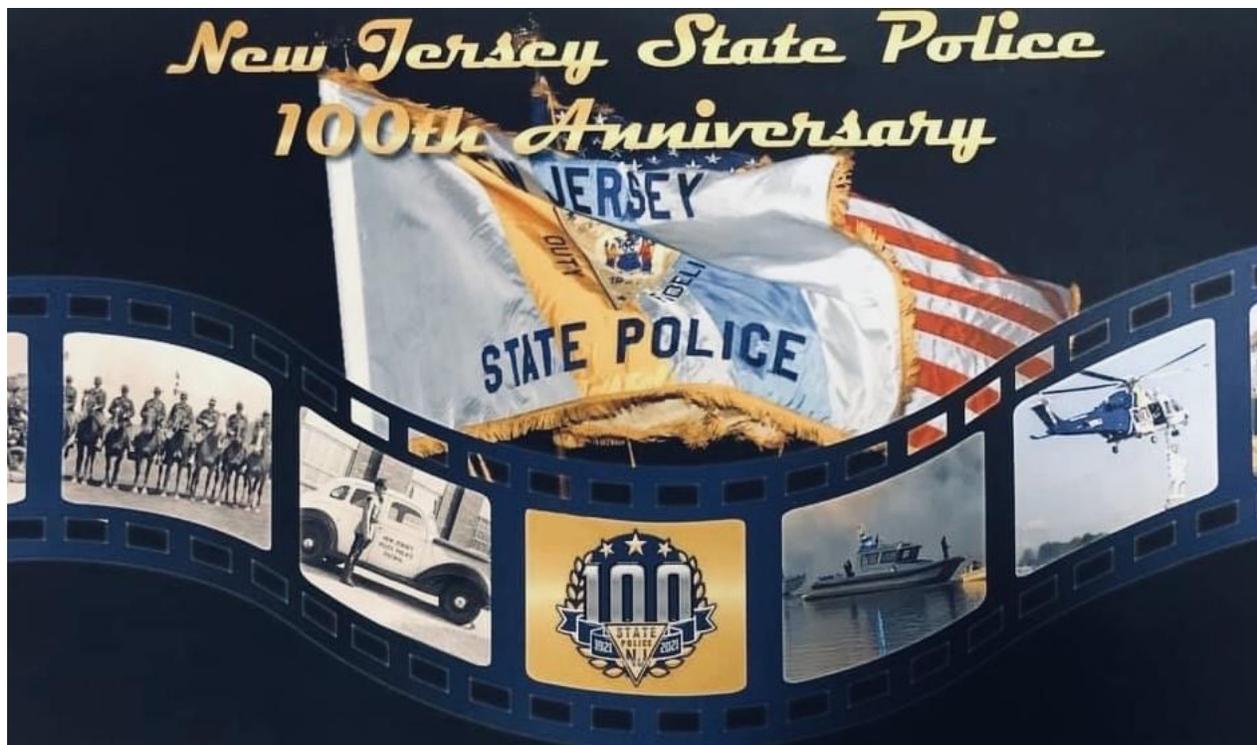
Index System (CODIS), which is a national DNA collection database, however there were no CODIS matches for the profile.

During the summers of 1995 and 1996, there were approximately 14 reported incidents of an individual engaging in voyeuristic behavior and attempted sexual assaults of two sleeping teenage girls in the Brigantine area. Investigators determined that the suspect lived in the vicinity, but he was never identified, and the cases remained unsolved.

In January of 2021, detectives from the New Jersey State Police Cold Case Unit and Brigantine Police Department reopened the case in a cooperative investigation. Detectives began working with the New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences (OFS) and a private company specializing in Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG). The evidence was resubmitted to OFS and a more robust DNA sample for the suspect was obtained. On July 26, 2021, detectives submitted the DNA to a private laboratory for analysis.

On September 12, detectives located Avis and executed a search warrant for his DNA. The sample was a positive match to the DNA obtained at the scene. On September 13, Avis was arrested for the aggravated sexual assault and lodged in Atlantic County Jail.

“The sanctity and security of a 10-year-old girl’s bedroom was violated by a heinous act committed 25 years ago, violently stripping her of her innocence resulting in emotional scars that are as fresh today as they were that fateful summer night in 1996,” said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan. “I commend our Cold Case Unit detectives and members of the Brigantine Police Department for reopening this case and working collaboratively by using modern technology to bring justice and closure for the victim.”





