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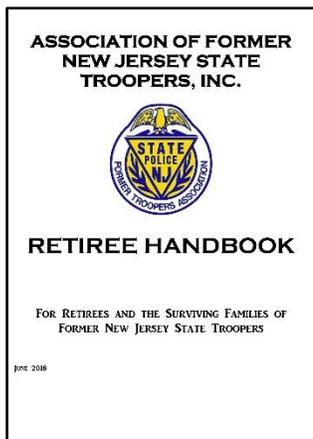
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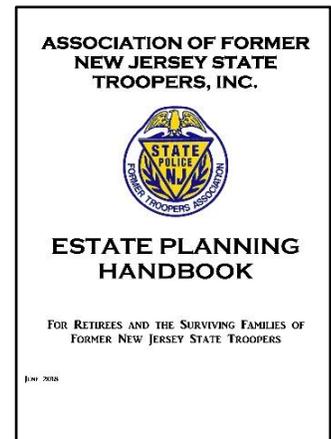
RETIREE HANDBOOKS!

Earlier this year I decided that after eleven-years it was time to update our Retiree Handbooks! You may remember those printed booklets with the light blue covers that Gail use to mail you when you joined the Association. They were put together by Debbie Chesko back in 2007 as a tool to use in your retirement. What a great idea! Unfortunately, the concept fell on deaf ears, and here we are eleven-years later and its fallen by the wayside. Well, they've been updated, and are now offered in a digital format for your review and use. I can't say this enough, please use these handbooks! They are there for you as members of the Association to use in your retirement, but more importantly, they are there for your family to use when you are gone. We've all heard horror stories about how hard it was to find information, and even harder to find documentation to settle an estate. Well, now you've got no excuse!

The Retiree Handbook is intended as a source of information for survivors of retirees as to the policies and procedures your survivors will need to follow upon your passing. What pension and benefits they are entitled to, and the procedure for applying for entitlements. Sounds simple enough, it's not! Without having the necessary information readily at hand, your survivors are immediately faced with a bureaucracy you wouldn't wish on anyone. The Retiree Handbook serves as an information repository for who they need to contact and what information they need to file.



The Estate Planning Handbook goes hand-in-hand with the Retiree Handbook. While the name may fool some into thinking this booklet is for planning your estate, its not! It is about you, planning to lay out your estate for your survivors upon your passing. Simply put, its an opportunity for you to document everything, in one simple place, for your survivors to use upon your passing. Ever try to find a savings account you started 60-years ago, or a life insurance policy you forgot about 40-years ago. Imagine your survivors trying to locate them. Do yourself a favor, and your surviving family and friends a great service. Use the updated handbooks, before it too late! You'll be glad you did, and your family will remember why you did it!



Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/RetireeHandbook.pdf> and <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/EstatePlanningHandbook.pdf> to view and copy these important Retiree Handbooks, or find them on the Association's, 'Members Only' web page!

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

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COLONEL'S COMMENTS



By the time you receive this newsletter, perhaps the dog days of summer will be behind us! I know that was not the case on the day of the FTA Annual Picnic but even the heat and the humidity could not stifle the sense of camaraderie and tradition I had the pleasure of witnessing at the picnic. From the “war stories” of salty Road Dogs and Detectives to the comical anecdotes of Academy Instructors, it always serves The Outfit well to get together at events like this to remind us to never forget where we came from while still focusing on the road ahead and where we are going. My heartfelt thanks to the FTA for putting together another phenomenal picnic.

As with previous newsletters, I also would like to take this opportunity to offer a few updates with regards to a few topics associated with the Division. The 158th State Police Class graduated on July 13, 2018 when we welcomed 161 new troopers into the ranks. For those of you wondering what badge number we are up to, Trooper David Zurla #8265 of Sussex Station holds the current honor of most junior member of the Division. The 159th Class remains on track to start training in January 2019 and we are hopeful that the 160th Class gets moved up to start training in August 2019. A new process should also be opening up online within the next few months to solicit a new pool of applicants for the 161st Class and beyond.

The State Police Chase was another tremendous success. A special thanks to Colonel Carl Williams and all of the volunteers who worked so diligently to coordinate this effort. Although the rain came down heavily during the race, we were honored to have Governor Phil Murphy, First Lady Tammy Murphy, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, and Director Jared Maples of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness join us to support the State Police Memorial Association and the Division. Governor Murphy also attended our annual Survivors of the Triangle event in May where we honor all of those troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Most recently, the Governor insisted we hold a ceremony to honor Trooper Marc Castellano #6397 with the dedication of the section of Interstate 195 which came about as a result of the Governor signing the bill to do so. The Governor’s continued support and attendance at events like this has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated by all of us.

I continue to host a “Colonel’s Run” once a month and find it an invaluable way to connect with members throughout the Division. Our run is followed by either breakfast or lunch and the dialogue is always valuable regardless of who is in attendance. I also had the chance to run with the 158th Class as they neared the end of their training. On a gorgeous Friday afternoon, I led the Class on a run to the beach which concluded with all of us, including the Academy Instructors and the 161 recruits, going for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean. It was inspiring to see the sense of team that ran through each and every recruit as they all spontaneously started chanting “158, 158” as the waves broke over us. I challenged them to never lose that sense of pride over the course of their careers and to draw upon that Atlantic Ocean memory when tough times befall them.

I am also pleased to announce the recent promotions of Major Fritz Frage and Major Geoff Noble to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Lt. Colonel Frage is now in command of the Regional Operations Intelligence Center and Lt. Colonel Noble is the Deputy Superintendent of Administration. I would also be remiss if I did not wish Lt. Colonel Steve Shallop and his family all the best in his well-deserved retirement having served more than 29 years with the Division.

Lastly, it was my pleasure to host the 12 Colonels from the North Atlantic Region States for the annual IACP, State and Provincial Conference in Jersey City this past July. The two-day conference was viewed as a great success and I could not have been more impressed by our members who presented on various topics including Crime Gun Intelligence, Drug Monitoring Initiative, Cyber Crimes and our new Office of Peer Advocacy just to name a few

highlights. I remain convinced that when State Police agencies around the nation are faced with a challenge, they will continue to ask, “What is the New Jersey State Police doing about this?” That question is often asked because of the steadfast commitment, professionalism and dedication of the men and women of The Outfit!

God Bless you all and stay safe out there!
Colonel Patrick J. Callahan #5243

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope all of you have enjoyed your summer, making precious memories with your family and friends. Although social media can be questionable, it is a great way that we can stay in touch with people that have touched and influenced our lives in this journey.

Since the last newsletter, we hosted our Spring General Membership Meeting, Troop Get-Togethers, and the Annual Picnic. The General Meeting was very informative, and the consensus of those who attended the picnic was “a great success.”

Nearly 500 attendees gathered at the picnic, with faces that we have not seen in years. Classes got together to celebrate milestones. Colonel Callahan and his staff were in attendance, with representation from the Mounted Troopers, the Pipe Band, and the Aviation Unit. I would like to personally thank and congratulate Board Secretary, Ray Chintall, his committee, and all the volunteers who donated their time to make it a great success and a memorable event.



The Executive Board has appointed William Trump as our Sergeant at Arms. At the Spring General Meeting, Terry Hennessey formally assumed the Office of Treasurer for the FTA, while Dave Scureman, Robert Wilk, and Ernie Volkmann were officially nominated to the positions of FTA Directors.

Mrs. Joan Trump, the spouse of William Trump, is a CPA and has vast experience in charitable, non-profit organizations. Joan has volunteered her time and accepted the Office of Treasurer of the Heritage Foundation. With Joan's experience, I am confident that the fund-raising efforts for our charitable affiliate will be managed properly as we forge ahead with our mission and goals. I personally want to thank them all and look forward to working with Joan Trump.

Upon taking over as President, I assured you that with the present executive board and directors, this organization will operate more as a business, while not forgetting the social aspect of our Association. Therefore, the stigma that I have heard over the past 10 years when the organization was referred to as, “The Good Old Boys Club,” will not be the case. I am committed to make decisions allowing us to be much more effective and efficient. Furthermore, we will be increasing our efforts to bring younger retirees and active duty Troopers into our membership.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for your continued support. God bless all of you, and God bless the New Jersey State Police.

Warmest Regards,
Nick Soranno

FTA FALL MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, starting at 10:00 a.m. 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 to lunch immediately following.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

Preserved in the John F. Kennedy Library And Museum is a transcript of an interview between then Senator John F. Kennedy and Walter Cronkite, leading up to the 1960 Presidential Election. In it Cronkite closed-out the interview with this simple question: “Senator, one final question: What single quality do you think will be the most important that you take to the White House?” Kennedy replied: “Well, I think I’ve had – a historical view of the United States and of its relations through the world. I’ve been interested in it really since I was very young, and I think a sense of the past where we have been in this country, the relations in Europe, will be a great help in the future. I remember a story about many of the papers prepared by some talented young men at the Versailles Conference, on the future of Europe, were based on recommendations by Tallyrand at the end of the Napoleonic Wars at the meeting at Vienna. I think that Lincoln said, ‘Until you know where you have been, you don’t know where you are going.’ And that’s the way I feel. I think a, of course, a sense of responsibility, and a sense of great interest in our country, and also a sense of the historical past here and through the world, I think are very valuable for the future.”¹

You’re probably wondering, what does this have to do with the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers? Well, it doesn’t have anything to do with politics, and I’m not polling anyone to see you liked Kennedy, or not. It has to do with his answer to Cronkite’s question. Kennedy, like countless others have credited Abraham Lincoln as saying many profound quotes, including this one, “Until you know where you have been, you don’t know where you are going.” I’ve looked, and the closest quote attributed to Lincoln is, “If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do, and how to do it. While Kennedy may have only been paraphrasing Lincoln, his answer can and quite possibly, should be applied to most people and most organizations. Does your history lead to where you are going, your future?

