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A NEW WELCOME

We can all remember the original entrance to Division Headquarters on State Police Drive, as we drove up the hill flanked by well kept homes. And then in the early 1990s, in association with the opening of the State Police Museum and Learning Center, and the construction of Wilburtha Station, came a new entrance, one that eliminated the constant strain of troopcar traffic on an otherwise quiet tree-lined residential street.

In grand fanfare, the new entrance opened, sporting an openness of rolling grass fields, illuminated by a modern Blue and Gold sign trimmed in buffed aluminum. Separated by a well lit landscaped medium, this new driveway paved the way in and out of Division Headquarters and Wilburtha Station. In time, as security measurers dictated, a guard shack was installed to monitor the comings and goings of visitors, not specifically assigned to Division. In all, it offered a bold new perspective to those arriving at State Police Headquarters.



Over the years maintenance on the entryway waned, and at times it looked a bit haggard. The closing of Wilburtha Station ultimately left the building to become somewhat of a noticeable eyesore, especially in light of the previous goings and comings of uniformed Troopers during its service to the Outfit. Well, all that has change.

Last fall the main entrance was temporary closed for renovation. This renovation however, will not only spruce up the area, but beneath the grade, new and up-to-date utilities have been installed to service the ever increasing technology that our SP Force requires to keep in step with the criminal element we're sworn to pursue. Wilburtha Station is also being renovated and will be turned into a welcome center where all visitors arriving at Division Headquarters will be greeted. The new welcome center will house Recruiting and several other State Police support offices. But most importantly, thanks to Colonel Fuentes, our FTA Logo Merchandise Store will also be permanently housed in the new center, where we can prominently display our State Police wares for all to see.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First of all, I hope everyone's in good health and finally getting over the abusive winter we have had if you are still living up North.

For you Floridian's, I am envy of your weather. My wife Susan and I attended the Florida Winter Party on March 4th and 5th in Melbourne, Florida. It was a great event and a good time was had by all. There were about 90 people who attended. Besides me other officers and Directors who attended were; Terry Hennessy, our Treasurer and Directors Ken Wondrack, George Wren and John O'Keefe. Also speaking at this event was our new benefits administrator, Bessie Jones and she did a great job. After this event my wife and I visited my son in Pompano Beach and then we took the long ride to check out Key West, Florida. Boy it's a long ride and when we left it took us almost 9 hours to cross into Georgia.

I would like to give you a chronological list of the facts in our fight to get our cost of living adjustment (COLA) back, so you can see what the FTA has been doing in order to succeed in this matter. (This information was given out at the Florida Party).

June 28, 2011 - Revised pension law (Chapter 78) passed and signed into law on June 28, 2011 by Governor Christi. (Changes COLA benefit)

August 2011 - We had a meeting with Senator Sweeney, Senate President at his office. He stated we will get the COLA because we are funded to about 73%. Myself, then President Bill Yodice & Past President Sam Cunningham, (God bless his soul) attended the meeting.

September 2011 - There was a meeting between Senator Sweeney and local police and fire retirees. He stated they too will continue to get the COLA because they are funded at 76%.

February 2012 - We and all other pensioners received a partial COLA based on the law being signed in the middle of 2011. (2013 & 2014 no COLA was given).

February 2012 - Senator Sweeney realizes he made a mistake. (In fairness to Senator Sweeney, he apparently did not know how the COLA is adjusted under the new law).

May 2012 - Case was taken before Judge Hurd of the Mercer County Superior Court. Judge Hurd was asked to recuse himself because he is not a tenured judge. He refused to recuse himself and ruled in the States favor and stated the COLA does not have to be paid to retirees.

June 2012 - Case was appealed to the Appellate Court on the grounds that Judge Hurd failed to recuse himself and also that the COLA is part of the pension and should not have taken from the retirees.

January 28, 2014 - Case was heard by the Appellate 3 Judge panel. I was there and it looks like we won as far as I am concerned. Five lawyers represented for 4 of the 5 pension funds and 2 lawyers represented the AG's office. Precedent cases show COLA is part of the pension since 1958 and should not have been taken from retirees. The Appellate Court will make a ruling between 60 and 90 days. The State may appeal to the State Supreme Court or send back to the Superior Court.

February 18, 2014 - I met with the Governor's Chief Counsel, Mr. Chris Porrino at the State House. We discussed the COLA issue and the disparity between pensioners that paid into social security and those who did not. Local police & fire, and Troopers don't pay into social security, and the offset penalty on social security that most Troopers are saddled with, due to the offset law of 1985. (State saves on SS payments for police & fire and

Troopers). Also discussed a change in the COLA law (if we lose in the Appellate Court) to start COLA after 10 years of retirement or age 65 or both for all workers in the State retirement pension fund.

If the Appellate case goes against us, we will meet with Senator Sweeney to discuss changes in the law.

February 26, 2014 - I attended a meeting of numerous retired law enforcement police & fire associations in Kenilworth, NJ. It was brought out by a Mr. Fox, one of the attorneys in the COLA case on Jan. 28th, that the court could rule in our favor but leave out the retirees that did not get a COLA prior to the new pension law which was signed on June 28, 2011; or in other words if you retired before Jan. 1, 2009 and received a COLA in Feb. 2011 you would be OK, but if you retired after Jan. 1 2009 you might not get the COLA. His opinion if the court rules for us on the whole COLA issue excluding recent retirees. Also there will probably be more changes in the pension law in the future to stop the amount of payments going out which is larger than payments coming in. (Ex-police & fire and Troopers working longer or to age 55 before being eligible for retirement, eliminating the 20 year retirement and more co-pays for active members).

Additional information can be obtained on the web site, www.afterthebadge.com.

I hope this information explains what has been going on with the COLA issue. We now have to wait for the Appellate Court to make its ruling before we go on to the next step of having new legislation drawn up. I will put any new information on this issue on our website bulletin board when it occurs.

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 3, 2014, 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

Well, the Christmas Holiday Season has come and gone, and the warmth of spring is already beginning to show. In the last issue I implored upon everyone in the Spirit of the Holidays to come through and help turn the tide on cancer by donating to our recently established cancer research fund in honor of Debbie Chesko. As you well know, Debbie's gracious and caring character left no stone unturned when it came to aiding a Jersey Trooper. There wasn't anything she wouldn't do to help a member of our Outfit, and their family. Her thoughtful spirit and giving personality often times was all that was necessary to make you feel good about whatever problem you brought to her. That's why it's so puzzling that so few made the effort to make even a small donation to this very worthy cancer research program established in Debbie's honor. Whether you realize it or not, according to the US National Cancer Institute's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Database, 43.92% of males and 38.00% of females will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime. With those odds, you or someone very close to you will undergo some form of cancer treatment. Genomic research is at the forefront of diagnosing and treating cancer. Our goal was originally set at \$100,000. So far, we've only just passed the \$10,000 mark. If every Jersey Trooper, Active and Retired, just kicked in \$20.00, our goal would already be met. It's hard to imagine that together we can't make such a great and important impact on cancer research in honor of such a classy lady. Please give what you can to this very worthy cause. This is a New Jersey based cancer research program being conducted at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. **Please donate by visiting <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/NJFTA/chesko>, or use the mail in Donor Registration Form found on page #39 of this newsletter. Do it for Debbie, you know she'd do it for you, and your family!**

I continue to keep in contact with our own ‘Marathon Man,’ Lt. John Ouweleen, #1759 (Ret), and he tells me that since being named to ‘The Florida Finest’ racing team, he ran in the Disney World Marathon on January 12, 2014, finishing 1st place in his age bracket with a time of 3:20:07. “Disney was unbelievable, VIP treatment for three days. As good as it gets.” Three weeks later on February 2, 2014, John toed the line again for the USATF Masters National Half Marathon Champion Race in Melbourne, FL. In defense of his two prior 1st place finishes, John scored a three-peat, finishing 1st again in his age bracket with a time of 1:37:51. But that’s not all; John has secured entry and has reservations in place to represent the USA on September 28, 2014, when he competes in the Berlin Germany Marathon. Meanwhile and just around the corner, on Monday, April 21, 2014, John will be making his eighth consecutive run in the 118th Boston Marathon. John has indicated that he has received many communications from former members who have read about him in the *True Blue & Gold*, all wishing him much success. So, come April 21st, when you hear about the Boston Marathon, think of John as he conquers one of the world’s biggest races for the 8th consecutive time. Best of Luck John!!!



