



# True Blue & Gold

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## ***A HERO'S PASSING***

On December 27, 2012, our nation experienced the loss of a true hero, a man whose competence and character was forged in his undying belief of *honor, duty, and country*. Many believe **General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, United States Army - Retired** actually began his military career in June 1956, upon graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Few outside “our Outfit” know the history of his family, especially his father, whom he idolized, a 1917 West Point graduate, hero of both World Wars I & II, and the first Superintendent of the New Jersey Department of State Police. Few understood why the New Jersey State Police would send a contingent of uniformed Jersey Troopers to a United States Army Funeral. But we all know how important the New Jersey State Police was to General Schwarzkopf, and he to his “Father’s Outfit.”



So, on the crisp Thursday morning of February 28<sup>th</sup> Colonel Joseph Fuentes led a contingent of uniformed Jersey Troopers to the Cadet Chapel at West Point to pay a final tribute. When the Chapel service was complete they accompanied those in attendance to the gravesite service, a site very near where he buried his father in 1958. And before departing, they extended honors to both Schwarzkopfs, father and son, two men who strongly believed in the importance of our long held core values - *honor, duty, country, and fidelity*.

In the fall of 2011, I drafted an article on the close personal relationship between Colonel Schwarzkopf and his son the General, titled, *Of Competence and Character*. Feel free to read it at:

<http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SCHWARZKOPF.pdf>

*Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)*

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope the past few months since the holidays find you and your families in good health. I would like to speak of my own concern, not the FTA's on gun control which again is a hot political topic after the horrific shooting in Newtown, CT. in December 2012.

I feel I have some experience on this subject since I was a Troop "B" Firearms Instructor during my career with both the Sturm Ruger .357/.38 revolver and the H & K 9mm semi-automatic pistol. I am also an avid hunter of big game both in Canada and here in the United States including deer hunting in New Jersey. I am a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) though I have disagreed with them on certain issues concerning certain guns and ammunition and background checks. I still currently possess a permit to carry a concealed weapon which is valid in all 50 states and all US territories.

With these mass shootings comes the cry of anti gun activists to pass more and more restrictive gun laws which obviously curtails the rights of gun owners and which is contrary to the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the US Constitution. The problem is not with law abiding citizens having the right to own and use guns legally but of the criminals and mentally disturbed individuals who get their hands on any type of weapon used to cause death and destruction. In New Jersey, which has some of the most restrictive gun laws, there is now movement to pass additional gun laws some of which are actually ludicrous. I have recently written my two Assemblyman and State Senator complaining of these new amendments to our NJ guns laws and have received a favorable reply.

I also think that the Congress of the United States should not have let the assault weapon ban expire in 2004 because it will be virtually impossible to have it become law again. Assault type military weapons should have a special permit to own or you might as well have people own bazookas or hand grenades.

All legal guns whether long guns or hand guns should be locked up in a gun safe when not in use. All gun purchases at gun shows, mainly out West, should be subject to some type of criminal background check before the purchase. I normally don't like to use any type of old adage, but I like the one, "guns don't kill people, people kill people." On our Nation's highways every year around 46,000 people are killed in auto accidents. 99% of the accidents are caused by human error as most police officers know. Cars don't kill people on our highways, people kill people by making driver errors, speeding or drinking and driving.

No matter how you feel, either in favor of more gun laws or as I do, not in favor of any more restrictions, especially in New Jersey, you should contact your federal and state legislatures to voice your own opinion.

The above comments are mine alone and not of the FTA. We are all entitled to our opinions.

Thank you all for being members and I hope I can continue to serve you with distinction and pride during my tenure as your President. If you would like to contact me, send an e-mail to, [smaggio@ftanjsp.org](mailto:smaggio@ftanjsp.org) or call the FTA office at 609-588-8323.

God bless you and your families,  
Sal Maggio, President

## FTA SPRING MEETING REMINDER

The FTA Spring General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, starting at 10:00 AM at the State Police Museum and Learning Center - Log Cabin, Division Headquarters. Coffee and donuts will be served before the meeting and all attendees are invited for lunch immediately following.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

While the chilly temperatures of the past several months may have seemed to keep most of you nestled in the warmth of your homes, many braved the elements and ventured out to attend an FTA function or two. The Fall Membership Meeting, though pushed back a month thanks to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy was well attended and enhanced by the annual State Police Holiday Party and Open House, all at Division Headquarters.

As previously reported, this year's FTA/NJSP Annual Christmas Party was moved to a more centrally located venue, the Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake, New Jersey. The event was well attended by about one hundred revelers who thoroughly enjoyed the great food, cool drinks, fine music, and close-nit camaraderie of fellow Jersey Troopers. This year's recipient of the Former Trooper's Association – Former Trooper of the Year was none other than Captain Mansour "Muncie" Farhat, #3384 (*Ret*). As many of you well know, Muncie spent more than twenty-one years peddling T-Shirts and Caps as the Logo Merchandise Coordinator. His dedication and service to the Association is unmatched, certainly befitting this prestigious award. Congratulations Lt. Farhat!

Florida was certainly a welcome respite from the doldrums of a typical New Jersey winter, even though the temperatures weren't all that much warmer. Temperatures aside, and even though the turnout was a little smaller than in recent years, all who attended enjoyed the outgoing hospitality of the recently renovated Crowne Plaza Hotel in Melbourne, Fl. Next year's event will focus on providing our Florida and other out-of-state members with a whole host of informational data. Plan on attending this great FTA Get-Away event.

This past year 2012, our Association experienced some noticeable gains and some unfortunate losses. Our Logo Merchandise Sales operation achieved record levels thanks to a larger, yet temporary store facility, and a greater assortment of clothing and miscellaneous merchandise, all while affording our "members in good standing" a 10% discount, thanks to our new Logo Merchandise Computer System. Please be mindful that the trailer we are currently working out of is only that, a temporary facility. Plans are under consideration for a larger, more permanent facility that will enhance our total operations under one roof, and afford our members easier access to your FTA. More information to come as we proceed further.

The loss of our Benefits Consultant, confident, and dear friend Debbie Chesko continues to be felt in more ways than you can imagine. Debbie was our 'go-to girl' and she is truly missed. As with many of you, the Board of Directors fully understands that while there is no replacing Debbie, we must obtain the services of someone to carry on her duties for the good of our membership. Over the past several months a number of individuals have been considered, and we are very close to having someone step in pick up where Debbie left off. As soon as we secure that someone I'll send out an Admail message of introduction.