The April issue of this newsletter led off with an overview of the founding of our Association. The initial review of our founding documents was what Kennedy was talking about, how his learning of history through papers prepared, documenting events through the ages, gave him an insight into the present, and quite possibly the future. That premise has now led to the formal documentation of our past, via the digital archiving of our historical papers. Unfortunately, our research has revealed many gaps in our historical record. As such, as Chairman of the Administration Committee, I respectfully request anyone who has copies of past Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, and any other relevant documentation surrounding our Association to please call or email our Office. If you possess copies of records we’re missing, we will gladly make arrangements to have them copied and returned to you. With your help, I am confident we can fill in those gaps and complete the continuing historical record of our “Outfit,” via the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers. Thank you.

As you well know, I continue to keep in contact with our own ‘Marathon Man,’ and 2016 recipient of the FTA Former Trooper of the Year Award, Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*), here’s the latest updates from John:

¹ JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM – John F. Kennedy Speeches – Interview of Senator John F. Kennedy by Walter Cronkite, September 16, 1960. https://www.jfklibrary.org/Research/Research-Aids/JFK-Speeches/Cronkite-Interview_19600919.aspx September 30, 2018.

April 30, 2018: President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that December 7, 1941 was, "A date that will live in infamy." Well my FTA members, April 16, 2018 rivals that description, however under different circumstances. Toed the line at 10:50am, in the village of Hopkington, MA for the start of the 2018/122nd running of the Boston Marathon. Temperature 37 degrees, squally rain with downpours, and 24 miles per hour winds from the east (In your face), gusting to 30-40 mph. AWAY WE GO!!! Four hours, 13 minutes and 36 seconds (4:13:36) later, I crossed the finish line in Boston, earning a second place, silver award, and a return to the World Stage for my efforts.

There is nothing further that I can say about the race, except that it was total endurance. What does the future bring? The 2018 Boston Marathon was probably my final attempt at the iconic race. Having competed eleven times, I am proud to claim the following age group podium finishes: One 1st, three 2nd, and two 3rd, along with that 5 other finishes ranging from 4th thru 10th. Notable, having finished in the top 10 in all eleven races.



John Ouweleen, #1759 receives his 2018 Boston Marathon Award Cup & Medal!

So, now it is time to move on. There are many World Class Races that are being conducted in the spring of the year that I have eluded in favor of the iconic Boston.

Think Paris, France - April 14, 2019????

June 26, 2018: Things appear to be changing! In my April 30th report, I eluded to 2018 being my last Boston, and would be looking forward to new challenges, particularly Paris. Well, entry procedures have not gone well, and one glaring issue that stands out, is that it is a race that I cannot win my age group. To explain, Paris does not portray the usual age groups, ie: (40-44) - (45-49) - (50-54) - etc. Paris employs, Veterans 1, 2, 3 and Seniors (Which are elites). The age groups are 10 years apart. In my case, at age 78, it might even be more.

By virtue of my 2nd place finish at the 2018 Boston, I will be receiving as an award of a complimentary entry (Worth \$185,00) into the 2019 Boston Marathon. The offer will be

made approximately mid-August. I'm going to exercise my privilege and accept the offer, and at any time I desire to change my mind, I can decline.

Now, this is what I have done this month. I have not scheduled a race until the Space Coast Half Marathon, planned for November 25, 2018. I searched around for a quality race for the early fall, to serve as a tune-up for Space Coast. I discovered a BIG, VERY BIG race, that I have registered for. Thru USATF (USA Track and Field) I was introduced to WMA (World Masters Athletics). At this point, I was completely oblivious of WMA. I learned that the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) is the governing body for sports and athletics, and has commissioned WMA to conduct a bi-annual Masters (Age 35 and above) World Championship Marathon. It appears that this has been going on for several years, and on each occasion, it appears in a different part of the world. This year, 2018, the race will be conducted on October 21st, and it will be presented in conjunction with the Canadian National Championship in Toronto, Canada. The race is titled, "Scotia Bank Waterfront Toronto Marathon," and will reflect an Olympic style atmosphere. AND, I AM IN!!!! This will be an exciting challenge that will bring the world's best Masters' to the world stage. I am certainly looking forward to compete, and as always, represent.

So that's the update. The number one thing is that I am healthy, ready to compete, and represent the good old New Jersey State Police/Former Troopers Association.

Congratulations John and best of luck in October at the Scotia Bank Waterfront Toronto Marathon, and in November at the Space Coast Half Marathon. We'll be rooting for you, every step of the way!

In closing, I'd like to bring your attention to the plight of a fellow Jersey Trooper and his family who are in need of some very special help. Sergeant First Class Daniel J. White, #4256 (*Ret*) and his two older brothers, Bobby - a former Highlands Police Officer and Richard are now in end stage renal failure, all suffering from Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD). Bobby and Richard have been on dialysis for a couple years, and time is growing short for Dan.

PKD runs in families. It's an inherited disorder that is passed from parents to children through their genes. Dan's father died at sixty-three from kidney failure. The disease has hit everyone in their family for several generations. Unfortunately, their kidneys are failing at a younger and younger rate. Dan's two sons (25 and 27) both have PKD.

Dan retired seven years ago after serving for 25-years in the Outfit. He knew what the future would bring, and he wanted to be able to enjoy life as much as possible before the inevitable came along. At only fifty-four years young, time is running out. Without a donor, Dan will be forced to begin dialysis while waiting for a kidney to be donated.

Dan and his brothers are registered at Saint Barnabus Hospital in Livingston, NJ. Dan's girlfriend, Felicia Cooper has volunteered to be the family's initial point of contact for potential donors, so as not to overwhelm the hospital. She has published two detailed historical articles on social media in an effort to get the word out on this family's plight, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/416107761837371/posts/1796244613823672/> and/or <http://www.lovethearmy.com/my-boyfriend-and-his-brothers-are-literally-dying-dan-is-one-of-4-children-all-affected-by-kidney-disease/>.

As a Former Jersey Trooper, SFC Daniel J. White, #4256 (*Ret*) is part of our Outfit, part of our family, and his family is part of our extended family, a family made up of each of our own. Daniel and his family need our support. If you are able, show the support you could only appreciate if you were in his position. Check out Felicia's Internet information and help a fellow Jersey Trooper and his family in their time of need.

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

FEATURED MEMBER

Lieutenant Colonel Robert D. member of the 80th State Police Academy in West Trenton, New career spanned over thirty-years, 2000, when he retired as a New Jersey State Police. Starting began his career at Woodstown quickly to become a Station Major Crimes Unit at Division through the ranks and finished his

I met Dunny at the Woodstown was Dunny's first I knew Dunny was a Vietnam Veteran, however we Vietnam. We were both in 1967 to 1968. Dunny was one tack appearance-wise, and spoken to at the Woodstown "Bob is going to be one heck of a

Bob was tough as nails. We Woodstown and we played in the You couldn't hurt Dunny. I recall under the lights in Pennsville. Dunny got us all together before we took the field and said, "Guys, you know what they said they were going to do to us tonight, because we are Troopers, so let's get 'em." I was running the ball back on a kickoff and was flattened by two of the other team's guys. This was supposed to have been rough touch, not tackle. Dunny saw that they were attempting to intimidate us, and he wouldn't have any parts of it. He was phenomenal that night. He did it all and we won the game. Guys from the other team wanted to know who the red headed kid was that ran around like a crazy man. They just didn't come any tougher than Dunny.

Dunny and I began to go out socially and talking about our families. I learned that while he was born in Camden City, New Jersey on March 8, 1947, he grew up in Hershey, Pennsylvania and went to the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Milton Hershey School is a private boarding school in Hershey, Pennsylvania, originally established for impoverished, healthy, male orphans, while today it serves students of various backgrounds. After graduating from high school in 1965, Bob joined the United States Army and became a member of the 101st Airborne Division, the "Screaming Eagles." He served in Vietnam where he was severely wounded in the head by an enemy hand grenade in 1967. That same day, six other members of his company were killed during this battle. Bob received the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge. Bob recovered from his injuries and completed a three-year hitch in the Army. Bob has a brother and a stepsister. His brother was in Vietnam at the same time Dunny was and he too, was wounded and survived.

Bob, Tom McCreight, #1942 and I went to Camden County College and Stockton State College under the GI Bill together and graduated in 1976. All of us received our Bachelor's Degree. Dunny went on to get his Master's Degree at Seton Hall University.

We left Woodstown and met up again while stationed on the New Jersey Turnpike at the Moorestown Station. We both belonged to Jim Corea's Gym in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, along with about another 100 Troopers.



"Dunny" Dunlop, #2524 is a Class. A graduate from the Jersey, on February 6, 1970, his until his retirement on July 1, Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) of the out as an "A" Trooper, Dunny Station. He advanced very Detective and then on to the Headquarters. He was promoted career as an LTC.

Woodstown Station in 1971. and second station, and my third. Veteran and he knew I was a never talked about being in Vietnam during the period of squared away guy, just sharp as a mentally acute. Everyone I had Station had praise for Dunny. Trooper."

had a rough touch football team at Pennsville Rough Touch League. playing a monster team one night

It didn't take Dunny very long to go into plainclothes, because he was so talented in solving crimes. He went on to the Major Crimes Unit at Division and established himself as an outstanding detective. After Dunny was there for a while, Warren Ferry, #1806, who Dunny and I respect immensely, was also assigned to Major Crimes. He and Warren became great friends and solved many cases together. Warren told me that he learned a lot from Bob, and Bob was the best detective he ever came across.

Dunny and I went out one night for dinner and we began to talk about Vietnam. I recall Dunny lying down on a bench at Jim Corea's Gym, because he had such horrendous painful headaches. Sometimes, he would lie there for an hour or two before these headaches would subside. He told me the headaches were from his injury he received while in Vietnam. Dunny was involved in many operations in Vietnam whereby a lot of killing occurred. One of the worst stories he told me, involved many enemies, many 101st Airborne guys, and many civilians were killed. As he was telling me this story, he began to weep and told me that this was the first time he told anyone this story.