John in Melbourne, Fl.

As you’ve heard from me in the past, and before that from Captain Jack Caldwell, #1629, costs associated with printing and mailing out of this newsletter are increasing. The internet offers our membership better, quicker, and a much more affordable delivery service, not only for our newsletter, but for all future FTA correspondences. If you haven’t submitted your email address to join the Association emailing service please do so at your earliest convenience. For those who do not have computer email, a limited black & white printed version of the newsletter will continue to be mailed to you. So, if you have internet access and you’re not receiving the newsletter electronically, it’s time to sign up!

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Lt. George Wren, #3680 (Ret)

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

GILLEN LIVES ON THROUGH HIS CLIPPING COLLECTION

Daughter finds scrapbooks in attic after 40 years

By: Jennie Sweetman – New Jersey Sunday Herald, August 18, 2013.

Newtown – When 93-year-old Muriel Campbell Gillen passed away on Oct. 13, 2012, she left behind many papers for her three daughters to sort out. Those papers included scrapbooks from their father, Terrence A. Gillen, who passed away on March 19, 1980. Gillen had served as a detective with the New Jersey State Police for 24 years with his assignments in the Sussex-Warren County area.

San Francisco resident Marion Gillen was surprised to discover among the papers two leather scrapbooks in which their father had carefully saved newspaper clippings about state police activities that included weddings of the officers in cases in which they had been actively involved. According to Gillen, the scrapbooks had been in the attic for more than 40 years as their father discontinued saving the articles after her sister was born.

“We knew that he cut out newspaper articles that had anything to do with family or friends but we never realize the extent of his clippings or about the state police articles,” Gillen said.

To share the clippings, Gillen plans to scan them all into a computer and then save them on CDs so that each of the sisters as well as cousins may have a copy. Gillen intends to have a CD made up for the state police as well in the event that they too would like a copy for their museum in Trenton.

Unfortunately the bulk of the clippings are undated but they are guessed to be primarily from the 1940s. A perusal of the articles provides a panoramic view of the services provided by the state police during that period that presumably coincides with World War II.

Born in Paterson, Terrence A. Gillen was the oldest of 11 children. The family was poor but he was determined to make something of himself. He tried for two years to become a state police officer. In the interim he became a police officer in Radburn (New Jersey's first planned community that is part of Fair Lawn).

Following Gillen's acceptance as a state trooper, Gillen was assigned to Newton. One of the earlier articles saved by Gillen was about how the New Jersey State Police was being expanded for the first time in 13 years due to wartime demands and that a class of 86 recruits was being given intensive instructions and was expected to graduate in April. Marion Gillen wonders if perhaps her father was included in this specific class of recruits.

The cases to which the state police were involved were diversified and were greatly varied. As an example, one of the headlines read, “Two charged with stealing cows” while another reported on stolen turkeys.

Other newspaper clippings in which state police officers were involved in investigating ranged from runaway boys, car accidents, thefts, fires, suicides and drowning victims. Would you believe it? State police officers also were involved in investigating bigamy allegations.

Another investigation by state police officers involved a barn fire in which 56 cows were killed. Yet another headline read: “Two Army Deserters Arrested.” Another newspaper clipping reported that “Two teenage girls called police as two German POWs had taken an Army jeep from Fort Dix and surrendered themselves at the Walker home in Branchville after the Jeep broke down.

Another news article reported that “Some human bones had been found in Walpack on the Flatbrookville Road near Millbrook. The remains were guessed to have belonged to someone about 30 years old. ”Yet another article reported that a Johnsonberg man was arrested and charged with hiring two men to kill his wife.

Conspicuous by their absence was any reference to legal still raids. This type of raid was plentiful in Sussex County over the years, especially in abandoned barns but none appear in Gillen's scrapbook.

One tragedy that was reported involved former Newton resident Trooper Cornelius (Dick) O'Donnell who was fatally wounded by a murder suspect in Phillipsburg. His partner, Fred C. Perry, died two days later of his injuries acquired in that same confrontation.

Several airplane crashes are included among the newspaper clippings with most of them listing Detective Terrance Gillen as among those involved in investigating the crash and all involved Army planes.

One airplane crash reported bore a dateline of Oct. 23, 1944. In that crash, it was reported that “Two Army Officers Escape in Plane Crash - Third Officer Killed When Army Cargo Ship Drops



on Current farm, Andover Township.” It was reported that “one was killed and two hurt when an Army Aircraft C-78 cargo and transport plane crashed on the Charles Current farm in Andover Township Saturday night.” Later in the article it was noted that “the survivors told authorities they were forced to land, having gotten off their course in the storm and their gasoline supply having given out.”

One plane accident happened on June 17, 1947, when a medium bomber, supposedly hit by lightning, was blown to pieces by an explosion. Six men were blown to bits in the accident that occurred on the Regino Farm in Hampton Township on the road leading from Swartswood to Myrtle Grove, about 1 ½ miles from Swartswood.

A newspaper clipping dated Aug. 26, 1948, reported, “Nine Die in Crash of C-47 on E.H. Blakeslee Farm - Worst Plane Accident in History of Sussex County.” This newspaper article commenced with “the worst plane accident in the history of Sussex County occurred on the E.H. Blakeslee Farm at 1:10 p.m. on Monday, when a C-47 Army transport crashed and burned killing nine men.

Later in the article it explained the probable cause of the accident by advising that “shortly before the crash the transport and a B-25 bomber scraped each other at an altitude of 7,000 feet. Lt. David F. Tatum, pilot of the bomber, radioed Mitchell Field, L.I. that he had scraped against a C-47. The bomber continued to Stewart Field, Newburgh, N.Y., where the plane landed safely. The crew stated they were flying at cloud level when suddenly a plane seemed to loom out of the clouds. The B-25 veered sharply and they felt a slight jolt. Then they noticed the damaged left wing and returned to Stewart Field. No one of the crew of the bomber was hurt...”

Time passed by. Marion Gillen guesses that her dad's scrapbooks that he so carefully maintained years ago have been in the attic of their former home for about 40 years. But, now that they have been brought to light they help to provide insight on the daily and varied activities of the state police during the 1940s.

The above article was written by Jennie Sweetman and published in the New Jersey Sunday Herald on August 18, 2013. Ms. Sweetman was only too gracious to permit this reprint for your information and personal enjoyment. A clipping of the article was sent to me by SFC Frederick M. Staudinger, #2313 (Ret), to be considered for inclusion in our newsletter. This is a great historical article for our Outfit, and I'm sure the contents of Detective II Terrence A. Gillen's, #758 scrapbooks will be greatly appreciated by our museum staff at the Log Cabin. Should you come across any articles or information such as this, please don't hesitate to forward them to the FTA Office. Thanks again SFC Staudinger and Ms. Sweetman for sharing this history.

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

FEATURED MEMBERS

THE ELUSIVE MEDAL



The *True Blue & Gold* (TBG) newsletter is pleased to continue with our interviews of combat veteran members of our State Police Family. The following is an interview of Major (Ret.) George T. Coyle, #1528 (GTC), regarding his service in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.

TBG – Major, when did you enlist in the Marine Corps?

GTC- I graduated from St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, NJ in June 1952, and enlisted in the Marine Corps the following September.

TBG – When did you go to Korea?

GTC – I landed at Inchon on 5 April 1953 as a member of the 31st Replacement Draft to Korea and was assigned to “D” Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. It was Easter Sunday, and my unit was holding positions on the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) in the area near Panmunjom, Korea. I moved up on the “Line” and reported for duty with “Dog” Company. I was nineteen years old.

TBG – How long were you on the MLR?