After lengthy considerations, the Board of Directors has secured the professional services of Carl Soranno, Esq., a Partner at the law firm of Brach Eichler, LLC as outside our legal counsel. Carl brings a plethora of experience in business law, counseling, intellectual property, and litigation to our Association. For his first assignment, Carl was asked to do an analysis of our State Police Retirement System (SPRS) as it relates to the reinstatement of our cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Together, with his associate Paul M. Bishop, Carl furnished a detailed report indicating that we are very close to reaching a Target Funded Ratio of the value of assets against accrued liabilities of 75%. Once we reach the 75% Target Funded Ratio a pension committee can be established to give priority consideration to reactivating the COLAs. In order for the SPRS to attain the reinstatement of COLAs, it must first establish that 75% ratio, followed by seven years of equal and increasing increments until the system reaches the 80% target ratio. It appears that the SPRS is currently at 74-75% of the Target Funded Ratio. Once we attain the 75% ratio we can begin the operation of the law reinstating COLAs. A copy of Mr. Soranno's report is on *page #37* of this newsletter for your review.

Unfortunately, due to space constraints the 'Historical Highlights' article has been pushed to September.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone to root for Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (*Ret*) in this year's 117<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon and April 15<sup>th</sup>. John's been preparing really hard for this year's event and I'm sure, like in the past, he will give it his all. Best of Luck John!

*Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)*

## FEATURED MEMBER

This issue it is my privilege to feature a former Jersey Trooper, who, while his State Police career ended some 26 years ago, still hasn't stopped using his expertise to help people. Published in the Press of Atlantic City, N.J., on Monday, February 4, 2013, reporter Donna Weaver certainly captured the dedication and driving force behind this former Jersey Trooper, an article certainly worth reprinting.

### RETIREE A GUIDING FORCE IN TUCKERTON SINCE SANDY

Published: February 4, 2013  
The Press of Atlantic City  
By: DONNA WEAVER

**Harold Spedding**, 81, is an experienced hand in emergency management. This small borough has had an expert heading its emergency management operations since Hurricane Sandy struck, and that expertise is helping it through the long recovery process.

For the past several months, 81-year-old Emergency Management Coordinator Harold Spedding's white pickup truck has been parked at Tuckerton Borough Hall, where he leads the journey through the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The unpaid position has required Spedding to work around the clock.

Spedding, who moved to Tuckerton in 1963 and has a career in emergency management that stretches across the country, jokes that he never really retired and never plans on it. He likes to stay busy. Spedding was married for 59 years. His wife, Helen, died last March.

"Why would I stop now?" he asked Sunday by telephone after ending his day of driving to Florida for a two-week fishing trip.

Spedding, a Trenton, Mercer County, native and a 32-year New Jersey State Police veteran, retired in 1986 at the rank of major after working in many capacities, including as deputy director of emergency management for the agency.

But first he was a U.S. Marine, and that is obvious when his cellphone rings. His ringtone is the "Marines' Hymn."

"I graduated high school in 1949, on a Friday, and on Monday I enlisted in the Marine Corps and left for Parris Island. I served for three years, including a year in Korea in combat," he said.

When he was discharged from the Marines he was 21 and had a year to burn before he could enlist in the New Jersey State Police, which required recruits to be 22 years old. Spedding was officially a state trooper in 1954 after graduating from the academy.

Eight years after becoming a trooper he saw his first disaster -- the 1962 storm that devastated the New Jersey coast.

For 10 years of his career, Spedding was stationed at the Tuckerton State Police Barracks before he was transferred to division headquarters in 1958 as a detective. He was later promoted to lieutenant and assigned to the State Police Central Security Unit.

After attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Academy, he was promoted to captain and headed up the State Police organized crime bureau. Then, in 1980, he was promoted to major and was transferred to the agency's emergency management bureau until 1986, when he retired. He had to retire because he turned 55, the cutoff for the State Police.

"I would have stayed forever. I think the State Police was the greatest career I could have ever had," he said.

After his State Police career, Spedding sold real estate on Long Beach Island at the height of the market and made some money. But he only took three years off from his lifelong career in emergency response.

"In 1989, FEMA called and asked me if I wanted to go to



the Virgin Islands, and I said, 'Are you kidding me? You bet your life I do!'" he said.

He worked in the Virgin Islands for 18 months as the housing officer during Hurricane Hugo and the next 17 years as a disaster specialist across the country, evaluating nuclear power plants for offsite safety. He inspected about 100 plants throughout 15 years and worked about 50 hurricanes, he said.

After living through 50 hurricanes, he said, Hurricane Sandy was one of the most severe he has seen, but he enjoyed every minute he worked it.

"I loved it. Because I've been working it all my life. It was easy because I have so much experience. Everybody worked together on the whole thing. The best thing was being able to use my expertise to help the people of the borough of Tuckerton recover," he said.

In 2007, former mayor Lee Eggert and the Borough Council hired Spedding as the emergency management coordinator. Spedding previously served as borough councilman and oversaw emergency management in the borough from 1987 to 1993. He resigned in 1994 to spend more time with his family.

"He was the only person in town who had the experience. With his experience and contacts it was a no-brainer," Eggert said.

At the time, the borough had some deficiencies with its emergency management operations and had to make some changes fast, Eggert said.

Spedding's was appointed after the Ocean County Sheriff's Department's Office of Emergency Management put the borough on notice that it needed to immediately address several issues or would be in danger of losing state and federal funding. Spedding took the reins of the Office of Emergency Management, facing more than a dozen delinquencies over two years old.

"Harold had been active in the community for a long time. When the good Lord said let there be light, he was the guy who threw the switch," he said.

"As far as this storm goes, he was the best thing that happened for Tuckerton. In a situation like that, when a state of emergency is declared, he takes over the town in a sense. It was amazing. When we needed something, he got it," he said.

Spedding had the discipline and knowledge that the borough needed and was a fixture at Borough Hall, where he set up a command post on the council's dais, Mayor George "Buck" Evans said.

In the days and weeks after the storm, the tiny Borough Hall on Main Street was a revolving door of elected officials, police and public works employees. Spedding never complained while working around the clock, Evans said.

Spedding worked closely with Borough Administrator Jenny Gleghorn to pursue any available funding for storm relief, while making sure paperwork was precise and submitted on time.

"We're fortunate to have him. We relied heavily on his experience and one thing I have a lot of respect for Harold is that he communicated with me on every decision and we made the decisions together," he said.

Congratulations Major Spedding, #1309 (*Ret*), and keep up the good work!

*Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)*

## **FTA SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

The annual State Police Holiday Open House was held on Saturday, December 8, 2012, at the State Police Museum and Learning Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. As in the past, a fine gathering of our State Police family and friends, numbering in the hundreds came out to help usher in the arrival of the Christmas Season to Division Headquarters, and welcome jolly old Saint Nicholas. Unfortunately, this year due to overcast skies, the State Police Helicopter was unable to deliver Santa to State Police Headquarters. Not to worry, uniformed Jersey Troopers made sure he arrived on time to the throngs of children of all ages, eagerly waiting to sit on Santa's lap, each hoping that he would grant their wish with a special present come Christmas morning.

## THE 2012 FTA-NJSP CHRISTMAS PARTY



visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/CHRISTMAS.pdf>

The 2012 FTA-NJSP Christmas Party took place on Friday evening, December 14, 2012, at the Spring Lake Manor, Spring Lake, New Jersey. Now centrally located, this, the finest Christmas Party in the State offered an open Premium Bar, Cocktail Hour, Sit-Down Dinner, and music by The Cameos. Open to **all** active and retired Jersey Troopers and Civilian Support Staff, this is the party to celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. Hotel accommodations were readily available at many local hotels, inns, and bed & breakfasts. We've already booked next year's party for December 14, 2012, 6-11p.m., same accommodations. Don't miss it!

*Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)*

*Pics courtesy Bette Welch, #3506 (Ret)  
and George Wren*

## 2012 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

Another great Florida Winter Party was hosted by the FTA in sunny Melbourne this past March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. While the weather was clear with mostly sunny skies, the temperatures were somewhat chilly, but few minded. After all, the festivities were comfortably controlled within the confines of the recently renovated beachfront Crowne Plaza Hotel. Either way, it was a well deserved respite for those travelling south from a typical northeast winter.

As usual, Sergeant Moe Washmann, #2634 (Ret) coordinated a great event. Even though the finishing touches of renovation were still underway, the accommodations, food, and entertainment were superb. The hotel staff went out of their way to make sure every accommodation was taken care of. Thanks again Moe on another excellent job.

Although this year's attendance was somewhat low at only 78 attendees, it was great to see old faces and some new ones. This year's senior attendee was Lt. James E. 'Jesse' Savadge, #1228. Next year's event will focus on providing new and up-to-date information on a whole host of topics to our Florida and other out-of-state retirees, so don't miss out next year!

For those of you who haven't attended the Annual Florida Get-Together, or are thinking of doing so, do yourself a favor. Take a break from the doldrums of winter and plan a trip to sunny Florida around the Reunion. Take advantage of next year's event at last year's price. That's right, we're locked in again next year at last year's rates. Get a group together and getaway to Melbourne next year!

*Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)*

*Pics courtesy Capts. Joseph Curry, #1701  
and Bette Welch, #3506 (Ret) & Sandy Wren*



visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FLAPARTY.pdf>

## SAVE THE DATES

### TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together will take place at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the Kerri Brook Caterers on the White Horse Pike, Hammonton New Jersey. This event has been pushed back a month to accommodate the arrival of some of our Florida "Snowbirds" who wish to attend.

Last year's event drew over seventy "609'ers" who thoroughly enjoyed the longstanding South Jersey tradition. Don't miss this opportunity to once again partake in the camaraderie and laughter of your fellow Jersey Troopers.

As always, Good Olé Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 will coordinate and host the occasion. At only \$20.00 per person in good standing, every Jersey Trooper who started their career reporting to Hammonton Headquarters should be attending this event. Use the registration form on *page #36* of this newsletter.



### 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at Division Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ. For those interested in participating in the race, pre-registration fee for the 5K Race is \$25.00, day-of-race registration fee is \$30.00. Registration closes at 8:30 AM on race day with the race starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Judy Ponticiello @ (609) 4810-5858 or email [lpppontg@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lpppontg@gw.njsp.org).



### TROOP "B" GET-TOGETHER

The spring get-together will be on June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Flanders Valley Farm, please mark your calendars. The price is \$20.00. We must know in advance the number of people attending, so please call either Sal Maggio at 908-850-5021 or John Pallotta at 973-584-8023 and please leave a message if we are not in. Hope to see then. (PAY AT DOOR ONLY).



### 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIVER SHARKS FOR TPR. BERTRAM ZIMMERMAN, #5853 MEMORIAL BASEBALL GAME

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual River Sharks for Trooper Bertram Zimmerman, #5853 Memorial Baseball Game will take place on Friday evening, June 28, 2013, at Campbell's Field, 401 N. Delaware Avenue, Camden, New Jersey 08102. Game starts at 7:05 p.m.. Be there by 6:30 p.m. when the New Jersey State Police fly in on a helicopter. Tickets are only \$11. Proceeds from the sales of shirts, magnets, stickers, and a 50/50 raffle will help support the memorial fund. Check the link or contact Andrea Zimmerman Lomas for info. Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/RIVERSHARKS13.pdf>



### FTA SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

The FTA Summer Golf Classic will take place on July 15, 2013, at the Copper Hill Country Club, Copper Hill Road & Route #31, Flemington, New Jersey. Donation is \$150.00. Price includes: 11:00 a.m. Full buffet lunch, 7:00 p.m. sit down buffet dinner, Driving Range, Green Fees, Golf Cart, and Door Prizes. 10:00 a.m. Registration, 1:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start. For more information contact: John Pallotta @ (973) 584-8023 or Sal Maggio @ (908) 850-5021. Make checks payable to "FTA" and mail to John Pallotta – 31 Henry Street, Succasunna, New Jersey 07876. Deadline for this limited outing is July 8, 2013. Please have checks in by this date along with names of your group or invited guests.



## FTA TROOP 'C' GET-TOGETHER



The annual FTA Troop "C" Get-Together will take place on Thursday, July 18, 2013, 6-11 p.m., at the Bordentown E.L.K.S. Hall, Upstairs Banquet Hall (Route 206 N. to Amboy Road (609) 298-2085). Open to all Troop "C" Jersey Troopers, Active or Retired, Civilian Support Staff, and NJSP Family. Catering by C. Reed's Neighborhood Pub. Price is still only \$20.00 per person. Make check payable to F.T.A. and mail in by July 12<sup>th</sup> with completed registration form found on **page #36** of this publication.

## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPMA COLONEL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Colonel's Cup Golf Tournament will take place on July 2, 2013, at the Old York Country Club, 228 York Road, Columbus, NJ. For further information please contact Adele Bradley at (856) 547-2135 or (609-501-4110, or by email at [adelegolf@gmail.com](mailto:adelegolf@gmail.com).

## FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



The FTA Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, August 16, 2013, 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. at the German-American Club Picnic Grounds, Uncle Pete's Road, Hamilton, NJ. Costs to attend remain the same as last year: \$25 pre-registered FTA Members, Active Troops & Guests; \$30 for ALL paying at the gate; \$35 NJSP Retirees who are not FTA Members; Children under 12, Life Widows, and members of the 43<sup>rd</sup> & 44<sup>th</sup> Classes are FREE.