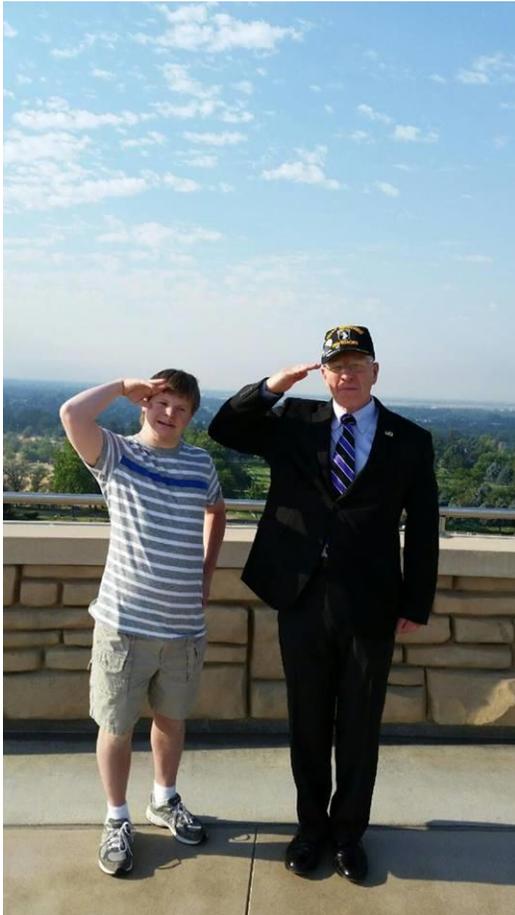
Sometime in 1977 or 1978, Bob's lease was up on his apartment where he was living, and he didn't want to renew the lease. He was looking for an apartment but couldn't find one that he liked. He had to get out of the apartment right away or sign another lease for a year. As I was recently divorced and having primary custody of my 9-year-old daughter, Cindy, with plenty of room at our house, I invited Bob to come live with us until he found an apartment. My daughter knew Bob previously and just loved him. Little did she know that Bob would cook healthy meals with plenty of vegetables. She hated vegetables and wouldn't eat them for anyone until Bob came along. Our first meal had steaming vegetables and my daughter, Cindy, would not look at them. Bob looked at her, smiled and told Cindy to eat her vegetables. She looked at Bob and said in a low voice, "Yes sir, Mr. Dunlop." She ate all of them. She told me later in life when Mr. Dunlop told her to eat the vegetables he said it in such a way she didn't want to disappoint him by not eating the vegetables. Bob lived with us for about four months before he moved to Jim Corea's football camp in Medford, New Jersey. He lived in the house on the site of the football camp and was the overseer of the football camp for many years. He and Bobby Clarke of the Philadelphia Flyers, and a few other guys eventually purchased the football camp from Jim Corea. They sold the property years later.

I retired in 1986 and started a private investigation business. After Bob retired from the State Police, he called me and told me he was going to get his Private Investigator License and start a business. He asked me if I would help him get started in the business. After he got his license, we met and put his brochure together and we talked about how he was going to get business. I told him while he was trying to get business I could use him because I was getting busy. We started working together again.

Once, while we were performing a surveillance together during a very cold February, Bob told me he was going to get a heater for his van because he didn't want to leave his van running for heat. The next day he was in his van and I was in my van and we had two-way radios. I told him as soon as this guy comes out and leaves in his vehicle, call me and then he could fall in behind the guy's vehicle. Bob called a while later and said okay he just left, he's coming toward you I will be behind him. This guy's vehicle came by me and I'm waiting for Bob's vehicle which is not behind our guy's vehicle. Dunny came over the radio and said my battery is dead from running the heater. I asked him if he started his van periodically, so the battery would not run down. Bob said, no, I forgot. I said, "hey recruit, what's wrong with you." We had a big laugh, but Bob apologized 100 times. I told Bob that things happen, forget it, we will get him another time, and we did. After working together for a while Bob went to work for Commerce Bank which was subsequently purchased by TD Bank. Bob was the Director of Security and Investigations. Bob hired a lot of retired Troopers. He remained with TD Bank for approximately 10-years and retired. As part of his retirement, he and his family moved to Boise, Idaho, where they are currently living. It was Dunny's intent to enjoy many years of a fruitful retirement.

One day about two years before Dunny left TD Bank we were talking, and I noticed that Bob was starting to stutter some of his words. I noticed this several other times when we talked. I asked Bob if he noticed that he was beginning to stutter. He told me he hadn't noticed he was stuttering. He would also say over and over, "Okay let's see, let me get this straight," and he would stutter even more. I suggested that the next time he went for a check-up to ask his doctor about the stuttering. He said he would. Little did I know at that time that this was the start of a disease called

Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA). PPA is a neurological disease in which language capabilities become slowly and progressively impaired. It was explained to me in layman's term as a disconnect between the brain and his speech. His troubles were just beginning.



Bob and his Son Mark Saluting!



Bob's State Police Remembrance Wall!

It was shortly thereafter that Bob, his wife Mary, daughter Amy, and their son Mark, moved to Boise, Idaho. Amy is currently an EMT and is pursuing training to qualify as a Paramedic. Mark is their special needs son, to whom Bob and Mary are very devoted. Their son Matt lives in Winslow, New Jersey, and is a Camden County Police Detective in the City of Camden, New Jersey. I knew Mary from my old neighborhood in Barrington, New Jersey, and introduced her to Bob sometime in the eighties, and the rest is history.

Bob has deteriorated rapidly since moving to Idaho. He now has full blown Alzheimer's in addition to the PPA. He has had bladder cancer and prostate problems. He no longer can drive a car, ride a bike and has a hard time with his balance. He stills walks, but not very well. Everyone has hoped he would remain in his home with his wife Mary as his fulltime caregiver. She has done an outstanding job, but it has taken a toll on her. Their son Mark is a special guy from birth and Mary also cares for him.

Mary has allowed me to read all of Bob's medical records on his diseases. All the evidence and doctors' medical reports indicate Agent Orange, the chemical used to kill foliage in Vietnam, and his head injury as the culprits. So far, the Veterans Administration has given Dunny 30% disability. What a joke, he should be 100% disabled. I have dealt with the VA for many years on my own issues from Agent Orange and have learned a lot. I have tried to guide Mary with the VA, and my VA representative from New Jersey is now representing Bob and Mary on his appeals for his claims.



At the Kove Restaurant for dinner with fellow Jersey Troopers!

I used to talk with Dunny several times a month after they moved to Idaho, but now I talk at him. He doesn't talk much. I try my best to get him laughing, but that's getting harder to do. When we talk, I must lead and guide our conversation. I learned to do this over time by talking with him. You hear him saying the same few words over and over and you just agree with him. I recall some of our memories while we were Troopers and he always responds with a laugh or responds, "oh, yes." I believe Dunny still knows who I am, but I'm not 100% sure. I will call him and say you know who this is, and he will say you know who you are, that kind of thing. My heart breaks for Bob and his family. Mary just recently told me that Bob had an appointment with his neurologist and the neurologist told her there was no need to return as there is nothing else he or anyone can do for Bob. As of July 17, 2018, Mary had to move Bob to a nursing home near Boise. Bob started having flashbacks about Vietnam and is becoming somewhat violent and out of control.

To me, Dunny is the best. I love him and his family greatly and pray for them daily. Bob (Dunny) Dunlop, #2524, my friend forever.



Bob & Bill!

Submitted by: Detective I William T. Trump, #2516 (Ret)

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS



Tuckerton Station, circa late 1930s - early 1940s

From time to time, historic renderings come to light, offering a glimpse of our State Police past. A look back if you will, to a time when State Police uniforms were actually made of thick wool, britches & boots were the ‘uniform-of-the-day,’ and of course, there was no air conditioning in the troop cars! And if that wasn’t bad enough, in the sleepy hollow of Tuckerton, New Jersey – greenhead flies were much bigger than they are today, and much more deadly!

All kidding aside, the captioned photo is of the Tuckerton Station with its compliment of men and machines during that time-period. The picture and a copy of an accompanying 1971 Special Report authored by then SSG C. Kalwaitis, #1035 at Tuckerton was furnished for reprint by now Sergeant First Class Carl J. Kalwaitis, #1035 (*Ret.*).

The Special Report was addressed to Captain J.A. Carpani, Commanding Troop “A” NJSP, Hammonton, N.J., and was titled: History of the Tuckerton Station. It reads as follows:

1. In 1927, the original Tuckerton Station was opened in a large beautiful home on US #9, where St. Theresa Catholic Church is now situated. This home was owned by the Selize family, who were related to the Stetson Hat Company family.
2. The Station consisted of two bedrooms, a telephone, two Troopers, 1 horse, 1 motor cycle.
3. Retired Trooper Paul B. Hughes, 8th Class, Badge #258, relates that he was a recruit stationed at Tuckerton. He was detailed to a parade in Salem, N.J., commemorating their 200th anniversary. He was given a week to report there on horseback. Enroute he stopped at Hammonton Headquarters two days later and was advised the detail was cancelled.