GTC – We stayed on the line for a month. On 5 May 1953, the entire 1st Marine Division was moved into a reserve area on stand-by, in the event we were needed to reinforce other units.

TBG – What was your particular position in D Company?



George Coyle - USMC in Korea 1953

GTC – I was an infantryman, or, as the popular title says, I was a “Grunt.” I carried the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). Since I was a recent arrival, together with other personnel I was assigned to what was referred to as a “clutch platoon.” This was a platoon of Marines drawn from many different units, which was moved up behind the lines to serve as a ready backup for units in the event of an attack by the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF).

TBG – How long did you serve with the clutch platoon?

GTC – Through May and June of 1953 we served in that capacity. Our duties were unit training as well as stand-by assignment along the Panmunjon Corridor. This was a designated road from the MLR to the site of the truce talks in Panmunjon. Our stand-by assignment was to be in close proximity in the event we were needed to rescue the United Nations negotiators, if the Chinese and North Korean armies attempted to take them prisoners.

TBG – Was the “clutch” platoon working alone or were they supported by other Marine units?

GTC – Actually, whenever the truce talks were taking place, “D” company, supported by a company of tanks, waited just behind the line to support the rescue party. The site of the talks was approximately one mile inside “no man’s land,” which is the area between the UN lines to the south, and the CCF/North Korean lines to the north. I figured out some time later that this would have been a suicide mission for the rescuers; the “clutch” platoon and “Dog Company” as well.

TBG – What stands out in your mind about your time in combat?

GTC – My most vivid recollections are of the last few weeks of the war, during July 1953. We had been moving around where there was a lot of action and acting as ready reinforcements wherever needed. The nights were the most dangerous because that was when all the action took place. I particularly recall the constant artillery and mortar bombardments and the fact that we got very little sleep. When I did sleep, it was usually in some muddy trench.

Around the 20th of July 1953, the 2nd Battalion was assigned to reinforce the 7th Marine Regiment on the MLR. We were moved up on the line on the west side of Combat Out Post (COP) “Boulder City,” on Hill 119. The

Chinese were focused on trying to secure Boulder City because it would give them a foothold across the Imjin River, a main river running from North Korea down to the sea at Inchon, in the south. More importantly, it would also give them a direct shot into Seoul, the South Korea capital, which was only 35 miles away.

On the 24th of July, we were told to expect heavy artillery and mortar fire as the CCF was expected to mount an assault to gain ground, particularly Boulder City on Hill 119. That night we were under constant artillery and mortar fire.

TBG: (Later, military historians Meid and Yingling (U.S. Marine Operations in Korea, Vol. V., Operations in West Korea) documented that it was the heaviest bombardment of the war, with an estimated 125-150 rounds per minute coming in on that site. The total estimate of artillery and mortar rounds received at that location exceeded 46,000 for that period).

TBG – Can you tell us what it was like during the bombardment?

GTC – During the night of the 24th we were under constant bombardment, as I said. It seemed I was getting bounced off the deck every minute and eating a lot of dirt. During this night we had a number of Marines in our platoon that were wounded, some quite severely. I helped carry out three wounded men from my squad. One, Corporal Angelo Afilani, from Philadelphia, would have bled to death if we had not gotten him to the rear area aid station.

TBG – Your positions were in trenches, like we have seen used in World War I, right?

GTC – I sure wished they were. In reality, we had our own firing positions along the trench line, which were dug pretty deep and provided us some level of protection. However, whoever dug the connecting trench, particularly the one to the rear area, really dropped the ball. While carrying out the wounded Marines on stretchers, many times we would literally run out of trench and be running across open ground, while receiving the heavy artillery and mortar fire. Other times we would be in trench lines that were so narrow our hands holding the stretcher would be scraped along the sides. My hands took several months to heal.

TBG – Did you have any other “close calls” while on the line?

GTC – Well, actually that same night, after taking out the third wounded Marine, when I returned to my fighting hole I discovered it had taken a direct hit. While I was not too happy that I had to dig out my fighting hole, I realized that I had been saved because I was out helping to evacuate a wounded Marine.

TBG – Were you ever wounded?

GTC – Yes. On the last night of the war, actually the early hours of 27 July 1953, the Chinese had again maintained a heavy bombardment in an effort to gain as much ground as possible before the official Cease Fire took effect. I was wounded by shrapnel from a mortar round that landed right next to my fighting position. I guess the Chinese were really out to get me!

TBG – What awards did you receive at the end of the war?

GTC – By the time of my discharge in 1955, I had received the Purple Heart Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal (3rd Award); U.N. Service Medal; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

After assisting in the evacuation under fire of the three wounded Marines on 24 July 1953, my Platoon Leader advised me I was being put in for the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V device for Valor. I remained in Korea until July 1954. *I never got the medal!*

(TBG Note: Over the last 12-14 years efforts have been made to secure the Bronze Star that George so well deserves. Despite the support of General Al Gray, USMC, former Commandant; General Peter Pace, USMC, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and several Congressmen and retired General grade Marine officers, the Marine Corps will not issue the Medal since there is no Commissioned Officer that can verify, from personal

knowledge, actions which would support the recommendation for the award. The 1st Lieutenant who was George's Platoon Leader, and witnessed his actions, later died in a Marine Corps aviation accident, and the Captain who was the "D" Company Commander to whom the Lieutenant made the recommendation later died in a freak accident while duck hunting. Despite sworn affidavits from various enlisted Marines who were present, including the wounded evacuees, as well as the Navy medical Corpsman who ordered the evacuation of the wounded, the Marine Corps and/or the Secretary of the Navy, will not take any action on this recommendation.)

Submitted by Lt. Harry C. McCurdy, #2117(Ret)

A MAN WHO TOUCHED MANY

George Cameron Vail was a man who certainly knew a lot, and touched many people during his 91 year life. Few of you will remember our connection to Mr. Vail, but I assure you, after reading his lengthy obituary, published by the Henry Funeral Home in Audubon, New Jersey, you will be impressed upon the man that touched more Jersey Troopers than you can imagine, without you ever of having had the pleasure of meeting him.

George Cameron Vail (February 22, 1922 – December 17, 2013)

George C. Vail of Audubon New Jersey died on December 17, 2013, from complications associated with aging. For the past three years, George was a resident of the NJ VA Home in Vineland. He lived a full and happy life, understood when his life was near its end, and accepted his impending death gracefully.

George was born in Ecorse, Michigan, a rough and tumble depression era steel town "downriver" from Detroit. He was one of five siblings raised in meager circumstances during a very difficult time. Although he showed an early artistic aptitude, the main focus of life for him as a boy and young man was seeking ways to help his family. Part of that sacrifice for George was the need to leave high school at age sixteen to seek work and find direction.

During the next four years George worked at several different jobs that presaged the unique and multi faceted intellect that he possessed. Despite the lack of formal education, George demonstrated an enormous capacity to learn solely from reading. He voraciously consumed books on art, literature, history, geology, electronics, and mechanics.

George also met the woman he would marry, Mary Ann Snyder, during this time. They were a young couple very much in love and doing their best to figure out how to face a future during tough economic times and an all consuming war. Kathleen was the first child born from their union, followed over the next fourteen years by Maureen, Terrence, Althea, Cynthia, and Scott.

In what would be one of the defining periods of George's life, he entered the US Army during World War II and was sent to New Guinea and the Philippines. In addition to his role as an infantryman, George provided his unit with hand-drawn maps and sketches depicting scenes of the many battles that were fought. He was wounded during combat and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service. One of George's proudest accomplishments during his military time was achieving the rank of Master Sergeant.

After the war, George returned to Michigan where he began working for Diamond Power Specialty Corporation, a maker of industrial boilers. It was a transfer within Diamond Power that resulted in George and Mary Ann relocating to Audubon, which would remain their home for the rest of their lives.