This year's menu will include: Roast Pigs, Pulled Pork, Hamburgers/w Cheese, Hot Dogs, Bar-be-cue Chicken, Italian Sausage, Bratwurst, Port Roll, Fried Peppers & Onions, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Shrimp, Clams (raw & steamers), Condiments, and of course Ice Cream. Beverages include, Beer, Wine, Soda, Iced Tea, Water and Set-ups, Hot Coffee and Tea ALL DAY. Entertainment will consist of the NJSP Bag Pipers, NJSP Helicopter and Horse. Registration form for the picnic can be found on **page #36** of this publication. For further information visit the link above or contact the FTA Office prior to August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/PICNICFLYER13.pdf>

## MILITARY NEWS



Tpr. Joe Torres flies the Blue & Gold on Mount Suribacki, Iwo Jima, Japan



## **NJSP/MARINE CORPS 237<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/MARINES237.pdf>

While Hurricane Sandy certainly wreaked havoc throughout the state, cancelling many an event, it only delayed the inevitable – Jersey Troopers celebrating the 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United States Marine Corps. The gathering took place some eight weeks late, only because the venue of the celebration, the Mercer County Airport facility sustained some damage. Damage I'm sure didn't compare to the experiences of most in attendance. None the less, the celebration was very well attended and the occasion very much enjoyed. Semper Fi, Marines!

## **BOB DELANEY, NBA CARES AMBASSADOR VISITS SOUTH KOREA**



U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division Commanding General Edward Cardon @ Camp Red Cloud Korea prior to NBA Cares Ambassador Bob Delaney's Post Traumatic Stress education & awareness presentation with our Troops.

Also visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/DELANEYKOREA.pdf>

Bob Delaney, NBA Cares Ambassador, visited South Korea from Feb. 24 - March 3, spending time with the 8th Army & 2nd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army thru-out South Korea. He shared his Post Traumatic Stress education & awareness message with soldiers and their families. Delaney's message underlines that PTS is a human condition and those who SERVE are in the higher risk group because they see what the rest of the world does not due to their profession. One of his mantras is "Post Traumatic Stress is not what is wrong with you; it's about the wrong your experienced."

U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division Commanding General Edward Cardon said of Delaney's visit and Peer to Peer message... "Bob reinforced the power of personal conversation - a growing challenge in the age of chat, twitter and facebook. It is only though personal interaction, and the courage to engage at all levels, that we will overcome life's challenges and stay truly resilient."

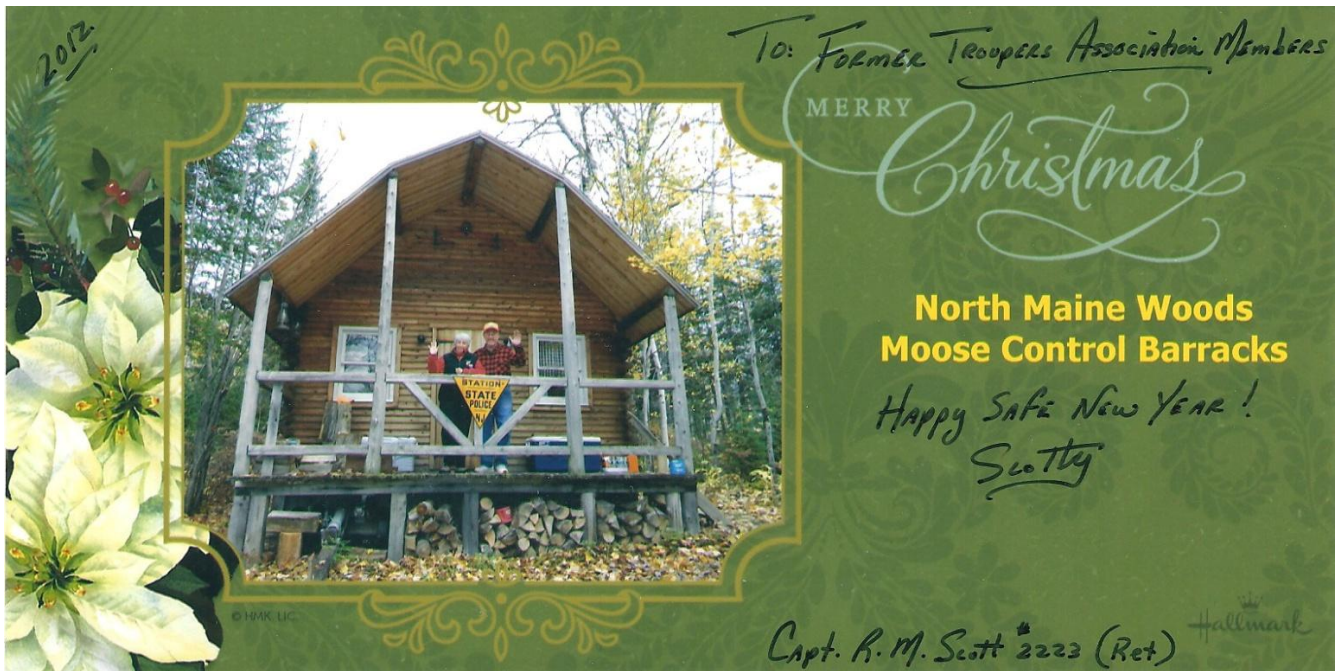
Delaney also visited with the Korean Basketball League Commissioner and his staff at their Seoul headquarters. He attended a KBL game between the Seoul Knights and Seoul Thunder @ the 1988 Olympic Center. He met with KBL referees sharing the finer points of basketball officiating.

"It was a very competitive afternoon game, on a Korean Holiday, before a sold out crowd. There was a strong NBA like atmosphere - great fans!"

Delaney shared NBA gifts with soldiers, VIPS and Korean NBA fans during his stay.

He said, "I made lifelong friends with Troops from the 8th Army & 2nd Infantry Division, the Korean Basketball League and the amazing Korean people. I look forward to returning one day soon."