4. Absecon Station had the only Troop Car in the area at that time. If a prisoner had to be committed to the county jail, or some other detail arose requiring a Troop Car, arrangements were made to borrow their car. Usually their car would be in Cape May Court House, so a civilian car had to be borrowed for these details.
5. On July 1, 1934, the Tuckerton Station was closed due to a decided decrease in appropriations.
6. Later, Stations were temporarily in Barnegat and Chatsworth.
7. Urgent appeals had been made by many Tuckerton residents and nearby communities in an effort to reopen the Tuckerton Station.
8. The Tuckerton Borough Council issued a resolution urging the reopening of the Tuckerton Station. In January 1937 State Senator James Allardice, Secretary of State Thomas Mathis, and Mayor Parker had a conference with Colonel Kimberling of the New Jersey State Police for the purpose of presenting a plea for the reopening of the Tuckerton Station. Two previous efforts were unsuccessful.
9. On July 12, 1938 at 11:20 a.m., the Tuckerton Station was reopened at its present location by Cpl. J.C. Smith, Troopers Torrell, Austin, and Aydelotte.
10. Originally, Dr. Lane had a doctors office and resident in a portion of the Station in which he owned.
11. Several years later the Station was sold to Mr. Monroe Lustbader, who is the present owner of the Station.
12. On March 7, 1962 a severe storm struck the Tuckerton area. Troop "A" Commander, Captain G. Martin was in charge of a detail of approximately 75 Troopers who were billeted in the Tuckerton Armory, where the Command Post was located. The main part of this detail lasted two weeks, and it was eventually phased out two months later.
13. A checkpoint was set up on the Manahawkin Causeway for approximately two weeks. The checkpoint was then moved to Surf City, then subsequently to the entrance to Harvey Cedars, where this part of Long Beach Island was completely isolated by the ocean from the main part of the island. The checkpoint remained at this location for approximately six weeks, until the detail was phased out.
14. In addition, patrols were set up on the island for vacation purposes and to prevent looting. A detail of Troopers were flown into Barnegat Light due to the isolation of the northern part of the island.
15. Coast Guard helicopters were utilized to evacuate the island residents whose homes were washed away or destroyed. Emergency housing was provided at the Manahawkin schools for these victims.
16. In cooperation with the Bureau of Navigation, patrols were established in the bay from Barnegat Light to Beach Haven to protect property from looters using the waterway.
17. While this storm was in progress, Long Beach Twp. Police Chief Leonetti and two rescue workers were riding in a jeep, and were washed away by the ocean tide and drowned.
18. In another incident, two men and two women were being evacuated in an amphibious duct when the vehicle capsized and they drowned.
19. In December 1970, construction began on the site of the new Tuckerton Station, which is located four miles north of the present Station, on US #9, Eagleswood Twp., Ocean County, N.J. Completion of the new Station is anticipated in the Spring of 1971.

Initial attempts to identify the four uniformed Troopers in the picture were met with negative results. They may very well be Corporal John C. Smith, #313; Trooper Nicholas A. Torrell, #449; Trooper Fred Austin, #315; or Trooper Stanley H. Austin, #455; and Trooper Arthur B. Aydelotte, #548, as noted in the Special Report. If you happen to know, call the FTA Office and identify them for prosperity!

A special thanks goes out to SFC Timothy M. O'Riordan, #3046 (*Ret*), who since retiring has become quite a collector of State Police historical memorabilia and information, including the captioned picture and the Special Report, courtesy of SFC Carl J. Kalwaitis, #1035 (*Ret*). A copy of which can be found for your viewing pleasure at <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Tuckerton.pdf>.

CONGRATULATIONS 76TH CLASS ON YOUR 50TH BIRTHDAY

Forty-seven members of the 76th Recruit Class graduated on October 25th, at Division Headquarters, marking the end of the intensive pre-service training program which began on July 14.

Attorney General Arthur J. Sills delivered an address to the graduates, starting them on their way to a two-month period of supervised field training.

Following the formal ceremonies, the new members presented a training demonstration consisting of military drill, tactical maneuvers, automobile driving skill, and physical conditioning (calisthenics, disarming, ju jitsu, obstacle course, boxing and wrestling).

(The Triangle, Volume-1 Number II, New Jersey State Police)

Submitted by: Captain Kenneth F. Wondrack, #2363 (Ret)

BUSINESS UPDATES

N.J. FORMER TROOPERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Heritage Foundation continues on with the charitable benevolences to be offered to those who have, and continue to serve, Jersey Troopers!

In association with the FTA, the Heritage Foundation continues our pursuit towards attaining approvals for the installation of a columbarium at the Memorial Garden as well as several other charitable projects. Architectural renderings of the columbarium are currently on display in the hallway just prior to the Log Cabin. You can also view the renderings at <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Columbarium.pdf>. As such, you will begin seeing fund-raising drives and events to help secure donations to facilitate our benevolences. Remember, the Heritage Foundation is the 'Non-Profit' charitable affiliate of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers. Visit our GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/NJFTAheritage-foundation, or our web site at www.njfhheritagefoundation.org to make your donation. Donations are tax deductible and they make notable difference to those in need.



TRUE BLUE AND GOLD, INC.



Our Logo Merchandise Store continues to do a fine business, and our Internet sales operation is shipping our merchandise weekly. Our staff did another outstanding job at the FTA Picnic and are now restocking our inventory in preparation for the fall season. Keep in mind that before the next newsletter is published, the Christmas Season will be in full swing, so shop early to get that special gift. The 2019 NJSP – FTA calendars will be out in early November so don't forget to get yours before the supply runs out. Remember the calendars are only sold in our store and are not available online. Visit our store in the front of the old Wilburtha Station or check us out on our Ecom store via the FTA website link at www.ftanjsp.org.

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

TROOP 'A' OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The Troop 'A' Old-Timers Get-Together was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at the Frog Rock Golf and Country Club, Hammonton, NJ. As in the past this long standing, Troop 'A' event served as a great opportunity for retirees to catch up with old comrades.

As always, Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (*Ret*) coordinated the occasion, which drew some 86 attendees, the largest turnout in its 33-year history! FTA President – Nick Soranno presented Captain Marinelli with a bottle of wine in appreciation of his many years of service to Troop 'A' and the Former Troopers Association. Every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Troop 'A' should be attending. Let's just say, if Nick Soranno can attend the event from Newton (Sussex County), you've got no excuse!

37TH ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE



This year's event took place on Saturday, May 19th, "Armed Forces Day," at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. The Chase drew 153 runners to participate in what may be considered the wettest State Police Race of all time! Following the race, the annual Spring Family Open House greeted runners and guests to Division Headquarters, mostly into the dryness and warmth of our steadfast Log Cabin Museum. All in all, everyone in attendance seemed to be enjoying themselves despite the weather.

TROOP 'B' OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The 2018 North Jersey FTA gathering was held on June 7, 2018, at the La Strada Ristorante in Randolph, NJ. Past President Sal Maggio coordinated the occasion, drawing 68 attendees! The food and drinks were great, and everyone had an enjoyable time. Lt. Louis Jasmine, #1404 won the bottle of wine for having the lowest badge number. If you live in the North Country and you haven't attended this event, try to come out next year, you'll be presently surprised. Besides, if FTA Vice President - George Wren can attend from Sea Isle City (Cape May County), you've got no excuse!

22ND ANNUAL NJSP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 22nd Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," took place on July 2, 2018, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. 93 Golfers participated in this annual outing to support the NJSP Memorial Association. While it was an extremely hot and humid day, everyone enjoyed attending this annual outing!

TROOP 'C' OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The annual Troop 'C' Old-Timers Get-Together took place on June 14, 2018, at Mastoris' Diner, Bordentown, NJ. Open to all Troop 'C' Jersey Troopers, Active or Retired, Civilian Support Staff, and NJSP Family, this year's event was coordinated by Ray Chintall and Ernie Volkmann, drew a modest 46 attendees. Now, if the FTA President can attend from Sussex County, and the Vice President can come from Cape May County, Troop 'C' personnel certainly have no excuse for not attending! Oh well, maybe next year.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



The FTA Annual Picnic was held on Friday, August 17, 2018, at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Hamilton, NJ. The weather called for showers late in the day, but the rain held off and the seasonal temperatures in the mid 80's with relative humidity, afforded attendees a nice opportunity to enjoy our annual picnic, just ask any of the 400 + retired and active duty Jersey Troopers, associates, and family members who attended. All in all, a great time was had by everyone!

A special thanks once again goes out to our four Mounted Troopers, whose presence always catches the eye of children young and old, and a warm heart to everyone who cherishes our State Police history. We would also like to thank Colonel Patrick Callahan, #5243 and the Division Staff Officers for attending, the Aviation Bureau for flying in to join us with the festivities and display one of our State Police choppers, and as always, the Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold, who gave an outstanding rendition, lending the skirl of the pipes and beat of the drums to the occasion. Congrats goes out to those members from the 100th, the 93A & 93B, the 75th & 76th, the 43rd & 44th, and the 35th Classes who utilized the picnic to celebrate their 35th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 70th year anniversaries respectively. But let's not forget the senior Jersey Trooper in attendance, who's missed very few picnics over the years, Lt. John J. Maziekien, Jr., #889 (*Ret*) of the 33rd Class, celebrating his 71st anniversary. Congratulation everyone! Also on hand at this year's picnic was DJ Frank Renz of FJR Entertainment who entertained the crowd with many popular tunes.

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



Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FTAPicnic2018.pdf>

SAVE THE DATES



THE 14TH ANNUAL “SURVIVORS CUP” MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place on Tuesday, October 19, 2018, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, 725 Village Road, Princeton Junction, NJ. Come on out and support our honored families. An entry fee of \$180 includes: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch and Dinner. All proceeds to benefit the New Jersey State Police Survivors of the Triangle C.O.P.S. Chapter. Visit: <https://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SurvivorsCup2018.pdf>

THE 2018 STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The annual State Police Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 15, 2018, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. As always, **ALL** Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families are cordially invited. Come out and help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Holiday 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. 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, jewelry and more. Don’t forget to obtain your SP/FTA 2019 calendars, and don’t miss out on this opportunity to purchase that special gift for that special active, retired, or “future” Jersey Trooper.

THE 2019 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY



The Florida Winter Party will be held on Tuesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 13th, 2019, at the Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanside, which is still a Holiday Inn facility. Additional information and the registration form for this event will be posted in the upcoming December 2018 issue of this publication.

MILITARY NEWS

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)

(Editor’s Note – I’ve reprinted this article due to the importance of the information.)