Besides holding down a full-time job and personally doing extensive construction on the tiny Oak Street house that he and Mary Ann had managed to buy, George's innate knowledge and talents began to emerge full bore. He spent his nights and weekends immersed in the arts that included painting, sculpting, calligraphy, woodworking, jewelry making, and teaching. Outside of his artistic endeavors, he designed and received patents for industrial boilers; received his professional mechanical engineer's license; returned to school and received his bachelor's



degree; founded two local newspapers – The Suburban and the Oaklyn Element; was a ham radio operator who assembled his own transmitter/receiver; and hand-built guitars late into his life.

In 1960, George, Mary Ann, and their six children moved into what the locals referred to as the Mansion House in Audubon. At the time, the two hundred year old Mansion House was in total disrepair with scores of broken windows, decrepit plumbing, and an archaic electrical system. Through George's and Mary Ann's long-term dedicated efforts, the Mansion House was slowly brought back from the brink, and became their family's loving home for over fifty years.

George served tirelessly for many years as a member, and as President, of The Batsto Citizens Committee. He was very involved with The Camden County Historical Society and maintained an intense interest in the history of Southern New Jersey. George provided forensic sculptings to the Camden County Prosecutor's Office to assist in identifying unknown persons. He was active in the Audubon Pioneers Club, twice ran for local office in Audubon, and was a member of the American Legion Murray-Troutt Post.

What George may be best remembered for were the qualities he brought to those who knew him as a teacher. There are legions of individuals who benefitted from his practical, straightforward, and often direct style of teaching. George's teaching assignments included fine art instruction at the Haddonfield Art League and Jewish Community Center, art at Leesburg State Prison, GED at Gloucester County Prison, mechanical and architectural drawing at Ryder Technical Institute, commercial art at Gloucester County Institute of Technology, and painting, drawing, and computer art at Gloucester County College. There are also those students who found their way to George's beloved Carriage House Studio where art, conversation, and humor often shared equal billing.

In appreciating George's life it is important to remember him as a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He survived a terrible war and outlived most of his contemporaries. He could be distant to those closest to him, yet loved to rock babies to sleep and surprise kids with pockets full of candy. He could be profane, but notably articulate. He was an intractable homebody rarely leaving the confines of South Jersey, yet someone who knew significant things about the world through books. He was often cantankerous, but had a soft spot for those less fortunate in life and who frequently ended up being taken under his wing. George was a good man with enormous talent. His passing saddens all those who knew him.

George is survived by his six children, eleven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, many nieces and nephews residing in Michigan, and his remaining sibling, Betty Pasik of Allen Park MI.

A memorial service for George will be held at Henry Funeral Home located at 152 West Atlantic Ave., Audubon on January 3, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM followed by a remembrance gathering at the American Legion Murray-Troutt Post #262, 20 Chestnut Street, Audubon. George will be laid to rest in Michigan at a later date.

The Vail family wishes to thank the staff at the NJ VA Home for the attention they devoted to George, especially those who provided his individual care with patience and tenderness. A lover of trees and historic places, George asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to the Batsto Citizens Committee, Inc. (BCCI, 4110 Nesco Road, Hammonton, NJ, 08037) for natural and historical landscape restoration.

Now that you've come to know who George C. Vail was I'm sure you're a bit perplexed how he could have possibly touched any of you. Well, if you happened to have a copy of the "N.J.S.P. Barracks" painting hanging on your wall you can thank Mr. Vail for making that print happen. Yes, thanks to Mr. Vail and his close personal relationship with DSFC Joseph M. Getsinger, #2697(Ret), they made that painting a reality. It's true; George Vail had been a teacher and mentor to Joe Getsinger which grew into a great friendship.

Joe set up and photographed the "Barracks" scene at Bordentown Station in 1978. The gun and holster were borrowed from then Trooper William H. Hillis, #2785. Joe had been issued a Smith & Wesson pistol and didn't think it was appropriate at the time since the Colt was our traditional pistol. While the Barracks painting was

certainly Joe's creation, it came at a time when the State Police would not permit a Trooper to benefit in such a manner. As such, Joe and George collaborated on the painting with Joe's creation being painted by George, under George's signature. This project, as was told, helped the Banquet Committee greatly at the time.

So, for all of you who have a copy of that wonderful painting hanging on your wall, you now know and can appreciate how it came to be, thanks to Joe Getsinger and his friend George Cameron Vail. And, for those of you interested in obtaining a personalized copy of that famous painting, stop in at the FTA Logo Merchandise Store at Division Headquarters, we have the "Barracks" print and Joe's other NJSP and military prints readily available.

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

FTA SOCIAL EVENTS

THE FTA-NJSP HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Due to the arrival of inclement weather, the Annual State Police Holiday Open House was postponed a week until December 21, 2014. Although a bit late, this annual event kicked off the Christmas Season in true spirit. Even with snow still on the ground the day was warmer than usual, affording the State Police Museum and Learning Center to be awash in good tidings. A good showing of our Enlisted, Retired, and Civilian Employees (past and present) and their families were on hand to celebrate. As usual, children young and old joyfully welcomed the arrival of jolly old Saint Nicholas, arriving compliments of the NJSP Aviation Bureau.

THE 2013 FTA-NJSP CHRISTMAS PARTY



visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/CHRISTMAS14.pdf>

Snow, sleet, and pouring rain couldn't dampen the 2013 FTA-NJSP Christmas Party on Saturday evening, December 14, 2013, at the Spring Lake Manor, Spring Lake, New Jersey. This well attended, centrally located affair offered attendees the finest Christmas Party in the State, bar none! Congratulations to Lt. Robert T. Buccino, #1776 (Ret) as being this year's recipient of the Former Trooper of the Year Award, honoring him and his extensive law enforcement career, spanning 51 years. Open to all active and retired Jersey Troopers and Civilian Support Staff, this is the party to celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. Don't miss next year's party; same time – same place.

THE 2014 ANNUAL FLORIDA WINTER PARTY

Another great Florida Winter Party was hosted by the FTA in sunny Melbourne on March 4th and 5th. For the most part, the weather was clear with mostly sunny skies and temperatures comfortably warm, especially in light of the frigid snow covered northeast! But, no matter what the weather, the festivities at the Crowne Plaza Hotel were outstanding. This event was a well deserved respite from a bruising northeast winter.

As usual, Sergeant Moe Washmann, #2634 (Ret) coordinated a great event, accented by a hotel staff who when out of their way to make sure everything was taken care of. Thanks again Moe on another excellent job.



visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/FLA14.pdf>

This year's get-together saw over 80 attendees. Unfortunately, due to a snowstorm grinding the northeast to a halt, several attendees slated to attend could not make the event. It was great however to see old faces and even some new ones. This year's senior attendee was Captain Peter E. Baker, #1600 (Ret) accompanied by his wife Eleanor. Presentations were made by our President, Captain Sal Maggio, #2177 (Ret) regarding our suspended COLA and pension issues, as well as an update on the State of the State Police. Our newly acquired Human Resources Consultant, Bessie Jones was also on hand to give an in depth presentation on our benefits and health issues. 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!

SAVE THE DATES

TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

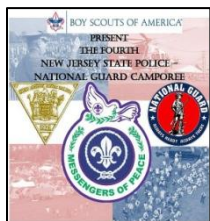
The Troop "A" Old-Timers Get-Together will take place at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at the Kerri Brook Caterers on the White Horse Pike, Hammonton New Jersey. Like last year, this year's event was pushed back a month to accommodate the arrival of some of our Florida "Snowbirds" who wish to attend. Last year's event drew eighty "609'ers" who thoroughly enjoyed the longstanding South Jersey tradition.



As always, Good Ole' Captain Ed Marinelli, #1334 (Ret) 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 #31 of this newsletter.*

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NJSP / NATIONAL GUARD 4TH CAMPOREE

The New Jersey State Police, The State Troopers Eagle Association and the New Jersey National Guard will host the 4th NJSP/NJNG Camporee May 16-18, 2014 at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, the home of the New Jersey State Police Academy. This event is open to all Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venture Crews and Exploring Posts. Registration ends on April 1, 2014 or when 10,000 Scouts and Leaders have registered. The theme of the Camporee is Messengers of Peace, a worldwide Scouting program launched in September 2011. It is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220 countries and territories to work towards peace.