Major Michael Zimmerman #5235 and members from Troop D visited Liberty State Park in Jersey City with New York City in the backdrop on September 11, 2021 in remembrance of the 20th Anniversary of 911. Notable is that the steel beams behind the group were from the towers.



QUARTER CENTURY CLUB MEMORIAL DONATIONS

<u>Contributed by:</u>	<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
LTC Michael Fedorko #2375	LTC Robert Dunlop #2524	\$100.00
LTC Michael Fedorko #2375	Capt. Charles Kuyl #1894	\$100.00
Ronnie & Margaret Boykin	Capt. Thaddeus Kobiela #1209	\$30.00
Diane Feldman	Major Edward Martin #1215	\$100.00
John Hennessy #2109	In Honor of the 70 th Class	\$100.00
COL Carl A. Williams #1872	Lt. Milton Warner #1799	\$50.00
COL Carl A. Williams #1872	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$50.00
Paul Bershefski #2137	SFC Robert Bunting #2232	\$50.00
Edward & Suzanne Wuerker	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$35.00
Lt. Patrick Aramini #2843	Lt. John C. Fredricks #880	\$100.00
Sondra Wilhelm	SFC Fritz Wilhelm #1135	\$25.00
Anthony Scalzone #1270	Good of the Order	\$100.00
Constance Smith, Hartman	Lt. John Smith #803	\$100.00
Joyce, Tom, & Renee Marshall	Sgt. Donald Hillman #2294	\$100.00
Vince & Tina DeAngelis	Sgt. Donald Hillman #2294	\$100.00
Richard & Lynne Samalonis	Sgt. Donald Hillman #2294	\$100.00
LTC Lanny Roberson & Patricia	Deceased Members 77 th Class	\$50.00
LTC Lanny Roberson & Patricia	Lt. Bernard Gilbert #2445	\$50.00
LTC Lanny Roberson & Patricia	Lt. Andrew Cavaliere #2233	\$50.00
LTC Lanny Roberson & Patricia	SFC William Elliot #1026	\$50.00
Lt. Paul Heusser #2205	Beloved Wife Janice Heusser	\$25.00
Lt. Paul Heusser #2205	SFC Emil Deak #1091	\$25.00
Lt. Paul Heusser #2205	Lt. Samuel Cochrane #1057	\$25.00
Lt. Paul Heusser #2205	SGT. William McGuire #2973	\$25.00
Lt. Paul Heusser #2205	Lt. Joseph Zarrella #2230	\$25.00
Lt. Paul Heusser #2205	Lt. John Murphy #2218	\$25.00
Eleanor & Nelson Brown	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$25.00
Tracy Marguglio	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$50.00
Miriam Standish	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$100.00
Millio & Mae Grotti	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$50.00
Wayne & Josephine Wynn	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$50.00
Frank & Linda Szynal	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$35.00
Mary Garton	Lt. Edward Gay #1935	\$50.00

LAST PATROL

MAJOR JAMES E. CAMPBELL, #3233



CAMPBELL, JAMES E.

#3233 passed away on Nov. 25, 2021. He was 69 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on April 24, 1978 as a member of the 93B Class. He retired on Jan. 1, 2004. He is survived by his wife Monica Campbell, his daughter Erin Allsop, his son Andrew Campbell and one grandchild.

DSFC. CLIFFORD E. COYLE, #2370



COYLE, CLIFFORD E.

#2370 passed away on November 14, 2021. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on February 7, 1969 as a member of the 77th Class. He retired on September 1, 1989. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Marian, daughters Cynthia Daugherty, Corrine Coyle and Colleen Hanley, along with nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

SFC. PETER H. HANSEN SR., #2379



HANSEN SR., PETER H.

#2379 passed away on Nov. 20, 2021. He was 76 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on Feb. 7, 1969 as a member of the 77th Class. He retired on Feb. 1, 1995. He was predeceased by his daughter Debra Grady. He is survived by his wife Judith Hansen, his daughter Denise Hansen, his son Peter H. Hansen Jr. 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

SGT. JUAN C. FAJARDO, #6564



FAJARDO, JUAN C.

#6564 was an active duty Trooper who passed away on Nov. 9, 2021 as a result of a motorcycle accident. He was 41 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on April 29, 2005 as a member of the 139th Class. He was an active member of the NJ Army National Guard. He is survived by his wife Adriana Fajardo and three children Nicolas, Ava and Cristian.

SGT. DONALD J. HILLMAN, #2294



HILLMAN, DONALD J.

#2294 passed away on Oct. 25, 2021. He was 80 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on May 5, 1968 as a member of the 75th Class. He retired on June 1, 1993. He served in the US Marine Corps. He is survived by his sister Helen Allabaugh, niece Patricia Potter, great niece Jaclynn Potter and great nephew Dana Haney.

LIEUTENANT EDWARD J. GAY, #1935



GAY, EDWARD J.

#1935 passed away on October 13, 2021. He was 82 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on August 17, 1964 as a member of the 65th Class. He retired on July 1, 1991. He served in the US Army. He was survived by his wife Jane, his son Edward J. Gay, his daughters Denise Wynn, Heather Gay, Kimberly Scott and 7 grandchildren.

DSG. RICHARD LASASSO, #2792



LASASSO, RICHARD

#2792 passed away on October 6, 2021. He was 78 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on December 17, 1971 as a member of the 86th Class. He retired on February 1, 1997. He is survived by his wife Karen, daughter Gabriella, sons Richard and Gary and 3 grandchildren.

TPR I MICHAEL J. QUERUBIN, #3930



QUERUBIN, MICHAEL

J. #3930 passed away on October 3rd, 2021. He was 76 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on January 20, 1984 as a member of the MV Class and retired after 25 years of service. He was a US Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Diana B. Querubin as well as three daughters, Michele, Dena and Nicole. In addition, he is survived by 7 grandchildren.

SGT. VINCENT J. CASALE, #3850



CASALE, VINCENT J.

#3850 passed away on October 8, 2021. He enlisted in the State Police on January 20, 1984 as a member of the MV Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant in 2002. He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star w/ "V" device for Valor. He is survived by his wife Judith Casale, son Vincent Casale and his wife Carmen, daughter Maria Maiocco and her husband Thomas and grandson Kevin.

DSFC. WAYNE K. YOUNG, #3075



YOUNG, WAYNE K. SR.,

#3075 passed away on Sept. 29, 2021. He was 74 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on January 30, 1975 as a member of the 91st Class. He retired on Dec. 1, 2001. He served in the US Air Force. He was predeceased by his daughter Kelly Young-Favors. He is survived by his wife Lois, his son Wayne Young Jr., his daughter Damita Young-Clevenger and eight grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. JARMAN, #1711



JARMAN, ROBERT J.

#1711 passed away on September 27, 2021. He was 83 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on October 2, 1961 as a member of the 58th Class and retired on August 1, 1987. He is survived by his Wife Anne and four children: Holly Grube, Drew Jarman, Curtis Jarman and Craig Jarman.

SFC. DENNIS O'DEA, #6652



O'DEA, DENNIS

#6652 passed away on Sept. 26, 2021 after a long illness. He was 39 years old and an active member of the NJ State Police. He enlisted in the State Police on May 8, 2005 as a member of the 140th Class. He died on Sept. 26, 2021. He is survived by his wife Danielle and one daughter.

**LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. WARNER
#1799**



WARNER, ROBERT M.

#1799 passed away on September 23, 2021. He was 80 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on October 29, 1962 as a member of the 60th Class. He retired on May 1, 1985. He served in the US Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife Lynne, two daughters Tiffany Pape and Jennifer Warner, brother Raymond Warner, sister Marie Grace, and 5 grandchildren.

LIEUTENANT CARLO CAPRA, #3847



CAPRA, CARLO

#3847 passed away on August 26, 2021. He was 80 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on December 1, 1984 as a member of the MV Class. He retired on July 1, 1996. He is survived by his wife Margaret Capra, his sons Joseph Korchick, Louis Korchick, Jeffrey Korchick, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

TPR. TIMOTHY HANRATTY, #5276



HANRATTY, TIMOTHY

#5276 passed away on September 16, 2021. He was 52 years old. He enlisted in the State Police on April 7, 1995 as a member of the 115th Class. He retired on Jan. 1, 2000. He is survived by his Wife Nicole and three children, Rory, Thomas and Kate Hanratty. His Brother Thomas Hanratty #4971, 112th Class, was killed in the line of duty on April 2, 1992 on I-78 struck by a vehicle as a pedestrian returning to his Troop car while on patrol.

Jeanne M. Thompson, passed away on November 20, 2021. She is survived by her husband, **Sgt William E. Thompson, #1555** (Retired) and her two daughters Linda Gorhan and Deborah Hensly.