## 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) 588-8323 for an order form.

*Submitted by Major George Coyle, #1528 (Ret)*

## VISITATION PROGRAM

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

## A VISITATION WITH LT. HANS C. SCHLICHTING, #998



L-R Lt. Francis Donlan, #4158, Lt. John Savage, #2033, Lt. Hans Schlichting, #998, Lt. Bill Long, #1295, Lt. Alfred Mossop, #1337 & Lt. Vince Mattis, #1613

Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/SCHLICHTING.pdf>

On Thursday, October 18, 2012, five former Jersey Troopers - Lt. William H. Long, #1295, Lt. Alfred C. Mossop, #1337, Lt. Vincent W. Mattis, #1613, Lt. John A. Savage, #2033, and Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 were joined by the current Woodbine Station Commander, Lt. Francis A. Donlan, #4158 for a visit with Lt. Hans C. Schlichting, #998, at his home on the beach in Sea Isle City, New Jersey. The event was of course marked by many, many stories of years gone by, and included a much anticipated State Police update provided by Lt. Donlan. Lt. Schlichting's lovely wife, Carolyn was of course a consummate host and was very appreciative of all who took part.

*Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)*

## FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Nominations for this year's Former New Jersey State Trooper of the Year Award are being accepted from April 1, through August 31, 2013. All nominations should be forwarded to the FTA office in Hamilton, N.J. by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Candidates will only be considered from members who are in good standing with the Former Troopers Association.

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

The selection will be made by the Board of Directors by November 1, 2013. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the FTA – NJSP Christmas Party on December 14, 2013.

## FTA EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION & APPRECIATION

After a hectic Holiday Sales Season and the year end membership renewal processing, it was time to take a well deserved break and recognize the important work that our FTA employees do for our entire Association. At a noontime luncheon on January 8<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors showed our immense appreciation to our dedicated staff that included our Office Manager Gail Carrigan, and our record setting Logo Merchandise Sales Team consisting of Logo Merchandise Sales Manager Lt. Tony DiPaula, #4378 (*Ret*), and our Sales Ladies Jackie Snyder and Rena Menzel. Thank you all for the great work you do and the dedicated service you provide to all who come in contact with our Former Troopers Association.



L-R Jackie Snyder, Tony DiPaula, Rena Menzel, President Sal Maggio, and Gail Carrigan

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

### **FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The FTA will be awarding scholarships for \$500.00 a piece for the school year ending in June 2013. Only those students that are seniors and are graduating from High School in June 2013 need apply. Also the student must be a child, grandchild, step child, or a step grandchild of a member in good standing of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association.

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

Applications are available on our web site under "forms," at our office, or on *pages #29 - #31* of this newsletter. Completed applications must be received at the address at the end of the application no later than April 20<sup>th</sup> of the year the student is a senior in high school.

### **Scholarship winners will be selected at the May 4<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting.**

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

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

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

The program will consist of two (2) scholarships being awarded, each in the amount of \$1,250.00.

The scholarship is open to any student presently attending a college and maintaining a GPA of at least 2.5 and to any high school senior with an equivalent grade who plans to enroll in a state accredited college or university anywhere in the USA.

Any person interested in the scholarship must complete and submit an application to the Secretary of "The Fund." The application can be found on *page #34* of this newsletter.

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

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

All applications must be mailed to the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers Educational Fund, Attention: Daniel Morocco, Jr., Secretary, 291 Westcott Blvd., Pennington, New Jersey 08534.

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

*It will be of little avail to the people, that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man, who knows what the law is to-day, can guess what it will be to-morrow.*

*~ Alexander Hamilton ~  
Federalist No. 62, 1788*

### HOW TRUE IS THIS STORY?

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar -- ALL drinks 10 cents." They look at each other and then go in, thinking, 'this is too good to be true.'

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis -- shaken, not stirred -- and says, "That'll be ten cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round. Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet. Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the lottery jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer - it's all the same."

"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, "What's with them?" The bartender says, "They're retired Troopers from New Jersey. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price."

*Submitted by: SFC Pete Ballurio, #2909 (Ret)*

*Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.  
Today it's called golf.*

*~ Will Rogers ~*



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## **FTA AUTO PLAQUES**



**THE FORMER NEW JERSEY TROOPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**, has authorized the sale and display of the above pictured FTA Auto Plaques. Each plaque bears a registration number assigned to the buyer. Proceeds benefit the many charities undertaken by the FTA.

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

## LETTERS TO THE FTA

November 28, 2012,

Dear Former Troopers Association,

*We would like to thank you for your participation in our fundraiser "An Evening to Remember" on October 25, 2012. Your generous donation helped us raise almost \$25,000, making our event an enormous success. The generosity shown towards our organization was incredible and reaffirms our belief that our mission fills a need locally.*

*The funds raised will allow us to co-sponsor a Resolve Through Sharing bereavement training conference at Hackensack University Medical Center this Spring. We are also branching out to more hospitals and providing supportive materials for families suffering from the death of their baby.*

*Once again thank you for your support, and please take pride in the fact that with your donation you have aided families suffering from pregnancy loss, stillbirth or newborn death.*

*Sincerely,  
Dave & Melissa Barry  
Founders, Forget Me Not Foundation*

November 29, 2011

Dear Former Troopers Association,

*It is with deep regret that we advise you of the death of former trooper Joseph A. Maressa, Badge #888, on October 30, 2012.*

*The family was deeply honored to have the presence of the State Police at the viewing and the cemetery, as well as the "fly over" by a NJ State Police Helicopter.*

*Very truly yours,  
FAMILY OF JOSEPH A. MARESSA  
Joseph A. Maressa, Jr.*

December 6, 2012

Dear Former Troopers Association,

*Thank you so much for the plaque sent to me, for my husband Gary Seiffert's service.*

*I will cherish the gift.*

*Thank you also for my membership. I will look forward to reading news and updates.*

*I enjoyed going on the trips, though Gary's decline in health caused us to be unable to go on recent ones.*

*Would you please extend my thanks for all the cards of sympathy and condolences I received from the membership.*

*I was very touched since Gary has been retired so many years.*

*Once again, Thank You.*

*Respectfully,  
Betty Ann Seiffert*

December 9, 2012

Dear Sal,

*I cannot thank you enough for having the plaque of Bob made for me, that was so kind of you fellow troopers.*

*Enclosed is a check for the "Trooper Assoc." saying thank you again.*

*God Bless you all,  
Jean Verbeke*

December 20, 2012

Dear Sal,

*Thank you so much for your contribution to Christopher's Memorial Foundation. Your kindness and support is much appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
The Scales Family*

December 27, 2012

Dear Former Troopers Association,

*I would like to take the time to send you my heartfelt appreciation for the most beautiful memorial plaque paying tribute to my husband, NJSP Sergeant Thomas J. Lotito #937. I also want to thank you, Sal, for sending me the pictures of my husband, along with my own membership card.*

*To see him in his NJSP Uniform again, is quite, overwhelming. The NJSP represents dignity, honor and respect. I con not THANK YOU enough for your kindness and support.*

*My husband often shared what a great undertaking heading the FTA is and how Sal has handled it. More than ever, I can agree.*