33RD ANNUAL STATE POLICE CHASE & FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2014, 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 a.m. on race day with the race starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Judy Ponticciello @ (609) 481-5858 or email lpppontj@gw.njsp.org.

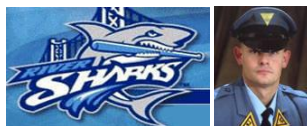


TROOP "B" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

The Troop "B" Old Timers Get-Together will be held on June 4, 2014 at 6:00p.m., at the Flanders Valley Farm. Please mark your calendars. The price is \$20. We must know in advance the number of people attending, so please call either John Pallotta at 973-584-8023 or Sal Maggio at 908-850-5021. Leave a message if we're not in. Hope to see you then. (PAY AT THE DOOR)



8TH ANNUAL RIVER SHARKS FOR TPR. BERTRAM ZIMMERMAN, #5853 MEMORIAL BASEBALL GAME



The 8th Annual River Sharks for Trooper Bertram Zimmerman, #5853 Memorial Baseball Game will take place on Friday evening, June 20, 2014, at Campbell's Field, 401 N. Delaware Avenue, Camden, New Jersey. 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/RIVERSHARKS14.pdf>

18TH ANNUAL NJSP MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT COLONEL'S CUP



The 18th Annual New Jersey State Police Memorial Association Golf Tournament, the "Colonel's Cup," will take place on July 1, 2014, at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. Entry fee is \$200.00. For further information please contact Adele Bradley at (856) 547-2135 or (609) 501-4110, or by email at adelegolf@gmail.com.

FTA SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC



The FTA Summer Golf Classic will take place on July 14, 2014, 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, 2014. Please have checks in by this date along with names of your group or invited guests.

TROOP "C" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER



The annual Troop "C" Old-Timers Get-Together will take place on July 17, 2014, 6-11 p.m., at the Bordentown E.L.K.S. Hall, Upstairs Banquet Room (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. Price is still only \$20.00 per person. Make check payable to F.T.A. and mail in by July 12th with completed registration form found on *page #31* of this publication.

FORMER TROOPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC



The FTA Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014, 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 45th, 46th, & 47th Classes are FREE.

This year's menu will include: Roast Pig, 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 hopefully consist of the NJSP Bagpipers, NJSP Helicopter and a trusted State Police Mounted Patrol. Registration form for the picnic can be found on *page #31* 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.)

HEALTH, SECURITY & MISC INFORMATION

FORMER TROOPER OF THE YEAR

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

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

The selection will be made by the Board of Directors by November 1, 2014. The presentation of the award will be made to the successful recipient at the 2014 FTA – NJSP Christmas Party.

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 SFC SAMUEL N. "NORM" HOFFMAN, #1938

On Thursday, December 19, 2013, ten former Jersey Troopers - Lt. David A. Crafts, #1700, Major Thomas B. Kinzer, #1849, SGT Frederick J. Calandra, #1922, Lt. Walter W. Clapp, #1923, Lt. Anthony M. Ott, Jr., #1945, DSG John R. Petrini, #1947, Captain Robert W. Bauers, #1958, SGT Christopher A. Thraen, #2160, SGT Lawrence E. Notch, #2180, and Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680, accompanied by the Assistant Station Commander of Woodbine Station, ASFC Robert W. Bauers, Jr., #5122, and the intended recipient's grandson, Patrolman Raymond Bradley, Middle Township PD paid a visit to SFC Samuel "Norm"

Norm Hoffman surrounded by his wife Sandra, daughter Sandy, son-in-law Steve, and his grand-daughter Rachel. Dennisville, New Jersey. The event was of course marked by many stories of years gone by and of course some more recent rumors. SFC Hoffman's lovely wife Sandra was on hand, and along with other family members who were consummate hosts, were very appreciative of all that took part. Visit: <http://www.ftanjsp.org/newsletter/Hoffman.pdf>

Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that Norm Hoffman recently lost his battle with cancer - March 17, 2014.

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

SFC ALFRED T. PETRECCA, #1657

It has come to our attention that SFC Alfred T. Petrecca, #1657, has recently been having some tough health issues. As many of you know, Al served in Troop "C", on New Jersey Turnpike, at Casino Gaming, and at Division Headquarters during his various tours of duty. Al also served in the USMC. If you knew Al you know that he was always in fantastic shape, and was also pretty good with his hands if you needed a backup. Al's sons Matty and Vinnie Petrecca are requesting that you keep Al in your thoughts and prayers while he battles through his difficulties.

Submitted by Captain Charles A. Kuyl, #1894 (Ret)



SFC Al Petrecca, #1657 at Bordentown Station

MONSIGNOR PHILLIP LOWERY

Around mid March, Monsignor Lowery took a fall and dislocated his left ankle. The Monsignor was at St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, 2381 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 (609) 896-9500, while awaiting surgery. He had surgery on Monday, March 24th at Riverview Medical Center and returned to St. Lawrence the following day where he will remain for an undisclosed number of weeks completing physical therapy.

The Monsignor has been there for so many of us it might be nice for us to show him that we care. If you could find the time to drop him a note or go visit he would love it. The Monsignor has an amazing memory and if you tell him your name he will never forget it, or you.

Submitted By: Captain Elizabeth Welch, #3506 (Ret)

CREDIT CARD SCAM

This scam is reportedly happening in the Midwest right now, and moving across the country. It's really pretty slick, since the scammers provide you with all the information, except the one piece they want. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number - they already have it. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

The person calling says something like this, "This is Investigator Smith and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460, and your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?" When you say 'No', the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching, and the charges range just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address). Is that correct?" Of course you say yes.

The caller continues, "I will be starting a Fraud Investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number (The caller then gives you a 6 digit number). Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to turn your card over and look for some numbers. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the last 3 are the Security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the last 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?"

After you say no, the caller then thanks you and tells you not to hesitate to call back if you do, and then hangs up. You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number. What the Scammer wants is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of your card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master Card directly for verification of their conversation, and hang up.

The real VISA explains that they will never ask for anything on the card, as they already know the information, since they issued the card! If you give the Scammer your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or much more difficult to actually file a fraud report. It appears that this is a very active scam, and evidently quite successful.

Submitted By: Lt. Herbert F. Orth, #1723 (Ret)

BESSIE'S CORNER

Meet Bessie!

Hello Former Trooper Members! Happy Spring...well maybe if we ever get rid of this snow and cold. My name is Bessie Jones and I was appointed by the Board to assist the members with their health benefits and pension questions, as well as some other topics. I am still employed full time with the state of NJ and work part time for the FTA. My previous employment was with the Attorney General's Office in Human Resources and Operations, where I worked with quite a few of your current members! I am currently with the NJ Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness managing federal and state homeland security grant programs and still work with a few members.

I am honored to be able to assist the membership with their questions and concerns. You can call or email me at any time and I will get back to you just as soon as I can. I am here for you and will try my absolute best to assist you with your question, concern or issue.

I had the pleasure of meeting quite a few folks at the get together in Florida earlier this month, I must say, a good time was had by all! Hey there you Floridians, can you send us some of your sun and warmth?? I look forward to meeting you at the next meeting or get together soon, have a good one, Bess.
Email me at BJones@ftanjsp.org or call me at 609-649-3221. Be sure to check out *Bessie's Corner* on the FTA website at <http://www.ftanjsp.org/protected/bessie/wordpress/>

Members Benefit Online System (MBOS)

The **Member Benefits Online System (MBOS)** is a set of Internet based applications that allow registered retirees and benefit recipients' access to their pension, and, if applicable, health benefits account information. The Division of Pensions and Benefits has designed MBOS to be both fast and easy to use. Once you begin to use MBOS, we believe you will find it to be one of your most useful resources for getting accurate, up-to-date information about your pension and health benefits.