CRAPAROTTA TO LEAD MARINE CORPS FORCES PACIFIC

By: Megan Eckstein

May 9, 2018 12:57 PM – United States Naval Institute News (Partial Reprint)



Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Craparotta, commanding officer of I Marine Expeditionary Force, briefs senior Navy and Marine Corps leaders from throughout I MEF at a seminar to commence the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society annual Active Duty Fund Drive at Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 13, 2018. US Marine Corps photo.

The Pentagon announced several nominations for key Marine Corps and joint positions. Secretary of Defense James Mattis nominated Lt. Gen. Lewis Craparotta to serve as the next commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Fleet Marine Corps Forces Pacific. Craparotta currently serves as the commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF), which provides deployable Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) forces out of San Diego.

Craparotta was commissioned in May 1983 and has commanded forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, served as director of operations at U.S. Northern Command, and commanded the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Training Command and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

Lieutenant General Craparotta - USMC is the cousin of Major Joseph J. Craparotta, #1631 – NJSP (Ret)!

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

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) 882-2000 x:2220 for an order form.

Major George T. Coyle, #1528 (Ret)

DSG ROBERT J. DELANEY, #2853 (RET), BACK IN THE CLASSROOM!



DSG Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) addresses the 158th Class.

On May 21, 2018, Members of the 158th State Police Class had the privilege of receiving first-hand knowledge of the Project Alpha - Mob Trucking Company undercover investigation and the stressors of that case which served as a back drop to Operational Stress, Resiliency & Leadership. That's right, DSG Robert J. Delaney, #2853 (Ret) was back in the Building #26 Classroom! No stranger to that infamous Building, DSG Delaney first experienced the Academy Classroom as a member of the 4th Trooper Youth Week Class, and then as a member of the NJSP 88th Class, and finally in the early 1980s as an Instructor in the Criminal Science Unit, not to mention all the times he's addressed recruit classes and special training programs. It's safe to say, DSG Delaney is comfortable addressing any audience, but there is that special feeling one can only acquire while completing their training in Building #26.

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 X:2220. Your assistance in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

BARBARA BUSH'S LAST MOMENT WITH FORMER SECRET SERVICE AGENT 'DEFINED' HER AS A PERSON

Jenni Fink (LJR) April 21, 2018 @ Independent Journal Review

The last time former Secret Service agent Jonathan Wackrow worked with former first lady Barbara Bush, she made a request that left a lasting impression on him.

Wackrow explained in a CNN op-ed that he wasn't assigned permanently to her detail but worked with her on multiple occasions.

After the Bush family left the White House, he was charged with driving her from New York City to New Jersey.

He recalled that the motorcade only consisted of a couple of Secret Service vehicles and an unmarked New York police vehicle, but the "small and unassuming" traits were ones she appreciated.

However, when the motorcade exited the Holland Tunnel and crossed into New Jersey, multiple New Jersey State Police vehicles and motorcycles joined it, all of which had their sirens and lights going.

Wackrow wrote that the hubbub was one Bush tended to reject, but at the moment, a smile illuminated her face, and she told her staff, "They remember me! We have not had this much excitement since the White House!"

On their way back to New York, the former first lady asked the head of her security detail if they could stop so she could thank the police officers who "so warmly welcomed me to New Jersey."

The simple request left a lasting impression on Wackrow, who explained:

Peering out the limo's back windshield, I will never forget the image of Mrs. Bush shaking hands with the officers. It was a genuine moment of sincerity and unguarded kindness delivered out of the public eye, which, to me, defined this great woman.

The former Secret Service agent added that Bush's code name was "tranquility," which was fitting because of her "calming, humanizing and gentle effect on those around her."

Bush passed away at the age of 92 on Tuesday, and on Saturday, family and friends will gather in Houston to pay their respects and lay the former first lady to rest.

Editor's Note: This article was originally published by Independent Journal Review on LJR.com and reprinted with permission. It was subsequently submitted by Captain Ernest J. Volkmann, #2547 (Ret) for reprint herein!

BESSIE'S CORNER

I want to say THANK YOU to all the active and retired military folks for all your dedication and service. It IS appreciated.

Whew! it's been a long and hot summer for sure. I'm sure we will all welcome the "cool down!"

Some of you may be aware, I have left my job in Miami and accepted a job with JetBlue as a flight attendant. I am based out of JFK, so I commute back and forth between NY and Florida. It has given me a bit more free time and more time spent in NJ. Rest assured, I am still functioning in my same capacity with the FTA, and am still reachable by phone and email. If I am flying and unable to make your call, please do leave me a message and I will return your call just as soon as I can. Email can be a bit quicker to respond to.



I have received quite a few calls regarding dissatisfaction with OptumRx, mostly their customer service. While I am unable to request information for specific individuals, I encourage you to either call or email Pensions and Benefits, as well as those at the Governor's office to express your dissatisfaction with the service being provided. Here is some contact info for Pensions and Benefits:

Contact Information

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 295
Trenton, NJ 08625-0295

Call Center

(609) 292-7524

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except State holidays)

Hours extended to 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays

Email – Send your Questions by email.

And for the Governor's Office:

Governor's Office

Government Office

Phone:(609) 292-6000

125 W. State St, Trenton, NJ 08608

Have you moved? Please be sure to update your new mailing address with Pensions and Benefits, as well as the FTA office. This will ensure that all pertinent information is received. If your telephone number or email has changed, please be sure to notify the FTA so that their records can be updated.

I can't stress enough the importance of making sure that your beneficiary information listed with Pensions and Benefits is current. Though you may have changed it in your will, the beneficiary listed with Pensions and benefits, will be the person to receive your life insurance and pension (if applicable). This can be done through Pensions and Benefits, or directly through your Members Benefits Online System (MBOS) account.

Speaking of MBOS, if you don't already have an account, I strongly suggest that one be set up. You can have quick and easy access to all of your pension and health benefits information, as well as the ability to request info and make changes to your beneficiary and address. Instructions can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbos-register.shtml>.

Though we all would like to think that we will live forever, we should provide all the relevant death benefit information to our loved ones, where to find all important documents and whom to contact. The following link will give detailed information on SPRS Death Benefits for Members:

<https://nj.gov/treasury/pensions/documents/factsheets/fact40.pdf>.

This link provides information on your life insurance benefit, which is equal to 50% of your final year of salary. This benefit will be provided to the person who is listed as the beneficiary on your policy, NOT what is listed in your will. It's a good idea to print the Certificate of Insurance and keep it with your important documents. Visit: <https://nj.gov/treasury/pensionsdocuments/forms/life-sprs.pdf>.

The 2018 rates for health benefits can be found through this link for those surviving spouses who must pay in order to continue with their current coverage under the retiree. One plan, NJ Direct 10 will cost the surviving spouse \$522.43. Other plan information is listed as well. Copy and paste into your web browser:

<https://nj.gov/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2017/state-retired-full.pdf>.

Dental plan costs are not provided as part of the retiree package and must be paid monthly for both the retiree, spouse and dependents (if applicable). The rates for the different plans can be found here:

<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/documents/hb/oe2017/retiree-dental.pdf>.

Medicare Reminder - ALL retirees and their spouse must register for Medicare upon turning 65. It is recommended that you contact your local Social Security office approximately 3 months prior to turning 65 to register. This can also be done online, if you prefer. Failure to not register and notify Pensions and Benefits could result in the loss of your health care coverage with the State. Medicare information can be found by copying and pasting the following into your web browser: <https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-You.pdf>.



I always welcome the telephone calls and emails, so please, feel free to reach out to me at any time with your questions or concerns, or just to say hello. If you don't reach me right away, I'm in the air flying!! I will be sure to reach out to you just as soon as I can. My contact information remains the same: Telephone: 609-649-3221 or by email: bjones@ftanjsp.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Get Away and who knows, if your flying JetBlue with a NY based crew, well, you just might run into me! Thanks again, and have a wonderful Fall season.

Bessie in Action! This pic was actually taken by my IOE coach, while I was performing my last test, which was performing all the required flight attendant duties on an actual flight. Where did I fly to from training camp in Orlando? Newark! Yup, Jersey Girl all the way!!!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Association is pleased to announce the awarding of twenty-five recipients of the 2018 FTA Scholarship Awards Program. Presentment of the scholarships took place at the Association's Spring General Meeting on May 5, 2018, at The New Jersey State Police Museum and Learning Center – Log Cabin, Division Headquarters, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The 5th Annual Debra Chesko, \$1,000 Scholarship Award was presented to the outstanding applicant in honor of our former FTA Benefits Consultant, who graciously assisted our members in their benefits requests, especially our surviving spouses in their times of need. Debra passed away in 2012. This year's Annual Debra Chesko Scholarship was awarded to Michael J. Grantham, the step-grandson of John J. Coughlin #1362. Michael graduated from the Marine Academy of Technology & Environmental Science, Manahawkin, NJ. He had been enrolled in the very intensive "All Honors Program," and maintained straight A's throughout his high school years with a GPA of 93.8. In addition, completed college level courses with the opportunity to earn up to twenty-four college credits upon graduation. Michael also volunteers as an EMT with the Point Pleasant Borough First Aid Squad. He will be attending Texas A & M University, studying Engineering.