*In gratitude,  
Irene A. Lotito  
Wife of Sgt. Thomas J. Lotito #937*

Dear Former Troopers Association,

*My family and I would like to thank the New Jersey State Police and the Former Troopers Assoc. for the expressions of sympathy shown to us after the recent death of my husband Sgt. Joseph Walsh #2595.*

*Joe was so proud to serve as a New Jersey State Trooper for 26 years.*

*I would also like to thank our nephew Tpr. Thomas J. Walsh #6484 for making the necessary arrangements for the honor guard, traffic control and bagpiper. I know Joe was watching from above, his farewell from "the out" that he was so proud of.*

*I would like to thank Sal Maggio and all the retired troopers that came to his wake and spoke of so many state police stories from the past. It made it easier for us to remember how happy he was in his job.*

*Sincerely,  
Sharon Walsh and Family*

Dear Former Troopers Association,

*Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy and for the plaque that I received in Frank's memory. It is very much appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
Pat Masterson & Family*

March 2013,

Dear FTA,

*I want to thank you for the beautiful memorial plaque of my husband, Lieutenant Lester R. Tice, #3672. He was very proud to have served as a New Jersey State Trooper and this plaque honors that memory.*

*I am grateful too, for the Troopers who stood guard, the escort, and all who attended his funeral, to show their respect and honor him.*

*Sincerely,  
Janis Tice and Family*

## QUARTER CENTURY CLUB MEMORIAL DONATIONS

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## LAST PATROL

**CAPTAIN JOHN E.  
ALLEN, #972**



**ALLEN, JOHN E., #972** passed away on 27 February 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 18 December 1950 as a member of the 38th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 December 1980. He proudly served in the United States Army during WW II and earned an American Theater ribbon and the WW II Victory Medal. He is survived by his wife Margaret, a son Thomas, a daughter Susan and one grandson.

**CAPTAIN EDGAR J.  
HESS, #3015**



**HESS, EDGAR, #3015** passed away on 14 March 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 30 January 1975 as a member of the 91st Class and retired in 2002 at the rank of Captain. He served as a general

duty road trooper in Troop "B" and Troop "D" New Jersey Turnpike. He served for 22 years in the New Jersey State Police Criminal Investigation Section, Major Crime Unit, where he attained the rank of Captain. He is survived by his wife Maribeth, a son Brian, and a daughter Megan.

**SGT DONALD WHITE,  
#1275**



**WHITE, DONALD, #1275** passed away on 20 February 2013. 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 Sergeant on 1 October 1981. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WW II, serving as a gunners mate escorting troop transports through the North Atlantic during the war. He was predeceased by his wife Joyce Teresa in 2007. He is survived by his children, son David, daughter Donna, three grandchildren and two sisters.

**DSG DAVID TABON,  
#5409**



**TABON, DAVID, #5409** passed away on 10 March 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 22 December 1995 as a member of the 116th Class. He served in the Cargo theft Unit and was promoted to Sergeant on 15 October 2011. He is survived by his wife, Alane and five children.

**LT EDWARD V.  
DEVLIN, #1530**



**DEVLIN, EDWARD V., #1503** passed away on 16 February 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 7 July 1957 as a member

of the 52nd Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 February 1988. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kathleen, seven children, thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren."

**SGT ROBERT E. CROWE, # 1737**



**CROWE, ROBERT E., #1737** passed away on 18 February 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police as a member of the 59th Class on 5 February 1962 and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 March 1987. He is survived by his wife Shirley, a son Andrew, a daughter Elizabeth Ream, three step-children, five grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

**CAPTAIN PETER J. DUNN, #1092**



**DUNN, PETER J., #1092** passed away on 18 February 2013. He

enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 June 1952 as a member of the 41st Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 August 1979. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during WW II. He is survived by his wife Marian, a daughter Kathleen, a son James and two grandchildren.

**SFC WILLIAM J. SPIRKO, # 1466**



**SPIRKO, WILLIAM J., #1466** passed away on 14 February 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 19 August 1955 and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class on 1 October 1982. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. After his retirement he served as superintendent of the Hudson County Youth House and coached baseball for the Bayonne Little League and basketball for St. Andrews School. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two daughters Nancy and BJ and two grandchildren.

**DSFC JOHN M. LAND, #1407**



**LAND, JOHN M., #1407** passed away on 23 January 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired on 1 July 1975. He was living in Boynton Beach FL at the time of his passing.

**SGT JOHN F. HOVERKAMP, #2019**



**HOVERKAMP, JOHN F., #2019** passed away on 27 January 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 13 September 1965 as a member of the 68th Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 March 1986. He served in several Troop B. stations and was a member of the Underwater Recovery Team, a member of the Bomb Disposal Unit. He proudly served in the United States Coast Guard from 1962 until 1963. He is survived by his wife Annie and six children, Mark, Jeff, Brendon,

Kevin Pi, Steven Pi, Susan and seven grandchildren.

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**CAPTAIN JEFFREY C.  
RUBINCAM, #1955**



**RUBINCAM, JEFFREY C., #1955** passed away on 23 January 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 August 1964 as a member of the 65th Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 September 1991. He served in the Helicopter Unit of the Division of State Police. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Diane, two children, son Doctor Jeffrey Rubincam Jr., daughter Jennifer and four grandchildren.

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**SSGT HOWARD A.  
NEBEL, #962**



**NEBEL, HOWARD A., #962** passed away on 16 January 2013 at his home. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 August 1950 as a member of the 37th Class and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant on 1 November 1970. He

proudly served in the United States Navy during WW II. He served as secretary of the Former New Jersey State Troopers Association. He is survived by his wife, Patricia and four children, Greg, Lisa, Marinanci and Ward.

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**TPR LINDSAY A.  
GRAY, #6945**



**GRAY, LINDSAY A., #6945** passed away on 13 January 2013. She enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 July 2007 as a member of the 146th Class. She was stationed in Totowa. She is survived by companion Dave Kosakowski, her parents Diane and Michael Gray, her grandmother Sheila McGarri Gray and her brother Andrew."

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**MAJOR JOSEPH E.  
BARRY, #1142**



**BARRY, JOSEPH E., #1142** passed away on Monday 14 January 2013 at his home in Morris Plains, N.J. He enlisted in the New

Jersey State Police on 1 December 1952 as a member of the 42nd Class and retired with the rank of Major on 1 June 1982. After his retirement he served for fifteen years as Senior Vice President in charge of Security Operations at St. Barnabas Health Care System. He then served as a liaison between Atlantic Health System Morristown Medical Center and the New Jersey State Police to establish the Atlantic Air One Helicopter transport. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Patricia, a daughter Joanne, a son Christopher and six grandchildren.

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**LT FRANCIS P.  
MASTERSON, #1686**



**MASTERSON, FRANCIS P., #1686** passed away on 3 January 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 6 February 1961 as a member of the 57th Class and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1991. He served as the Deputy Director of the New Jersey State Police Academy. He proudly served in the United States Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician from 1956 to 1960. Following his retirement he worked in the NJ Department of Education, Office of Compliance. He is survived by his wife Patricia, a son Keith and a daughter Kathleen and four grandchildren.

**LT ALLAN B.  
DARBY, #1199**



**DARBY, ALLAN B., #1199** passed away on 29 December 2012. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police as a member of the 43rd Class on 1 August 1953 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 August 1978. He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Hawaii and survived the 7 December 1941 raid by air and naval forces of Japan. He served as head of security at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City until 1989. He is predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Betty. He is survived by a son Allan Jr. and a daughter Lee Susan, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**CAPTAIN GABRIEL  
MISTICHELLI, #1112**



**MISTICHELLI, GABRIEL, #1112** passed away on 3 January 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 June

1952 as a member of the 41st Class and retired at the rank of Captain on 1 October 1982. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II where he served as a radioman and navigator on naval sea planes. He volunteered for Operation Highjump in the Antarctic with Admiral Byrd where Mistichelli Hills was named for him. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy in 2006 and his daughter Dona Timoney in 2012. He is survived by one son Daniel, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**SGT JOSEPH F.  
WALSH, #2595**



**WALSH JOSEPH F., #2595** passed away on 8 December 2012 at his home in Landing, NJ. He enlisted in the New Jersey state Police on 15 May 1970 as a member of the 81st Class and retired at the rank of Sergeant on 1 July 1996. He was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Service Award, "The Blue Max" for bravery. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Viet Nam War from 1967 to 1969. After his state police service he worked as Head of Security for Selective Insurance Company. He is predeceased by his mother, Margaret, his father Jerome, a brother Patrick and a sister Judy. He is survived by his wife of 42

years Sharon, a daughter Kathleen and two sons Joseph and Michael.

**LT GEORGE C.  
KROLL, #1893**



**KROLL GEORGE C., #1893** passed away on 4 December 2012. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 25 May 1964 as a member of the 64th Class. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant on 1 September 1989. After his service in the New Jersey State Police he served as the Fraud Unit Chief of Investigations for the Department of Banking and Insurance. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam War. He is survived by his wife Patricia, a daughter Karen, two sons Paul and David and five grandchildren.



**TPR THOMAS A.  
CAMPANELLA SR.,  
#1085**



**CAMPANELLA THOMAS A., #1085** passed away on 4 December 2012. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police as a member of the 41st Class on 24 June 1952 and resigned on 8 February 1957. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years Annette and a daughter Michele. He is survived by four daughters Mary Pat, Terri, Annette, and Patricia, three sons Anthony, Thomas and John, 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren."

**MAJOR JOSEPH P.  
BABICK, #928**



**BABICK JOSEPH P., #928** passed away on 7 December 2012 at his home in Toms River, N.J. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police 29 August 1949 as a member of the 36th Class. He retired with the rank of Major on 1 October 1981. He proudly served

in the United States Army during World War II. He played semi-pro baseball and later in life was active in organizing sports activities for local youth. He served as Director of Security for the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City. He is survived by his sons Michael, Joseph, Peter and Paul, seven grandchildren Adrienne, Jennifer, Joseph, Thomas, Sara, Paul and Samuel.

**TPR JEROME P. "JERRY"  
DUNN, #2103**



**DUNN JEROME P., #2103** Former Trooper Jerome P. Dunn passed away on 17 November 2012. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 14 April 1966 as a member of the 70<sup>th</sup> Class and resigned on 7 July 1967. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Lois, a daughter Coleen, and two sons Kevin and James.

**TPR JOSEPH A.  
MARESSA, #888**



**MARESSA JOSEPH A., #888** passed away on Tuesday 20 October 2012. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 September 1947 as a member of the 33rd Class and resigned on 15 April 1948 at the rank of Trooper. He practiced law for many years in the South Jersey area. In 1972 he was elected to the New Jersey State Senate and served three terms. He proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II where he spent the war as a deep-sea mine-disposal diver. At the war's end he was released at the rank of Lieutenant Jg. He was predeceased by his wife Josephine in 1976. He is survived by two sons Anthony and Joseph Jr., a daughter Jo Lynne, and five grandchildren.

**FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**CORNELIUS MACAULEY, SR.,** cherished Father of Major Thomas J. Macauley, #4075 (*Ret*), passed away on October 2, 2012.

**CORNELIUS P. MACAULEY, JR.,** respected Brother of Major Thomas J. Macauley, #4075 (*Ret*), passed away on October 12, 2012.

**FRANCES CAVANAUGH,** cherished Mother of Lt. James R. Cavanaugh, #1835 (*Ret*), passed away on October 26, 2012.

**DR. DONALD PYLE**, former State Police Physician passed away on November 20, 2012.

**JOAN CIECWICZ**, loving Wife of deceased Lt. Stanley Ciecwic, #1282 and cherished Mother of SFC Stephen Ciecwic, #4279 and Tpr. Robert Ciecwic, #6838, passed away on November 29, 2012.

**MICHAEL DOYLE**, respected Brother of Lt. Patrick Doyle, #4611 (*Ret*), passed away on November 29, 2012.

**WILLIAM NEWSOME**, cherished Father of Captain William J. Newsome, #3043 (*Ret*), and respected Father-in-law of Captain Kenneth Wondrak, #2363 (*Ret*) and Grandfather of Lt. Mark Wondrak, #5023, passed away on December 3, 2012.

**LORRAINE OLENDER RASLOWSKY**, loving Wife of deceased SFC Joseph A. Raslowsky, #1381 and cherished Mother of Trooper Ronald J. Raslowsky, #3441 (*Ret*), passed away on December 29, 2012.

**TROY ALLEN MORAN**, loving Son of Barbara Jean Piperata, retired SP Criminal Records Bureau employee and the late SGT John H. Moran, Jr., Hopewell PD, passed away on January 3, 2013.

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**TARA TAVENER-DAY**, cherished Daughter of Captain Fred L. Tavener, #2314 (*Ret*), passed away on January 17, 2013.

**MICHAEL A. KOVAL**, NJSP Forensic Scientist, passed away on January 25, 2013.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### FTA MEMBER INFORMATION:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

BADGE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City & State Zip Code

HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City and State Zip Code

HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED GRADUATION  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY SCHOLASTIC AWARDS, EXTRA -CARRICULAR ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, OFFICDS HELD AND ANY COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT. Example. Varsity Baseball, National Honor Society, 4-H Club, etc.