If you have not already set up your account, why not do it now? Once the account is set up, all of your information is at your fingertips. You can also access various forms and documents; make changes to your address and beneficiary information, plus lots more. See all the information you can access by visiting <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbosretkit.htm>. To register for MBOS and set up your account, visit: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pdf/retiree-mbos-flier.pdf>.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

FTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

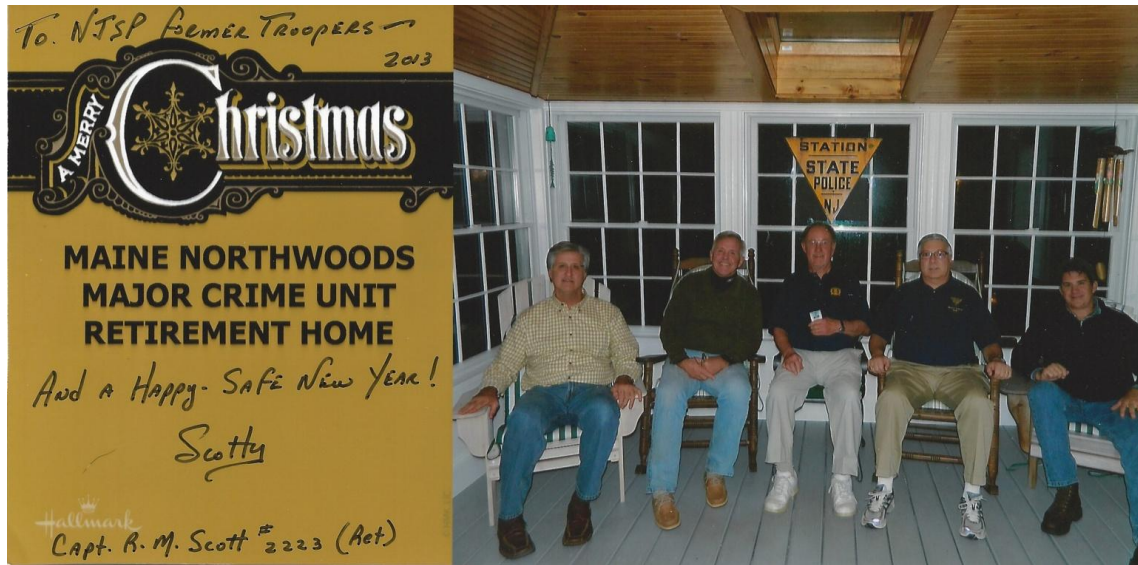
Any person interested in the scholarship must complete and submit an application to the Secretary of “The Fund.” The application can be found on **page #37** of this newsletter.

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

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM OUTSIDE NEW JERSEY



Jack Repsha, Glenn Miller, Bobby Scott holding photo of Edgar Hess, Nick Theodos and Dave Dalrymple report in from the Northwoods of Maine!



John Ouweleen reports in from tropical south of Florida.

CONSIDERATIONS



A newly retired cop was walking down the street, on his way to a retired cops breakfast, when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for a meal. The retired cop took out his wallet, extracted a twenty dollar bill and asked the guy, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of food?" "No, I had to stop drinking many years ago when I was a cop," the homeless man replied.

"You were once a cop?" "Yes," the homeless man replied. "On the force for 12 years, until I was fired for drinking on duty and I lost my retirement after wrecking a patrol car the same day."

"Will you use this \$20 to only buy donuts and coffee instead of buying nutritious food?" "No, I don't waste time with sugary foods," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive and eat as well as I can."

"Will you spend this \$20 on greens fees at a golf course instead of good food?" "Are you nuts?" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years since I was fired from the force."

"Will you spend the money on a woman over in the red light Tenderloin District instead of buying good food?" "What disease would I get for a lousy twenty bucks? I hate whores," exclaimed the homeless man.

"Well," said the retired cop, "I'm not going to give you the money now. Instead, I'm going to take you to a terrific cops' breakfast around the corner and get you to tell the retired cops your story, then you get the money."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't these officers be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty and I probably smell pretty disgusting, man." The retired cop replied, "That's okay. It's important for them all to see what a cop looks like after he has given up beer, donuts, golf and sex."

Submitted By: Lt. Herbert F. Orth, #1723 (Ret)

It strikes me as a sound, honest statement for a prospective voter to say: 'Look, I haven't given this election a minute's thought, and it's just not fair for me to cancel out the vote of someone who actually gives a damn.' Indeed, it's not just sound and honest - it's the ethically responsible thing to do.

~ Jeff Greenfield

Stop this attitude that older people ain't any good anymore! We're as good as we ever were - if we ever were any good.

~ Dolly Parton

Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order.

~ John Adams

Humor is perhaps a sense of intellectual perspective: an awareness that some things are really important, others not; and that the two kinds are most oddly jumbled in everyday affairs.

~ Christopher Morley



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FTA AUTO PLAQUES

THE FORMER NEW JERSEY TROOPERS ASSOCIATION, INC., has authorized the sale and display of the pictured FTA Auto Plaque. 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.

STATE POLICE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION PAVER PROJECT

Phase II of the State Police Memorial Association's 'Walk of Honor' Paver Project has been installed. So, if you're still looking for that special gift, or can't decide on what to buy the person who has everything, don't worry.

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



For more information and order forms call on Adele at (856-547-2135), at adelegolf@gmail.com, or see the order form on **pages #35 & #36** of this newsletter. Also, check out the new SPMA website at: www.njspmemorialassociation.org.

LETTERS TO THE FTA

December 2013

Hi President Sal Maggio,

Thank you for your thank you letter, and the nice things you said about Fritz. What you did was very appreciated.

May 2014 be a year filled with pleasures, as well as quiet times of reflection.

*Have a wonderful holiday,
Sondra Wilhelm*

January 5, 2014

Dear Mr. Wren,

Please find enclosed my updated application and a donation to help cover some of the costs for the Newsletter.

I can't tell you how much I enjoy receiving it. I immediately sit down and read it from cover to cover. Then I pass it on to a family member.

Sadly in the past issue I read about another member of Pete's 60th class pass away, #1781 Lt. W. Dallenbach.

Keep up the good work you are doing. I wish you continued success on behalf of my husband Peter and my uncle, Captain Joseph Wolf, #371. They would be proud of all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Eileen C. DeBree – Wife of SFC Peter J. DeBree, #1782

January 6, 2014

Dear Sal,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all you have done to help me get thru the red tape of getting the benefits Ed often spoke of.

I am reasonably certain that I have fulfilled all the requirements to obtain those benefits.

Ed was always proud of his years in the Outfit as were his family. Those 20 years now seem like such a short part of our lives. I too am very proud of those years and the NJSP!

Again Sal – thank you and yours for your help! The tile and photos you sent have a place of honor in our home!

Thank you,

Love,

Nancy Jo – Wife of SSGT T. Edward Graham, #1288

January 2014

Dear Friends,

We thank you for the pictures and the beautiful plaque, be assured we will treasure it.

Thanks once again,

Sandra Belcolle & Family

January 21, 2014

Dear Sal Maggio and Former Troopers Association Members,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our appreciation and to thank you for the beautiful plaque that we received after my husband, Edgar M. Wode, Badge #1473, passed away on December 28, 2013.

Ed was so proud of having belonged to the NJ State Police family.

He had battled Parkinson's disease for 12 plus years and was not one to complain. May God bless all members of the NJ STATE POLICE and the members of the Former Troopers Association.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Marie Wode & Family

Capt. Christopher Wode (USN) Ret.

Mrs. Margaret Harkness

Mrs. Maureen Hinson

February 7, 2014

Dear Mr. Wren,

I have received the Life Widow Membership Application. I've decided not to apply for this. In truth, I do not have any relationship with FTA members in light of the fact that my husband was a trooper over 50 years ago.

I know you are trying to hold down your expenses so I am requesting that you remove me from your mailing list.

It has been an honor to be a member.

*With Great Appreciation,
Christine Connolly – Wife of Tpr. William M. Connolly, #1736*

March 2014

Dear Mr. Maggio,

I want to thank you and the Former Troopers Assoc. for all your kindness and support during these difficult times. Tim was the happiest when he was actively working in the NJ State Police. You all truly have a bond that is admirable. God Bless all of you!