The following twenty-four, \$500 Scholarships were also awarded from a total of 42 applications received:

Katherine G. Chambers, Granddaughter of Peter E. Baker, #1600; Morgan L. Hagerty, Granddaughter of James J. Powell, #2582; Christopher S. Parisi, Son of Steven J. Parisi, #4328; Joseph Ricchezza, IV, Grandson of Pedro Velez, #2632; Samuel O. Scott, Grandson of Robert Scott, #2223; Rebecca Jo Turner, Granddaughter of Lee Turner, #2269; Lily M. Lombardi, Granddaughter of Waldemar R. Waschmann, #2634; Arielle Aigotti, Granddaughter of James J. Morrison, #2675; Emily E. Brown, Granddaughter of Richard Sudowsky, #1768; Kelsey J. Byrd, Daughter of Joseph C. Byrd, #4858; John J. Conrey, Jr., Son of John J. Conrey, Sr., #4682; Kellie Cortese, Granddaughter of Samuel Cochrane, #1057; Ryan Durling, Grandson of John P. Laird, #1998; Kaitlin M. Eddy, Daughter of Kevin T. Eddy, #4289; Matthew D. Fowler, Son of Kevin G. Fowler, #4443; Nicholas M. Kovaly, Son of Michael J. Kovaly, #5173; Danielle P. Kroll, Granddaughter of George C. Kroll, #1893; Nicholas M. Mantia, Grandson of

Jonny Hannigan, #3107; Madison P. McKevitt, Daughter of John F. McKevitt, #3989; Hannah R. Putlock, Granddaughter of Richard F. Putlock, #2084; Courtney E. Randik, Granddaughter of Joseph J. Randik, #2835; Morgan Stout, Granddaughter of Donald Stout, #1553; Lauren N. Viscione, Granddaughter of Stanley J. Budzinski, #2322; and Ethan P. Dawson, Step-son of Francis Donlan, #4158.

Congratulations to each and every awardee!

Information on the Association's 2019 Scholarship Awards Program will be posted in the December 2018 newsletter.

If you have any questions, please call a committee member: Ernest Volkmann – Chairman @ (732) 254-5322, Ken Wondrack @ 732-223-5259, Michael McLaughlin @ (609) 820-3040, Dave Scureman @ (201) 323-6795, or Heidi Scripture @ (973) 590-6896.

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

The Association of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Inc. has been committed to provide educational scholarship opportunities and interest free loans to eligible State Police family members for several decades. The scholarship program will continue to offer scholarships to any child or grandchild of a New Jersey State Trooper (Active/Retired), who is living or deceased as set-forth in its By-Laws. The program consists of (3) annual scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,500.00. 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. Selections are based on a lottery drawing, which shall include all applications submitted that meet the stated criteria.

Applicants benefitting from the drawing will receive a formal notification by the Treasurer of the Fund along with a check payable to the applicant. If for any reason the applicant should change their mind about pursuing or continuing a college education, the money shall be returned to the Fund.

The Association also administers "interest-free" education loans to eligible widows, widowers, and dependent children of members of the New Jersey State Police who were killed, died or were retired for reasons of accidental disability, while on active duty with the New Jersey State Police.

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Education Fund, Attention: Robert Kilmurray, Secretary, 1741 Daniel Court, Wall, New Jersey 07719. Applications for the 2019 drawing are do prior to April 30, 2019. Applications for scholarship and "interest-free" loans can be found on the FTA website.

2017/2018 Scholarship Awardees were; Liam Higgins Kerrick (Paul Kerrick #6086), Emily Elizabeth Brown (Richard Sudowsky #1768 ret.) and Kylie Devlin (Michael Devlin #5254).

COMICS & CONSIDERATIONS

Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote.
~ William E. Simon

Make your vote count come November!

Manure, an interesting fact!

Manure: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything for export had to be transported by ship. It was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening.

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction, 'Stow high in transit' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this "volatile" cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T.' (Stow High In Transit)

"So it's really not a swear word," which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word. Neither did I.

I had always thought it was a golfing term.

One Old Deplorable

I used to think I was just a regular guy, but . . . I was born white, which now, whether I like it or not, makes me a racist;

I am a fiscal and moral conservative, which by today's standards, makes me a fascist;

I am heterosexual, which according to gay folks, now makes me a homophobic;

I am non-union, which makes me a traitor to the working class and an ally of big business;

I am a Christian, which now labels me as an infidel;

I am older than 70, which makes me a useless old man;

I think and I reason, therefore I doubt much that the main stream media tells me, which must make me a reactionary;

I am proud of my heritage and our inclusive culture, which makes me a xenophobe;

I value my safety and that of my family and I appreciate the police and the legal system, which makes me a right-wing extremist;

I believe in hard work, fair play, & fair compensation according to each individual's merits, which today makes me an anti-socialist;

I believe in the defense and protection of the homeland for and by all citizens, which now makes me a militant;

Recently, a woman called me and my friends a "basket of deplorables;"

Please help me come to terms with the new me...because I'm just not sure who I am anymore!

I would like to thank all my friends for sticking with me through these abrupt, new found changes in my life and my thinking - I just can't imagine or understand what's happened to me so quickly.

Funny...it's all just taken place over the last 7 or 8 years.

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Submitted by our own resident golfer and deplorable: Lt. James J. Dooley, Jr., #2439 (Ret)



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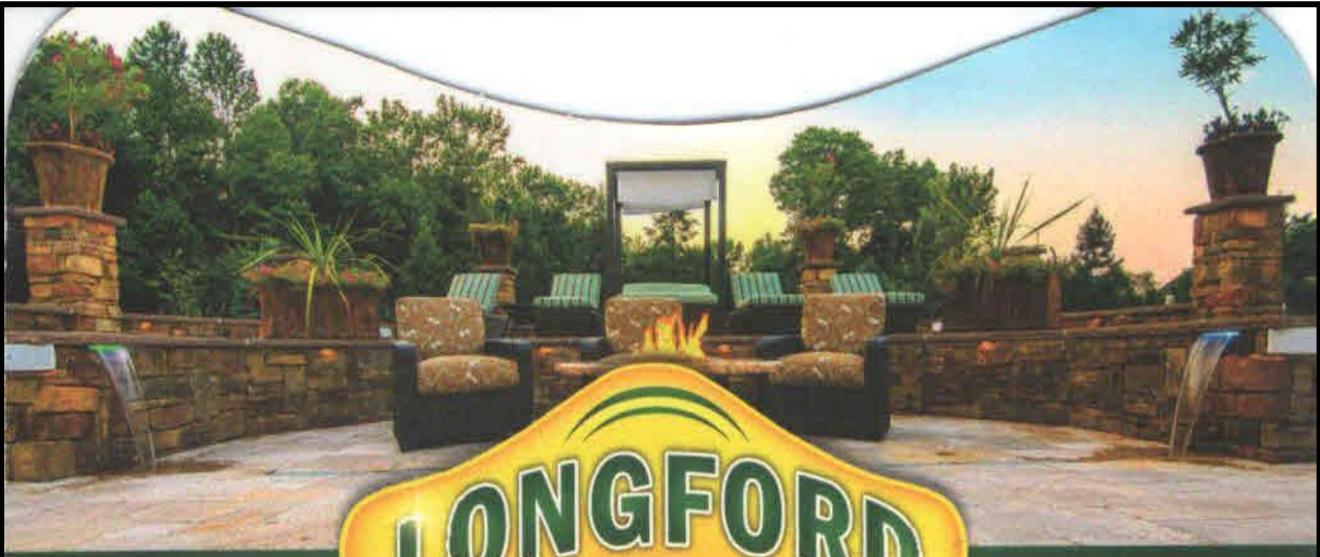
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LETTERS TO THE FTA

April 14, 2018

Dear Members of the N.J. Former Troopers Association,

On behalf of my family, I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your support and sincere expression of sympathy for the demise of our father, retired Lieutenant Robert W. Claus #946. Your efforts truly eased the burden of loss endured by my family.

In particular, thank you for your assistance in notification and coordination of the State Police presence at the funeral home and subsequent escort to the church and cemetery. In addition, thank you for the beautiful granite plaque engraved with Dad's photo and badge and class numbers - an awesome tribute that will be cherished by all!

Dad was a proud member of the NJSP and the FTA and would have been honored by the tribute bestowed upon him and shared with us.

*With sincere thanks,
Kurt E. Claus & family*

May 14, 2018

Dear Former NJ State Trooper Association,

I'm writing to thank you for your consideration and choosing of my application to receive scholarship finances for my upcoming year at Colby College. I've always held the New Jersey State Police in the highest of esteems - my grandfather has been telling me larger than life stories since I was in diapers - and it is an honor to be selected by the organization that I have revered for so long. I hope to use the scholarship to help further my studies of English and British / American Literature and my transition to life at Colby.

*Sincerely,
Sam Scott - Colby College Class of 2022
(Grandson - Robert Scott, #2223)*

May 12, 2018

To: Former New Jersey Troopers Association,

The family of Alfred C. Mossop would like to thank your organization for providing two troopers to stand guard at Al's funeral, May 12, 2018. He would have been so proud, as he lived State Police!!!! The plaque and photo presented along with the hat displayed on the altar added to the reverence of the occasion. Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of Alfred C. Mossop #1337 retired.

Nancy R. Mossop and family

June 4, 2018

Dear Board of Directors and Association Members,

I am writing to express my gratitude for receiving a \$500 scholarship from your organization. I appreciate the award wholeheartedly. I plan to attend William Paterson University in the fall of 2018 and will be studying business. I know this scholarship will help tremendously on the path to obtaining my degree.

*My sincerest thanks,
Nicholas Michael Mantia
(Grandson - Jonny Hannigan)*

June 14, 2018

Dear Nick and FTA,

From the family of Bob Reynolds #2584, we'd truly like to thank you and the membership for the outpouring of condolences with Bob's passing. We realize the Troopers are a close-knit family and we are thankful for that. We did receive the Memorial Plaque, very nice to commemorate a good man who was dedicated to the service.

*Sincerely,
JoAnn McCain, Rob Reynolds, Rusty Reynolds & Jen Helfrich*

June 14, 2018

Former Troopers Association and STFA Officers,

I am writing to you to thank you personally, and on behalf of my children, for the beautiful flowers you sent for my husband, Captain Richard J. Alexander #1424., at his wake and funeral May 7 and May 8, 2018. It made a very difficult time for us a bit easier knowing we had the support of my husband's peers. And a special thank you as I recently received in the mail from the FTA a beautiful granite plaque etched with my husband's image, rank and dates of service. Proudly displayed for all to see as they walk into my home.

My husband loved life and loved being a New Jersey State Trooper. He held his position in the New Jersey State Police in high regard. Always telling his family and friends "it's the best outfit in the nation". He was a proud man. He stood tall. Never turned his back on anyone who needed help or advice. He was a good man who did so many good things for those who walked through his life. He was also very instrumental with the Incorporation of the STFA in 1963. It was his passion at that time.

He was also a mentor. At his wake I, and my family, had so many people come up to us and thank us because "Hot Dog" (as he was nicknamed) guided them in a direction that sustained them throughout their careers. Whether it was joining the military, New Jersey State Police or a civil service job. Two immediately come to mind. One is my husband's nephew Thomas Alexander and the other is Deborah Faiello. Both joined the New Jersey State Police under his guidance. Tommy worked his way up through the gang unit and Debbie with the K-9 unit. Both very grateful and both saying it was everything my husband said it to be.

Again, thank you sir for all that was done to ensure that my husband, Captain Richard J. Alexander, was honored at his final hour.

*Sincerely,
Maureen Alexander*

June 18, 2018

Dear NJ Former Troopers Association,

On behalf of The School of Saint Elizabeth, please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation of State Police Gear, for our Tricky Tray Fundraiser, held on April 21, 2018. Your generosity helps to support our goal and to honor our mission statement: "to impact the world positively by nurturing children with Christian values in a Catholic Academic tradition of excellence."

Please keep this written acknowledgement of your donation for your 2018 tax records. The above items were received in connection with our April 21, 2018, School of St. Elizabeth Tricky Tray Fundraiser. No goods or services were provided for the above contribution.

Again, thank you for your support. We are grateful to have you as part of our St. E's Family.

*God Bless,
Dawn Paskalides – Principal*

Dear FTA,

Thank you so much for this very generous scholarship. I plan on attending Widener University in the fall and I appreciate this help with my tuition more than you can imagine!

*Kelsey Byrd
(Daughter - Joseph Byrd, #4858)*

June 18, 2018

To Captain Nicholas Soranno and the entire Board of Directors,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Former Troopers Association Scholarship. I am incredibly grateful to be the recipient of such a prestigious award, and I look forward to using the prize to advance my education. Thank you so much for the opportunity!

Matthew D. Fowler
(Son - Kevin Fowler, #4443)

June 18, 2018

Dear Mr. Volkmann and FTA Scholarship Committee,

I want to truly thank you and the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers for awarding me this very generous scholarship. I feel honored to be selected from a talented applicant pool. I have always been so proud that my Grandfather was NJ State Trooper and he will always be a hero on my eyes. We were all truly impressed on how you all showed your brotherhood at his funeral. He continuously stressed the importance of helping others and I am so grateful to have had all the wonderful opportunities that have led me to this point in my life.

I plan to use this money towards my education at the College of NJ this fall and will continue to try to emulate the goals that were instilled in me by my Grandfather and family.

Sincerely,
Emily Brown

Mr. Volkmann and FTA Committee Members,

Thank you so much for the \$500 NJ Former Troopers Association Scholarship. It was a nice surprise and an honor to receive this award.

Joseph Ricchezza, Jr.
(Grandson - Pedro A. Velez, #2632)

June 20, 2018

To: Association of Former NJ State Troopers,

I am writing to say thank you for selecting my son Nicholas as one of the \$500 2018 FTA Scholarship winners. Nicholas's Mother and I are truly appreciative. The money will be put to good use. Nicholas will be attending Rowan University this coming fall.

We appreciate this award and all that the Former NJ State Troopers do for its members and their families.

Thank you again,
Michael Kovaly, #5173

June 20, 2018

To: Association of Former NJ State Troopers,

I am writing to thank you for being awarded a \$500 2018 FTA Scholarship. The money will be a great help, I plan on using it to help with the cost of books. I will be attending Rowan University this coming fall.

I appreciate this award and all that the Former NJ State Troopers do for its members and their families.

*Thank you again,
Nicholas Kovaly
(Son - Michael Kovaly, #5173)*

Dear Association of Former State Troopers,

Thank you so much for awarding me your scholarship. I really appreciate it and I will forever be grateful.

*Ethan Dawson
(Step-Son - Francis Donlan, #4158)*

June 23, 2018

Capt. Nicholas C. Soranno, Ernest J. Volkmann and Staff,

I am writing to thank you for awarding me the Former Troopers Association 2018 Debra Chesko Scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen to receive this award.

In the fall I will be heading to Texas A & M University to study Engineering. During my first year I will be studying General Engineering, but I hope to major in Ocean Engineering. I have also received a 4-year Army ROTC scholarship which will enable me to receive a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve upon my graduation. Receiving this scholarship will greatly help me to reach my goals.

Thank you again for supporting my education at Texas A & M with the Debra Chesko Scholarship.

*Many Thanks,
Michael Grantham
(Step-Grandson - John J. Coughlin, #1362)*

(Granddaughter - Richard Sudowsky, #1768 - Deceased)

Former State Troopers Association,

Thank you so much for rewarding me with this scholarship. It was an honor to receive it. As you know, this meant a lot to me. He was so proud that he was a state trooper. Thank you, former state troopers for your service.

*Kellie Cortese
(Granddaughter - Samuel Cochrane, #1057 - Deceased)*

Dear Mr. Volkmann and the Former Troopers Association,

Thank you greatly for considering and offering me this scholarship. It means a great deal to me that you will help fund my education.

*Sincerely,
Lily Lombardi
(Granddaughter - Waldemar "Moe" Waschmann, #2634)*

June 25, 2018

Ernie Volkmann and FTA,

Just a note to thank you and the "Boys" for the generous Scholarship award that was sent to my granddaughter. She has shown herself to be very positive in school, at home and on the softball diamond. Hannah will do well at Wofford College and is seeking a degree in Physical Therapy. Keep up the terrific work with the Association.

*Sincerely,
(SFC) Rich Putlock, #2084*

June 27, 2018

Dear FTA,

Thanks very much Patti. I'm looking forward to reading about the members of this organization and their continued successes in life after the "THE OUTFIT". After now 38 years in law enforcement at the municipal, county, state and federal levels, I feel I can honestly say that I truly believe that we have had "THE BEST" group of dedicated people wearing the blue & gold since 1921. We may not have always agreed with our fellow Troopers about avenues taken in pursuit of fairness in law enforcement, however, we have consistently and honestly pursued the goals set forth by Colonel Schwarzkopf #1 right up to and including Colonel Callahan, #5243. I'm looking forward to being a member, thanks again!

DSFC Brian Walsh, #3470

Dear Association of Former State Troopers of New Jersey,

Thank you so much for considering me for this scholarship. My family and I greatly appreciate the contribution to my college fund! I would just like to let you know how much I look up to my grandfather and his bravery in the State Police. He is such an inspiration in my life and now this organization holds a special place in my heart. It is great how much you guys look out for those who have done great justice for the state. With this extra help, I will be attending Wofford College in the fall and could not be more excited!

*Hannah Putlock
(Granddaughter - Richard Putlock, #2084)*

Dear Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers,

I would personally like to thank you for selecting me as one of the recipients of the 2018 FTA Scholarship Award Program Winners. This scholarship will be used as I pursue my degree in early Childhood Education at Widener University in the fall of 2018.

I know my grandfather, James Powell #2582 was so honored to present this letter to me that I selected as a winner. My grandfather is a proud member of the organization and has such fond memories of his career working for the NJ State Troopers. It really warms my heart when he shares his stories and his most precious memories. This scholarship brought a tear to his eyes and was so honored to share the announcement letter with me and my family. I thank you for this special moment.

Again, on behalf of myself and my family, I thank you for all this scholarship represents to all of us.

*Warm regards,
Morgan Hagerty
(Granddaughter - James Powell, #2584)*

Dear Friends, Nick and FTA,

Thank you so much for all your generosity and support at the 30th Annual Negron-Carroll Scholarship Golf Outing. We presented four \$5000 scholarships and an additional 3 one thousand-dollar scholarships were awarded as determined by the scholarship committee this year.

Whether you have sponsored a tee, green or flag, volunteered your time and energy, either before during or after our outing, thank you. You have helped to raise and allow me to present 99 scholarships, totaling \$440,000 dollars.

Please know that the decision to end the Negron-Carroll Golf Outing was extremely difficult to make and very bittersweet. The warmth I felt as the golf tournament helped me to realize it was the right time and the correct decision. You have proven the phrase, "gone but not forgotten" is true.

I have been working with the 200 Club of Middlesex County to continue to help aid the children of the New Jersey State Police to further their education. I will be on that scholarship committee to help choose the recipient of the Trooper William L Carroll Scholarship. I will be transferring any additional monies raised for that effort. Details are still to be worked out and I'm learning as I go.

Again, I thank you with my whole heart in making the Golf Tournament a successful endeavor for thirty years. I am truly grateful for all your support.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Carroll, Chairwoman*

Dear FTA Board of Directors,

Thank you so much for the FTA Scholarship. As I get ready to embark on my journey at the University of Georgia, these funds will help- immensely by covering the many expenses that come with college. I am honored to be one of the recipients chosen, and honored even more so that my Grandfather Peter E. Baker was able to notify me of this award. Thank you so much again for your part in my journey through higher education.

*Sincerely,
Katherine Chambers
(Granddaughter - Peter E. Baker, #1600)*

Dear Committee,

My name is John Conrey, Jr. I was the recipient of one of the scholarships awarded by the Former Troopers Association. I cannot express my appreciation for the award, and I thank you for your consideration. I put the money to good use paying a portion for upcoming fall semester at Rowan College at Burlington County. Once again, thank you all.