LETTERS TO THE FTA

Dear Nick,

Thank-you so much for extending your generosity to pay for the tickets to the Trooper Cocktail Party on Oct. 1st. My husband Dennis and I had a great time. I am a member of the Survivor's Group as the sister of Joseph DeFrino.

Thanks Again!

Sincerely,

Jackie Lynch

DEAR NJFTHF (NJ FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION)

THANK-YOU FOR SELECTING ME FOR THE 2021 NJFTHF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD. I APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO APPLYING THE SCHOLARSHIP TOWARDS MY EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE.

MADELINE ISNER

Dear Mr. Wren,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the N.J. Former Troopers Heritage Foundation Scholarship Award possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor, and I am deeply appreciative of your support. I am truly honored to be a member of the NJ State Police Family. I will be starting my freshman year at the University of Penn this fall. The financial assistance you have provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard, and I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

Jake Inserra

Col. Callahan, Troop B Headquarters, the Former Troopers Association and the NCO

For the past several weeks since my husband Vincent's passing I have attempted to put into words the gratitude I have felt for each and every one of you but each time words didn't seem adequate and quite honestly I couldn't finish without completely breaking down.

Vincent had such love and respect for each one of you. He loved every aspect of the State Police and couldn't bear to leave after retirement which is why he came back when the situation presented.

He was the personification of Honor, Duty, and Fidelity. Vinnie was truly a family man. He so loved bringing in the troopers' families and sponsoring such events as Bring Your Child to Work, the Yankees Outing and the Family Christmas party. He believed that spouses and their children deserved to be honored with these events because of the sacrifices they also made along the way. He also knew that to accomplish these events and others that the Troop B store was the key to funding these and other events. That is why he was devoted to the Troop B store and such a stickler for running things correctly.

I always hesitated asking Vinnie to retire a second time because I knew the happiness it brought him. He thought of all of you as family and with his passing I now truly appreciate the word "family." The love and support that everyone from Col. Callahan, Troop B Headquarters, the Former Troopers Association and the NCO has shown is truly unbelievable. The attention to detail that the State Police provided brought much solace to the Casale Family during a very dark period. This kindness will never be forgotten.

Forever grateful,

Judy Casale

FTA EXECUTIVE STAFF

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – NICHOLAS C. SORANNO, JR., #3065
VICE PRESIDENT – GEORGE J. WREN, JR., #3680
SECRETARY – RAYMOND J. CHINTALL, #3234
TREASURER – HEIDI S. SCRIPTURE, #3579
SERGEANT AT ARMS – PATRICK J. REILLY, JR., #3570
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER – AL DELLA FAVE, #4040
CORPORATE COUNSEL – CARL J. SORANNO, ESQ.

DIRECTORS

JOSEPH J. CRAPAROTTA, #1631
MICHAEL W. McLAUGHLIN, #2118
KENNETH F. WONDRAK, #2363
WILLIAM T. TRUMP, #2516
ERNEST J. VOLKMAN, #2547
JOSEPH A. CANNATELLA, #2852
DAVID SCUREMAN, #2924
ROBERT R. WILK, ESQ., #3603

PAST PRESIDENTS

1959-1961	JOHN GENZ, #602	1980-1981	JOHN D. HUNT, #558
1961-1963	JOHN B. WALLACE, #253	1981-1982	ARTHUR S. HAUSSLER, #471
1963-1964	RAYMOND J. WIRTH, #451	1982-1983	JOHN A. SMITH, #803
1964-1965	PRIOR DOUGHERTY, #397	1983-1984	WILLARD L. McELROY, #627
1965-1966	JOHN A. ZEIS, #513	1984-1985	ALFRED W. UKER, #738
1966-1967	ALEXANDER R. BOLEN, #457	1985-1986	RAYMOND GRACE, #761
1967-1968	WILLIAM P. KELLY, #243	1987-1989	SAM CUNNINGHAME, #1396
1968-1968	ROBERT P. BENJAMIN, #317	1990-1991	EDWARD ROWLAND, #1182
1969-1970	PAUL L. BELLOCCHIO, #743	1992-1993	JOHN McGRATH, #961
1970-1971	CHARLES H. SCHOEFFEL, #84	1994-1995	PHILLIP O'REILLY, #733
1971-1972	EDWARD BAER, #225	1995-1996	JOHN PALLOTTA, #1589
1972-1973	JOHN FITZSIMMONS, #700	1996-1996	WILLIAM O'CONNOR, #1114
1973-1974	DONALD M. WISHAM, #688	1996-1999	JOHN MCGANN, #1218
1974-1975	JOHN C. DOYLE, #287	2000-2003	WILLIAM TOWNSEND, #1620
1975-1976	BERNARD J. RYAN, #445	2004-2007	GEORGE T. COYLE, SR., #1528
1976-1977	EDWARD NETTERMAN, #488	2008-2009	HARRY C. McCURDY, #2117
1977-1978	STANLEY WEPPEL, #812	2010-2011	WILLIAM F. YODICE, #2165
1978-1979	JOHN C. CRAWFORD, #256	2012-2017	SAL MAGGIO, #2177
1979-1980	CARL A. DERESKEWICZ, #521		

THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS

P.O. Box 7852
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628
609-882-2000 x:2220
fta@ftanjsp.org

TRUE BLUE & GOLD IS PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS, INC., FOR THE EXPRESSED KNOWLEDGE AND BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS. THE REUSE, REPUBLISH, OR REPRINT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT! WHILE THE INFORMATION PUBLISHED HAS BEEN VERIFIED TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THERE ARE NO MISTAKES OR ERRORS.

NICHOLAS C. SORANNO, JR. – PRESIDENT

CORPORATE COUNSEL
CARL J. SORANNO, ESQ

PATRICK J. REILLY, JR. – EDITOR

MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION AND ORDER FORMS

FTA VOLUNTEERS

Name _____ Badge# _____

Address _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email _____

I would like to volunteer to serve as: (please list your preference(s)): _____

Mail to: **FTA, P.O. Box 7852, West Trenton, NJ 08628**

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB DONATIONS

Contributor's Name _____ Badge# _____

Contributor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Donation made in Memory Of _____ Badge _____

Relationship with contributor, if any _____

Or "For the Good of the Order" _____ Amount Donated \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:
N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 7852, WEST TRENTON, NJ 08628

DECAL ORDERS

Please send me _____ FTA Decals at \$3.21 per decal (*sales tax included*), totaling \$ _____
plus \$2.14 *postage & handling* for (1-9 decals) ... \$ _____
or \$3.21 *postage & handling* for (10 or more decals) ... \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____ Badge # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:
TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC., P.O. BOX 7852, WEST TRENTON, NJ 08628



AUTO SHIELDS

The **ASSOCIATION OF FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS, INC.**, in fellowship with **TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.**, has authorized the sale and display of the pictured Auto Shield. Each shield bears a registration number assigned to the buyer. Proceeds benefit the many charities undertaken by the FTA organizations.

To purchase a shield, simply contact **TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.**, @ (609) 882-2000 X:3067. Each shield now costs \$148.94 (shipping, handling, and sales tax included).

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PAVER PROJECT21

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 of the State Police Memorial Association's 'Walk of Honor' still has room.

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 our website.





**SPECIAL
PRICING**

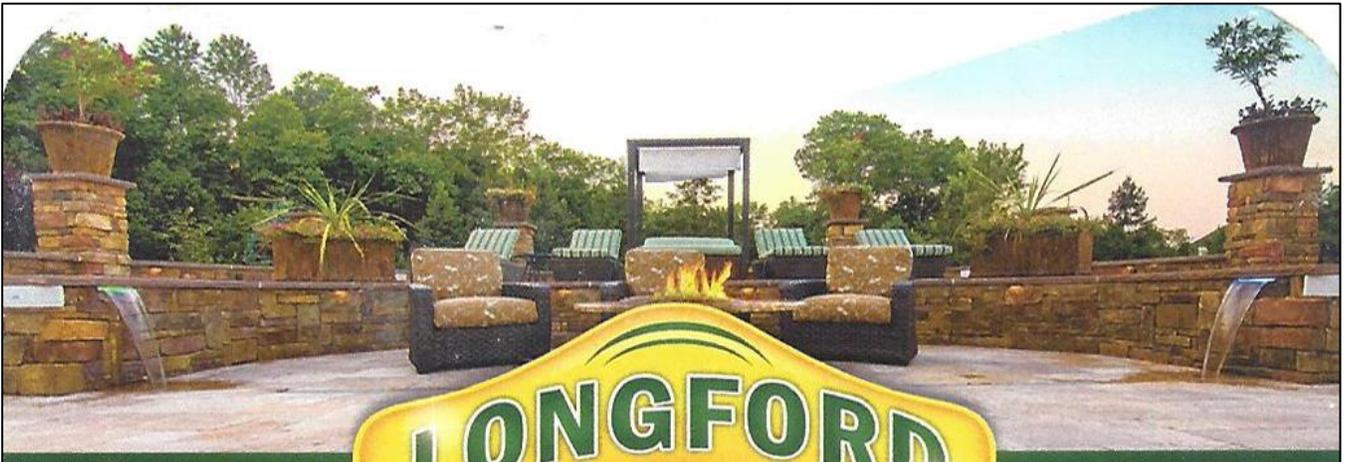
**FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT
PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES**



**EXCLUSIVE FORD & CHEVY PROGRAM PRICING
THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES:**
*UP FRONT NO HASSLE PRICING
*FORD & CHEVY REWARDS PROGRAMS
*PARTS/SERVICE/ACCESSORY DISCOUNTS
*DONATIONS TO POLICE CHARITIES & EVENTS

**VISIT US ONLINE
GENTILINIMOTORS.COM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
JUSTIN CANDELORO | PROGRAM DIRECTOR
OFFICE: (609) 861-9000 EXT: 202
JUSTINCANDELORO@GENTILINIMOTORS.COM



LONGFORD

"YOUR FULL SERVICE COMPANY"

947 Kuser Road ♦ Hamilton, NJ 08619
www.longfordlandscape.com

MICHAEL CONBOY
Owner

YOUR JOURNEY IS UNIQUE - IS YOUR PATH FORWARD CLEAR?

Let's make sure you've invested wisely, your wealth is preserved, and your retirement is everything you want it to be.

LET US HELP YOU:

Take advantage of the Medicare plans based on your health needs

Meet your required RMD and use it as a wealth transfer vehicle

Explore your long-term care coverage options

Maximize your Social Security benefit

Invest to help mitigate inflation risk



Christina A. Nash, CFP®
Founding Partner & Financial Adviser
National Social Security Advisor Certificate Holder

Knox Grove Financial, LLC
2 Tree Farm Road, Suite B100
Pennington, NJ 08534
609-216-7440

KnoxGrove FINANCIAL | YOUR PATH FORWARD

Securities and investment advisory services offered through Royal Alliance Associates Inc. member FINRA/SIPC. Royal Alliance Associates, Inc. is separately owned and other entities and/or marketing names, products or services referenced here are independent of Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.

NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPER

APPRAISAL REFUNDED AT CLOSING UP TO \$495

CALL 973-699-1983

Dear Trooper:

Please allow me to introduce myself and Prime Time Mortgage Corp. I have had the privilege of being personally involved with the mortgage related needs of New Jersey State Troopers and L.E. since 2004. The mortgage lending environment has changed dramatically over the course of the last few years. The needs of consumers have also changed. It is no longer possible to "place an order" for a mortgage loan. Federal and State Regulators demand meticulously originated mortgage loan files for the extension of new credit. My expertise and reputation with dozens of Troopers rests upon making the process as painless as possible. We are direct lenders.

Whether you are a first time homebuyer with a 3% down payment or a seasoned homeowner in need of a refinance, I will help you navigate the process. Prime Time Mortgage Corp. offers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac conventional and jumbo loan programs with fixed interest rates. FHA, VA, USDA and Reverse loan programs with fixed interest rates are also available. Each Trooper has unique needs. It is my job to identify the correct loan program. Most importantly, special consideration is given

to New Jersey State Troopers, New Jersey State Employees and their families. Competitive loan terms with NO closing costs are made available. I will also provide a proposal with low closing costs so that you are able to make an educated decision. The nicest phone call that I get is when a Troop is simply looking for advice. If you are already working with another lender, I am happy to help you understand the loan terms and provide reassurance. I pride myself on the fact that there is never any pressure to do business with Prime Time Mortgage Corp. Please keep us in mind for any mortgage related needs. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime directly at 973-699-1983 anytime 24/7/365.

Sincerely,
Louis G. Schornstein
Vice President
NMLS #5490

Prime Time Mortgage Corp. 275 Route 22 East Springfield, NJ 07081 We do not offer unqualified access to credit. Subject to underwriting and appraisal approval. We arrange loans with third party providers. Licensed Lender by the N.J. Department of Banking and Insurance, Registered Broker by the N.Y. State Banking Department. 11.7.19
A+ rated MEMBER OF THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU



T: (888)999-1929

F: (973)218-0022

NMLS#5463



TILL THE NEXT EDITION
BE SAFE, ENJOY LIFE AND SEE YOU IN 2022