*Sincerely,
Jeann Osborn – Wife of SFC Timothy R. Osborn, #3660*

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB MEMORIAL DONATIONS

<u>CONTRIBUTED BY</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Jim Dowd, #1503	Debbie Chesko	\$ 30.00
Irene Stith	Lt. Walter F. Dallenbach, #1781	50.00
Carl A. Williams, #1872	Lt. Walter F. Dallenbach, #1781	50.00
Gilda Simonetti	Beloved Husband & Father, Lt. Rudolph W. Simonetti, #1126	100.00
Joseph Craparotta, #1631	SGT Charles Speranza, #1551	25.00
Joseph Craparotta, #1631	Lt. Walter F. Dallenbach, #1781	25.00
Joseph Craparotta, #1631	For the Good of the Order	30.00
Carmen J. Greco, #983	SFC Daniel P. Fonzi, #879	25.00
Mary F. Peck	Lt. Rulon C. Peck, #789	25.00
Fred Staudinger, #2313	SGT Joseph V. McNerny, #2075	25.00
Cliff Miller, #2347	Millie Purgavie's Smile	25.00
Cliff Miller, #2347	Deceased Members of the 76 th Class	25.00
Cliff Miller, #2347	Debbie Hanko-Chesko's Kindness	25.00
Paul E. Heusser, #2205	Beloved Wife, Janice Heusser	25.00
Paul E. Heusser, #2205	Debbie Chesko	25.00
Paul E. Heusser, #2205	Deceased Members of the 73 rd Class	25.00
Paul E. Heusser, #2205	Lt. Preston B. Fairlamb, Jr., #2947	25.00
Carmine A. Pecorelli	Debbie Chesko	100.00
Anthony Fiore, #1580	Lt. Henry A. Belcolle, #1601	50.00
Lloyd Hall, #1746	Captain Robert J. Gaugler, #1745	100.00
Michael A. Fedorko, #2375	The 77 th Class	100.00
Fran Mara	Beloved Husband, Captain Frank J. Mara, #1296	100.00
James R. Dowd, #1503	Barbara MacArthur	50.00
Rudy Chesko, #2432	Beloved Wife, Debbie Chesko	25.00
Rudy Chesko, #2432	Lt. Kenneth DuPuis, #2441	25.00
Ronald W. Smith, #2587	SFC John J. Sherman, #2087	150.00
Eileen C. DeBree	Beloved Husband, SFC Peter J. DeBree, #1782	25.00

Judith B. Gray	Beloved Husband, Trooper Ronald E. Gray, #1534	35.00
Annie Hoverkamp	Beloved Husband, SGT John F. Hoverkamp, #2019	100.00
Patricia J. Grossi	Beloved Husband, Major Louis E. Grossi, #1436	20.00
Veronica Conrad	Lt. Edward Wilke, #1423	50.00
Stan Adams, #1316	Lt. Anthony G. Cowell, #1319	25.00
Stan Adams, #1316	SGT Wynn Mauer, #1376	25.00
John J. Maziekien, Jr., #889	Members of the 33 rd Class	25.00
Daniel E. Morocco, Sr., #1377	Cherished Daughter, Joan Morocco Ungrady	50.00
Harry Paterson, #1512	Good of the Order	50.00
Dorothy DiMeo-Crawford	Captain Kenneth P. Crawford, #1965	50.00
Robert J. Delaney, #2853	Lt. Henry A. Belcolle, #1601	50.00
Robert J. Delaney, #2853	Lt. Walter F. Dallenbach, #1781	50.00
Robert J. Delaney, #2853	SGT Samuel L. Cunninghame, #1396	50.00
Doris P. Mucci	Beloved Husband, Captain George F. Mucci, #1075	50.00
Doris P. Mucci & Family	LTC William J. Burke, #1083	50.00
Sal Maggio, #2177	LTC William J. Burke, #1083	25.00
Patricia Sheppard	Beloved Husband, SFC Franklin R. Sheppard, #1767	25.00
Ed White, #1815	Debbie Chesko	25.00
Ed White, #1815	Captain Jeffrey C. Rubincam, #1955	25.00
Ed White, #1815	Lt. Allan B. Darby, #1199	25.00
Ed White, #1815	Lt. George C. Kroll, #1893	25.00

LAST PATROL

SFC SAMUEL N. HOFFMAN #1938



HOFFMAN, SAMUEL N. #1938, passed away on 17 March 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 17 August 1964 as a member of the 65th Class and retired on 1 June 1991. He served most of his career in Troop "A." He proudly served in the United States Army. He is survived by his wife, Sandra and by his children Kurt, Mark, Isabelle and Sandy, and ten grandchildren.

LTC WILLIAM J. BURKE #1083



BURKE, WILLIAM J. #1083, passed away on 1 March 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 24 June 1952 as a member of the 41st Class and retired on 1 April 1984. He served in Troops "B," "C," "D" & "E." In 1969 he was selected to head the start of the State Police Helicopter Bureau and along with 14 other Troopers trained as the State Police helicopter pilots and continued as supervisor until 1976. He was then

selected to serve as the Troop "D" Commander and then in 1980 served as Troop Commander in Troop "B." In 1981 he was promoted to the rank of Major, and in 1982 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Superintendent. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1948 to 1951. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Josephine and five children Maureen, William Jr., Robert, Carolyn and Suzanne, and six grandchildren.

**SFC RONALD A. SEIDEL
#2035**



SEIDEL, RONALD #2035, passed away on 20 January 2014 in Woodbury, N.Y. 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 First Class on 1 February 1991. He was predeceased by his wife Susanne in 2010. He is survived by two daughters Rebecca and Sandra.

**SFC DONALD KESSLER
#1537**



KESSLER, DONALD #1537, passed away on 27 January 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 15 July 1957 as a member of the 52nd Class. He retired on 1 August 1982 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1948 to 1952, assigned to the crew of the USS Leyte, a

Navy aircraft carrier. He served in Troops "A," "C" and "D." He served in the Criminal Investigations Section in the Auto Theft Bureau. After retirement he became the Director of Security for Manhem Auto Auctions. He was known for his athletic ability, playing baseball, basketball and football for various Trenton teams. He is survived by his wife of 63 years Michaelina, two sons and one daughter, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

**LIEUTENANT MICHAEL
GOCH #853**



GOCH, MICHAEL #853, passed away on 7 January 2014. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 20 May 1946 as a member of the 32nd Class and retired on 1 January 1974 at the rank of Lieutenant. After his retirement he worked for the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation, investigating Organized Crime. He proudly served in the United States Army during WW II, serving in the Aleutian Islands and in the European Campaign. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ruth, two sons Michael and Greg, and a grandson.

**LIEUTENANT EDWARD
WILKE # 1426**



WILKE, EDWARD #1426, passed away on 4 January 2014 at the age of 85. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 1 May 1955 as a member of the 48th Class and retired on 1 September 1983 at the rank of Lieutenant. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948. He also served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1954. He served as an Aide to the Commanding General of the Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg N.C. from 1952 to 1953, and as a Qualified Parachutist at Fort Benning, GA in 1953. He is survived by his sister Elizabeth Wilke and many nieces and nephews.

**TROOPER EDGAR M.
WODE # 1473**



WODE, EDGAR M. #1473, passed away on 28 December 2013. He enlisted in the New Jersey State Police on 19 August 1955 as a member of the 49th Class. He resigned on 6 July 1962 at the rank of Trooper. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Kathleen, a son Christopher, two daughters Maureen and Margaret, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

FTA FAMILY & FRIENDS

CLAIRE H. (ZUKOWSKI) AREEDA, loving mother-in-law of Lt. William A. Wade, #3347 (*Ret*), passed away on March 18, 2014.

STELLA SCALZONE, beloved wife of Captain Anthony Scalzone, #1270 (*Ret*), passed away on March 17, 2014.

FORREST E. BURNHAM, honored brother of ALT. James A. Burnham, #4947 (*Ret*), passed away on March 8, 2014.

ELIZABETH ANNE BRUNCATI, loving mother of Lt. James A. Bruncati, #3084 (*Ret*) and Lt. Peter F. Bruncati, #4019 (*Ret*), passed away on March 4, 2014.