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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:** (This section to be completed by the high school counselor. Counselor to mail completed application with transcript of grades to the below listed address)

STUDENT'S SAT / ACT SCORES \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CLASS RANK \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM, STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE

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ADDITIONAL  
REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

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**c/o SAL MAGGIO, PRESIDENT**  
**22 Sandpiper Drive**  
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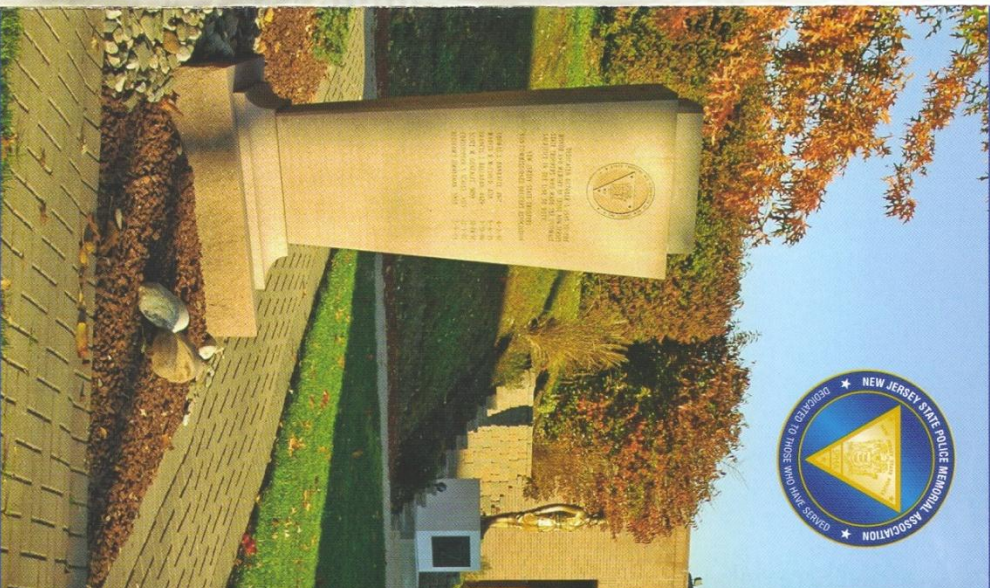
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**STUDENT**

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City & State Zip Code

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Retired \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of retired/deceased/active New Jersey State Trooper)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature (Retiree or deceased trooper's family member/Active Trooper))

**ACADEMIC**

**High School Attended:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City & State Zip Code

**College University Attending:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City & State Zip Code

Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Transcripts  College  High School  Letter of Acceptance

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(Navy blue with gold NJSP on collar)

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Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Friday, August 16, 2013  
German American Club  
Uncle Pete's Road  
Hamilton, NJ

Name & Badge # of member(s)  
Active Troopers/Division Civilian Personnel (\$25.00):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guests (\$25.00): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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April 25, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending (\$20.00 Per Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions, contact Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (Ret.) at 609-561-5634.

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## Memorandum

**TO:** Nicholas C. Soranno  
**BCC:** Carl Soranno, Esq.  
**FROM:** Paul M. Bishop  
**DATE:** March 18, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** New Jersey State Police Former Troopers Association and the Cost of Living Adjustment

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N.J.S.A. 43:3B-2 was amended on June 28, 2011 to state that "no further adjustments to the monthly retirement allowance or pension originally granted to any retirant ... be made unless the adjustment is reactivated as permitted by law." Because of this amendment, cost of living adjustments ("COLA") are suspended for retirees and benefit recipients of all retirement systems including the New Jersey State Police Former Troopers Association ("FTA") retirement system. The only way that COLA will be reinstated is if the adjustment is reactivated as permitted by law, as discussed below. N.J.S.A. 43:3B-2.

Reinstatement of the COLA requires the retirement system to reach a Target Funded Ratio of the value of assets against the accrued liabilities of 75%. N.J.S.A. 43:3C-16. Additionally, the retirement systems must not only meet the Target Funded Ratio of 75% but also must demonstrate an annually increasing ratio by equal increments over seven (7) fiscal

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years to a ratio of 80%. Id. Therefore, in order to apply for COLA reinstatement, a retirement system must initially meet the Target Funded Ratio of 75% and then, over the ensuing seven (7) years, eventually reach the 80% ratio through increasing and equal annual increments.

Upon a retirement system attaining the Target Funded Ratio a pension committee can be established to give priority consideration to the reactivation of COLA. N.J.S.A. 53:5A-30(o). The pension committee shall have the discretionary authority to reinstate the COLA for retirees enrolled in the qualifying retirement system during the period that the system is at or above the Target Funded Ratio, modify the basis for the calculation of the adjustment and set the duration and extent of the activation. N.J.S.A. 53:5A-30 (o). This eight member committee – which will not be appointed until the Target Funded Ratio is attained - will be comprised of four (4) members appointed by the Governor, three (3) appointed by the head of the State Troopers Fraternal Association and one (1) appointed by the head of the union representing the greatest number of supervisory officers. Final action of the Committee shall be made by the adoption of a regulation that shall identify the modifications to the system by reference to statutory section. Id.

Accordingly, in order for the FTA system to attain the reinstatement of COLA, it must establish a Target Funded Ratio of at least 75% followed by seven (7) years of equal and increasing increments until the system reaches the 80% target ratio. According to my research, pursuant to State of New Jersey's June 30, 2012 retirement system actuarial report (issued on March 4, 2013), the only retirement system currently above the 75% targeted ratio is the Police and Firemen's Retirement System. Based upon my conversations with Sal Maggio, the President

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of the FTA, and based upon my conversations with attorney Robert C. Brown, who represents the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, it appears that the FTA's ratio is approximately 74-75%. 74% would put the system below the Target Funded Ratio. Accordingly, if the current ratio is 74%, then the FTA must raise that ratio to at least 75% to begin the operation of the law reinstating COLA. If the Target Funded Ratio is currently 75%, then the FTA retirement system must continue to show an equal increase every year over the next 7 years until it reaches 80%. Until that time, there is no ability to reinstate COLA under the current amendment to the law.

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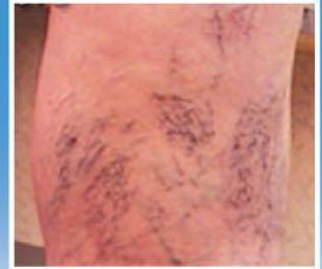
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