*Sincerely,
John J. Conrey, Jr.
(Son - John J. Conrey, Sr. #4682)*

August 10, 2018

Dear NJSP Former Troopers Association Heritage Scholarship Program and Family of Lieutenant Joseph Rogalski,

My name is Taryn Moschel. I am an occupational therapist at Hackensack Meridian Health Sub-acute Rehabilitation at Wall Township, NJ. I had the pleasure of working with Joe during his stay at our facility. He was always ready for me bright and early at 8 am for our therapy session with a smile on his face. He had an excellent personality and our one-hour treatment session always went so quick due to his jokes and stories he shared with me every day. He told me about his service with the US Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and his years with the NJ State Police retiring with rank of Lieutenant. During our treatment sessions, I remember Joe telling me about this scholarship fund for the NJ State Police. He told me, "I always like to help a young man or women follow their dream in law enforcement as a state trooper."

Although, I only knew Joe for a short time, I enjoyed my time with him. My heart aches for both Joe's family and friends during this time. I hope my donation to the NJSP Former Troopers Association Heritage Scholarship Program in Joe's name can help a future NJSP Trooper during his or her academy stay.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Taryn Moshcel, OTR/L at Hackensack Meridian
Subacute Rehab at Wall

August 23, 2018

Dear Former Troopers Association,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the FTA 2018 Scholarship Award. The award gives me an opportunity to earn skills that will further my education and will allow me to contribute to public safety in my future. Thank you personally for your generosity once again, thank you for the vote of confidence. I am committed to my education and to public safety, and one step closer to becoming an enforcer of the law, thanks to your continued generosity and the FTA 2018 Scholarship Award.

Sincerely,
Arielli Aigotti,
(Granddaughter - James J. Morrison, #2675)

Submitted by: Captain Ernest J. Volkmann, #2547 (Ret)

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**SERGEANT EDWARD J.
BECKER, #1493**



BECKER, EDWARD J., #1493, passed away on Wednesday, 28 March 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 3 August 1956 as a member of the 51ST Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 June 1985. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He is survived by his wife of 64-years Maria, a son Eric, daughter Ingrid, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Bob and three sisters - Patsy, Doris and Helen.

**CAPTAIN ANTHONY W.
RITTER, #3998**



RITTER, ANTHONY W., #3998, passed away on Wednesday, 4 April 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 21 June 1984 as a member of the 101ST Class and retired as a Captain. He is survived by his Mother, Rosemary and three daughters, Kaitlin, Nikki and Kristi.

**LIEUTENANT BENITO J.
MELE, #1220**



MELE, BENITO J., #1220, passed away on Saturday, 21 April 2018 at the age of 90 years. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1953 as a member of the 43rd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 July 1980. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII. He was predeceased by his wife Jean in 2012. He is survived by his son Scott and four daughters - Dawn, Cindy, Pat and Pam, six grandchildren and three great-Grandchildren.

**LIEUTENANT ALFRED C.
MOSSOP, #1337**



MOSSOP, ALFRED C., #1337, passed away on Wednesday, 2 May 2018. 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 Lieutenant on 1 November 1983. He proudly served in the United States Army National Guard for twenty-two years, retiring in 1972 at the rank of Major. He is survived by his wife Nancy, four children - Edward, Robert, Cindylu and Bethann, fifteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

**CAPTAIN RICHARD J.
ALEXANDER, #1424**



ALEXANDER, RICHARD J., #1424, passed away on Friday, 4 May 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 19 August 1955 as a member of the 49th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 December 1987. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He is predeceased by his parents William and Margaret Alexander; his daughter, Diane and grandson Matthew, a sister Virginia and brother William. He is survived by his wife of 62-years Maureen, a son Michael and three daughters - Maureen, Nancy, and Kathryn, nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

**CAPTAIN ALFRED V.
FALCO, #1249**



FALCO, ALFRED V., #1249, passed away on Wednesday, 15 May 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 11 December 1953 as a member of the 44th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 December 1981. He was the Bureau Chief of the New Jersey State Police Investigations Bureau. He was predeceased by his wife of 60-years Alice F. Falco, his sons-in-law Clyde Pederson, Louis Petrucci and Michael Mikhalik. He is survived by his five daughters - Teresa Petrucci, Lillanne Falco, Margo Asay, Holly Falco, and Barbara Pedersen, and seven grandchildren.

**TROOPER BRIAN J.
McNALLY, #7664**



McNALLY, BRIAN J., #7664, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2018, in a motor vehicle crash in Greenwich, Pennsylvania, while returning home from weekend duty in the Marine Corps Reserves. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 August 2014 as a member of the 154th Class. Trooper McNally was posted at Washington Station at the time of his passing. A graduate of the Citadel Military Academy, he was a Captain in the Marine Corps Reserves. He is survived by his parents, Barbara and Kevin McNally, and a sister, Maureen.

**SERGEANT SCOTT W.
BUSZ, #4367**



BUSZ, SCOTT W., #4367, passed away on Thursday, 14 June 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 14 August 1986 as a member of the 105th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant in 2011. He is survived by his wife of 29-years Donna, his son Patrick, and his brother Kenneth.

**LIEUTENANT JOSEPH J.
EAGAN, #1839**



EAGAN, JOSEPH J., #1839, passed away on Friday, 15 June 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 March 1964, a member of the 63rd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 June 1991. He is

survived by his wife Marion, two daughters - Katie Eagan and Kristen Berkebile.

**TROOPER ROBERT W.
GAW, #3880**



GAW, ROBERT W., #3880, passed away on Friday, 22 June 2018, at his home in Clark Fork, Idaho. He was a Highway Patrolman with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles in 1962 and transferred to the New Jersey State Police on December 1, 1984 as a member of the Motor Vehicles Class and retired on 1 January 1988, after 25-years of state service at the rank of Trooper. He proudly served in the United States Coast Guard from 1955 until 1959. He served for 10-years as the Chief of Police at the Chesterfield Township Police Department, retired in 1995 and moved to Idaho. He is survived by his wife Ruth, two daughters - Kimberly and Heather, a son Robert, and two grandchildren, and three step-children.

SFC HENDRICK H. THORSON, #1867



THORSON, HENDRICK H., #1867, passed away on Wednesday, 4 July 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 2 March 1964 as a member of the 63rd Class and retired on 1 May 1989 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He proudly served in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife of 54-years, Randi, three daughters - Ingrid, Sonja and Vivien, four grandchildren Nicole, Laura Lee, David and Siri, and one great-grandchild, Elam.

LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. CORNELISSEN, #1779



CORNELISSEN, THOMAS A., #1779, passed away Saturday, 14 July 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 29 October 1962 as a member of the 60th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 June 1986. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a crewman on board of a submarine. He was predeceased by his wife Mary Ann. He is survived by his son Frank and two daughters - Joy and Karen.

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH J. ROGALSKI, #2677



ROGALSKI, JOSEPH J., #2677, passed away on Saturday, 21 July 2018 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune. Born in Bayonne, NJ, he was a longtime resident of Island Heights and enjoyed spending time in Hollywood Beach, FL. Joe proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Corporal during the Vietnam War. He began his law enforcement career as a police officer for Seaside Heights and then enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 13 November 1970 as a member of the 83rd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on August 1, 1999. After his retirement, Joe worked as a Regional Director of Security for Comcast. He was a member of NJSP Former Troopers Association and American Legion Post 129 in Toms River. Joe was an avid sailor. Joe is survived by his wife Ellie of 51-years, his daughter Ellie Rogalski and her partner Lou Pintaro, longtime friends Doris and Frank Randazzo, and numerous friends who are family.

**TROOPER II JAMES R.
CHAMPION SR., #3855**



CHAMPION, JAMES R., #3855, passed away on Sunday, 11 August 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State on 1 December 1984 as a member of the Motor Vehicle Class. Prior to his State Police Service he served as a Lieutenant with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. He proudly served in the United States Army during WWII and served as a Tech/Sergeant while serving at the Panama Canal. He was predeceased by his wife of 63-years Doris and his son James R. Champion, Jr. He is survived by two daughters - Linda Champion and Lois Flaim, nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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Nancy Smith Tyrrell, devoted Widow of Major Thomas P. Tyrrell, Jr., #970, passed away on March 23, 2018.

Mary A. Demeter, devoted Widow of Captain, Norman A. Demeter, #1679, passed away on April 20, 2018.

**CAPTAIN JOSEPH G.
VESPE, #1421**



VESPE, JOSEPH G. #1421, passed away on Tuesday, 14 August 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired at rank of Captain on 1 June 1985. He is survived by his wife of 65-years Eleanor, two sons - Joseph Jr. and Dennis, a daughter Kelly, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Carolyn R. Snyder, beloved Wife of DSFC Richard A. Snyder, #2893 (*Ret*), passed away on May 3, 2018,

Lt. Robert Scarpone, Newark PD (Ret), respected Father of Captain Michael Scarpone, #3814 (*Ret*), and Father-in-Law of Sergeant Jack D. Santos, #3813 (*Ret*), passed away on June 24, 2018.

Peter Montana, respected Father of Lt. John N. Montana, #2396 (*Ret*), passed away on August 15, 2018.

**SFC RICHARD W.
HENDRICKSON, #3108**



HENDRICKSON, RICHARD W., # 3108, passed away on Saturday, 25 August 2018. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 May 1977 as a member of the 92nd Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 December 2004. He was predeceased by his wife of 39 years Lisa in 2014. He is survived by his three children Eric, Laura and Sarah, seven grandchildren and a sister Donna Marsh.

Gilda Simonetti, devoted Widow of Lt. Rudolph Simonetti, #1126, and Mother-in-Law of DSG Thomas B. Mikolajczyk, #3041 (*Ret*), and SGT Anthony D. Simonetti, #2036 (*Ret*), passed away on August 14, 2018.

Mary Ann Peterson, beloved Wife of Captain Vincent M. Peterson, Sr., #1379 (*Ret*), passed away on August 27, 2018.

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