JOHN A. SHEERAN, SR., honored father of DSFC John A. Sheeran, Jr., #2890 (*Ret*), Grandfather of SGT John A. Sheeran, #5913, and father-in-law of SSGT Christopher J. Dinger, #3624 (*Ret*), passed away on February 26, 2014.

JOAN MARIE MOROCCO-UNGRADY, cherished daughter of Lt. Daniel E. Morocco, #1377 (*Ret*) and, loving sister of Captain Daniel E. Morocco, Jr., #3654 (*Ret*), passed away on February 3, 2014.

LT. JOHN A. BAIRD - Newark PD (*Ret*), honored father of SFC Richard A. Baird, #4136 (*Ret*) and, SFC John A. Baird, #4426 (*Ret*), passed away on February 3, 2014.

MICHAEL E. LITTLE, JR., surviving son of SGT Michael E. Little, Sr., #2705, passed away on February 2, 2014.

ELIZABETH M. CHRISTOS, surviving spouse of SFC Thomas Christos, #1430, passed away on December 12, 2013.

JACQUELINE E. KELLY, surviving spouse of Major Richard H. Kelly, #1037, passed away on September 18, 2012.

FRANCES HOPPER, surviving spouse of Lt. Eugene W. Hopper, #984, passed away on May 3, 2012.

LILLIAN D. WISE, surviving spouse of SGT Edward C. Wise, #1355, passed away on April 10, 2012.

MARGARET MULEUCIS, surviving spouse of SGT Joseph P. Muleucis, #1113, passed away on March 21, 2007.

MARTHA L. GRACE, surviving spouse of SFC Raymond P. Grace, #761, was found to have passed away on September 30, 2002.

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Name _____ Badge# _____

Address _____

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

Mail to: FTA, 1675 WHITEHORSE-MERCERVILLE RD., SUITE 103, HAMILTON TWSP., NJ 08619-3824

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TROOP "A" OLD-TIMERS GET-TOGETHER

Kerri Brooke Caterers, Hammonton, New Jersey

April 24, 2014

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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Hamilton, New Jersey 08619-3824**

FTA TROOP "C" GET-TOGETHER

July 17, 2014, 6-11 PM
Bordentown Elks Hall
Route #206 North to Amboy Avenue,
Bordentown, NJ

Name of Member: _____ Badge # _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Make Checks payable to FTA & mail to: _____ Amount Remitted: (\$20 per person) _____
FTA, 1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road,
Suite #103, Hamilton, NJ 08619-3824

FTA SUMMER PICNIC

Friday, August 15, 2014
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): _____

Name of Widow (Free): _____

Name of Children under 12 (Free): _____

Name of Former Troopers who are not FTA Members (\$35.00):

Make Checks payable to FTA & mail to: _____ Total Amount Remitted: _____
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FORMER NEW JERSEY STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION: Only those students that are the child, grandchild, step child or step grandchild of a member of the New Jersey Former Troopers Association may apply. This scholarship can be used for the study of any curriculum while attending a state accredited college or university. The scholarship amount is \$500.00 and if awarded will be paid directly to the student. Completed scholarship applications must be received at the address listed at the end of this application no later than April 20th of the year the student(s) is a senior in high school. **(Please type or print this application)**

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.

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

ADDITIONAL
REMARKS _____

S/ _____
Guidance Counselor

Phone # _____

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

**FTA
c/o SAL MAGGIO, PRESIDENT
22 Sandpiper Drive
Hackettstown, NJ 07840**

(If you have any questions, please call a committee member)

Sal Maggio, President 908-850-5021

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George Coyle, Past President 732-254-6646

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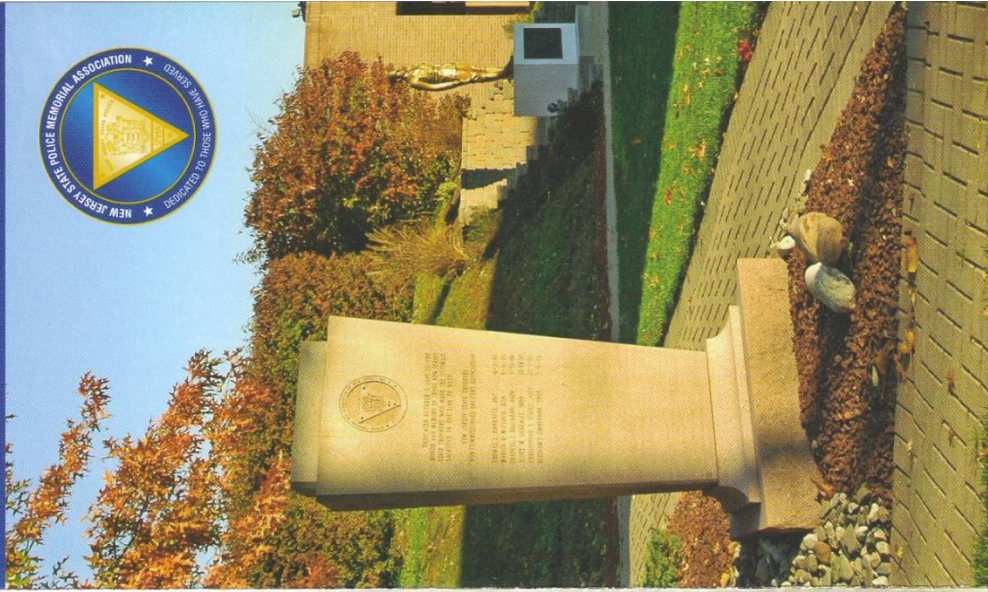


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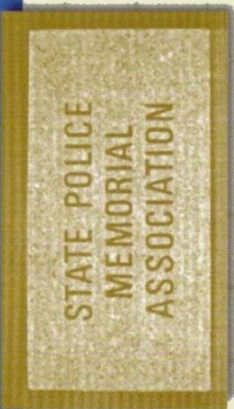


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Granite Paver Order Form

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- My check is enclosed and made payable to SPMA.
- I do not wish to purchase a paver at this time, but please accept my contribution of \$ _____

PERSONALIZE YOUR BRICK

Paver is 6" x 12". Write your message below using one character per square. Please include spaces and punctuation if applicable.

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MAJOR EDWARD
S. TOGERTY-BILLUPS
2475-7918, CLASS
& FAMILY

JOHN PRILMERO
2480 CLASS, 106
& FAMILY

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DISP. 46 YEARS

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RAYMOND W. STURGE
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STUDENT

Applicant's Full Name _____

Last First MI

Address _____

Street City & State Zip Code

Home Phone _____ SS# _____

SPONSOR

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

Send to: Daniel Morocco, Jr., Secretary
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Pennington, New Jersey 08534

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Please send me the following item(s):

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Navy Blue - Size XXL _____ Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

WICKING TEE SHIRTS @ \$13.00 ea.

Navy Blue - Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Black - Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

LONG SLEEVE TEE SHIRT @ \$14.00 ea.

(NJSP spelled down left arm)

Navy or Black - Size XXL _____ Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Pink - Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

CREWNECK SWEAT SHIRTS @ \$22.00 ea.

Navy or Gray - Size XXL _____ Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

HOODED SWEAT SHIRTS @ \$27.00 ea.

Navy Blue - Size XXL _____ Size XL _____ Size L _____ Size M _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

BASEBALL CAPS @ \$12.00 ea.

Solid Blue _____ Camo _____

Quantity _____ \$ _____

NJSP KEY CHAIN @ \$4.00 ea.

(Round / brass color with NJSP insignia in middle)

Quantity _____ \$ _____

NJSP FLAG PINS @ \$2.00 ea.

Quantity _____ \$ _____

NJSP LICENSE PLATE FRAME @ \$2.00 ea.

Quantity _____ \$ _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Any Questions or concerns - call Rena @ (609)649-0760

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\$100.00 to \$149.00 = \$15.00 \$150.00 to \$199.00 = \$17.00

\$200.00 and up = \$20.00

\$ _____

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