

2020 FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR!



It is with great pleasure that the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers announce **Major Albert Della Fave, #4040 (Ret)** as the recipient of the Association's 2020 Former Trooper of the Year Award! Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of meeting Al knows him to be a consummate professional and a true, "Gentlemen in the saddle."

A proud member of the 102nd Class, Al's enlistment began on June 16, 1985. Following posting in Troop 'C,' Al was well known and respected as an Instructor at the State Police Academy and then as the Director of Communications of the Public Information Office. As the Outfit's chief spokesperson, Al guided communication and positive public relations between the New Jersey State Police and its constituency. Never hesitating to assist anyone within or

outside the Outfit, Al became tremendously active regarding community/media issues, transforming a public information approach from defensive and reactive to engaging and proactive by instituting a first, "full-service" media relations office. Promoted in 2008 to Major, Al was assigned to the Regional Operations Intelligence Center as Task Force Commander, where he served until his retirement for State Police service on November 1, 2009. An active member of the Pipes & Drums of the Blue and Gold since 2001, Al also fills in for Santa Clause at the Division Christmas Party annually!

In retirement, Al has served as the Press Information Officer at the NY/NJ Port Authority Police Department and the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and does freelance media consulting for law enforcement executives in the Tri-State area. Active in the Ocean and Monmouth County 200 Clubs, Al has also served as a School Resource Officer in Toms River.

Supported by his lovely wife Diane, son Albert, and daughter Alyssa, Al is very faithful to his church and is a driving force with the Societa' Madonna Dei Martiri in Hoboken, where each year the Societa' awards scholarship checks during the event to Community Funds, Inc, an organization that represents 60 residents of Hoboken that lost their lives in the 911 attacks. A member in good standing of the FTA since October 2008, Al serves as our Public Information Officer and has done a spectacular job on our social media platforms! Please join us in congratulating Major Albert Della Fave, #4040 (Ret) for his exceptional and continuing service!

Please forward all future Letters of Nomination for this prestigious award to the FTA office for consideration by the Former Trooper of the Year Awards Committee. A copy of the award criteria can be found on our FTA web site and at:

<https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTOYcriteria.pdf>.

My Sincerest Regards,
Capt. Nicholas Soranno, #3065 (Ret)
President – Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers